

Obituary

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Hosne Ara Zoha, wife of Prof. Dr. Shamsuzzoha, former director of health, Medical Education Training and Research, passed away at a city hospital on January 1 at the age of 76, says a press release.

She is survived by her husband, three sons and one daughter.

Relatives and well-wishers are requested to pray for her departed soul.

Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the first death anniversary of Shamsul Alam, former superintendent of police.

On the occasion, a milad and doa mahfil will be held after Maghrib prayers at his residence at 57, North Jatrabari in the city, said a press release.

Shormin Kader

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the fourth death anniversary of Shormin Kader, professor of Comilla Girls' College and founder of the NGO Drishti.

On the occasion, fateha will be offered at her grave and Qurankhwani and milad mahfil will be held at her Tomchom Bridge residence after Asr prayers, said a press release.

Shormin died on this day in 2008 at the age of 49.

Suja ud Daula

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the seventh death anniversary of Suja ud Daula, a former lawmaker.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil and Qurankhwani will be held at his residence and the Martyred Intellectuals' Graveyard in Mirpur.

Suja was also the chairman of Eastern Mercantile Bank (present Pubali Bank).

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



Convocation

North South University (NSU) will organise its 15th convocation ceremony; Venue: NSU Bashundhara campus, Time: 10:00am.

Human Chain

National Garment Workers Federation will from a human chain; Venue: Jatiya Press Club, Time: 2:30pm.

Discussion

Deshpremk Jonogoner Mancha will arrange an open discussion; Venue: Gono Sangskriti Kendra, Shahbagh, Time: 3:00pm.

Rally

Sramik Karmachari Oikya Parishad will organise a rally; Venue: Jatiya Press Club, Time: 3:00pm.

General Meeting

Asiatic Society of Bangladesh will hold its biennial general meeting; Venue: the society's auditorium, Time: 11:00am.



Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) holds a public meeting in front of its office in the city yesterday protesting the fuel price hike. (Story on Page 3)

PHOTO: STAR

10 killed, 55 hurt in road crashes

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Ten people were killed and 55 others injured in separate road accidents in Natore, Joypurhat, Gaibandha, Mymensingh, Patuakhali and Lalmonirhat early Sunday and yesterday.

Our Natore correspondent reports: Two members of a family were killed and two children injured when a fertiliser-laden truck skidded off Natore-Bogra Highway and crashed into a roadside house at Balubhora in Singra upazila at about 5:00am yesterday.

Fayesur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Singra Police Station, said the accident occurred when the family members were asleep.

Fahima Begum, 22, and her sister Lily Khatun, 19, daughters of Malu Sardar, died on the spot.

The injured Fahima's son Shafiqul Islam, 7, and sister Seema Khatun, 5, were admitted to Singra

Upazila Health Complex.

Police seized the truck but the driver and helper managed to flee.

In another accident, truck driver Zahurul Islam, 28, son of Aychand Ali, of Singra upazila was killed on the spot when the truck fell into a ditch beside Natore-Pabna Highway at Kadamchilan in Lalpur upazila around 6:30am yesterday.

Our Dinajpur correspondent says: Schoolboy Rakib Ahmed, 13, son of Akbar Ali of Katla-Benipur village of Birampur upazila, was killed and his brother injured when a shallow-run three-wheeler hit their bicycle carrying them in Panchbibi municipality area of Joypurhat yesterday afternoon.

The critically injured Razu Ahmed, 15, was taken to Joypurhat Modern Hospital.

Staff correspondent from Chittagong adds: A man was killed and two others were injured as an

unidentified truck rammed a CNG-run auto-rickshaw on Chittagong-Kaptai road at Badupara in Raozan upazila at around 11:00am yesterday.

The deceased is Shamsul Alam, 50, hailing from Majhipara village of the upazila.

Gaibandha correspondent says: Two people were killed and 20 others sustained injuries as a Dhaka-bound coach collided head-on with another coach on Bogra-Rangpur Highway at Boalia in Gobindaganj upazila yesterday morning.

The deceased are Liton Mia, 30, son of Abdul Goffer, of Giridharipur village in Palashbari upazila and Moni Akhter, 28, wife of Mamun Mia of Nakai village in Gobindaganj upazila.

The injured were admitted to Gobindaganj Upazila Health Complex. Of them, Farhad, 30, Mahbub, 25, and Jonaki, 35, were shifted to Bogra Medical College

Hospital in a critical condition.

In Mymensingh, school teacher Ariful Islam, 29, son of Abdul Hekim of Kewatkhali in the town, was killed when a Dhaka-bound bus rammed a private car from the opposite direction on Dhaka-Mymensingh Highway at Baghan in Trishal upazila at around 11:30am yesterday.

In Patuakhali, Sujon Biswas, 30, of Ujirpur upazila in Barisal, was killed and 30 others were injured when a bus skidded off the Barisal-Patuakhali Highway after in Moukaran Bridge area in Dumki upazila at about 9:30am yesterday.

The injured were admitted to Patuakhali General Hospital.

In Lalmonirhat, Jahangir Alam, 45, son of late Idris Ali of Kaliganj upazila, was killed as a bus hit his motorbike on Lalmonirhat-Burimari road at Kashiram of the upazila at around 8:30pm on Sunday night.

Arrest warrant against Amini, four others

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday issued an arrest warrant against Fazlul Haque Amini, chairman of a faction of Islami Oikya Jote (IOJ), and four others in a madrasa student assault case.

The court also directed the Detective Branch of police to conduct further investigations into the case and submit the probe report.

It further directed the police authorities to take departmental action against the three previous investigators who had dropped the names of the five from the charge sheet even though specific allegations were found against the accused.

The three investigators are sub-inspectors Shafiqul Islam, Moqbul Hossain and Sheikh Abdul Motaleb.

Second Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Abu Zafar Md Kamruzzaman asked Lalbagh police to arrest the accused as Hafez Maulana Sharif Hossain, complainant of the case, submitted a no-confidence (naraji) petition before the court yesterday saying that Amini and four others had been trying to intimidate him into withdrawing the case.

Sharif Hossain, a student of Hossain Ashrafur Uloom Madrasa in the city's Chwakhbazar, filed the case with Lalbagh Police Station on May 16, 2008.

In the case statement, the complainant said he was assaulted by a group of leaders and activists of IOJ, including the five, as he refused to participate in a rally of the party at Lalbagh in Old Dhaka on the day.

The four who are also facing arrest warrants are Mohammad Raihan, Abul Khair, Mufti Md Sayeed and Jakir Hossain, activists of the IOJ.

The investigation officer submitted a charge sheet before the court dropping the names of Amini and four others on December 7 in 2010.

2 journos killed, 288 tortured in 2011

Says MMC report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two journalists were murdered by miscreants while 288 journalists were tortured by political party cadres, criminals and members of law enforcement agencies in the country last year, said a Mass-line Media Centre (MMC) report yesterday.

MMC, a media research organisation, prepared the report from news published in 10 national dailies since January 2011.

The report says that 101 journalists were tortured by miscreants for publishing news against their interests and another 110 victimised while discharging professional duties.

Incidents of repression against journalist were at their peak in September last year when 48 fell victim to torture, 25 had fabricated cases filed against them, five received death threats and 14 received injuries from beatings.

The deceased journalists are Bajrakantha editor Hossain Altaf, whose body was recovered from a water tank in his house in the city, and Faridur Rahman Ranju, the Gobindaganj correspondent of daily Bhorer Daak who was slaughtered by miscreants.

THEFT OF AIRPORT LUGGAGE Stolen items worth Tk30 lakh recovered

Alleged gang leader arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An alleged leader of a gang carrying out organised theft of passengers' luggage was arrested by police at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport on Sunday night.

Through information obtained from the arrested Joyal Abedin, 54, police raided the residence of one Hasanuzzaman at Kawla Bazar in Dakkhin Khan and recovered an estimated Tk 30 lakh worth of stolen items including, cosmetics, clothes, electronic appliances and cellphones.

Joyal was arrested as he aroused the suspicion of the intelligence wing members of Armed Police Battalion while moving around the airport's car park with a television.

One among the intelligence personnel, requesting anonymity, said there are around 60 members of several such gangs stealing luggage in connivance with some corrupt staff of Biman Bangladesh Airlines and Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh.

They either steal the luggage or take out the goods by cutting those open, he added.

Joyal was arrested in January last year with nine pieces of stolen luggage and jailed. He recently obtained bail and again started stealing luggage, said police.

Police filed a case against Joyal.

Countrywide protest Jan 17

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

National Committee to Protect Oil, Gas, Mineral Resources, Power and Ports will hold rallies in front of all power offices across the country on January 17 including Power Development Board in the capital.

Prof Anu Muhammad, secretary general of the committee, announced the programme yesterday at a rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club protesting the police attack on the leaders and activists of the committee on December 29 during their march towards energy ministry.

The committee has been holding different programmes to realise seven-point demand including cancellation of rental power plant agreements and gas export deal with ConocoPhillips, and implementation of Phulbari agreement.



National Committee to Protect Oil, Gas, Mineral Resources, Power and Ports stages a demonstration in front of the Jatiya Press Club in the city yesterday protesting police action on its leaders and activists.

PHOTO: STAR



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Bangladesh Bank Governor Dr Atiur Rahman hands over blankets to Abdur Rahim, executive director of Bidrohee Shishu Kishore Theatre, Panchagarh and Phulbari Upazila Chairman Aminul Islam Bablu at a local hotel yesterday.

3,000 blankets for cold-hit people

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As a part of corporate social responsibility, First Security Islami Bank Limited (FSIBL) has donated 3,000 blankets to cold-hit people of Panchagarh and Dinajpur.

Bangladesh Bank Governor Dr Atiur Rahman handed over the blankets to Abdur Rahim, executive director of Bidrohee Shishu Kishore Theatre, Panchagarh and Phulbari Upazila Chairman Aminul Islam Bablu at a local hotel yesterday.

An ambulance was also donated to Rotary Club of Jessore for Rotary Health Centre.

The bank has also distributed 5,000 blankets in Jessore, Satkhira, Kushtia, Rajshahi, Pabna, Bogra, Dinajpur and Rangpur.

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