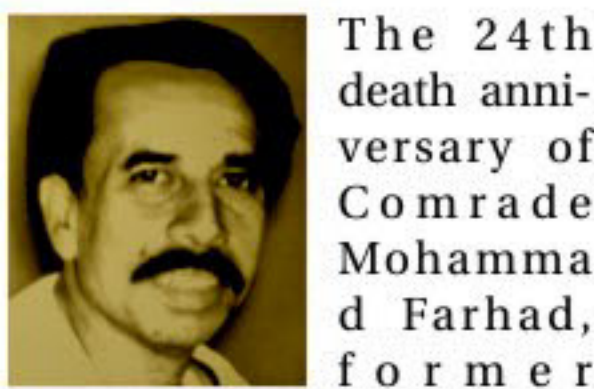


## Farhad's death anniversary today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



The 24th death anniversary of Comrade Farhad, former general secretary of Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB), will be observed today.

Marking the day, CPB will hold a discussion at its central office at 5:00pm and place wreaths at Farhad's grave in the city's Banani. It also called upon the party men to observe the day with due respect across the country.

Comrade Farhad, elected as a parliament member from Panchagar in 1986, died on October 9 in 1987 in Moscow at the age of 49, says a press release.

In his political career of 35 years, Comrade Farhad spent over 14 years in prison or as a fugitive.

Ataur Rahman Khan  
Kaisar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg



Today is the first death anniversary of Ataur Rahman Kaisar, a veteran politician and one of the organisers of the War of Liberation.

Kaisar was a presidium member of Bangladesh Awami League and a close aide to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

On the occasion, a doa mahfil will be held at Bangsal Bari Mosque at Chandanpura.

Besides, Bangabandhu Sanskritik Charcha Sammilan Parishad will arrange a commemorative meeting at Chittagong Press Club on October 15.



Consultants and senior management officials of Apollo Hospitals pose for a photo with children at the hospital in the city yesterday after launching a screening programme to detect hearing defects of newborns.

PHOTO: STAR

## Newborn hearing screening programme launched

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Apollo Hospitals Dhaka yesterday launched the first-ever neonatal hearing-screening programme in the country for early detection of hearing problems in newborn babies.

Though rare in Bangladesh, this screening is a fundamental test and mandatory for every newborn, said Dr Shagufa Anwar, general manager (business development) of the hospital.

She said the sooner a child is diagnosed with hearing problems, the more the chance is to recover through treatment. The hospital has arrangements for attachment of hearing tools costing Tk 10 lakh.

Dr Shagufa said from now on every child to be born in Apollo Hospitals would have to undergo the screening at a cost of Tk 2,500-

3,000. Some 170 childbirths take place in the hospital every month, according to a press release.

The release said one or two babies in every thousand reportedly suffer from hearing impairment at birth. "This screening test should preferably be performed within the first six months of the baby's birth. It is safe and will not hurt the baby in any way".

Michael S Potter, the hospital CEO, said, "We are the first corporate hospital in the country and it is our responsibility to introduce new technology for the sake of our patients' health". He was briefing journalists during the launching ceremony at the hospital.

Consultants Dr Saket Aggarwal, Dr Abu Iqbal, and Dr Quamrul Hassan and about 20 mothers with their children were present at the programme.

## BSMMU clamps ban on medical officer

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dr AB Siddique, director and professor of children's ward of Rajshahi Shishu Hospital, will not be allowed to involve himself in educational and examination activities of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU), says a press release.

The BSMMU syndicate at its 44th meeting yesterday declared him incompetent to be an examiner due to charges of corruption against him in 'the diploma in child health' examinations held at the Rajshahi Medical College in the July 2011 academic year.

"Prof Siddique was convener of the examination and put pressure on an examiner to give extra marks to an examinee. At one stage, he forcibly managed extra marks for the student which was unethical," the BSMMU press release said.

"A committee, formed by the university authorities to probe the allegations of corruption, found proof of unprofessional activities on the part of Prof Siddique," said the press release.

Lawmakers Dr Abdul Mannan, Dr M Amanullah and Nurul Islam Sujan attended the meeting with Vice-Chancellor Prof Pran Gopal Datta in the chair.



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## Anwara Khan passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Anwara Khan, wife of National Professor Dr M R Khan, an eminent pediatric specialist in the country, passed away at a hospital in the city yesterday due to old age complications at the age of 77, says a press release.

She left behind her husband, one daughter and a host of relatives to mourn her death.

Her namaz-e-janaza was held on Central Hospital premises yesterday. She will be buried at her family graveyard in Satkhira tomorrow.

Anwara was born on November 9 in 1933 at Rasulpur in Satkhira. She obtained graduation degree from the then Ripon College of Kolkata. She was involved in several social welfare works in her lifetime through Dr M R Khan and Anwara Trust.



Bangladesh Tamak Birodhi Jote forms a human chain, marking World No Tobacco Day, in front of Jatiya Press Club in the city yesterday demanding reforms in the anti-tobacco act.

PHOTO: STAR

## Plan to establish 4,500 community clinic units

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

To enhance healthcare facilities in rural areas, the government plans to establish 4,500 community clinic units at different union parishad levels in the country.

The units will be set up using the infrastructures and facilities of family planning programmes countrywide, said Dr Makhduma Nargis, additional secretary of health and family welfare ministry.

Besides, 2,876 new community clinics will be set up countrywide, raising their total number to 13,500, she said.

She was addressing the press on the launching of Community Clinic Project, an operational research project between Revitalisation of Community Health Care Initiatives in Bangladesh (RCHCIB) and Society for Empowerment, Education and Development (SEED), in the city's Bangladesh Medical Research Council building.

Around 2 lakh people take medical ser-

vices from community clinics across the country every day, said Dr Barendra Nath Mandal, RCHCIB additional project director.

The government allocated Tk 103 crore for medicine supply to the community clinics in the fiscal year 2011-2012, he informed.

Dr AN Zafar Ullah, CEO of SEED, said the current project aims to strengthen the capacity of community clinics by bringing together existing technologies and social and economical infrastructures.

The project will operate for the next 6 years with specific objectives including identifying the strengths and weaknesses of services delivery mechanism in rural areas and identifying the healthcare needs of poor people, he said.

Representatives of International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh and other non-government organisations attended the function.

## NEWS IN brief

### 4 held with 8,000 litres stolen oil

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

Bangladesh Coast Guard members arrested four people with 8,000 litres of allegedly stolen oil and seized a boat and an oil tanker from the river Shitalakhya of Siddhirganj upazila in Narayanganj yesterday.

The arrestees are Arif, Iajuddin, Imran and Sujon. Furnace oil made up 6,000 litres of the recovered oil while the remainder is jet fuel, said Lt Commander Ahsan, deputy director of the Coast Guard's intelligence wing.

Ahsan said, on secret information, they intercepted the tanker around 2:00am and arrested the four men, who jumped on the boat from the tanker to flee.

On primary interrogation, they confessed to steal oil while it is being unloaded from ships at Padma Oil and Meghna Oil Depots of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation at the river bank, he added.

They used the specially designed oil tankers to smuggle the oil abroad, said Ahsan.

### 'Save Muktijoddha Bhaban'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Freedom fighters staged a protest rally in front of Darul Fazal Market at Amtali in the port city yesterday demanding immediate steps to protect Muktijoddha Bhaban, freedom fighters' building.

They sought the prime minister's interference to protect the building from misappropriating by an influential quarter.

They said the building is a property of the freedom fighters and it is used as district and city command office of the freedom fighters after the War of Liberation.

Abul Mansur, vice-chairman of Muktijoddha Central Command Council, spoke at the rally as the chief guest with Md Sahabuddin in the chair.

M Kafil Uddin, former lawmaker and president of Sector Commanders' Forum Chittagong metropolitan unit, and Rekha Alam Chowdhury, women ward councillor, addressed the rally.

### 50 injured in road crash

A CORRESPONDENT, Gopalganj

At least 50 people were injured when a Dhaka-bound bus of Parjatak Paribahan coming from Pirojpur lost control and plunged into a 25 feet deep roadside ditch at Nimtoli village of Sadartoli on the Dhaka-Khulna highway in Gopalganj yesterday morning.

Of the injured, 24 people were admitted to Gopalganj Sadar Hospital and 6 to 7 injured people were given first aid. The rest were admitted to different private clinics in the district.

Police and fire service men went to the spot and rescued the injured passengers with the help of local people.

## WEATHER TODAY

### Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over Chittagong division and at one or two places over Rajshahi, Rangpur, Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal and Sylhet divisions in 12 hours as of 6:00pm today.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said. The sun sets in the capital at 5:39pm today and rises at 5:53am tomorrow.

Country's highest temperature 35.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and Bogra and lowest 22.3 degrees Celsius at Srimongal.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	33.2	26.5	68	80
Chittagong	31.2	25.5	92	60
Rajshahi	34.3	24.2	86	76
Rangpur	33.3	26.2	76	80
Khulna	34.0	26.5	69	77
Barisal	33.4	25.4	62	83
Sylhet	35.0	24.8	68	75
Cox's Bazar	32.8	24.2	76	80