

Ministers and state ministers hand over their resignations to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday to pave the way for formation of an all-party government to oversee the upcoming parliamentary election.



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Obituary

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha
M Hafizur Rahman, founder president of Gaibandha Muddran Shilpa Malik Samity, passed away due to prolonged illness at Labaid hospital in the capital yesterday. He was 79. He left behind a son and four daughters.

Md Mokbul Hossain
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Md Mokbul Hossain, Khansama upazila correspondent of the Daily Karotoa and founding member of Chirirbandar Press Club, died of a cardiac arrest in the upazila of Dinajpur on Sunday. He was 56. He left behind two sons and a daughter.

Death anniversary
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the ninth death anniversary of Enayet-e-Murshed Rose, an athlete and industrialist of Dinajpur. On the occasion, a doa and a milad mahfil will be held in his Mashipara residence of Dinajpur, said a press release.

Mansur Ahmed Khan
STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Today is the 11th death anniversary of Mansur Ahmed Khan, freedom fighter and the first curator of Rajshahi University Martyred Memorial Archive. He wrote a number of books and plays on the Liberation War, including Muktiyuddhe Rajshahi, Uno-Sotturer Shahid Shikhhak Dr Zoha, and Jibanta Shahid Mujibar Rahman Debdas. He contributed to establishing Rajshahi Art College, Mukhtijuddha Pathagar, Art School-Angkan and Muktiyuddha Command Council unit at RU.

Hasna Hena Qadir
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 14th death anniversary of Hasna Hena Qadir, one of the founding members of Ekatturer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee. On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held and food will be distributed among the poor. She was the wife of Lt Col M Abdul Qadir, who was martyred during the Liberation War. Qadir was reburied with state honour at Qadirabad Cantonment in Natore in 2011 according to the order of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

RATIFYING LAND BOUNDARY DEAL
New Delhi assures Dhaka of placing bill in Dec

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi
India yesterday assured Bangladesh of introducing a bill in the coming session of its parliament in December to ratify the land boundary agreement. Indian External Affairs Minister Salman Khurshid conveyed this to his counterpart Dipu Moni when the two had a bilateral meeting on the margins of Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) of foreign ministers in New Delhi yesterday evening. Salman Khurshid reassured Dipu Moni of his intention to introduce the constitutional amendment related to the land boundary agreement in parliament in December, said Indian officials. While Bangladesh has ratified the land boundary agreement long back, its implementation by India has been held up since long because Indian parliament needs to approve it through a constitution amendment bill.

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JAHANGIRNAGAR UNIVERSITY CRISIS
Teachers demand VC panel election soon

Prof Anwar, agitators interpret chancellor's directives differently

JU CORRESPONDENT
Agitating teachers, students, and staff of Jahangirnagar University, who think the chancellor has asked for immediately starting the process of nominating a three-member vice chancellor's panel to find Prof Anwar Hossain's successor, yesterday demanded execution of the directives soon. The agitators raised the demand at a human chain in front of the administrative building, while JU Teachers Association (Juta), syndicate members, Shadharon Shikhhak Forum, and Shikhhak-Shikhhakharthi-Karmokarta-Karmochari Oikya Forum separately met the incumbent VC asking him to declare the schedule of the VC panel election immediately. Prof Anwar, however, said on Sunday that he would meet President Abdul Hamid, also JU chancellor, to get a clear idea whether he had asked for "reconstituting the senate first and then arranging the VC panel nomination by the new senate or something else". In his four-point directive on November 6, the president asked all concerned of the university to "immediately arrange the senate election and take steps to nominate a VC panel through the senate in accordance

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Dhaka Reporters Unity stages a protest rally before Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday demanding trial of the murder of journalist couple Sagar-Runi. Sagar Sarowar, a news editor at private TV channel Maasranga, and his wife Meherun Runi, a senior reporter at ATN Bangla, were murdered at their West Rajabazar residence in the capital on February 11, 2012.

PHOTO: STAR

SAGAR-RUNI MURDER
Journo leaders vow to continue protest until criminals are punished

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Journalist leaders yesterday vowed to continue their protest on the streets until those responsible for the murder of journalist couple Sagar-Runi were arrested and punished. "It has been nearly two years since they were murdered and the government has done nothing to find the killers, but on the other hand it is planning a welfare trust for journalists, said Manjurul Ahsan Bulbul, president of a faction of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ), at a rally organised by Dhaka Reporters Unity in front of Jatiya Press Club in the capital. Sagar Sarowar, a news editor at private TV channel Maasranga, and his wife Meherun Runi, a senior reporter at ATN Bangla, were murdered at their West Rajabazar residence in the capital on February 11 last year. Shakhawat Hossain Badsha, former president of DRU, said 19 journalists have been killed and scores injured during the present government's rule. "Safety of journalists has to be ensured to uphold a good practice of democracy," said Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, the prime minister's media adviser. Ruhul Amin Gazi, president of another faction of BFUJ; Shahed Chowdhury, president of DRU; and Abdul Jalil Bhuyian, secretary general of BFUJ, spoke among others.

MONEY LAUNDERING CASE
Mamun's defence lawyer begins arguments

COURT CORRESPONDENT
A defence lawyer for Giasuddin Al Mamun, a close friend of BNP Senior Vice Chairman Tarique Rahman, yesterday began arguments in a money laundering case. Tarique Rahman, elder son of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, is also an accused in the case. Mamun's lawyer cited different dissimilarities and irregularities in filing the case and pressing charges against his client. The charges of laundering Tk 20.41 crore to Singapore against Mamun and his friend Tarique are false, fabricated and concocted, said the lawyer. After the hearing, Judge Md Motahar Hossain of the Special Judge Court-3 set November 14 for the defence to continue with its arguments. Mamun was produced before the court yesterday.

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NEWS IN brief

President, PM sympathise with typhoon affected people in Philippines
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT
President Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina have expressed their deep shock at the massive devastation caused by Typhoon Haiyan in the central islands of the Philippines on Friday. In separate messages to President of the Philippines Benigno Simeno Aquino-III, they expressed their sympathy at the catastrophic loss of human lives and property. Hasina in her message said a disaster of this magnitude will make the world community conscious of addressing the principal causes of climate change.

BAU admission test result published
BAU CORRESPONDENT
The admission test result of the honours course of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) under the session 2013-14 was published on Sunday night. The result is available on the university website: www.admission.bau.edu.bd. Faculty-based result will be published on November 21 on the website. Admission will be held on November 23 from 10:00am to 4:30pm.

65 teachers get skill development training from Edexcel of UK
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Sixty-five teachers have received a two-day skill development training, organised by Edexcel, largest education board of UK, in the capital's Brac Centre Inn recently. Senior trainer Jim Innerd of Business and Technical Education Council (BTEC), UK imparted the training for its Bangladeshi teachers, said a press release. Besides UK, Edexcel runs their activities in more than 100 countries to provide education on GCSE, A level and technical (BTEC). It started activities in Bangladesh in 1972 through the British Council.

Gantha accords reception to Dr Niaz Zaman
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Members of Gantha, a literary group, on Saturday accorded a reception to its founder Dr Niaz Zaman at EMK Centre in the capitals' Dhanmondi for achieving the prestigious Anannya Award. Prof Fakrul Alam, Prof Syed Manjurul Islam, Prof Kaiser Huq of the English department of Dhaka University, and Tasmina Hossen, editor in chief of the fortnightly Anannya, were present as the special guests, says a press release. Gantha members, Shahruk Rahman, Papri Rahman, Nasreen Kabir, Jesmina Shanta, Nurun Nahar and Jackie Kabir, among others were present.

BHOLA CYCLONE OF 1970
Half a million lives perished in a day

STAR REPORT
Although Bangladesh is used to a severe cyclone strike every three years on an average, it would never forget "Bhola Cyclone" that lashed out on this day in 1970 claiming the lives of a record half a million people. The United Nations termed Bangladesh a global hotspot for tropical cyclones where 17 percent of 508 cyclones originating in the Bay of Bengal struck in the last 100 years. According to Water Resources Planning Organization (WARPO) under the Ministry of Water Resources, no other cyclone was as devastating as the 1970's Category 3 one with water surges as high as 35 feet. The worst hit in Bhola were two remote islands, Char Kukri Mukri and Monpura, with a death toll of 1.7 lakh, mostly women and children who could not reach safe zones for it was an era when communication and early warning systems were poor. Talking to our Bhola correspondent Jayanta Kumar Biswas yesterday, Hannan Sikder, a retired schoolteacher of Monpura upazila, said, aged around 13 years at that time,

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