

**Death anniversary**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the first death anniversary of Syeda Maksuma Aref, wife of Dr Margub Aref Jahangir and the eldest daughter of Syed Matinul Haq, says a press release.

On the occasion, a doa mahfil will be held at her residence in the city's New Eskaton after Asr prayers. Before her demise, Maksuma worked in Dhaka Ahasania Mission.

**Ruhul Amin**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the fifth death anniversary of Principal Md Ruhul Amin, a prominent educationist, says a press release.

His students, colleagues, and well-wishers are requested to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

**Qulkhwani**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Qulkhwani of Hena Kabir, a veteran radio and TV personality, will be held today.

On the occasion, milad and doa mahfil will be held at Azad mosque in Gulshan after Asr prayers.

She passed away at Apollo Hospital in the city on July 25.

She left behind her husband, two sons and one daughter.

Relatives and well-wishers are requested to attend the programme.

**Masoodul Haque**

METRO DESK

Qulkhwani of Masoodul Haque, managing director of Karnaphuli Travel Agency, will be held at his daughter's residence at House No-43, Road No-23, Block-B, Banani tomorrow after Asr prayers.

He passed away at Apollo Hospital in the city yesterday at the age of 78, says a press release.

He left behind his wife, one daughter and one son.

He was buried at Banani graveyard after Asr prayers.

Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to attend the programme and pray for salvation of the departed soul.

**Mujibur Rahman Khan**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Qulkhwani of Dr Mujibur Rahman Khan, former chairman of Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission, will be held at his Uttara residence after Asr prayers today (Friday).

He passed away at Shikder's Medical College & Hospital due to a cardiac arrest on July 25 at the age of 73.

Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to attend the doa mahfil and pray for salvation of the departed soul.

**AKM Fazlul Haque**

METRO DESK

Qulkhwani of AKM Fazlul Haque, former DESA official and father of Faiz-un-nesa Liza, sub-editor of the Dainik Ittefaq, will be held at his residence at Iqbal Road of Mohammadpur in the city after Asr prayers today, says a press release.

He passed away at a hospital in the city on Saturday.

He left behind his wife and four daughters.



Transparency International Bangladesh puts up anti-corruption cartoons for display at Banani bus stand in the city yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

**Call to destroy mosquito habitats to avoid Dengue**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

People should become more aware about dengue and work collectively to destroy the breeding grounds of its germ carrier Aedes mosquito, speakers at a meeting said yesterday.

National Professor Dr MR Khan said Aedes mosquitoes stay in pots or containers in and around houses, which the city corporation staff cannot clean.

He emphasised that all should avoid blaming others and perform respective duties.

Addressing the advisory committee meeting on dengue as the chief guest, Syed Modasser Ali, primer minister's health adviser, urged the Dhaka City Corporation to hold such meeting towards the end of May so that the awareness campaign begins earlier. The DCC organised the meeting at Nagar Bhaban.

Ruling party lawmaker Kabori Sarwar criticised the mayor, saying he has failed to control the spread of mosquito in the city although money is being spent for it.

She said a minister's house is just behind hers in Gulshan, but DCC workers spray mosquito killing chemical in his house not in hers. If it happens to her, what about the common people, she asked.

Chairing the meeting, Mayor Sadeuque Hossain Khoka said his organisation has only 8,000 cleaners while it needs 20,000 people to clean the whole city.

Actor Ilias Kanchan, Urban expert Prof Nazrul Islam, lawmaker Habibur Rahman Mollah, filmmaker Chashi Nazrul Islam, Dr Zafrullah Chowdhury, DCC Chief Executive Officer Abul Kalam Azad and Chief Health Officer Md Nasir Uddin, and a number of councillors also spoke at the meeting.

**Hopes sparked as parents learn to handle autism**

MAHBUBA ZANNAT

When Dooye was three years old and his mother found that he had problem speaking and communicating, the mother rushed to different doctors, but they took long two years to identify it as Autism.

"Still I think, if it was diagnosed earlier, the chance of his improvement would increase", said Rokhsana Ahmed, mother of Dooye, who gave up her job only to spend time on her autistic child who is now six and a half years old.

Causes of autism are yet to be clearly known. Researchers, however, say abnormal birth presentations, foetal distress, birth injury or trauma, and maternal bleeding can play role in developing autism.

"I know some day science will be able to find out the reasons behind autism and its solutions. But we will not be there to see it", Rokhsana said.

But yesterday, she seemed so happy as she participated in the workshop on autism that will end today (Friday) at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) in the city. The workshop follows an international conference on autism, which ended Tuesday.

Today's session will be participated by 230 psychologists, doctors, and students at the seminar room of BSMMU's Centre for Neurodevelopment Autism in Children. Saima Wazed Hossain, daughter of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, and chairman of the Bangladesh National Advisory Committee on Autism, will be present there.

A total of 363 parents took part in yesterday's session where experts from

abroad were present as resource persons. "We have learnt many things from the workshop that include techniques to improve their speech, control their mood, engage them in work without annoying them or to make them study", she exclaimed.

Similar feeling swept over mothers of Pian, Amethy, Tawfif and many more. The parents of these autistic children are happy to see that more and more people

now know about autism. They all felt this conference should have been held before so that they could learn these important things earlier.

As many therapists, doctors, teachers and psychologists are learning about autism in detail, the diagnosis and school-

ing of autistic children will be easier gradually, they expect.

Autism is a complex developmental disability involving a biological or organic defect in the functioning of the brain, said AFMZ Haque, psychiatrist of CPC Behavioural Healthcare, USA.

"In the US where an estimated 1.5 million individuals are autistic, it is diagnosed at the age of 18 months normally", he said, adding that the education department takes care of these children and provides schooling in way that the autistic adult get suitable job. They make them to lead a quality life there, he said.

"In Bangladesh, autism issue must be taken care of by the ministries of health, education, and social welfare to reach a standard position. Otherwise, fragmented activities cannot help much".

**Workshop on autism ends today**

**Withdraw cases against Quader Demand DU students**

DU CORRESPONDENT

A group of Dhaka University (DU) students yesterday under the banner "Students Against Oppression" demanded withdrawal of cases against Abdul Quader, a biochemistry and molecular biologist student.

At a press conference at Madhur Canteen, they also demanded Quader's release and punishment to police officers who tortured and filed false cases against him.

Terming the incident a recurrence of what happened to Limon, they criticised the DU authorities saying that it lacked responsibility and cooperation in this regard.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurates the second unit of Birdem General Hospital at Segunbagicha in the city yesterday.

PHOTO: PMO

**Tarique not found in Bogra**

**Police tell court**

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Bogra police in a report said yesterday BNP Senior Vice-chairman Tarique Rahma does not own any movable property at his ancestral home and he was not found there.

Sub-inspector Towfiqul Islam of Gabtoli Police Station of Bogra submitted the report on execution of the arrest warrant issued earlier against Tarique, elder son of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, in connection with the grenade attack on an Awami League rally on August 21, 2004.

On July 3 and 14, two separate courts issued arrest warrant against Tarique and asked officer-in-charge of Gabtoli Police Station to submit a report on execution of the order by July 26 and August 3.

The courts also issued arrest warrants against BNP lawmaker Kazi Shah Mofazzal Hossain Kaikobad, Khaleda Zia's political secretary Harris Chowdhury, and nine others for the same offences.

In the report, SI Towfiq said that after receipt of the court order on July 7, he went to Tarique's residence at Bagbari village under Gabtoli Police Station in Bogra to arrest him, but he failed as Tarique had been absconding.

The SI quoted locals in the report as saying Tarique never lived in his one-story ancestral home in Gabtoli. He said the order of the arrest warrant issued from the court was hung to a nearby wall of Tarique's residence for public information.

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**DHAKA TODAY**

**Musical soiree**  
The ARK Foundation will organise a musical soiree; Venue: Bangladesh National Museum; Time: 7:00pm.

**Programme**  
Uttarayan will hold a programme; Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy; Time: 6:00pm.

**Reception**  
Sangbardhana Ayojon Parishad will accord a reception; Venue: Public Library; Time: 10:00am.

**Human chain**  
Bangladesh Adivasi Chhatra Sangram Parishad will organise a human chain; Venue: in front of Bangladesh National Museum; Time: 10:30am.

**Discussion**  
Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan Death Anniversary Observation Committee will hold a discussion; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 4:00pm.

**Launching programme**  
Crime Reporters Association of Bangladesh will organise a launching programme; Venue: Dhaka Reporters Unity; Time: 11:00am.

**Workshop**  
Bangladesh Mahila Parishad will hold a workshop; Venue: ICMAH Bhaban; Time: 10:00am.

**Rally**  
National Child Parliament of Bangladesh Foundation will organise a rally; Venue: Central Shaheed Minar premises; Time: 4:00pm.

**Human chain**  
Aamra Mukti Joddhar Santan will hold a human chain; Venue: in front of Jatiya Press Club; Time: 11:00am.

**Discussion**  
Ministry of Environment and Forests will organise a discussion; Venue: Osmani Memorial Auditorium; Time: 9:45am.

**Exhibition**  
Gallery Chittrak will hold an art exhibition; Venue: Road #6, House #4, Dhanmondi; Time: 5:30pm.

**Musical soiree**  
Bangladesh Rabindrasangeet Shilpi Sangstha will organise a musical soiree; Venue: Public Library; Time: 6:00pm.