



HORRORS OF ROAD BLOCKADE

- 1) Awami League activists being bombarded with stones by the BNP-led 18-party alliance activists on Dhaka-Chittagong Highway, near Kanchpur Bridge, yesterday. The AL men were arriving in the capital to face off the opposition's road blockade programme.
- 2) The AL activists fled, leaving this truck behind. The attackers then set it on fire.
- 3) Nearby, passengers of this ambulance carrying a corpse are left stranded by the road while stick-wielding AL men pass by.
- 4) This microbus of Gazi Television was torched by the opposition men in Madartek of the capital.
- 5) AL activists hammer a man with bamboo sticks who they suspect to be an Islami Chhatra Shibir activist near the bridge.
- 6) An AL activist openly carries homemade bombs to attack the opposition men.
- 7) AL men distribute food among anti-blockade activists in the capital's Gabtoli.
- 8) Close by, an AL activist armed with a sharp weapon patrols the area.

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Prof Khan Sarwar Murshid laid to rest

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eminent educationalist, diplomat and intellectual Prof Khan Sarwar Murshid was laid to rest with state honour at Martyred Intellectuals' Graveyard in the capital's Mirpur yesterday.

He breathed his last at a city hospital on Saturday after suffering a brain stroke at the age of 88.

His namaz-e-janaza was held at Azad mosque in Gulshan after Zohr prayers and at Dhaka University mosque after Asr prayers yesterday.

Around noon, his body was taken to Central Shaheed Minar where people from all walks of life paid him homage and placed wreaths on his coffin.

Sammilito Sangskritik Jote made the arrangements in this regard.

Prof Khan Sarwar was accorded a

guard of honour by a police contingent at Central Shaheed Minar.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina visited the academican's Gulshan residence in the morning to pay her last tributes to him.

The premier placed wreath on his coffin and offered fateha. She consoled the bereaved family members.

Politicians, civil society members, cultural personalities, academicians and writers alongside different social, cultural and political organisations placed wreaths on his coffin at Central Shaheed Minar and attended his namaz-e-janazas.

Born in 1924, Prof Khan Sarwar had played vital roles in the country's major movements.

He was at the forefront of the Language Movement in 1952, the Mass Uprising in 1969, the six-point

movement and the War of Liberation in 1971.

Family members, relatives, friends, colleagues and well-wishers mourned his death.

Tazeen Murshid, Prof Khan Sarwar's daughter, said her father was a man of honesty and decency through out his life.

"My father was always in favour of establishment of equality in the society," she told The Daily Star.

Besides, different socio-cultural organisations and political parties, including Ekattorer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee; Bangladesh Mahila Parishad; Ain o Salish Kendra; Ganotantrik Bam Morcha; and Bangladesh College-Biswayabidyaloy Shikkhak Samiti, in separate statements, lamented the educationalist's death.

Factory official hurt trying to escape labour unrest

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

An official of Siang Kuang Apparels yesterday jumped off the first floor of the Korean sweater factory at Salna in Gazipur to escape protesters during a labour unrest there.

The official, Jaang, a Korean citizen and the factory's production advisor, sustained injuries in the incident.

On information, Gazipur Industrial Police reached the factory, quelled the unrest and sent Jaang to United Hospital in the capital.

According to workers, the authorities transferred the factory equipments to another building during Eid holidays, assuring the workers that work would resume soon in the new factory.

However, the workers were yesterday informed that only those among them working on a salary would receive wages for the last month, but those receiving payment for piece by piece production will not get any payment.

Hearing this, the workers began unrest, demanding benefit as per the Labour Law.

Labour leaders said the protest would continue until the demands were met.

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Information and Communication Technology Minister Mostafa Faruque Mohammed addresses the Association for Computing Machineries-International Collegiate Programming Contest (ACM-ICPC) 2012, hosted by Daffodil International University, in the capital's Radisson Hotel on Saturday. ACM-ICPC contest involves a global network of universities hosting regional competitions that advance teams to the ACM-ICPC World Finals.