



Visitors swarm the book exhibition organised on the third day of the weeklong "Boat Technology and Culture in Chittagong and in Bengal" festival in Bishod Bangla Auditorium in Chittagong city yesterday. The festival is jointly hosted by Alliance Française de Chittagong and The Daily Star. PHOTO: STAR

Abdullah Sarkar passes away

BSS, Dhaka

Abdullah Sarkar, leading left politician and an organiser of the Liberation War, former lawmaker and central leader of Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal (BSD) died of old age complications at his Shahjadpur residence yesterday. He was 72.

He left behind his wife, two daughters, relatives and a host of well-wishers to mourn his death.

He would be buried at Haimchar in Chandpur with state honour following several namaz-e-janazas at the Central Shaheed Minar and Haimchar.

Abdullah was elected Member of the Parliament (MP) from the Chandpur-Haimchar constituency as an independent candidate in 1973.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in a condolence message expressed deep shock at the death, prayed for the eternal peace of his departed soul and conveyed profound sympathy to the bereaved family.

Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Shamsun Nahar, wife of eminent litterateur Hasan Azizul Haque, died of a heart attack at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH) on Monday night. She was 71.

Her namaz-e-janaza was held on RU Central Mosque premises after Zohr prayers yesterday.

She left behind her husband, three daughters and one son to mourn her death.

Rajshahi City Corporation Mayor AHM Khairuzzaman Liton, lawmaker Fazle Hossain Badsha, former RU VC Prof Saidur Rahman Khan and many social and cultural activists attended her namaz-e-janaza.

Cultural soiree, book exhibit thrill enthusiasts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Chittagong residents were treated to a book exhibition and a concert yesterday as part of the "Boat technology and culture in Chittagong and Bengal" festival.

Jointly hosted by The Daily Star and Alliance Française de Chittagong, the event is a sequel to The Daily Star-Odommo Chattagram festival, organised last year to promote the rich history, culture, heritage and economic prospects of Chittagong.

In the exhibition at Bishod Bangla in the city's Mehediabagh, 30 books, 19 DVDs and some photographs were on display. Some fishing gears and boat accessories were also exhibited.

Bishod Bangla is working to uphold and nurture Bangladeshi culture. Its



director Alam Khorshed said, "Ours is a country of rivers which enrich our heritage."

"In many ways rivers are being polluted. To protect the rivers from pollution, we need to create awareness among the younger generation. Only they can save the water bodies," he observed.

At 6:00pm, the cultural programme was held on the open stage at Zilla Shilpakala Academy. Abdul Gafur Hali performed Chittagonian songs with his troupe.

Hali said, "Chittagong is a rich area with its own language, culture, heritage and tradition.... For every Chittagonian, this is the right time to raise their voice to protect and preserve its heritage."

At the programme, 27 songs about boat and river, including Tora Kon Kon Zabi and Karnaphuli Nodir Agat, were sung.

Two missing boys found dead

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bodies of two boys were found floating in a water body in the capital's Khilgaon yesterday.

The deceased -- Jibon, 7, and Robin, 9, -- used to live in a slum in the city's Sipoybagh.

Being informed by locals, police recovered the bodies around 5:00pm, said Khilgaon Police Station Sub-Inspector Sazedul Huq.

The duo has been missing since February 1, he added. Police, however, could not ascertain the cause behind their deaths.


OIC MINISTERIAL MEET Dipu Moni calls for solidarity

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni has called for greater solidarity in the Muslim Ummah for addressing challenges and utilising opportunities that lie before the Muslim world.

She was speaking at the inaugural session of the ministerial meeting held in the Egyptian capital of Cairo yesterday in preparation of the 12th Organisation of Islamic Cooperation's (OIC) Summit beginning there today.

Dipu Moni, in her statement, supported a fully sovereign Palestinian state within its pre-1967 borders with East Jerusalem as its capital, said an official press release. She articulated on possible ways and means to enhance cooperation among the OIC member states in various areas, particularly in trade, human development and women empowerment.



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