

## Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the second death anniversary of veteran Awami League leader and freedom fighter Abdur Razzak.

On the occasion, AL and its associate bodies and different social organisations will place wreaths on his grave at 9:00am in the capital's Banani graveyard and a munajat will also be offered there.

Besides, foods will be distributed among the destitute in Dhaka and Shariatpur today. On Friday, discussions will be held in his remembrance on Teacher-Student Centre on Dhaka University campus. Abdur Razzak, also a former minister, died at the age of 69 at a hospital in London on December 23, 2011.

## Obituary

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Advocate Ahmed Hossain Mia, former president of Faridpur Bar Association, passed away due to old age complications at a hospital in Faridpur town yesterday. He was 74.

He left behind his wife, four sons and two daughters.

## Jamaat-Shibir violence

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"It is primarily they who carried out the attacks, arson, vandalism and mutilations mainly on the ruling Awami League men as a ruthless retaliation," he said.

Hakim said the outrage in the upazila centred around the trial of Sayedee as a war criminal whom he claimed is "an innocent person".

Zahid Hossain Razu, an SSC examinee of the village, also described the local environment.

"Any hartal and blockade is enforced brutally in our locality, totally disconnecting the upazila from the rest of the district," he said.

"It is not safe at all for any outsider to visit the area as an unfamiliar face may come under attack anytime," he added.

Alleged Jamaat-Shibir men on November 25 hacked three Jubo League men with sharp weapons at Khaerhat, just a quarter kilometre away from Sayedee's house in Sayeedkhali.

The attackers stabbed Akman Sarder, vice-president of Jubo League Balipara union, in the eyes and severed tendons of a ward unit Jubo League president, Bahadur Khan.

Bahadur's cousin Ruma Akhtar notes, "The situation is so frightening that I along with my elderly mother dare not stay home at night."

Shawpon Shil, a Jubo League activist and a barber by profession, was killed on October 27 at Balipara Bazar during a hartal.

Unidentified miscreants hacked Mostofa Hawlader, a

witness in Sayedee's case, early morning on December 8 at Hoglabunia village. Mostofa succumbed to his injuries later.

On December 12, opposition activist Sukkur Ali was shot at Ghosherhat as an alleged Awami League leader opened fire on a BNP-Jamaat procession protesting hanging of war criminal Abdul Quader Mollah. Sukkur died the following day.

Talking to The Daily Star at Indurkani Bazar, a local Bangladesh Chhatra League leader, Masud Ahmed Rana, said most of the leaders and activists of Awami League and its affiliated organisations have fled in fear of attacks.

"People are deeply horrified and do not come out of their houses unless it is an urgent need...The law enforcers deployed to maintain law and order are themselves in panic," he said.

Zianagar unit Jamaat Secretary Abdul Hai, however, blamed the ruling party for all the crimes.

"We have been ousted from the locality by ruling party men and accused in hundreds of police cases...how could we have committed such crimes?" he said.

But contrary to his claims, this correspondent saw a few shops owned by ruling party men left vandalised and looted and a tin-shed party office overturned at Dhepachabunia, close to Sayedee's home.



PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina views one of the weapons and equipment handed over to Bangladesh Army at the Ad Hoc Army Aviation Group Tarmac in Dhaka Cantonment yesterday. The weapons and equipment include guns that fire self-propelled ammunition, anti-tank guided missiles, lightly armoured vehicles and sound ranging equipment.

## Several hundred struggle

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Education Centre (Verc), a non-government organisation, which surveyed 540 affected families before drawing its conclusion.

Last week, about 70 families gathered at Verc's Savar office under its "Recovery Support to Building

Collapse People for Savar Tragedy" project, supported by Save the Children, where this correspondent caught up with the story of Asha.

Within the capacity of the project, Verc is providing 176 children, including Asha, with educational facilities, instant financial

help, and vocational training to their guardians, said Babul Moral, the project manager.

Each of the children was given Tk 1,500 as instant financial support, while 100 of them got Tk 20,000 in their fixed deposit accounts, he told The Daily Star.

## MKA's amnesia

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are already set to be declared elected unopposed.

"A total of 12 political parties are contesting in this election. We do not see any logical reason to consider the polls incomplete if a political party, which has less than 10 percent representation in the current parliament, does not

join the polls," Alamgir said yesterday.

Former home minister Alamgir, also convener of AL's Election Commission Affairs Sub-committee that was formed to maintain liaison between the party and the EC during the polls, was talking to reporters after a meeting with the

chief election commissioner (CEC) at the EC Secretariat.

"On behalf of Awami League and the sub-committee, we have expressed our determination to cooperate with the commission for holding the election peacefully," said Alamgir, who led the 9-member sub-committee during the meeting.

## Road crashes kill seven

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Our Chittagong correspondent adds, Kamal Uddin, 28, of Mirsarai upazila, died after a truck ran him over in Bhatiyar of Sitakunda upazila yesterday.

Our Narail correspondent reports, a person was killed and

five others were injured when an improvised motorised three-wheeler carrying them fell into a roadside ditch at Soloigram in Kuciamora of Magura Sadar upazila. Deceased Choncol Mollah, 27, of the village, was the driver.

## US again calls for meaningful talks

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its views, and the opposition must use such space responsibly and peacefully."

Mozena mentioned that US Secretary of State John Kerry had helped this effort by writing to the leaders of the two major parties and by calling the

prime minister recently.

He said Bangladesh, as the world's seventh largest country, third largest Muslim-majority country and a moderate, tolerant and democratic alternative to violent extremism, mattered to the US.

## Speaker terms

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tantamount to promoting culture of impunity and damaging rule of law, she added.

She made the remarks after attending the concluding ceremony of the museum's centenary celebrations.

Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu said, "We used to be oppressed by the Pakistanis. But we became free in 1971. Now we have to shake off the filth of terrorism and militarism."

Chairman of the board of trustees of the museum M Azizur Rahman and Cultural Affairs Secretary Dr Ranjit Kumar Biswas also spoke at the programme.

They unveiled a book titled "Centenary Commemorative Volume (1913-2013)" and a journal titled "Bangladesh Jatiya Jadughar Potrika".

The Pakistan National Assembly on December 16 adopted the resolution.

## Chinese vice minister

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leaders of the major political parties, including Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, opposition leader Khaleda Zia and Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad.

Sources said the Chinese vice minister has sought appointment to meet Hasina, Khaleda, Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali and Foreign Secretary Shahidul Haque.

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