

# Jharna Dhara

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in 1990 took over the responsibility of the trust which works directly with 25,000 poor families, both Muslims and Hindus.

She has been supervising the trust as its secretary. She received the prestigious Padma Shri civilian award from Indian President Pranab Mukherjee last year for her outstanding role in social services. At the age of eight, Jharna was motivated by Indian independence leader Mahatma Gandhi's principles of non-violence, self-reliance and community work and stayed single to focus on her work like many followers.

# Policy to protect

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he informed. Although child domestic workers are a common sight in the country and they often face serious physical and mental health risks, the government has not included domestic labour in its list of 38 hazardous jobs published last year. Speakers at the discussion urged the government to include domestic labour in the list of hazardous jobs for children. In his keynote presentation, Abdullah Al Mamun, programme coordinator of Manusher Jonno Foundation, said domestic labour for children is risky in every sense. The government as well as the private sector should work together to prevent more children from becoming child labour. Ashrafunnessa, joint secretary of the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, said child labour could be prevented substantially if every parent registered the birth of their children within 45 days of birth.

# '1971: Bhetore Baire'

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political party were initially recruited for conducting the guerrilla war and many suitable youths were rejected just because they did not belong to that party. "The nation had to pay the price for the low performance of those who were initially recruited," he said, adding that during the last five months, however, suitable youths were recruited bringing a change to the initial strategy. Chairing the programme, history professor Sirajul Islam said the book provided a balanced presentation of history and the outline of the war and the interest of different vested groups surrounding the war came up in it. Khandaker represented Bangladesh in the surrender ceremony of the Pakistani forces to the allied forces after the Liberation War on December 16, 1971.

# Obituary

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur



Mozammel Hossain, former Jatiya Party president and lawmaker

from Kurigram-3 (Ulipur) constituency and younger brother of JP Chairman HM Ershad, died of a cardiac arrest at Rangpur Medical College Hospital on Monday night. He was 72, and left behind his wife, only son, Hossain Mokbul Shahriar Asif, former lawmaker of Rangpur-1 (Gangachara), and two daughters. He was buried at Munshipara graveyard yesterday.

## Mohammad Farooq



Mohammad Farooq, sponsor of Shahjalal Islami Bank Ltd and president of Bangladesh Chemical and Perfumery Merchant Association, died of heart attack on Monday in India. He was 70.

Two consecutive namaz-e-janazas will be held at Armanitola Ground and at Baitul Mukarram National Mosque tomorrow after Zohar prayers. He left behind three sons and will be buried at his Begum Bazar family graveyard in old Dhaka. All are requested to attend.

# Abul Mansur

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One of the greatest satirists of Bengali literature, Abul Mansur Ahmad was also a renowned politician, lawyer and a leading journalist. He was the editor of the Daily Krishak, Nabajug and Ittehad in undivided Bengal and a pioneer in progressive journalism.

A successful politician, Abul Mansur Ahmad was the provincial education minister in the United Front cabinet under Sher-e-Bangla AK Fazlul Huq in 1954 and the central commerce and industries minister in the Awami League government of Prime Minister Hossain Shaheed Suhrawardy in 1957. He was known for his strong stand on matters of interest to East Bengal.

Abul Mansur Ahmad's publications include great satires like Aina, Asmani Purdah, Gulliverer Safar Nama and Food Conference. His works also include important writings on social and political history of Bengal. He has two autobiographical writings—Atma Katha (About Myself) and Amar Dekha Rajinir Panchash Bachar (50 years of politics as I have seen it).

Abul Mansur Ahmad always propagated secularism in a manner unparalleled in the forties, fifties and sixties. His contribution towards opposition movement in the early days of Pakistan was extremely significant.

He wrote about the language issue from the early forties and contributed to the Language Movement as editor of the Ittehad. He was the author of Ekush Dafa, the election manifesto of Jukta Front (a grand coalition of the three giants of our politics, Sher-e-Bangla AK Fazlul Huq, Moulana Bhashani and Shaheed Suhrawardy) in the 1954 election, in which the Muslim League was routed as a political party. The 21-point programme (Ekush Dafa) was the first comprehensive articulation of the political, economic and cultural demands of the Bengalis of the then eastern part of Pakistan.

Abul Mansur Ahmad was one of the greatest political personalities of the subcontinent who combined rare talents in three distinct fields—politics, journalism and literary writing.

Bangla Academy has published the works of Abul Mansur Ahmad in three volumes and three more volumes are under process of printing.

# Home bosses' meet

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and to explore possible measures to cope with these threats," said Nepalese Foreign Ministry spokesman Khaga Nath Adhikari in Kathmandu yesterday.

Diplomatic sources said the home ministers and officials are expected to discuss sharing of information, knowledge and experiences in countering security threats from non-state sectors, such as drug smuggling, human trafficking, terrorism, small arms and counterfeit currency smuggling. The sixth meeting of South Asian home ministers is being held ahead of the 18th Saarc summit set for Kathmandu on Nov 22-27.

# Obituary

CITY DESK



Nafiz Alam died of a heart attack at his home in Tallahassee of Florida in USA

on August 2. He was 56. He left behind his wife and two children. He was buried in the capital's Banani graveyard.

He obtained a bachelor's degree in sociology and anthropology from Jacksonville State University in Alabama. He worked at Apalachee Center in Tallahassee as a programme supervisor for rehabilitation and social reintegration of mental health patients.

## Death Anniversary

CITY DESK



Today is the 9th death anniversary of Awami League leader Advocate

Abidur Reza Khan. A close associate of Bangabandhu, he was one of the signatories of Bangladesh Constitution. Abidur Reza Khan Memorial Council has organised a programme on this occasion including food distribution among poor at his major in Mirpur Intellectuals Graveyard. Similar programmes also have been organised at his Bhederganj village home in Shariatpur.

# SC resumes hearing

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June 6 last year seeking acquittal from charges brought against him.

During hearing yesterday, Kamaruzzaman's lawyer SM Shahjahan argued before the Appellate Division of the SC to dismiss the charges brought against him of killing one Badiuzzaman in 1971.

According to the charges, on June 29, 1971, under the leadership of Kamaruzzaman, a group of Al-Badr members abducted Badiuzzaman of Ramnagar village in Jhenaigati of Sherpur. He was tortured at Ahmmed Nagar army camp and was gunned down the following day.

The defence lawyer told the apex court yesterday that the ICT-2 had sentenced Kamaruzzaman to life term imprisonment on the basis of hearsay statements from the prosecution witnesses which were not reliable.

A four-member Appellate Division bench headed by Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha fixed today for resuming the hearing for 13th day on the appeal.

The court on July 23 had adjourned the hearing on the appeal till yesterday due to its 37-day annual vacation which started on July 25.

# Witness presents

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general secretary and later vice-chairman in Pabna, conducting prosecutor Sultan Mahmud Simon told The Daily Star yesterday. While the nation was engaged in a life-and-death battle, Subhan joined a by-election to the Pakistan National Assembly from Pabna and was elected uncontested, Simon said, adding that Subhan's name was on the list.

He said the name of Subhan and his alleged crimes were mentioned in the second report of People's Inquiry Commission, published on March 26, 1995.

After his testimony, the witness faced a brief cross-examination, during which he said he had no idea about the documents' authenticity. The tribunal adjourned the proceeding until today.

## TRIBUNAL-1

Meanwhile, in the war crimes case against Jamaat leader ATM Azharul Islam, defence counsel Abdus Subhan Tarafder spent over two hours arguing over matters, settled by the two tribunals in different war crimes cases earlier.

At one stage, the tribunal asked the defence how these matters would help his client, but Subhan Tarafder kept on arguing.

On the third day of arguments, the counsel argued on the case diary of the investigation officer, supply of primary investigation report during the arrest of Azharul, and the Collaborators Act. The proceeding was adjourned until today.

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