

Fakhrul, Noman  
seek better  
treatment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Acting Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir and party leader Abdullah Al Noman yesterday filed two writ petitions with the High Court, seeking its order on the government to provide them with better treatment.

Fakhrul and Noman are now in Kashimpur Jail in different criminal cases. According to the petition, they are suffering from different diseases, including heart and diabetes, so they should be admitted to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University or Birdem Hospital. An HC bench yesterday started hearing the petitions and fixed tomorrow for resuming the hearing.

## Obituary

RU CORRESPONDENT

M Zillur Rahman, a retired professor of the law department of Rajshahi University (RU), died at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital yesterday. He was 86.

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

He was buried at Kadirganj graveyard in Rajshahi city.

## Ansar Ali Siddique

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ansar Ali Siddique, former state minister for Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control, also a BNP leader, died of old age complications in the capital's Birdem Hospital yesterday. He was 80. His namaz-e-janaza was held at Darus Salam Mosque in Uttara after Asr prayers yesterday. In a statement, BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia expressed deep shock at his death and conveyed sympathy to the bereaved family members.

## Death anniversary

METRO DESK

Today is the fourth death anniversary of Prof Husne Ara Kamal, former chairman of the Department of Social Welfare, Dhaka University. A milad mahfil will be held on CRP premises in Savar at 5:30pm today. A child litterateur and an article writer, she worked for Mental Health Association, Women for Women, Hunger Project, CRP and establishing girls' schools in the country.

PAHELA BAISHAKH  
IN CAPITAL

1) The grand procession of Pahela Baishakh, known as Mangal Shobhajatra, on the Dhaka University campus yesterday to welcome the Bangla New Year 1420. 2) Revellers dressed as typical Bangalee fishermen and farmers as they join the celebration. 3) Marchers carry overhead the figure of a huge demonic creature in the Shobhajatra, which was themed around the war crimes trial this year.

PHOTO:  
ANISUR RAHMANRelease of Mahmudur  
Rahman sought

STAR REPORT

A group of journalists has protested the arrest of Amar Desh Acting Editor Mahmudur Rahman, terming it a violation of freedom of press and expression.

They demanded immediate release of the editor. In Dhaka, factions of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) joined a token hunger strike event before Jatiya Press Club from 11:00am to 2:00pm.

Ruhul Amin Gazi, president of the faction of BFUJ, said the government is trying to establish a "Baksal like rule" by closing the daily.

In Chittagong, Chittagong Metropolitan Union of Journalists also went on a four-hour token hunger strike from 10:00am in front of its office on Noor Ahmed Road.

CMUJ President Shamshul Haque Haidari and General Secretary Md Shahnawaj, and BFUJ Vice President Iskander Ali Chowdhury and Joint Secretary General Mustafa Noim were present among others.

Mahmudur was arrested at his office in the capital on Thursday on charge of publishing reports on Skype conversation between former International Crimes Tribunal chairman Justice Nizamul Huq and an expatriate Bangladeshi legal expert Ahmed Ziauddin last year.

## Seven killed in road crashes

METRO DESK

Seven people were killed and six others injured in separate road accidents in the country on Sunday and yesterday.

Our Patuakhali correspondent reports, two people were killed as their motorbike fell into a ditch beside Patuakhali-Kuakata road near Bandra bus stand in Patuakhali on Sunday.

The dead are Ferdouse, 15, and Miraj, 16, of Amtali municipality.

At least six people were injured in three other accidents on the road yesterday.

Abul Bashar Talukder, school inspector of Barisal Education Board, Shahinoor Begum, a teacher, and microbus driver Rajib, were injured when the vehicle fell into a roadside ditch.

Sajib Datta and Lokman sustained injuries when their motorbike fell into a ditch in Amtali area.

Motorcyclist Abu Zafar was also injured when his motorbike fell into a roadside ditch.

Our Jamalpur correspondent adds, a schoolgirl was killed when a bus ran her over at Kumarerchar village in Dewanganj

upazila on Sunday.

Roni Begum, 7, daughter of Nuruzzaman of the village, was a class-II student.

Our Pabna correspondent reports, a schoolboy was killed and five people were injured as a motorbike collided head-on with a human hauler, Nasimon, at Rooppur Jigatola Mor in Ishwardi upazila yesterday.

The deceased is Rakibul Hassan, 13, son of Shahidul Islam Malitha of the upazila, was on the motorbike. The injured were in the Nasimon.

Our Gazipur correspondent adds, an unidentified man, aged around 30, died after a car ran him over in Masterbari area of Gazipur yesterday.

A Bagerhat correspondent reports, a sixth grader was killed when an oncoming truck hit the motorbike carrying him on Kachua-Signboard road in Kachua upazila yesterday.

The victim is Sujit Saha, 11, son of Sujon Saha of the upazila.

Our Dinajpur correspondent adds, Alam Hossain, 50, of Birampur upazila, was killed as a truck hit him on Dinajpur-Birampur road in Hakimpur upazila on Sunday.

BCL attack on female  
students protested at JU

JU CORRESPONDENT

Several thousand female students of Jahangirnagar University yesterday staged protest programmes on the campus condemning an attack on two female students by ruling party-backed Bangladesh Chhatra League activists on Sunday.

They boycotted classes, brought out a procession and staged a sit-in before the vice-chancellor's office demanding expulsion of the culprits.

The VC said they will decide on the punishment in their syndicate meeting to be held on April 20.

On Sunday, BCL activists brought out a procession at the university on the occasion of Pahela Baishakh. Some activists threw paint at two female students who were passing by the procession.

Following the incident an argument broke out during which some BCL men physically assaulted the female students.

VC Prof Anwar Hossain, among others, rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control.

The victims provided some names to the university authorities but they were not disclosed for proper investigation.

In this regard, Mahmudur Rahman Jony, president of BCL JU unit, said the culprits should be punished regardless of whether they are BCL men or not.

Factions of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) on a token hunger strike in front of Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday, demanding release of Amar Desh Acting Editor Mahmudur Rahman.

PHOTO:  
STAR

We Mourn

We are deeply shocked and grieved at the passing away of **Mr. Sharif Ud Daulah**, Director of DIRD Group (Elder brother of honorable Chairman, DIRD Group). He died at his own residence at 9:10 a.m. on April 14, 2013 at the age of 72 (Inna Lillahi. . . . Razeun). He has left behind his wife, son and daughter, relatives and large number of friends, colleagues and well wishers to mourn his death.

Mr. Sharif Ud Daulah served as the former Deputy Director of the Department of Livestock, Bangladesh Government. After that he joined at DIRD Group as Director and had a great contribution in the establishment of the company.

We pray to the Almighty Allah to grant eternal peace to the departed soul and share the grief with the bereaved members of his family. May the Almighty Allah give them the fortitude to bear this irreparable loss.

Inshallah, his **Dua-e-Khair will be held after Asar prayer on Friday, 19 April 2013 at Khanbag Jame Masjid, Uttar Badda, Dhaka.** Your kind participation is solicited.

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