

Obituary

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Dr M Sayeedul Haq, former adviser to the Office of the Prime

Minister of Fiji, died of a cardiac arrest Monday, aged 59.

He left behind his wife Sarwar Sultana, former acting cabinet member and head of the East Timor civil service; brother Prof Zahidul Haque of Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University and sister Jasmin Ara Haq, says a press release.

Sayeedul Haq was the son of late Azizul Haq and late Syeda Sultana Haq and son-in-law of late Justice Sikandar Ali.

His quikhwani and doa mahfil will be held tomorrow after Asr prayers at his house-52, road-16 (new), road-27 (old), Dhanmondi, Dhaka.

In Bangladesh, he worked in Philips as head of department and controller of its factories.

Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the 10th death anniversary of Marium Shamim, former country manager of Biman Bangladesh Airlines.

On this day in 2004, she died while undergoing treatment at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University.

She was also a renowned cultural activist.

Her family has requested all to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

Key Shibir

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police constable Siddhartha Chandra Sarker on December 26 last year.

Meanwhile, Shibir Rajshahi city unit issued a press release threatening to launch a tough movement if the arrestees were not freed immediately.

Liberation War Museum

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Jamaat chief Ghulam Azam, former BNP minister Abdul Alim was jailed till death and Jamaat leader Abdul Quader Mollah sentenced to life term.

The Supreme Court's Appellate Division, overruling the life term, sentenced Mollah to death. He was executed in December 2013.

One of the tribunals' deputy registrars, Arunav Chakraborty, and another trustee of the museum, Akku Chowdhury, were present.

No contradiction in PWs'

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in prosecution witnesses' statements.
The attorney general yesterday told the apex court that there was no question about the reliability of three prosecution witnesses -- Mahbul Alam Hawlader, Ruhul Amin Nabin and Sultan Ahmed Hawlader -- regarding the charge.

A five-member bench of the Appellate Division of the SC fixed today for resuming hearing for the 36th day.

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CORRIGENDUM of Tender Ref. No. 2014/1698

The following changes have been made in "Eligibility of Tenderer" of above mentioned Tender:

Sub-criteria (04) & (05) will be wholly replaced by the following sub-criteria.

(04) Supplier enlistment certificate from UN or any other international organization is required (Relevant document needs to be attached.)

(05) The satisfactory completion of similar service of minimum Taka 01 (One) crore under maximum five contracts in the last three years. (Relevant document needs to be attached)

All other information in the said Tender notice will remain unchanged.

Project Manager,
Police Reform Programme (PRP), UNDP



The Green University of Bangladesh accords a reception to Language Movement heroes on the occasion of International Mother Language Day on February 22 at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the capital. The honorees are Abdul Matin, Ahmed Rafiq, Justice Kazi Abadul Haque, Justice Kazi Ebadul Haque, Prof Dr Sharifa Khatun, Manowara Islam, Prativa Mutsuddi, Rowshan Ara Bachchu, Rezaul Karim, Sabir Ahmed Chowdhury, Khalit Kazi, Dr Jashim Uddin Ahmed, Shamsul Huda, Prof Abdul Gafur, Prof Dr Ahsanul Haque, Mirza Mazharul Islam, Abdul Karim Pathan, Fazle Ali, Khaja Mohiuddin, Prof Fule Huossain, Muhammad Ziad Ali and Tofazzal Hossain. Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid was the chief guest at the programme presided by Vice-Chancellor of Green University of Bangladesh Prof Md Golam Samdani Fakir.

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Reshuffle in civil admin

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science and technology ministry.

Chairman of Land Appeal Board Mohammad Shafiul Alam has been transferred to the land ministry as secretary while secretary of Public Service Commission Secretariat Md Babul Hasan made religious affairs secretary.

Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (BEZA) executive member Md Kaikobad has been appointed as the Dhaka Transport Coordination Board's executive director while director of the Directorate General of Family Planning Ganesh Chandra Sarker

promoted to the post of the director general and additional secretary (OSD) Md Mizanur Rahman an executive member of BEZA.

Additional secretary of the local government division Juena Aziz has been made director general of its implementation, monitoring and evaluation unit.

Joint secretary (OSD) Md Mofazzal Hossain has been made director of the Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation while joint secretary (OSD) Abdur Rahim Bhuiyan director of Jatiya Krira Parishad.

25 students get golden tickets

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The successful students are from three schools of the capital. The schools are Vigarunnisa Noon School and College, Milestone School and College and Aga Khan School.

Throughout February, students from class VI to X, except the SSC examinees and O level candidates, can participate in the Spelling Bee by logging onto champs21.com.

The champion will win an education

policy worth Tk 5 lakh, sponsored by Metlife Alico, and a chance to visit Washington DC along with a parent. BSRM and Faber-Castell are two other sponsors this year.

Spellato, an android phone app, introduced by champs21.com can be a great means for students who want to prepare for the Spelling Bee or just want to enrich their vocabulary. Anyone can download the app from Google play store.

Govt considering financial assistance

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She also outlined the foreign policies expected to be taken for neighbouring and other countries, especially China, Japan, South Korea, the United States and the United Kingdom, and Africa, the Muslim world and the European Union.

The government also plans to provide all

non-resident Bangladeshis machine readable passports by next year, she added.

She also informed that 82.60 lakh people got jobs during her immediate past government's five years and that 62.60 lakh internal jobs were created between 2009-10 and 2012-13 while 20 lakh Bangladeshis migrated abroad for jobs.

Road crash kills 2

UNB, Rajbari

Two employees of the Roads and Highways Department were killed as a bus crashed into their motorcycle at Khankhanapur in Sadar upazila yesterday.

BGB arranges

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lowed by a cultural programme at Rabindra Sarobar in the city's Dhanmondi marking the fifth anniversary of the bloodshed.

Family members of the slain people lighted earthen lamps seeking eternal peace of the departed souls.

Tears were seen rolling down from some of the slain officers' family members while a documentary on the Pilkhana tragedy was screened on the occasion.

35 hurt

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likely accident.

Admitting the fact, Station Master Ayub Hossain Mollah said due to mechanical fault the tracks of the intercity train could not be changed.

However, the matter will be investigated, he said.

Independent body must

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space in line with workers' safety protocols, he said.

The government must establish an emergency rescue team and an information centre to make workers aware of workplace hazards, he said.

DCHT Chairman Prof Quazi Quamruzzaman, chairing the session, said workers' rights were often denied, including their right to occupational safety and health.

"Disaster whether natural or man-made is an opportunity for good business for many in Bangladesh," he said.

Prof h. c. D. I. Karl-Heinz Noetel, vice president of ISSA, Germany, and DCHT Coordinator Prof Mahmuder Rahman also spoke.

One-stop solution for books

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books of a variety of genres by different publishers are on sale there.

Asked about this, Ahad said, "I have not taken permission (from Bangla Academy) in that sense but selling books on other subjects is necessary to cover the cost of running the stall."

The academy official, Anwar, said, "They will look into the matter."

Meanwhile, the time of the book fair was extended yesterday by half an hour. Today, the fair will open at 3:30pm and continue till 9:00pm.

The fair yesterday saw arrival of 107 books and the publication ceremonies of 14.

Robber threatens to kill

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election violence late last year, police and local Hindus decided on night vigilance by the villagers themselves.

"This action enraged Ashraf, who thought it was me who organised the watch," said Debashish, who instantly informed police of the incident.

SM Akhtaruzzaman, superintendent of police (SP) in Pirojpur, told The Daily Star, "We are occupied with upazila elections and will look into the incident after the polls."

Intelligence officials are tracking him through the phone number, he said, adding that they could not arrest the robber, as "he always changes his whereabouts".

Rafiqul's role recalled

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Shaheed Dibash (Martyrs' Day), as International Mother Language Day in 1999, opening the way for the world to celebrate the importance of all languages. For his role, Rafiqul Islam received the Ekushey Padak in 2001.

"He also had a vision of simplifying the Bangla alphabet to make it easier for people to achieve literacy," said novelist Selina Hossain, addressing the memorial at the capital's National Museum, attended also by Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid and Professor Emeritus Anisuzzaman. Rafiqul Islam died in Vancouver, Canada in November 2013.

Fight communalism

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Bangladesh has should be changed for women's empowerment and development.

Former foreign minister Dipu Moni presented the keynote paper.

NHRC members--Aroma Dutta and Nirupa Dewan--, among others, spoke at the programme.

Hash House Harriers nat'l meet today

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Hash House Harriers clubs in Dhaka and Chittagong will hold their three-day national meet in Sreemangal from today.

The meet titled "Nash Hash 2014" will include cross-country runs and/or walks of 5 to 10 kilometres in the country side in Sreemangal.

Hash House Harriers is an international recreational jogging club. The clubs comprise male and female members, including resident foreigners and Bangladeshi businesspersons and professionals. Some tea planters will also participate in the event.

Correction

The Daily Star published a news of the 37th death anniversary of freedom fighter and naval officer Lt AM Ataul Haque on February 23.

As per a press release from a family member, it stated "since liberation he served as the acting chief of Bangladesh Navy until April 1972".

Later, in another press release, the family member corrected the information saying "Lt Haque officially was not acting chief of the force". The family member regrets the error.

Awarding ceremony

Independent University, Bangladesh will organise "Long Service Award Ceremony"; Venue: its Bashundhara R/A campus; Time: 4:00pm.

Drama festival

Bangladesh Manobadhikar Natya Parishad will organise the inauguration of the "8th national human rights drama festival"; Venue: Rabindra Sarobar; Time: 4:30pm.

Drama

TheatreX Bangladesh will perform "Kabar", written by Munier Chowdhury; Venue: Curzon Hall, Dhaka University; Time: 7:00pm.

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