

Obituary

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Chapainawabganj



Ferdous Mohal, mother of Muhammad Enamul Huq, state minister for power, died of old age complications at Rajshahi Medical College and Hospital yesterday. She was 85.

She left behind her five sons and three daughters.

Dr Anwarul Abedin

METRO DESK



Dr Anwarul Abedin, founder chairman of the American International University Bangladesh (AIUB), died at Apollo Hospitals in the capital yesterday. He was 90. He left behind his wife, two sons and one daughter. His kulkhwani will be held at Gulshan Azad Mosque after Asar prayers tomorrow.

ASM Abdul Hadi Bhuiyan

METRO DESK

Moulavi ASM Abdul Hadi Bhuiyan, a teacher at Feni Pilot High School, died of old age complications in the capital on Tuesday. He was 88.

Death Anniversary

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Today is the 16th death anniversary of Prof Mohammed Noman, a former vice-chancellor of Jahangirnagar University.

Tohin Ahmed Bhuiyan

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Today is the death anniversary of Tohin Ahmed Bhuiyan, son of Mostaque Ahmed Bhuiyan. He was killed in a road accident in 2004.

Sayam ur Rahman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the first death anniversary of Sayam ur Rahman, son of State Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Jahangir Kabir Nanak.

A qurankhwani and a doa mahfil will be held at the media centre of Jatiya Sangsad after Asr prayers tomorrow.



Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid at a meeting with agitating students of the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BuEt) in the ministry's conference hall yesterday. The students have been in a movement demanding removal of the vice chancellor and pro-vice chancellor of the institution.

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BDR CARNAGE CASE

Doctors held confined to treat wounded jawans

Witness tells court

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A BDR carnage case witness yesterday said the mutineers confined at least seven doctors to the BDR hospital for around 34 hours and forced them into treating wounded jawans.

"On several occasions, armed BDR men visited the hospital. They ordered us to attend to the jawans who were brought in for treatment," said Lt Col SM Sadrul Alam, who was a doctor at the hospital during the February 25-26, 2009 mutiny.

He gave his deposition before the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court set up at Alia Madrasa playground in the capital's Bakshibazar.

Sadrul Alam said three on-duty doctors were not ordered to attend the Darbar on February 25. "Two of them, Lt Col Tanvir and Lt

Col Ismat Ara, were with me. Around 9:30am, we heard the sounds of firing.

"After some time, we saw some BDR men escorting three doctors--Lt Col Yasmin, Maj Roksana and Maj Farjana--to the hospital by a pickup. Later, they brought some wounded jawans and told us to treat them.

"Some six jawans, including sepoy Shams and Nishan Mollah, took position in my room with rifles and grenades on the first evening. They left after a couple of hours."

Sadrul said the female doctors escaped on February 26 evening, while the male ones came out after the mutineers surrendered at night.

A total of 57 army officers and 17 other people were killed in the mutiny at the BDR (now defunct) headquarters in the capital's Pilkhana.

WAR CRIMES TRIAL

Int'l standard being maintained: Qamrul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

State Minister for Law Qamrul Islam yesterday said the trial of people who committed crimes against humanity during the 1971 Liberation War was being held maintaining international standard and transparency.

The domestic tribunals are holding the trial, under national laws, of those who committed the crimes, including genocide, rape and forcible eviction of people from the country as collaborators of the Pakistan occupation force, he said.

Qamrul was talking to a four-member delegation of the Ugandan High Court at Bangladesh Secretariat.

The delegation -- Justices Alfonse Chigamoy Owiny-Dello, Akiiki-Kiiza-Dan and Elizabeth Ibanda-Nahamya, and Assistant Registrar Tadeo Asimwe -- arrived on a three-day visit on September 3 to gather knowledge and experience about the tribunals.

Ensure standard of education

Hossain Zillur urges govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Along with allocation of a higher budget, the government must remove various barriers in the education sector to ensure its high standard, said Dr Hossain Zillur Rahman, former adviser to a caretaker government, yesterday.

The high dropout rate, rural-urban disparity and imbalance of education are among the major impediments to quality education, he said at a view-exchange meeting.

ActionAid Bangladesh and Institute of Informatics and Development jointly organised the meeting styled "Budget and Education Financing" in the capital's Brac Centre Inn.

About the present scenario of the education system, the former adviser said the government should take effective measures to ensure standard education otherwise the outcome of financing in the education sector will not be fruitful.

He emphasised on controlling political intervention in the management of educational institutions and bringing an end to the negligence of government officials towards teachers to establish good governance.

Pointing out the poor performance of students in the practical field, Hossain Zillur expressed frustration over the soaring academic results in JSC, SSC, HSC and other public examinations.

The former adviser suggested the society take initiatives in the education sector to make education more accessible to the underprivileged population.

He also recommended the government increase supervision of science education.

Rasheda K Choudhury, another former adviser to a caretaker government, termed textbooks of National Curriculum and Text Board traditional and impractical in comparison with competitive progressive education.

Both the former advisers emphasised on increasing teachers' training facilities and other required educational components.

GAZIPUR POLLS

Nominations of 5 rejected

A CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Nomination papers of five among eight seeking candidacies for Gazipur-4 constituency in the upcoming by-polls were rejected yesterday.

The district administration rejected applications of independent candidates Mir Enayet Hossain, Mostafizur Rahman Mostafa, Begum Hafiza Zaman and Bazlul Haq and Gono Front candidate Mohammad Sarwar due to loan default, attesting their own papers and not having documents showing support of one percent of total voters.

Applications of AL backed candidate Simin Hossain Rimi, independent candidate Afsar Uddin Ahmed Khan and Communist Party of Bangladesh candidate Asadullah Badal were accepted. The rejected applicants can, however, appeal to the Election Commission within three days of the rejection.

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ATTACK ON GOLAP HC grants bail for 11

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday granted anticipatory bail for four months to 11 accused in a case filed on charge of attacking Abdus Subhan Golap, special assistant to the prime minister, in Madaripur.

On August 31, the motorcade of Golap came under attack in Kalkini upazila of Madaripur that led to a clash between two groups of the ruling Awami League.

On September 1, Md Dulal Beperi, a local AL leader, filed the case with Kalkini Police Station against 12 local AL leaders and activists in this connection.

Eleven of the accused recently filed a petition with the HC, seeking anticipatory bail in this case.

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