

### Ex-MP Fazlul Karim passes away

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Former lawmaker Fazlul Karim, also a Language Movement veteran and an organiser of the Liberation War, died of old age complications at his residence in Thakurgaon town yesterday. He was 89.

He was elected a member of East Pakistan National Assembly in 1970.

His first namaz-e-janaza will be held on Thakurgaon Government Boys' High School premises today at 11:00am. He will be buried at Thakurgaon old graveyard.

Politicians, among others, expressed deep shock at this death.

Zafar Ahmed Chowdhury CITY DESK

Alhaj Zafar Ahmed Chowdhury, a businessman in Chittagong, died in Singapore on Tuesday, says a press release.

He left behind his wife Hasina Begum; two sons Riyadh Zafar Chowdhury and Rajiv Zafar Chowdhury; and two daughters Zarin Zafar Chowdhury and Zafreen Zafar Chowdhury.

### CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS School enrolment doubled in 6yrs

Claims primary and mass education minister; inaugurates 3-day international conference

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The number of disabled children enrolled in schools has doubled in the last six years for the government's initiatives, Primary and Mass Education Minister Mostafizur Rahman said yesterday, at the inaugural ceremony of a three-day international conference on inclusive education in the capital.

He said the conference gave an opportunity to share experiences to promote inclusive education and thus help educate more children with special needs, from indigenous communities, and from disadvantaged sections of society.

Researchers and educationists of Bangladesh and 16 other countries are taking part in the event with the theme, "Achieving Inclusive Education through Post EFA Goals 2015-How Far Are We?" at the Proyash Institute of Special Education and Research in Dhaka Cantonment.

The Asian Centre for Inclusive Education organised the event with support from 10 organisations including Proyash, Unesco, Plan International, Manusher Jonno Foundation, Sightsavers, CBM, Save the Children, Niketan, DRR, and ActionAid.

### No ETPs in 300 factories

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Md Alamgir told the news agency that DoE teams will conduct drives soon in the areas, especially in Tongi to take action against the factories.

The DoE director, however, said most of the factories in other parts of the country have already set up ETPs but many factories do not use ETPs at nighttime, an emerging problem.

The DoE cannot force the factories at Hazaribagh to use ETPs as the tanneries could not be shifted to Savar over a decade after the industries ministry undertook a project in 2003.

According to a recent report of Poribesh Bachao Andolon (Poba), about 21,000 cubic metres of untreated toxic waste is released every day from the Hazaribagh tanneries into the Buriganga River.

Poba Chairman Abu Naser Khan told the news agency that the progress of the relocation project is very slow.



Pahari Chhatra Parishad, Dhaka city unit stages a rally at the Raju memorial on the Dhaka University campus yesterday demanding immediate implementation of the CHT peace accord and formation of a land commission. PHOTO: STAR

### Oil spill hit 500 sqkm area

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sank on December 9 last year spilling over 3.5 lakh litres of furnace oil, and its connected canals and creeks have been contaminated, says the draft of the report, "Impact of Oil Spillage on the Environment of Sundarbans".

Prepared by Prof Abdullah Harun Chowdhury of KU and three other teachers, the findings were presented at a press conference titled "One Month of Oil Spilling Disaster in Sundarban: Field Study, Investigation Report, Proposal and Programme" in the capital's Mukti Bhaban yesterday.

The National Committee for Protection of Oil-Gas and Mineral Resources, Electricity Sector and Ports organised the conference to announce its six-day Long March from Dhaka to the Sundarbans beginning March 11. The march aims at pressing for effective measures to protect the forest.

According to the survey, physiological activities and breeding systems of all aquatic plants, vertebrates and invertebrates including oxygen and

food producing phytoplankton, zooplanktons, insects, all fish, shrimp, crab, mudskipper, otter, fishing cat, dolphin, crocodile, turtle, and aquatic birds will be affected.

Comparisons between contaminated and non-contaminated areas show wide gaps in oil content in water and the population and number of species of phytoplankton (primary producer in the food chain). In affected areas, oil content was recorded at 295-1,650 mg/L, comparing with 6.68-11.3 mg/L elsewhere.

Internationally, the highest 10 mg/L is the tolerance limit for aquatic biodiversity, says the report, adding that higher concentrations create lethal conditions for aquatic life.

In addition, only 18 species of phytoplankton were found in affected areas, compared to 47 species in other places. The concentration of its population was also very poor—24-67 units per litre, while 226-456 units per litre were detected in non-contaminated zones.

Visiting 15 different locations hit by

contamination and three spots in non-affected areas on December 11-25, a research team collected water, soil and biological samples from a study area of over 1,200 sq km.

Laboratory tests and field study revealed high presence of total suspended solids, (decaying matter, industrial waste that affect stream health and aquatic life), chemical oxygen demand (which determines the amount of organic pollutants) and small populations of phytoplankton.

Calling for an immediate stop to the movement of cargo vessels through the forest and restoration of the previous Mongla-Ghashiakhali channel in six months, the committee member Kollol Mostafa said the natural recovery of the Sundarbans must be unhindered.

The forest sprawls over more than 6,000 sq km in Bangladesh territory.

Eng Sheikh Md Shahidullah, environmental activist Prof Anu Muhammad, singer Anusheh Anadil, and Eng Anupam Saikat Shanta were present.

### Death anniversary CITY DESK

Today is the seventh death anniversary of Mohammad Alam, a freedom fighter and a senior photojournalist of the daily Ittefaq.

On the occasion, a programme to distribute food among the destitute will be held at his residence in the capital, says a press release.

Alam got Ekushey award in 2007 for his contributions to photojournalism.

### Obituary

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Khandakar Golam Kader, freedom fighter and Bangladesh Awami League Bogra district unit, died of old age complications at Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital yesterday. He was 93.

He left behind his wife, five daughters and a son.

### Thirteen killed

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Chandanaish upazila in Chittagong early yesterday.

The injured, the auto-rickshaw passengers, were admitted to Chandanaish Upazila Health Complex.

Our Moulvibazar correspondent adds, motorcyclist Saju Ahmed, 25, died as he fell down from his bike after he had lost control over the vehicle in Rotna tea garden area of Juri upazila on Thursday evening.

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**Qulkhwani**

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to begin at 4:00pm, ASM Mainuddin Monem, Kamal's son-in-law, told The Daily Star yesterday.

Justice Kamal breathed his last at his Gulshan house on Monday. He was 81.

The eldest son of legendary singer Abbasuddin Ahmed left behind his three daughters Nashid Kamal, Naela Kamal and Nazeeza Kamal, brother Mustafa Zaman Abbasi and sister Ferdausi Rahman and a host of relatives.

**Online software**

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Commissioner in Dhaka Robert W Gibson told the reception, a part of Gobeshona Conference for Research on Climate Change in Bangladesh. Dr Monjur said it allows exploration of high-level energy, economy and emission pathway options and their impacts on land use, electricity, energy security and food.

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**Ishtiaque Ahmed Khan (Litu)**

9 October, 1970 to 10 January, 2010

**IN MEMORIAM**

Today is fifth death anniversary of Ishtiaque Ahmed Khan, an eminent philatelist, historian, author and a multi-dimensional research scholar. He was the only Fellow of the Royal Asiatic Society from Bangladesh and a member of the Royal Philatelic Society, London. On 25 February, 2010 Bangladesh Post Office issued a special postmark to commemorate his lifetime contribution to philately.

Ishtiaque was a Gregorian. He had contributed to Banglapedia and was author of "The Meter Franking Cancellations of Bangladesh" and translated and edited "The Principles of Scientific Management".

He was also awarded the Vermeil medal by the APS Stampshow, held in 2013, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA for his book "One Taka Inland Envelope of Bangladesh: A Comprehensive Study".

At the time of his demise, he was an M. Phil scholar, Management Department at the University of Dhaka. He was also a member of Dhaka Stock Exchange Ltd. Although not among us anymore, his memories remain as vivid today as it was on the day he died.

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