



Martyred intellectual Dr Fazle Rabbie's death anniversary today

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Today is the 42nd death anniversary of Shaheed Dr Fazle Rabbie.

On this day in 1971, Pakistani occupation army and its collaborator Al-Badr force picked him up from his Siddheshwari residence in the capital in the afternoon and killed him brutally at Rayerbazar at midnight, says a press release.

His body was recovered from the Rayerbazar killing field on December 18, two days after the victory of Bangladesh in the Liberation War.

Rabbie, a renowned heart specialist, served Dhaka Medical College as a professor of medicine and cardiology.

To mark his death anniversary, wreaths will be placed at his grave this morning and food will be distributed among the poor.

Ambia Khatun Majumder

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Today is the third death anniversary of Ambia Khatun Majumder, mother of Crystal Insurance Company Limited Chairman Abdullah Al-Mahmud (Mahin).

On this day in 2010, she died at Mount Elizabeth Hospital, Singapore, says a press release.

The company board of directors, executives, officers and staff pray for the salvation of the departed soul.



NATION PAYS HOMAGE TO MARTYRED INTELLECTUALS

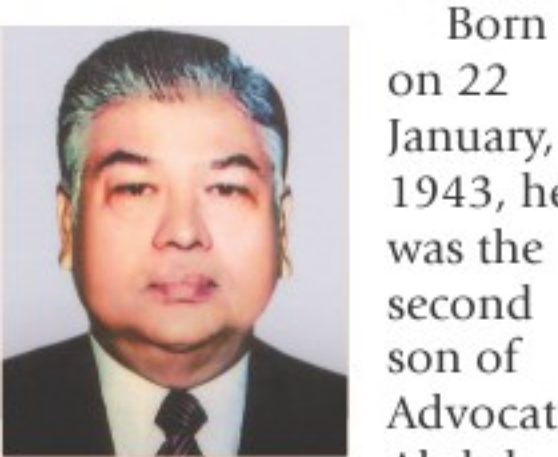
1) Wreaths from people of all walks of life adorn the altar of the memorial at Rayerbazar killing field in the capital on Martyred Intellectuals Day yesterday. 2) Projonmo '71, a platform of children of the martyred freedom fighters and intellectuals of the Liberation War, lays one at the memorial. 3) Common people stream to Mirpur Martyred Intellectuals Memorial to pay their tributes. 4) A green-and-red-clad kid, also wearing a sticker and headband of the national flag, joins the human sea at Rayerbazar. 5) Children of Kendrio Khelaghar Asar stage a mock mass killing of intellectuals there. 6) An old man propped up on the crutch sees photos of the atrocities by the Pakistani army in 1971 at Rayerbazar. 7) President Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina place wreaths at the Mirpur memorial. 8) Leader of the Opposition and BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia and party leaders paying their homage there. 9) Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique lays a wreath at the memorial.

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Today is the first death anniversary of Prof Fazlul Quader Chowdhury.



Born on 22 January, 1943, he was the second son of Advocate Abdul Quadir and Anwara Begum, says a press release.

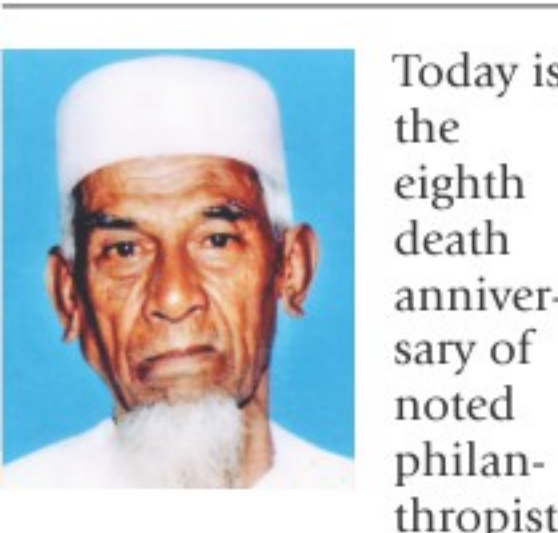
Prof Fazlul, principal of Chittagong City College between 1993 and 1996, was also Jagannath University College principal from 1997 to 2000.

He wrote a book "Economic Development of Bangladesh".

Fazlul left behind his wife Prof Rokeya Begum, a son, two daughters and three grandchildren.

Abdul Hakim Bhuiyan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the eighth death anniversary of noted philanthropist and businessman Abdul Hakim Bhuiyan.

He died of a heart attack at the age of 80 in Comilla.

On the occasion, two milad mahfils will be held -- one at his son's residence at Eskaton in the capital and the other at Abdul's ancestral home in Comilla.

Relatives and well-wishers are requested to attend the milad mahfils.

DOMESTIC WORK BY CHILDREN Most employers unwilling to recognise it as risky

Say rights activists, labour ministry officials

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The reluctance of the middle class, the largest section of society to employ children in their house, is the biggest barrier to recognising domestic work as a risky job for children, human rights activists and officials said yesterday.

Mikail Shipar, secretary to the labour and employment ministry, said it was mostly the urban middle class that employed children as domestic helps, and they were the ones who made the policy decisions.

As policy makers have child workers in their houses, they are generally unwilling to call it risky, he told a roundtable of the Bangla daily Prothom Alo at its office in the capital.

"The reason why the labour ministry's list of 38 very risky jobs for children does not include domestic work is not that we don't understand the risks, but we are too often confronted by the middle class's reluctance to let go of one of their conveniences," Shipar said.

Executive Director of Ain o Salish Kendra Sultana Kamal opined that a system of registering the identities of the domestic workers, their parents and employers needed to be introduced and administered by the local government representatives to ensure their safety.

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ENSURING RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES Representation in JS a must

ADD International, The Daily Star discussion told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Parliamentary representation is a must to establish the due rights of Bangladesh's 15 million physically and mentally challenged people, speakers told a discussion yesterday.

Their representation can be ensured with 10 per cent reserved seats both at local government institutions and parliament, said Mahbubur Rahman Bhuyan, project focal, ADD International, in his keynote presentation.

Action on Disability and Development (ADD) International jointly with The Daily Star organised the discussion, "Break Barriers, Open Doors: for an inclusive society and development for all", in the capital's The Daily Star Centre.

Despite having the same competence as of persons without disabilities, these people are deprived of equal consideration in job opportunities, said Nasima Akhtar, president, Protibondhi Nari Jatiya Parishad.

"Neither are they treated equally in society though the right of a disabled person is a

human right," she said, adding that the representation was a prerequisite to changing society's discriminatory mindset.

The Election Commission must ensure ramps, ground floor polling booths and tactile ballot papers so that these persons can cast votes in the upcoming parliamentary elections without hindrance, she added.

Noted lawyer Barrister Rafique ul Huq, as chief guest, said the constitution clearly guards against any discrimination against these people.

If implemented, the recently enacted Disabled People's Rights and Protection Act, 2013 can adequately protect their rights, he said.

Pointing out the insensitivity these persons face, Md Liakat Ali, president, Alor Pradeep, said even a government social welfare officer sits on the fifth floor of an office that has no provision to ensure access of physically challenged persons to the officer.

Brig Gen Shahedul Anam Khan, editor of strategic affairs, The Daily Star, said without

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SKELETAL REMAINS IN RANA PLAZA DEBRIS Victim primarily identified as Obaidul

He worked as sewing assistant at New Wave Bottoms garment factory

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

The skeletal remains which were found with an ID card and a mobile phone in the Rana Plaza debris Friday belong to garment worker Obaidul, police primarily confirmed yesterday, after contacting the victim's relatives through the retrieved SIM card.

They, however, will send the remains alongside a skull, located about 50 feet away, for DNA tests to properly establish the identity, said Dipok Chandra Saha, inspector of Savar Model Police Station, as locals presume that the remains are of two persons.

On Friday night, police dialled a number saved in the SIM card as "Vial" (thought to be misspelt for "Via" meaning brother) and one Faruk Hossain replied from the other side identifying him as a cousin of Obaidul, said police. Faruk answered all their queries properly, they added.

The ID card shows that Obaidul was a sewing assistant at New Wave Bottoms garment factory on the second floor of the nine-storey Rana Plaza, which crumbled eight months

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Participants at a discussion, "Break Barriers, Open Doors: for an inclusive society and development for all", organised by Action on Disability and Development (ADD) International and The Daily Star in the capital's The Daily Star Centre yesterday.

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