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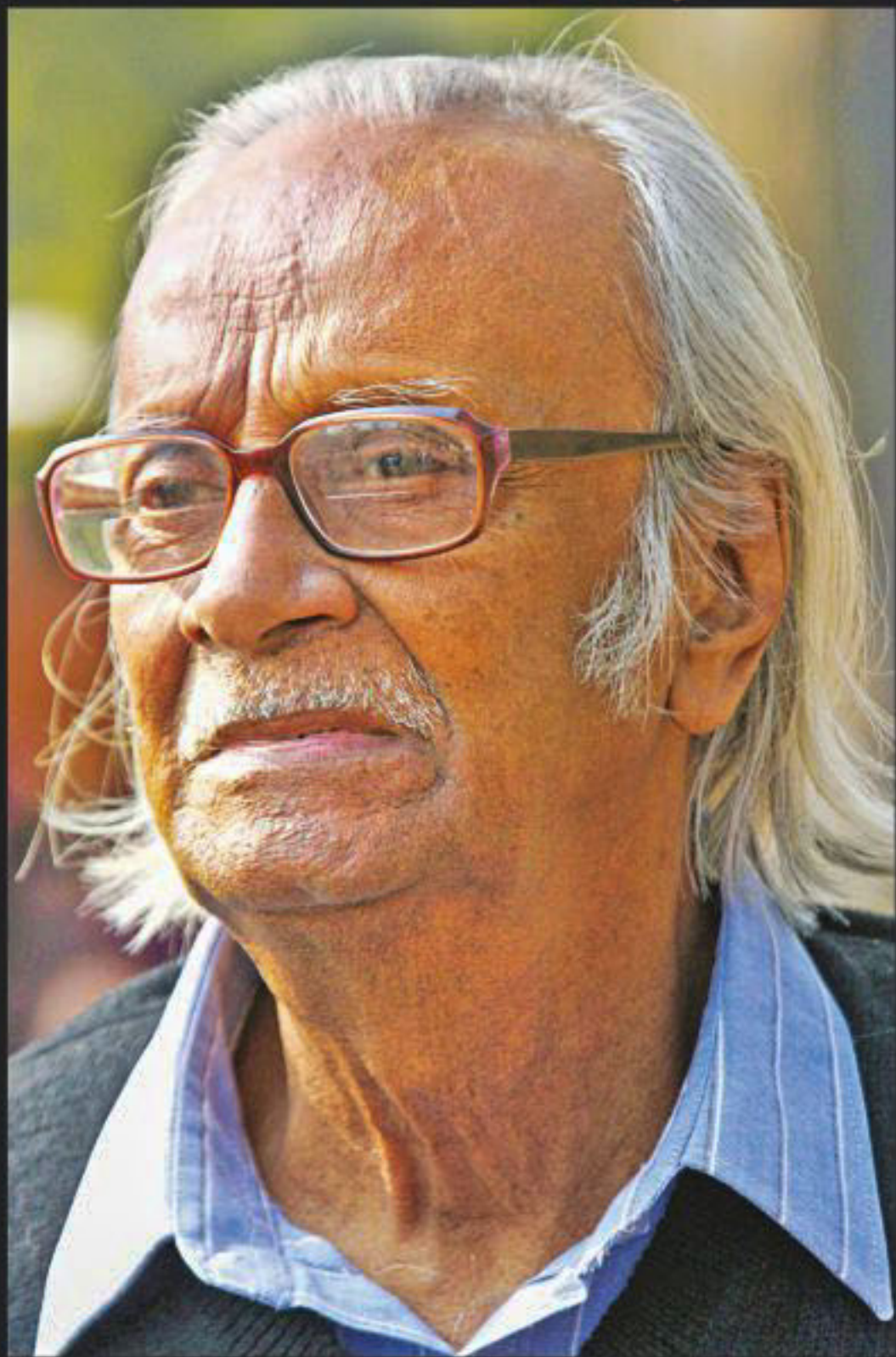
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INTO THE UNKNOWN

Qayyum, words he wanted to say



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

"There is something I forgot to say."

These were the last words of Qayyum Chowdhury. Nobody would ever know what the celebrated artist wanted to say. He collapsed right after, taking with him his unspoken words to the great beyond.

The 82-year-old painter spoke as the special guest before a 25,000 strong crowd of music connoisseurs at the Bengal Classical Music Festival at the capital's Army Stadium last night.

In his speech, Qayyum talked about the chronology of art practices in Bangladesh. "It was the musicians -- the likes of Jasimuddin and Abdul Alim -- whose music inspired me to portray the opulence of my country on canvas," he said.

Delivering his speech, Qayyum got back to his seat. He again walked to the podium to say something. But he collapsed around 8:30pm.

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TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

Chaos all around

Commuters' lives at risk in city

JAMIL MAHMUD and SHAHEEN MOLLAH

Recklessness is now the name of the game and Dhaka city has become a dangerous place for everybody on the road, thanks to the sheer indifference of policemen in enforcing the law.

Buses stop anywhere at will. The whole city is today a big bus stop. At other times though they do not even stop to let their passengers get down. The helpers just ask passengers to jump off the running buses, just like they did in case of journalist Zaglul Ahmed Chowdhury who died the day before yesterday at Sonargaon crossing.

And passengers have become equally callous. They have forgotten their own safety.

The result: At least 134 dead and many more injured in 155 accidents in the metropolis this year alone.

But at the root of all this is the utter negligence of cops in enforcing the law.

At Sonargaon crossing yesterday after

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A policeman rushes in to help as a teenager tumbles onto the asphalt trying to get down from the bus. The bus pulled away just when he was getting off yesterday at Sonargaon intersection on Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue. The boy only had minor scratches. Less than 24 hours ago at the very intersection, journalist Zaglul Ahmed Chowdhury fell on the road the same way and was killed.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

Truck crashes into house

Teacher killed, 5 students hurt

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A teacher was killed and five students were injured when a lorry crashed into the roadside room he rented at Koromza village in Santhia upazila of the district yesterday.

The deceased, Nazrul Islam, 30, of village Dhopadah, was a teacher of Dhopadah Dakhil Madrasa.

He was giving tuition to eight students in the room around 5:00pm when a Baghabari-bound tank lorry rammed into the

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Student's death sparks violence

Islamic University closed after road accident kills him

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A student of the Islamic University (IU) was crushed under a bus yesterday, triggering widespread violence on the campus and prompting the authorities to shut the university indefinitely.

Enraged by the death of Wahiduzzaman Titu, 23, fellow students torched 13 buses, vandalised at least another 17, ransacked several university buildings including the administrative office, and clashed with law enforcers for hours.

At least 10 students were injured in the clashes.

Witnesses said Titu, a third year student of Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering department, tried to board a moving bus near the main entrance of the university around 12:10pm but tripped and fell on the road.

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STUNTED, UNDERWEIGHT

Sylhet division kids suffer the most

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sylhet division has the highest rate of children suffering from malnutrition and stunted growth, followed by Chittagong, though their poverty rates are among the lowest in the country.

At least 44.6 percent children below the age of five in Sylhet have stunted growth, while 38.5 percent are underweight, according to a new study titled "Undernutrition Maps of Bangladesh 2012".

In Chittagong, 42.1 percent children are suffering from stunted growth and 36.8 percent are underweight, as per the analysis based on the data from the Population and Housing Census 2011.

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DIVISION	STUNTING	UNDERWEIGHT
Barisal	39.7	33.4
Chittagong	42.1	36.8
Dhaka	40.4	32.3
Khulna	39.5	32.0
Rajshahi	41.0	34.0
Rangpur	42.1	35.7
Sylhet	44.6	38.5

SOURCE: UNDERNUTRITION MAPS OF BANGLADESH 2012

PM calls her govt multi-party

Slams Khaleda for boycotting polls; 4th session of parliament ends

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said her "multi-party" government was elected following due democratic process in the January 5 elections and the opposition in parliament has taken the "right democratic and institutional shape".

Hasina, also the Leader of the House, made these remarks in her valedictory speech at the 4th session of the 10th parliament yesterday.

Recalling the BNP's role in last parliament, she said the

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Khaleda's trial gets nod

SC upholds indictment in Zia Charitable Trust case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday scrapped BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia's petition against a High Court verdict that had upheld the charge framing against her by a lower court in the Zia Charitable Trust graft case.

A five-member bench of the Appellate Division headed by Chief Justice Md Muzammel Hossain passed the order hearing the leave-to-appeal petition filed on July 7.

The four other judges are Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha, Justice Md Wahhab



Miah, Justice Hasan Foez Siddique and Justice AHM Shamsuddin Chowdhury Manik.

The bench held a long discussion before passing the order around 9:50am yesterday, said court sources.

Hours after the SC order, Khaleda submitted two more

petitions with the HC expressing no confidence in Special Judges Court-3 of Dhaka judge Basudev Roy, who had framed the charges against her and eight others in Zia Charitable Trust and Zia Orphanage Trust graft cases.

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Pioneer Insurance Settles the Largest Insurance Claim in Bangladesh

Pioneer Insurance has settled the Largest Property Insurance Claim in the history of Bangladesh. On 27 November 2014, the Managing Director of Pioneer Insurance Company Limited Mr. Q.A.F.M. Serajul Islam handed over a cheque worth Tk. 35,00,00,000.00 (Taka Thirty-five Crore) to Mr. Emdad Hossain, Director (Production), Aswad Composite Mills Limited of Palmal Group as a part payment of total claim amounting to Tk. 147,95,06,490.00 (Taka One hundred forty-seven Crore Ninety-five lakh six thousand four hundred ninety) against their Fire Insurance Claim. Senior Executives of both the organizations were present on the occasion.

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RAILWAY JOB GRAFT

Mridha's name dropped from charge sheet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday submitted charge sheets in two cases filed in connection with railway recruitment graft, dropping the name of suspended general manager of Bangladesh Railway (East Zone) Yusuf Ali Mridha.

Two assistant directors of the anti-graft watchdog submitted the two charge sheets to the court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (CMM) Mashiur Rahman Chowdhury, said ACC Public Prosecutor Mahmudul Haque.

The investigators did not find Mridha's involvement with the scam involving appointment of some railway loco masters and food inspectors, said Mahmudul.

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