

Sher-e-Bangla's 51st anniversary of death today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 51st death anniversary of Sher-e-Bangla Abul Kasem Fazlul Haque. On the occasion, milad

mahfils will be held at his ancestral home in Chakhar, Barisal and at the Jame Mosque of KM Das Lane, Tikatully, Dhaka after Maghrib prayers, says a press release.

Relatives and admirers have been requested to join the prayers for salvation of the departed soul. Different organisa-

tions have been chalked out programmes to mark the day.

In a statement, Jatiya Party Chairman Anwar Hossain Manju and Secretary General Sheikh Shahidul Islam offered profound respect to Shere-Bangla yesterday.

Umme Salema METRO DESK



the fifth death anniversary of Umme

Today is

League leader and cultural personality Shafayat Khoiyam. On the occasion, a

feeding of the destitute and a milad mahfil will be held at noon and after Maghrib prayers respectively at her Wari residence in the capital, says a press release.

Her relatives and wellwishers are requested to attend the programmes to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

protesting the Savar tragedy.



From left, former finance minister Dr Saiduzzaman, Chief Justice Md Muzammel Hossain, cultural personality M Hamid, Food Minister Md Abdur Razzaque, journalist Rahat Khan and Justice Md Jahangir Hossain at a meeting in memory of former president Zillur Rahman at the Institute of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

Works of late Zillur deserve place in school curricula: CJ

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Justice Md Muzammel Hossain yesterday said the autobiography and works of late president Zillur Rahman deserve inclusion in primary and secondary curricula as those are precepts for the new generation.

Zillur played pioneering roles in Bangladesh's democratic struggles including the Language Movement, sixpoint demand and mass upsurge and was an organiser of the Liberation War, he told a meeting, held in memory of Zillur, in the capital.

Greater Mymensingh Cultural Forum and Greater Mymensingh Coordination Council (GMCC) organised the function.

Justice Muzammel said Zillur never gave up his ideology, principle and national interest for his personal interest, although he faced crises at different times particularly in 1971, 1975, 2004 and 2007.

As a senior lawyer he had profound faith on the rule of law and human rights, and was very respectful towards the independence and dignity of the judiciary, he said. The chief justice said the late president had consid-

ered ensuring justice for the people, particularly the poor and women, as the target of law profession. Food Minister Md Abdur Razzaque; former finance

minister Dr Saiduzzaman; Mahfuz Anam, editor and publisher of The Daily Star; senior journalist Rahat Khan; Justice Md Jahangir Hossain; and GMCC Secretary General Rashedul Hasan Shely also spoke at the event.

BNP demands judicial probe into Savar disaster

UNB, Dhaka

Describing the Rana Plaza tragedy as a "mass killing" with a political motive, the opposition BNP yesterday demanded a high-profile judicial investigation into the catastrophic collapse.

"It's a massive killing. The ruling party men called in people to bring out an antihartal procession and killed them inside the building with a political motive," BNP standing committee member MK Anwar told a discussion on "democracy and freedom of expression" at the capital's Jatiya Press Club, organised by Oitijjo Sangsad.

"We demand a high-powered judiciary probe committee to investigate the cruel incident," he said.

Anwar came down heavily on the prime minister for her remarks that the building owner Sohel Rana did not belong to the ruling party's associate body Jubo League. He said, "When all media reported that Rana was a senior joint convener of Jubo League, Savar unit, the prime minister

claimed in parliament that he is none of ' Jatiya Party Chairman HM Jubo League men."

The nine-storey Rana Plaza collapsed ! Home Minister MK at Savar on Wednesday, killing over 304 · Alamgir to step down for people and injuring nearly 2,000. failing to arrest the culprits Hundreds more are still feared trapped.

Anwar demanded exemplary punish- i tragedy even after 72 ment for those responsible, no matter ! hours. which party they belong to. He also ' criticised Sheikh Hasina for not visiting . the scene.

The former minister said the prime minister had taken the "scorched earth . policy"--a strategy to destroy whatever may be useful for the enemy--to destroy the country's industries. "Don't cause ! who is in Vietnam. any more pain to people by following that policy. We'll soon force you to hold the next election under a caretaker government."

He also slammed Home Minister MK Alamgir for his remarks on how the collapse occurred, saying the minister had exposed his colour through the comments.

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Ershad asks : MKA to resign

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

· Ershad yesterday asked ' responsible for the Savar

He demanded that the government arrest the · culprits within the next 40 hours, Ziauddin Ahmed Bablu, political secretary to the JP chairman, told The Daily Star quoting a · statement sent by Ershad,

It's a killing: Inu · OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu yesterday called the · Savar disaster a killing and said all responsible for it · Chittagong youths yestershould be punished. "It is a crime as a group of unscrupulous profit-hungry · ment's inaction and negli-

people pushed the labourers into the building only to ; gence to punish those ' make money," he told journalists in Kushtia Circuit ' responsible for the recent House. Inu described the persons responsible and owners of the 'ment factories, like Savar

demanded that they be prosecuted for "killing" under ! · relevant laws. The minister said, "That many of such incidents went ' they formed a human

will be spared." About the home minister's comments on how the col-! lapse occurred, Inu said it did not matter who said what. It is not a matter of the Awami League or BNP, it is a matter · Gonojagaron Mancha

of general people and their lives, he said. "I urge the law ! Coordinator Sharif · enforcement agencies to arrest all involved in it."

Inu is on a regular visit to his constituency in Kushtia.

Ctg youths : lambast govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

day lambasted the governtragic incidents at garbuilding and garment factories as "killers" and building collapse.

Under the banner of "Enraged Youth Society", unpunished in the past does not mean that this time they i chain before Chittagong Press Club.

Anti-Communal Youth ! Initiative Convener and · Chouhan were present among others.

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Hefajat blames govt

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Hefajat-e Islam's leaders yesterday accused the government of "intentionally causing the Savar building collapse" to foil their May 5 programme to

lay siege to the capital. The government is trying all-out to foil the May 5 programme through similar incidents, Hefazat-e Islam Dhaka city unit Joint Convener Abdur Rob Yusufi told a press conference Hefajat organised at Dhaka Reporters Unity. Hefajat Dhaka city unit Convener Nur Hossain Kasemi termed the Savar incident "murder".

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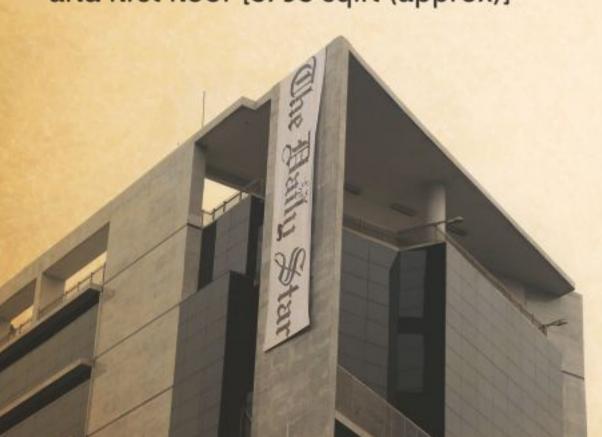


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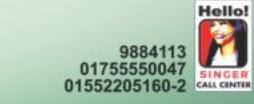
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