

**Death anniversary**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the 13th death anniversary of Hasna Hena

Qadir, wife of Lt Col M Abdul Qadir who embraced martyrdom in the War of Liberation.

She was one of the founding members of Ekatturer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee, said a press release.

Pakistani Army picked up Abdul Qadir from his Chittagong residence and killed him later.

Qadir's family did not get his body.

But recently they have found the spot where he was buried.

**Abu Taher Bhuiyan**

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Today is the 4th death anniversary of valiant freedom

fighter and journalist Abu Taher Bhuiyan.

On the occasion, a doa mahfil and distribution of 'Tabaruk' will be held at Aminbagh Jame Masjid Hafejia Madrasa in the capital, said a press release.

**Enayet-A-Morshed**

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Today is the eighth death anniversary of Enayet-A-Morshed

Rose, an industrialist and sports personality of Dinajpur.

On the occasion, a doa mahfil will be held at his residence at Ghashipara in Dinajpur, said a press release.



Participants at a roundtable styled "The Outbreak of Pneumonia in Bangladesh and its Remedy", organised by The Daily Star at its Chittagong office yesterday.

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**Pneumonia causes 99pc under 5 deaths**

*Roundtable suggests vaccination*

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Speakers at a roundtable yesterday emphasised the importance of vaccinating children under the age of five against pneumonia to prevent deaths by the disease.

The discussion styled "The Outbreak of Pneumonia in Bangladesh and its Remedy" was organised by The Daily Star at its Chittagong office.

In a multimedia presentation, Dr Mahmud A Chowdhury Arju, professor of paediatrics department of Chattagram Ma O Shishu General Hospital, said 99 per cent of deaths in children under five occur due to pneumonia in developing countries like Bangladesh.

Pneumonia is claiming a young life every 20 seconds, he added.

Terming pneumonia as one of the most curable diseases, Dr Arju said early detection of the disease, vaccination and awareness of child nutrition can prevent deaths by this disease.

Dr Jhulan Das Sharma, professor of Southern Medical College Hospital, said pneumonia is both treatable and curable.

Hand washing plays a very important role in preventing pneumonia, he said and urged parents to follow Infants and Young Children Feeding (IYCF) method in feeding their children.

Dr Rezaul Karim, associate professor and head of child health department at Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH), said Bangladesh is moving towards better healthcare despite many limitations.

Dr Bashana Muhuri of CMCH, among others, spoke at the programme.

**Switch to renewable energy by 2015**

*Says climate change experts*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Countries must switch to renewable energy sources and start reducing global carbon emissions no later than 2015 to prevent the planet from tipping into dangerous climate instabilities, said climate change experts yesterday.

They were addressing a national consultation on COP 18 organised by Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad, Oxfam and European Union in the capital's Jatiya Press Club.

COP 18 or Conference of the Parties is the 18th session of the UN Climate Change Conference scheduled to be held in Doha, Qatar from November 26

to December 7.

Participatory Research and Development Initiative's Environment Specialist Md Shamsuddoha read out a keynote on expectations from COP 18.

He emphasised that developed countries must reduce carbon emissions by 40-50 percent while US, Canada, Russia and Japan should be pressurised to endorse the Kyoto protocol's second commitment period.

National Adaptation Plan funds should be balanced and differentiated based on each country's level of responsibility for green house gas emission, he said.

**Murder of Bangabandhu an extreme cruelty**

*Says Indian Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Visiting Indian Health and Family Welfare Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad yesterday termed the murder of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman an extreme cruelty in history.

"How cruel the assailants were in assassinating a great leader of the world and the creator of Bangladesh. It is regrettable for the people of Bangladesh. I saw his picture beside the former Indian prime minister Indira Gandhi," he said.

The Indian minister made the remarks when addressing a celebration programme on the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Day and Indian Council on Cultural Relations (ICCR) Day at Ruposhi Bangla Hotel in the capital.

The High Commission of India in Bangladesh organised the programme to receive Bangladeshi participants for ITEC and ICCR scholarships.

**RMG worker 'commits suicide'**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A garment worker allegedly committed suicide in the capital's Kafrul yesterday.

The dead, Murshida Akhter, 19, of Daulatpur in Khulna, lived in a rented room at Senpara.

Her roommate and co-worker Rina Akhter said when she went for a lunch at 1:15pm, she found the room locked from inside. Later, Rina informed police of the matter.

Sub-Inspector Shafiqul Islam of Kafrul Police Station said after breaking open the door, they found the body hanging from a ceiling fan with a scarf.

Rina said her husband Ismail, also a garment worker, divorced Murshida three days ago after only 25 days of their conjugal life.



Indian Health and Family Welfare Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad speaks at the celebration of the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Day, and Indian Council on Cultural Relations (ICCR) Day at Ruposhi Bangla Hotel in the capital yesterday. Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Pankaj Saran (left), and Bangladesh's Railway Minister Mujibul Hoque (middle) are also seen.

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**HC stays Shafiqul Iqbal's transfer as BTCL's GM**

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Shafiqul Islam was a director of Dhaka Telecommunication Company Limited, said Abdullah Al Mamun, counsel of the petitioner.

The court also issued a rule upon the government to explain why its order to transfer Shafiqul Islam to the post of a general manager should not be declared illegal.

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Telecommunications transferred Shafiqul Islam and gave him posting to the office of the general manager (accounts and finance) on November 5, violating the service rules of the government.

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In the petition, he said Shafiqul Islam was appointed from Bangladesh Civil Service as a telecom cadre and was not fit for the post as per the service rules of the government.

The HC bench of Justice Tariq ul Hakim and Justice Ashish Ranjan Das came up with the order and rule after holding a hearing on the petition.

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