



**Birthday of Fazilatunnesa Mujib today**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 82nd birth anniversary of Sheikh Fazilatunnesa Mujib, the woman behind the success of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Ruling Awami League has arranged elaborate programmes to mark the day. The party will place wreaths at her grave at Banani graveyard at 10:00am, and organise special prayers for salvation of her departed soul.

A discussion on her life will be held at the AL Central Office on Bangabandhu Avenue at 2:00pm.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, the elder daughter of Fazilatunnesa Mujib, will attend another discussion in the capital's Osmani Memorial Auditorium at 11:00am.

Fazilatunnesa was born in Tungipara of Gopalganj in 1930. She was married to Bangabandhu at the age of eleven and had three sons and two daughters.

She was killed along with Bangabandhu and most of her family members by a disgruntled group of army officers on August 15, 1975. Sheikh Hasina and Sheikh Rehana are her two surviving daughters.

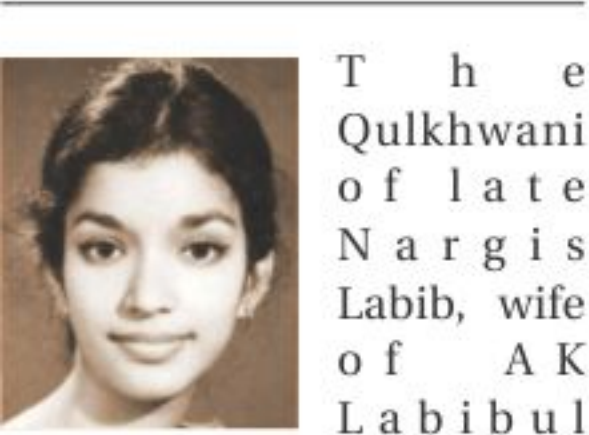
Fazilatunnesa also known as Renu inspired Bangabandhu in all the movements and through numerous hardships.

She was kept under house arrest by the Pakistani military intelligence until December 17, 1971, a day after the country was liberated.

AL Acting General Secretary Mahbubul Alam Hanif urged the party's leaders, workers and admirers and its associated bodies to observe the day in a befitting manner.

**Qulkhwani**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



The Qulkhwani of late Nargis Labib, wife of AK Labibul Huq, will be held after Asr prayers tomorrow at Minita Plaza, 54, New Elephant Road, Dhanmondi in the capital, says a press release.

Nargis passed away last Sunday at the age of 63. She was laid to rest at Azimpur Graveyard in the city.

She left behind her husband, a son, two daughters and a host of relatives to mourn her death.

She was a teacher at St Joseph Higher Secondary School from 1981 to 2008.



Piles of footwear for sale fill a footpath at Farmgate, much to the inconvenience of the pedestrians. Ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr, this has been a common scene at other busy points of the capital as well. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

**BCL leader killed in N'ganj**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

A Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) leader was killed and his mother injured when a group of miscreants swooped on them at their residence in Kanchan area of Rupganj upazila in Narayanganj early yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Russell Mia, 24. The victim's mother and president of Kanchan municipality unit of Awami League Samsunnahar Begum sustained bullet injuries as she tried to shield her son from the miscreants' onslaught.

Protesting the incident locals barricaded the Gazipur-Madan road for three hours.

Atiqur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Rupganj Police Station, said the criminals entered Samsunnahar's home looking for her younger son Rana. As Rana was not home they attacked Russell and stabbed him indiscriminately.

The criminals later fired at Russell injuring Samsunnahar in the process as she tried to protect her son.

Samsunnahar lodged a case in this connection against 10 people.

**HINDU MARRIAGE REGISTRATION Make it compulsory**

Says Baby Moudud

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Marriage registration for the Hindus must be made compulsory to reduce chances of marriage-related abuses of women, journalist turned parliamentarian Baby Moudud said yesterday.

"When it is enjoined by our constitution that no religion will be discriminated against, then why are Hindu women being made susceptible to less rights?" she demanded.

Baby Moudud was addressing an award-giving ceremony of United Nations body UN Women, where 10 male college and university students were awarded for writing inspirational essays about preventing violence

against women.

"Victims of marriage and dowry-related violence can seek justice if the marriage is registered" she said.

Speakers revealed that girl-children from large families had a higher chance of being pushed into under-age and abusive marriages.

Girls are caged within abusive marriages because they have not been trained to have the skills to fend for themselves, they said.

Abu Sayeed, managing director of the daily Samakal newspaper, said, "Confining girls to house and denying her the right to take care of herself is a form of abuse."

The 10 winning essayists took an oath to end violence against women.

**6 die in road crashes**

METRO DESK

Six people were killed in separate road accidents in Dhaka, Khulna, Dinajpur and Tangail on Monday and yesterday.

BSS reports, a worker of John and Don Company, Hazrat Ali, 22, was killed when a speeding pick-up van hit him at Ashulia in Savar on the outskirts of the capital early yesterday.

He was taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH), where the attending doctors declared him dead.

A correspondent from Khulna reports, a local Awami League leader Sathi Chowdhury, 35, was killed and two others injured as a car hit a rickshaw carrying them on KD Ghosh road near Khulna Kotwali Police Station in the city at around 9:00pm on Monday.

The injured are Kamal Chowdhury, 40, Sathi's husband, and Babu, 4, her son.

They were taken to Khulna Medical College Hospital.

Meanwhile, a youth was killed and five others injured as a car fell into a roadside ditch at Dargah in Gallamari area of the city at around 8:30pm on Monday.

The deceased is Md Russel, 25, son of Md Nowab Ali Sheikh, hailing from Musolmanpara area.

The injured are Panu Begum, 38, her son Apon, 2, Atiar Rahman, 42, Chobeda Begum, 40, and Nargis Akter Tunji, 22.

In Dinajpur, Md Hachinur Rahman 35, a lecturer of Chirirbandar BM College, was killed on the spot as a bus hit him near Lamb Hospital in Parbatipur upazila while he was going to his relatives by riding a bicycle yesterday noon.

In Tangail, two motorcyclists were killed as soil-laden truck rammmed a motorcycle on Tangail-Mymensingh road in Pakutia area of Ghatail upazila yesterday.

The deceased were identified as Kobir Hossain, 45, and Abdul Barek, 35.

**JU deans polls Aug 28**

JU CORRESPONDENT

The university authorities rescheduled deans elections for four of the six faculties of Jahangirnagar University (JU) to August 28.

Deans polls for the Faculties of Arts and Humanities, Social Sciences, Mathematical and Physical Sciences, and Biological Sciences will be held at Teachers' Club on the campus from 9:00am to 1:30pm on the new date.

Eight teachers from different faculties will contest the polls under the two opposing panels of "Samonnito Shikkhak Parishad" and former JU vice-chancellor Prof Sharif Enamul Kabir backed "Bangabandhu Adorsho O Muktiyuddher Chetonyay Bishshashi Shikkhak Samaj".

The dean elections, which were earlier scheduled on August 2, were postponed following the stalemate prevailing on JU campus since August 1.

**Fertiliser dealers go on strike in Ctg**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Fertiliser dealers across Chittagong division have decided to stop receiving fertiliser from different state-run factories in protest of alleged extortion by police and by some contractors of the factories.

As part of their strike, they stopped purchasing fertiliser from TSP Complex Ltd from yesterday.

Md Zulfiqar Ali, managing director of TSP Complex Ltd, confirmed the incident, but said it would not create any problem for the factory or its production because it had enough space to store fertiliser.

The strike will continue until the authorities concerned stop the extortion, said Yousuf Khan Mahbub, general secretary of Bangladesh Fertiliser Association.

The dealers will stop purchasing fertiliser from three other state-owned factories--Chittagong Urea Fertiliser Factory Ltd (CUFL), Di-Ammonium Phosphate Fertiliser Company Ltd--from today (Wednesday).

Mahbub said around 1,000 dealers in greater Chittagong bought fertiliser from the government factories.

In Chittagong, the dealers usually receive on an average of around 500, 1500, and 800 tonnes of fertiliser respectively from TSP Complex Ltd, CUFL, and Di-Ammonium Phosphate Fertiliser Company Ltd everyday, he added.

The dealers are going to speak with Chittagong district and police administrations today where the deputy commissioner and high officials of police will be present.

**ORNAMENTS LOOTING IN DHAKA Four held from Comilla, Faridpur**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Four alleged robbers were arrested from Comilla and Faridpur on Monday and early yesterday in connection with robbery at the house of a former ward councillor of Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) in the capital's Kuril area on July 28.

The arrestees are Iqbal alias Alamgir, 27, Md Khalil Mahbub, 57, Zahir, 25, and Goni, 25.

Detective Branch (DB) of police also recovered a licensed revolver and some gold ornaments, which were looted from the house, from their possession.

Earlier on July 31, the DB arrested Sabbir, 24, from Homna of Comilla in connection with the incident.

DB Senior Assistant Commissioner Md Nazmul Islam said they arrested Iqbal from Meghna of Comilla on Monday following confession of Sabbir.

While, Khalil and Zahir were nabbed from Comilla, and Goni from Faridpur following confession of Iqbal.

DB Assistant Commissioner Mohammad Tarek Bin Rashid said the arrestees are members of inter-district robbers' gang.

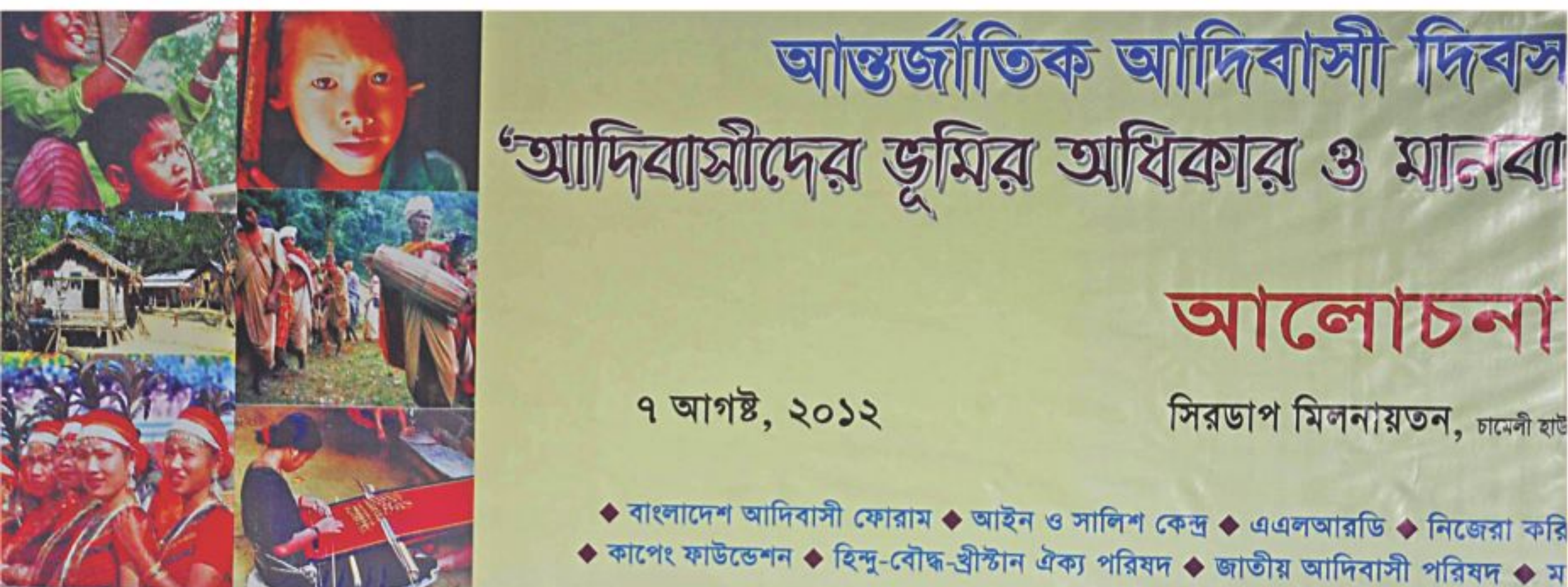
They looted valuables including around 100 tolas of gold ornaments, Tk 6 lakh in cash and a licensed revolver from the house of former DCC ward councillor Kazi Hazrat Ali, he said.

The robbers looted the valuables after tying up all family members at gunpoint.



Guests and 10 winning essayists at an award giving ceremony hosted by UN Women at Chhayanaut Bhaban of the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR



(From left) Rights activist Advocate Sultana Kamal, Adivasi leader Jyotirindra Bodhipriya Larma, and lawmakers Rashed Khan Menon, and AKM Mozammel Haque at a discussion titled "Land rights and human rights of indigenous people" in the capital's Cirdap auditorium yesterday. Ten non-government and rights organisations jointly organised the programme.

PHOTO: STAR

**Golapganj OC suspended in Sylhet**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Officer-in-charge (OC) at Golapganj Police Station in Sylhet was suspended on charge of taking bribe.

A high official of police in Sylhet said the police station's OC Md Emdadul Haque Sheikh was suspended and transferred to Khulna range. An order in this connection reached to the police station yesterday.

Constable Abdul Quaiyum filed a written complaint to deputy inspector general of police, Sylhet range alleging that Emdadul had taken Tk5 lakh in bribe from him and some of his colleagues for promotion, the official said adding that Emdadul was found guilty in a preliminary investigation.

SP of Sylhet Md Shakhawat Hossain confirmed the matter yesterday.

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