

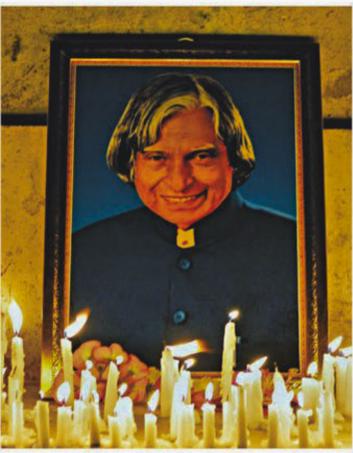
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Missile Man laid to rest



BBC ONLINE

Tens of thousands of people yesterday attended the funeral of former Indian president APJ Abdul Kalam in the southern state of Tamil Nadu.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the state funeral, which was held in Kalam's native town of Rameshwaram.

He served as India's 11th president from 2002 to 2007 and was known as "Missile Man" after pioneering the country's military missile programme.

He died on Monday after collapsing as he delivered a scientific lecture.

The funeral was carried out with full military honours and attended by prominent political leaders,

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Nazma Khatun being admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital last night. Inset, her newborn baby girl who suffered bullet injuries while in her womb and was brought to DMCH five days ago. Nazma got shot during a Jubo League factional clash in Magura on July 23.

PHOTO: STAR

BULLET-HIT MOTHER-DAUGHTER Reunion waits as fate hangs in balance

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nazma Khatun is too weak to move out of her bed. She had to undergo a two-hour caesarean operation just eight days ago after she was hit by a bullet during a factional clash between the Jubo League men.

Yet she had to brave an eight-hour journey from Magura to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where her newborn is being treated. The baby, named Suraiya by her father, suffered bullet injuries when her eight-month pregnant mother was shot in the abdomen during the factional clash in Magura on July 23.

A bullet pierced through Suraiya's right shoulder while she was in her mother's womb. Her right eye was also injured. Doctors said that it was almost a miracle that they survived.

Although Nazma did not have the chance to see her newborn yesterday, doctors took her breast milk for the baby. Suraiya's father Bacchu Bhuiyan told The Daily Star over the phone around 1:00am today. Nazma would meet her daughter in the morning, he said, quoting doctors.

He said doctors at the DMCH asked for Nazma as the newborn needed her mother's

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OUR TODAY'S WIDE ANGLE ON APJ KALAM

Govt to defend mobile court judgments

Assistant public prosecutors to be appointed to ADM courts; DC conference ends

HASAN JAHID TUSHER

The government will appoint assistant public prosecutors to additional district magistrate (ADM) courts to defend judgments of mobile courts, Law Minister Anisul Huq said yesterday.

"We have directed the public prosecutors to appoint assistant public prosecutors to ADM courts so that the verdicts of mobile courts can be defended," he told The Daily Star.

The move was made as per a written proposal by deputy commissioners (DCs),

also district magistrates.

The DC of Comilla at a meeting with the top law ministry officials suggested that the ministry should appoint government lawyers to ADM courts to make sure that the government can contest any appeal by convicts. Several DCs backed the proposal.

The meeting was held at the secretariat as part of the three-day DC Conference-2015, which ended yesterday.

Lawyers said any convict can file an appeal with the ADM court, challenging his conviction by a mobile court. Attorneys

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MUMBAI BLAST India hangs Yakub Memon

AFP, Mumbai

India yesterday executed convicted bomb plotter Yakub Memon for conspiring in the nation's deadliest attack, a series of blasts that killed hundreds in Mumbai more than two decades ago.

Memon was hanged at Nagpur jail in the western state of Maharashtra on his 53rd birthday after India's

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Europe-Australia non-stop flights!

MAILONLINE

Non-stop flights from Europe to Australia could become a reality thanks to a stunning "blended-wing" plane design with hybrid engines that

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JSC, JDC exams begin Nov 1

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Junior School Certificate (JSC) and Junior Dakhil Certificate (JDC) examinations will begin on November 1.

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PRAYER TIMING

JULY 30

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 4-20 12-45 5-00 6-50 8-15
JAMAAT 4-55 1-15 5-15 6-55 8-45
SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Skipper Mushfiqur Rahim struck highest 65 in Bangladesh's unimpressive first innings total of 246 for 8 on the opening day of the second and final Test against South Africa at Mirpur yesterday.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

Fine start, faulty ending

BISHWAJIT ROY

Batting-wise it was like the Chittagong Test revisited for the Tigers. A number of batsmen got the starts, settled in the middle but failed to convert those into big ones as South Africa took away the home side's early initiatives on the opening day of the second and final Test at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

The umpires took off the bails for the day soon after Dale Steyn, who became the joint second-quickest bowler to 400 Test wickets in terms of matches and the quickest in terms of deliveries, knocked down the stumps of Mohammad Shahid with Bangladesh slumping to 246 for 8 from a comfortable 180 for 3.

After Bangladesh captain Mushfiqur Rahim had won the toss and decided to bat under brilliant sunshine, the home team's batsmen promised a lot, only to suffer premature demises following some poor shot selections on a pitch that offered turn and bounce.

Eight wickets have fallen but the dismissal of skipper Mushfiqur, who made a half-century after ten innings, was the costliest for the Tigers. The little right-hander looked in good touch as he played the sweep shots with ease and perfectly came down the track to negotiate the ball until he trudged back to the dressing room shaking his head in utter disappointment after his appeal for a review against a caught behind decision was

turned down.

Dean Elgar's ball turned away sharply and the umpire raised his finger judging that it had kissed Mushfiqur's gloves. The replay showed a tiny spike on the Snicko but it was hardly conclusive whether it was because of the bottom of his bat hitting the ground or kissing the gloves, so the on-field umpire's call stayed and Mushfiqur's innings ended on 65 that came from 125 balls and was laced with seven sweetly-timed boundaries.

Two excellent partnerships - 69 runs between Mominul Haque and Imrul Kayes for the second wicket and 94 runs between Mahmudullah Riyad and Mushfiqur for the fourth wicket - provided the platform for the home

Afghan Taliban 'elect new leader'

Confirm Omar's death

AGENCIES

The Taliban yesterday confirmed the death of their leader Mullah Omar and elected his deputy to replace him, two militant commanders said yesterday.

Meanwhile, Pakistan yesterday said peace talks it was due to hold between the Afghan government and the Taliban today have been postponed. The Foreign Ministry said this was at the Taliban's request due to uncertainty over Mullah Omar's death.

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OUR FATHER KEPT A GARDEN

Our Father kept a garden - a garden of the heart;
He planted all the good things,
That gave our lives their start.
He turned us to the sunshine,
And encouraged us to dream:
Fostering and nurturing the seeds of self-esteem.

And when the winds and rain came,
He protected us enough;
But not too much because he knew
We would stand up strong and tough.

His constant good example,
Always taught us right from wrong;
Markers for our pathway that will last a lifetime long.
We are our Daddy's garden, We are his legacy.
Help us now to accept Allah's plan, and give us Sabr to bear this pain
We miss him now, our hearts are sore,
As time goes by, we miss him more.
His loving smile, his gentle face,
May the angels of Jannatul Ferdous receive him
and grant him everlasting peace.
Ameen.

-MAJOR MOSTAFA TANVEER (RETD.), TITASH TANVIR & SHAON TANVIR



MD. MOSHARRAF HUSAIN
(JANUARY 11, 1939 - JULY 27, 2015)



আমরা শোকাহত

ব্রিটিশ আমেরিকান টোবাকোর সাবেক প্রধান মানবসম্পদ কর্মকর্তা কাজী আনোয়ারুল ইসলাম বৃহস্পতিবার ভোর সোয়া ৩টার দিকে ৮১ বছর বয়সে আমাদের ছেড়ে চলে গেছেন। আনোয়ারুল ইসলাম দীর্ঘদিন খুলনায় ক্রিসেন্ট জুটমিলে কাজ করেছেন। তিনি ব্যবস্থাপনা বিষয়ক উপদেষ্টা হিসেবে অটবির সঙ্গে যুক্ত ছিলেন। আহছানিয়া মিশন গ্রুপের উপদেষ্টা হিসেবেও কাজ করেছেন। এছাড়া লেখালেখিও করতেন। মুক্তিযুদ্ধ নিয়ে তার লেখা 'আমার একাত্তর', ইংরেজি ভাষায় 'হিউম্যান রিসোর্স ম্যানেজমেন্ট প্র্যাকটিসেস ইন বাংলাদেশ', 'ইন দ্য ওয়াটারল্যান্ড অব বাংলাদেশ' ম্যানেজারস' ব্যাপক প্রশংসা কুড়িয়েছে। আনোয়ারুল ইসলাম দুই ছেলে, তিন মেয়ে, ১১ নাতি-নাতনিসহ অনেক গুণগ্রাহী রেখে গেছেন। আজ শুক্রবার বাদ জম্মা উত্তরা ৪ নম্বর সেন্টার জামে মসজিদে তার নামাজে জানাজা অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। সবাইকে তার বিদেহী আত্মার মাগফেরাত কামনা করার জন্য অনুরোধ করছি। - শোকাহত পরিবারবৃন্দ