

**Obituary**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Magura*

**Khondokar Abu Hossain**, a freedom fighter and deputy commander of Muktiyoddha Sangsad Sreepur upazila unit, passed away due to a cardiac arrest at his Tupipara village home in Sreepur upazila of Magura district at 11:00pm on Sunday. He was 63.

He left behind a son, three daughters, and a number of grandchildren. He was buried with state honour in his family graveyard.

**Renu Kona Das**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Barisal*

**Renu Kona Das**, mother of late journalist Mainul Hasan of Barisal, died of old age complications at her residence on Kabi Jibananda Das Road in Barisal city yesterday. She was 85.

She left behind a daughter.

Her body was cremated at Barisal Maha Shashan Ghat.

Barisal Reporters Unity, journalist union, and press club issued separate condolence statements over Renu's death.

**Hossen Ali**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Bogra*

**Principal Hossen Ali**, a freedom fighter, founder principal of Kahaloo Degree College, and adviser to Bogra district Awami League, died of a cardiac arrest at his Panai village residence in Kahaloo upazila of Bogra on Saturday night. He was 68.

He left behind his wife, two sons, and a daughter.

He fought as Kahaloo upazila commander during the 1971 Liberation War.

He was buried at the college campus with state honour following a namaz-e-janaza at 3:00pm on Sunday.



**Awami League President and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina places a wreath at the portrait of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in front of Bangabandhu Memorial Museum in the capital yesterday as part of the month-long Victory Day celebrations undertaken by her party.**

PHOTO: PID

**Jamaat leader sued for threatening PM's life**

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami Assistant Secretary General Mujibur Rahman was yesterday sued for "threatening to kill" Prime Minister and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina.

AB Siddiqui, president of Bangladesh Jananetri Parishad, an associate body of AL, filed the case against Mujibur with the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka.

After hearing on the case, Metropolitan Magistrate Harun-ur-Rashid recorded the complainant's statement and ordered officer-in-charge of Paltan Police Station to investigate the matter.

"Mujibur Rahman at a rally of the BNP-led 18-party alliance in front of its Naya Paltan central office on November 28 said Hasina had come to power through the path of a caretaker government. If she now trashes it, her life might come to an end," Siddiqui said in his complaint.

**Dhaka gets \$3.5m EU grant for pry education**

UNB, Dhaka

The European Union (EU) has given a US\$ 3.5 million (around Tk 28 crore) grant to Bangladesh through Unicef for improving the country's primary education sector.

Unicef and the EU yesterday teamed up to support the government in the establishment of an efficient, inclusive, and equitable primary education system delivering child-friendly quality learning to all children from pre-primary level to class V.

EU Head of Delegation to Bangladesh Ambassador William Hanna and Unicef Bangladesh representative Pascal Villeneuve signed an agreement yesterday to build the partnership, said a Unicef press release.

Through the partnership, the EU has given a US\$ 3.5 million grant to Unicef for four years (2012-2016) for the Third Primary Education Development Programme (PEDP-III), which covers class I to class V and one year of pre-primary education.

Speaking on the occasion, Villeneuve said quality education is a basic human right. But for many children in Bangladesh this right has not yet become a reality.

Education requires involvement of all—parents, teachers, students, communities, civil society groups, NGOs, development partners and government, he said.

"Thus, we are pleased to have the European Union partnering with us on helping to make quality education a reality for all children in Bangladesh. We thank the European Union for its generous support," said Villeneuve.

"Investing in children is a key priority for the EU," said Ambassador William Hanna.

"We highly value this new constructive partnership with Unicef and believe that together we will achieve the best results," he added.

**ASHULIA, CTG DEATHS PM to provide Tk 2 lakh to each family**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will provide Tk 2 lakh to the family of each victim killed in a garment factory fire in Ashulia and a flyover collapse in Chittagong on November 24.

The families of the deceased identified after the fire are entitled to the amount. Each of the wounded will receive Tk 50,000.

The premier would distribute the allocation, from her relief and welfare fund, at the Prime Minister's Office today at 11:30am, said Prime Minister's Special Assistant (Media) Mahbulul Hoque Shakil.

At least 111 people were killed and 100 injured in the fire at Tazreen Fashions Ltd in Ashulia's Nishchintapur while 13 people were killed and 15 injured when three concrete girders of the under-construction flyover at Bahaddarhat collapsed on a market.

**Cricketer Pappon found killed at roadside**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former Bangladesh under-19 team wicketkeeper Kuntal Chandra Pappon was found dead by the Uttara-Ashulia road in Daur area yesterday.

Police recovered the body of the 28-year-old cricketer at 7:30am.

The body bore injury marks on the throat and his hands were tied behind his back with his shirt, said the OC of Turag Police Station.

Law enforcers in the evening sent the body to Dhaka Medical College morgue, where the dead was identified by his relatives. His mobile phone, shoes and money were missing.

The body was handed over to the relatives after carrying out an autopsy on it. Morgue sources said the player was

strangled.

Contacted, victim's uncle Nirmol Dutta said his nephew left Dhamrai of Savar at 8:00pm on Sunday for the capital's Uttara to visit his brother.

Three hours later, Pappon's family members could not reach him on his mobile phone. Since then they looked for him to no avail.

A student of Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Protisthan (BKSP), the cricketer had represented Bangladesh at both the under-17 and under-19 levels.

He made a name for himself as a player of the country's leading sports club Abahani Limited.

Most recently he had been playing for Biman. He last played a practice match in Dhanmondi on Friday.



**Stoves in many homes of Nischintapur in Ashulia remain unlit as the area's residents continue to mourn the loss of 111 lives in a devastating fire in a garment factory, Tazreen Fashions Ltd, on November 24. In addition, many workers do not have the money to buy food and get proper medical care. The photo was taken yesterday.**

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