

Anniversary of Tawfiq Aziz's death today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 11th death anniversary of Tawfiq Aziz Khan, former executive editor of The Daily Star, sports writer and commentator.

One of the leading journalists of the country, Tawfiq joined the then Pakistan Observer as a staff reporter in 1958 while he was a student of Dhaka University.

He worked as public relations officer at the erstwhile EPIDC (East Pakistan Industries Development Corporation) and Titas Gas Corporation from 1968 to 1975, before joining the Dainik Bangla and the Bichitra as general manager.

He joined The Daily Star in 1990 as its founder managing editor. He became executive editor in 1997 and worked in that capacity till his death.

The first English sports commentator of the country, Tawfiq Aziz worked in radio, and later in television, since 1958. He was also the resident editor of Cricketer Asia of Hong Kong and Sports Times of Lahore.

Tawfiq Aziz was the founder editor of the fortnightly Sports World (Krira Jagat). He was also involved with the weekly Holiday at the initial stage of its publication.

A permanent member of Jatiya Press Club, he was elected president of Bangladesh Sports Writers'

Association six times. He was also a national committee member of FEMA (Fair Election

Monitoring Alliance). He was a founder member and president of the country's first group theatre 'Drama Circle' and served the Rotary Club of Dhaka North-West as its president for two consecutive years from 1999. He died of lung cancer at the age of 64 on

Body found

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

February 11, 2001.

Police recovered the decomposed body of a youth in the city's Karwan Bazar yesterday.

Some street urchins found the body tied with a rope at about 11:00am. It was concealed under the earth near BGMEA Bhaban, said

police. The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College Morgue for an autopsy.

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The Daily Star, will offer its readers with some exceptional

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The access road to Bangla Academy premises gets thick with queues of visitors as the Amar Ekhushey Boi Mela witnesses the largest-ever crowd yesterday, being a weekly holiday, since its opening on February 1. PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

EKUSHEY BOI MELA

Bookworms savour words of encouragement

TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

"You must write beautiful books when you grow up...then I will proudly say that I had signed an autograph on a book for you in this boi mela."

The words of encouragement came from noted writer Dr Muhammad Zafar Iqbal for a young and ardent admirer of his at Amar Ekushey Boi Mela in Bangla Academy in the city yesterday.

The six-year-old child was among around a hundred others who were patiently waiting for an autograph or to take a picture with their favourite writer, who complied for hours sitting on Nazrul Mancha.

Sensing the density of the crowd, the said, "Now that I have the autograph, I

eminent educationist affectionately patted the child on the head. "Oh, I am sorry, you had to suffer a lot for me," he

One teenager is all smiles as he comes away from the mancha. "I am a fan of his (Zafar Iqbal). I feel very delighted as I had a long-time desire to see him in person," said Rafsan Jani Pranto.

One admirer told the professor how she had lost her mobile phone in the crowd. "I hope you will be able to buy a thousand mobile phones," said Zafar Iqbal.

After getting the autograph, the admirer, Selina, an honours student,

no longer feel the pain of my loss."

Mentioning that mothers should read books aloud to preschool children, the noted educationist said, "Once the habit of reading books grows up, one can never come out of it."

Meanwhile, the Boi Mela yesterday, being a weekday, witnessed the largest number of visitors and book arrivals, 245 in total, since its inauguration, says the organisers and booksellers.

In the morning, a children's singing competition was held followed by a documentary presentation on Bangladesh's first Everest conqueror Musa Ibrahim. Discussions and cultural programmes were held in the afternoon.

Basanta Utsab on Feb 13

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Basanta Utsab (spring festival) will be celebrated on Pahela Falgoon, the first day of Bangla season Basanta, with a colourful programme at the Fine Arts Faculty of Dhaka University on February 13.

The programme, organised by the Jatiya Basanta Utsab Udjapan Parishad, will begin at 7:00am at Bakultala of the faculty with the tune of Behala.

A discussion titled "Basanta Kathan" will be held where cultural personality Ali Zaker, Shafiuddin Ahammed and Kazi Arif will be present, said a press release.

A chorus music will be rendered by some singers of Chhayanaut.

FASTER THAN LIGHT SPEED

Seminar on 2 Bangladeshis' findings today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

A two-day international seminar presenting the theoretical interpretation on the ability of neutrinos or sub-atomic particles to travel faster than light begins at Rajshahi University (RU) today.

Much of modern physics depends on the idea that nothing can exceed the speed of light, which was laid out in part by Albert Einstein in his theory of special relativity. On September 23, 2011, Cern, the world's largest physics

lab, published its experiment results showing that neutrino particles move 60 billionths of a second faster than what they would have done if travelling at the speed of light, says a BBC report.

Two former RU physicists, who claimed to have predicted this ability of neutrinos in 2001, will present ten papers at the seminar, being organised by RU and The Daily Star at the Senate Bhaban.

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M Osman Gani Talukder, said the new concept would complete Einstein's theory through the inclusion of three more equations and a number of fundamental constants.

He said the new theories would expand and

widen the scope to use the relativity theory rather than undermine modern physics, which is being apprehended worldwide.

The other physicist, Dr Mushfiq Ahmad Choudhury, will be present at the seminar alongside around 350 others, including five from Germany and India, while an Australian physicist, Philip Jennings, will be on video conference.

RU Vice Chancellor Prof M Abdus Sobhan will chair the first day's session while a German physicist, Prof H Baerwolff, will chair the second.

The seminar will be broadcast live at www.ru.ac.bd/issr-12/index.php from 10:00am, said chairman of applied physics and electronic engineering department, Prof Abu Bakar M Ismail.

Barendra University Trust, Brac Bank Limited and local lawmakers, Enamul Haque, Abdul Wadud Dara and Shahriar Alam, are sponsoring the seminar.

Youth shot, another stabbed in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two persons were wounded critically in two separate attacks by miscreants in the city's

Badda and Paltan yesterday. They are under treatment in Dhaka

Medical College Hospital. In Badda, some local goons stabbed Helal Uddin, 30, owner of stone supplier farm Helal Enterprise, in the head and back and snatched about Tk 5 lakh from him around 4:00pm while he was going to Natun Bazar, Nesar Uddin, younger brother of the victim,

He alleged that the goons were led by Delwar, president of Jubo Dal ward5 unit of

Vatara union of Badda. Badda Police Station Officer-in-charge

Mahbubur Rahman said Helal is general secretary of the same ward of Jubo Dal and the attackers were the men of Delwar. The incident was resulted from a previous rivalry

between the two, he added. Meanwhile, Paltan police said an unknown miscreant shot Akram alias Mujahid, 35, a land broker, in the abdomen

and right hand in a freak attack at Naya Paltan. Alamgir Hossain, a witness, said Mujahid and his attacker were talking at a lane of Naya Paltan around 11:00am. Suddenly, the attacker fired two shots at Mujahid and instantly ran away, he added. The reason

behind the attack was not known. Maya Begum, younger sister of the victim, said Mujahid lives in Tongi board bazaar and

was a drug addict a few months ago. Muggers shoot boy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Muggers shot a teenage boy and snatched his valuables at

Begum Rokeya Sarani in the city yesterday.

Mehedi Hasan Tuhin, a resident of Shewrapara and works at a workshop, was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital with bullet wounds. His elder brother said while Tuhin was returning home on

a rickshaw, two muggers, riding on a motorcycle, shot him on his right thigh near Taltala bus stoppage at 6:00pm and took away his shopping bag and mobile phone set.

Sher-e-Bangla Nagar police said the muggers managed to flee after the incident.

Father, registrar jailed for child marriage

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

registrar to jail for their involvement in a child marriage in Lalmonirhat municipality on Thursday night. Kazi Sharif Uddin, registrar (marriage) of the municipal-

A mobile court sentenced the father of a teenage girl and a

ity, and Saidul Islam, father of the girl who was studying at class-IX, are to serve 15 and 7 days in prison respectively. Lalmonirhat sadar police said Saidul Islam of Stadium

Para village married off her underage daughter at his house Thursday night while Kazi Sharif Uddin registered it. On information, Assistant Commissioner (AC-Land) Mohammad Alam Hossain led the mobile court and con-

victed the two. Police sent them to jail yesterday. The family and relatives of the bridegroom covered up themselves during the drive.

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