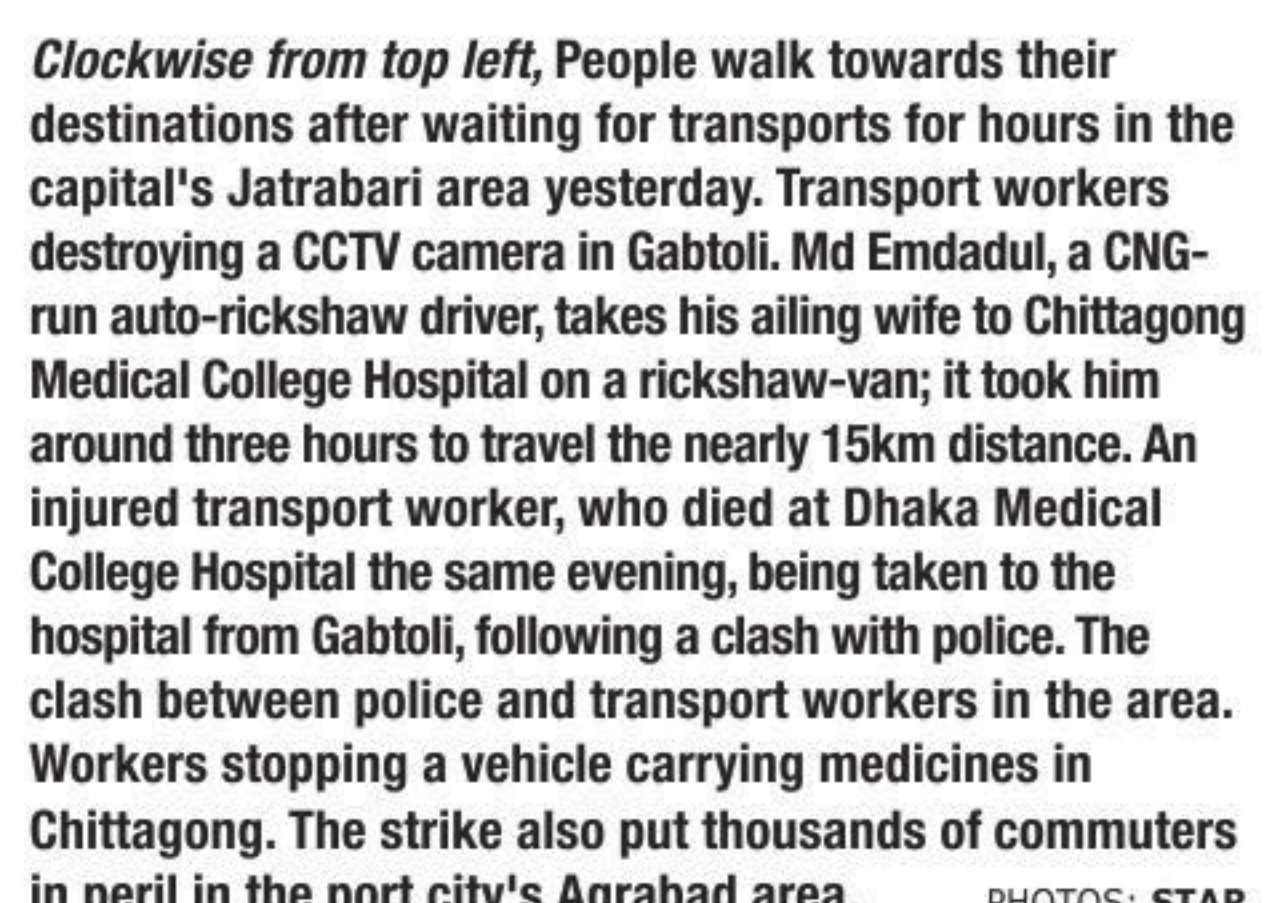




## MORE SUFFERINGS, MORE VIOLENCE

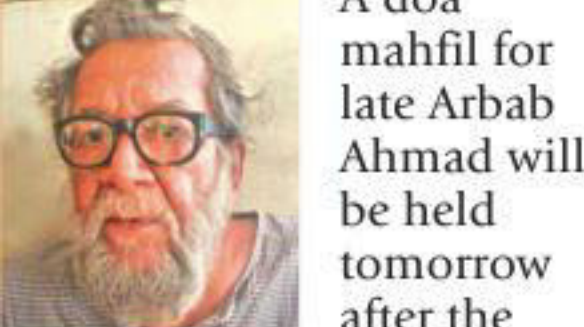


**Clockwise from top left,** People walk towards their destinations after waiting for transports for hours in the capital's Jatrabari area yesterday. Transport workers destroying a CCTV camera in Gabtoli. Md Emdadul, a CNG-run auto-rickshaw driver, takes his ailing wife to Chittagong Medical College Hospital on a rickshaw-van; it took him around three hours to travel the nearly 15km distance. An injured transport worker, who died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital the same evening, being taken to the hospital from Gabtoli, following a clash with police. The clash between police and transport workers in the area. Workers stopping a vehicle carrying medicines in Chittagong. The strike also put thousands of commuters in peril in the port city's Agrabad area.

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### Doa mahfil

CITY DESK



A doa mahfil for late Arbab Ahmad will be held tomorrow after the Asr prayers at House No-6, Road No-73, Gulshan-2, Dhaka.

His friends and relatives are invited to participate in it, says a press release.

Also known as Arbab Azam or Putu, Arbab died on Friday.

He left behind his two sons Atif and Yasin, and brothers Ahab and Ahrar.

Arbab was the second son of late Advocate Mohammad Azam and Syeda Hedayetunnessa, husband of Setara (Setu), and brother of Jhama and Keka.

### Obituary

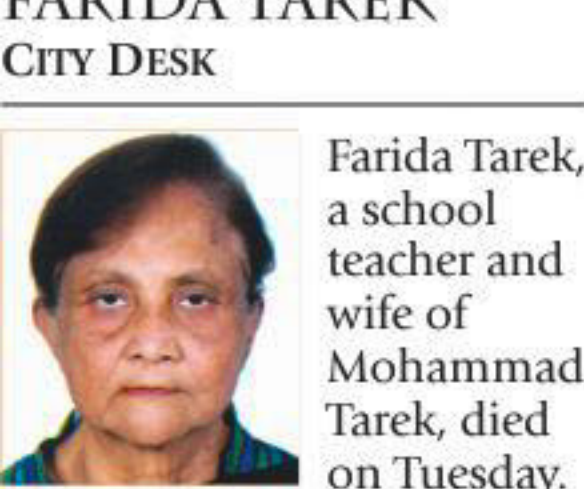
RU CORRESPONDENT

Sohrab Uddin Ahmed, a retired associate professor of Islamic history and culture department of Rajshahi University, died of his old-age complications at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital on Monday. He was 85.

He left behind his wife and four daughters and four sons, said a press release.

### FARIDA TAREK

CITY DESK



Farida Tarek, a school teacher and wife of Mohammad Tarek, died on Tuesday.

She was 72.

Sister of veteran actor Aly Zaker, she left behind her husband and two daughters.

## Recalled in tears of pride

128 police personnel who died while on duty honoured

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Karimon Nesa cannot hold back her tears whenever she speaks about her son.

Although the loss of her son has made her heartbroken, yet the mother sheds tears in pride as her son had sacrificed his life for the country.

"I am proud of my son," said Karimon Nesa, mother of Rabiul Karim, assistant commissioner of the Detective Branch of police, who died while on duty during the Gulshan attack on July 1 last year.

Karimon said she never had to worry when her son was alive. "After the death of my husband in 2006, my son took all the responsibilities on his shoulder."

But the family is now going through hardship due to the irreparable loss. Karimon said she would be happy now if Rabiul's wife gets a job.

"As my son was a student at

Jahangirnagar University, the university authorities decided to offer her a job there. She appeared at an interview but we're still in dark," she said.

Karimon was sharing her agonies with The Daily Star at "Police Memorial Day" held at Police Staff College in the capital's Mirpur yesterday.

For the first time, "Police Memorial Day" was held across the country in remembrance of the law enforcement personnel who were killed in the line of duty during 2015-2016. 128 of such families were honoured yesterday.

Sumi Akhter, wife of constable Julhas Miah, said her husband died on a road accident at the Gulistan intersection on February 9 last year. Sumi, the mother of two, is now working as a security guard at Bangladesh National Museum in Shahbagh.

Though I feel honoured today, but the pension is not adequate to run a

family. It would be helpful if we get a ration card," she said.

In Nilphamari, Asaduzzaman, sub-inspector of Dimla police, was stabbed by miscreants while he tried to stop a truck carrying stolen goods, on Teesta bridge in 2015.

His wife, Tahrima Akhtar Rita, said she felt happy that the district police honoured her husband.

Yesterday, Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan inaugurated the day centrally at Police Staff College at 10:00am.

Inspector General of Bangladesh Police AKM Shahidul Hoque said, "Their sacrifices made the police proud. We are forever indebted."

"Now, it is our responsibility to be with their families," he added.

From now on, the day will be observed on March 1 countrywide.

The total number of police personnel who laid their lives while on duty in the last 25 years was 1,139.

### 5-day training of trainers ends

CITY DESK

A five-day training for 12 national trainers ended at the Scout Bhaban in the capital on Tuesday.

They will train 480 Scouts under a project, "Youth Mental Health First Aid for Rural Communities of Bangladesh," funded by Australasian Aid, said a press release.

Chief trainer Jeremy Voaden from Mental Health First Aid England was assisted by Monira Rahman. Meegan Brotherton from Australian Safe Communities Foundation and Aslam Shikder supervised it. Habibur Alam Bir Protik, vice president of Bangladesh Scouts, handed over certificates at the event inaugurated by National Commissioner (Training) Md Moshin.

## ERECTING BOUNDARY WALLS Quader asks Khulna MP to apologise

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader yesterday rebuked party lawmaker Sheikh Nurul Haque from Khulna-6 for constructing boundary walls, blocking entrance of a local AL leader's house.

Quader warned of taking organisational action against him if he repeats the same misdeed, said sources.

He also asked Nurul Haque and his son Sheikh Monirul Islam to seek apology publicly. Nurul Haque, however, regretted his acts.

Nurul Haque and his son had erected boundary walls around the house of Abdul Aziz Goldar, general secretary of Ward-4 Awami League of Paikgachha municipality, in an attempt to grab it. The matter came to light after some newspapers published reports on it.

The local administration on Sunday demolished the boundary walls ending the one-year confinement.

Quader, also the minister for Road Transport and Bridges, summoned the MP and his son yesterday evening at the party president's Dhanmondi office. Aziz and his family members were also present.



## Naogaon road crash kills two

CITY DESK

An army man and a local Awami League leader were killed in a road accident in Dhamoirhat upazila of Naogaon yesterday morning.

The deceased were Forhad Hossain, 30, of Uttar Chakrahmatpur village and Abdul Mannan, 35, of Bostabar village in the upazila.

Forhad was a soldier at Jessore army camp and was on leave while Mannan was the secretary of Alampur union unit of AL. They were brothers-in-laws, said police.

The incident occurred when a truck hit their motorcycle in Talkuri area leaving Forhad dead on the spot, said Rakibul Islam, officer-in-charge of Dhamurhat Police Station.

Mannan succumbed to his injuries on the way to Dhamoirhat Health Complex. Police seized the truck but the driver and helper fled, said the OC.



Participants and trainers of the five-day training at the Scout Bhaban in Dhaka's Kakrail on Tuesday.

## ACC submits charges against seven

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday submitted charge sheet against seven persons, including six incumbent and former government officials, for allegedly dodging taxes between 1997 and 1998.

The accused are: suspended deputy managers of Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation (BPC) Bulbul Akhtar, Syed Md Nazmul Arefin and Rawshan Ara; BPC's former customs inspectors Kazi Rafiqul Islam and Kalidas Pada; retired account superintendent of Biman Bangladesh Air Lines ABM Jakaria and one Kamruzzaman Rubel.

According to the charge sheet, Rubel made 216 fake passbooks on the name of employees and privileged persons which he with the help of other accused used to buy beer, wine and cigarette from BPC's tax free shop in Mohakhali.

ACC's Deputy Assistant Director Nazim Uddin, also the investigation officer, said Rafiq and Kalidas filed a writ petition with the High Court soon after the case was filed in 2006.

The investigation began after the HC had vacated the petition in August 2016.

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