



## Mohammad Serajuddin passes away

**CITY DESK**  
 Mohammad Serajuddin, former director general of River Research Institute, died at Square Hospital yesterday. He was 89.  
 He will be buried in his family graveyard following his second namaz-e-janaza in his village Ataikula of Pabna.  
 He was the husband of Fatema Khatun, former professor of Dhaka Medical College; and father of Toufiq M Seraj, managing director of Sheltech (Pvt) Ltd; Salek M Seraj, former professor of Buet, Saeda Nazneen, chief engineer (design) of Bangladesh Water Development Board.



Seven singers of Shadhin Bangla Betar Kendra, from left, Abdul Jabbar, Dalia Nausheen, Namita Ghosh, Apel Mahmud, Rathindranath Roy, Kaderi Kibria, and Shaheen Samad, during a reception where they were felicitated, at The Daily Star Centre yesterday.

## Shadhin Bangla Betar Kendra singers inspired nation in 1971

### Reception programme told

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
 Singers of Shadhin Bangla Betar Kendra (SBBK) had not only played key roles in inspiring the nation in 1971, but also financially assisted Bangladeshi refugees languishing in India, said speakers at a reception accorded to the singers yesterday.  
 Abdul Jabbar, Apel Mahmud and Namita Ghosh -- three noted singers of the wartime radio station -- reminisced about playing at different places in India's Agartala and giving away the earned money to the Bangladeshi refugees there.  
 Seven singers of the SBBK were honoured at the ceremony organised by Rotary Club of Metropolitan Dhaka, Ashfaq Nazma Foundation, and Inner Wheel Club of Metropolitan Dhaka, at The Daily Star Centre in the capital.  
 Four other singers were Rathindranath Roy, Dalia Nausheen, Kaderi Kibria, and Shaheen Samad.  
 The singers were presented with crest, garland, sash and gifts.  
 They performed signature track "Tir Hara Ei Dheuer Sagor Pari Debo Rey" in chorus.  
 "You inspired the nation through your patriotic songs that also boosted the morale of our freedom fighters," said Tawfiq Ali, president of the Rotary Club of Metropolitan Dhaka.  
 Abdul Jabbar said many singers and staff of SBBK were yet to be recognised despite their contribution to the country's liberation.  
 "Some of them are even struggling to make ends meet for years," he said, urging the government to provide them with financial support.

## Govt plans to observe March 19 as First Armed Resistance Day

### Says liberation war affairs minister

**BSS, Dhaka**

Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Haque yesterday said the government would take necessary steps to observe March 19 as the First Armed Resistance Day and consider making "Joy Bangla" the national slogan.  
 He was speaking at a discussion jointly organised by First Armed Resistance Day Celebration Council, Bangabandhu Research Council and Bangladesh Journalist Rights Forum (BJRF) at Bangladesh Press Council with BJRF President Azizul Islam Bhuiyan in the chair.  
 Terming the 19th March in 1971 as a unique day in the

## Cancel fake fishermen's registration: Rights activists

**UNB, Dhaka**  
 Rights activists yesterday demanded cancellation of registration of the fake fishermen saying that ration for the real fishermen during the ban period must reach to them at least seven days before the period.  
 People who are not fishermen in any way are getting various supports and government services while real ones are being deprived of those, they said at a human chain before the capital's Jatiya Press Club. Mustafa Kamal Akand of COAST Trust moderated the programme.

## Duta concerned over

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 hours at Bijoy Ekattor Hall and tried to force residents to accommodate their men who had been living in a common room. They also chased away resident teachers, vandalised the hall provost's office and beat up a journalist.  
 On Thursday, BCL leaders at Ruqayyah Hall also tried to occupy some rooms ousting the residents.  
 Demanding exemplary punishment for the BCL men over their rampage and beating up a campus correspondent of UNB, some 300 students and teachers on Thursday held a demonstration on the campus.  
 Dhaka University Journalists' Association (Duja) also protested the attack and demanded that the BCL central committee dissolve their Bijoy Ekattor Hall unit.  
 Meanwhile, Bangladesh Chhatra Union yesterday demanded merit-based allocation of seats in the halls.  
 Chhatra Union DU chapter president Tuhin Kanti Das and general secretary Foyz Ullah in a statement demanded that the university authorities take immediate steps against the BCL room grabbers and attackers.  
 Jagannath University Journalists' Association also sought justice over the assault on the university reporter.  
 Meanwhile, protesting the movement of some Home Economics College students, Federation of Bangladesh University Teacher's Association in a statement said, "A vested quarter is trying to create instability in the educational institutions through blocking the roads."  
 "The educational environment and law and order are deteriorating because of these unruly activities."

## Rising militancy pretext

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 Jatiya Press Club, Rizvi said the government is not serious on curbing militancy. "Instead, the government has been lingering the issue to stick to its illegal power... Instead of taking the issue seriously, the government is busy blaming others for militancy."  
 Pointing to international security expert Prof Rohan Gunaratna's recent comment that IS, not Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh, was responsible for the Holey Artisan terror attack in Dhaka's Gulshan, Rizvi said the government should give a serious thought to his claim.  
 "Why such a researcher like him would lie? He talked on the basis of field level information," added Rizvi.  
 Rohan, head of International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research in Singapore, at a conference in Dhaka on March 12 made the remarks which were later rejected by Inspector General of Police AKM Shahidul Hoque.

## Mystery shrouds death

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 lives on the top floor.  
 Examining the crime scene and taking into consideration the existence of the bank, Nahidul Islam, a deputy commissioner of RMP, said the boarder might be a member of an "organised gang of thieves".  
 Nothing was stolen, but locks of a shop on the ground floor of the building and the hotel manager's room were found broken, he said.  
 Police picked up the hotel manager Ripon and a hotel staff Saju for interrogation.  
 Quoting Saju, the DC said, "The boarder came with a large travel bag, but it looked almost empty."  
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## Deal on spent

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 As part of the programme the Russian delegation visited the construction site of the Rooppur NPP where they joined a working meeting.  
 Naiyyum Choudhury, chairman of Bangladesh Atomic Energy Regulatory Authority (BAERA); Dr Engr Md Monzurul Haque, chairman of BAEC; and representatives from ASE group of companies, the general contractor of the project; also took part in the meeting.  
 The preliminary results of the scheduled work for the RNPP will be presented during the meeting of the Joint Coordination Council scheduled to be held in Moscow in June-July 2017.  
 Rooppur's two VVER-1200 reactors will be based on a modified version of the NPP-2006 VVER, designed exclusively for the site on the eastern bank of the Padma river. The first unit of the power plant is scheduled to be commissioned in April 2018 and it would go in production in 2023.

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 Joint Chief, HR & Logistics

## Housing scheme

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 Secretary Fatema Akter alleged that vested quarters set fire to the slums.  
 "We are scared of seeing the recent incidents of fire to our slum. They tried to evict us in different ways. Failing to do so, they are now setting fire to the slums even though court gave a stay order on the eviction," said Fatema, who lives at Korail slum in Mohakhali.  
 BLAST Founder Chairman and eminent jurist Dr Kamal Hossain said around 40 percent people of the city cannot remain homeless.  
 Dhaka University teacher Ferdous Jahan, Supreme Court lawyer Abu Obaidur Rahman, and CPD research fellow Towfiqul Islam Khan presented three papers.  
 BLAST Honorary Executive Director Barrister Sara Hossain gave the welcome speech while architect Iqbal Habib, Chief Town Planner of Rajuk Sirajul Islam, among others, spoke.

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