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Don't fall into any trap before polls

Khaleda cautions party leaders, calls for unity, sticks to non-party election-time govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia has asked her party leaders and activists to remain united ahead of the next parliamentary elections and not to make any imprudent decision or walk into any trap.

"I am always with you and will be with you no matter wherever I am. Let's face any type of upcoming danger together ... we will work together in our good days as well," she said, apparently referring to the graft case verdict to be delivered on Thursday and its possible implications.

Khaleda came up with the statements at the party's executive committee meeting at a city hotel yesterday.

A total of 42 executive committee leaders spoke at the closed-door session where they vowed to wage a movement if Khaleda is



"I have forgiven the betrayers but this will not happen again because forgiveness is for once."

-- BNP CHIEF TO PARTY MEN

convicted in the graft case.

They also expressed absolute loyalty to the party chief, saying they would not participate in elections without Khaleda and if anyone does otherwise, he or she will be treated as a betrayer.

In response, the former prime minister said, "There could be various sabotage activities against the party. So be careful."

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Tamim Iqbal was one of three Bangladesh wickets to fall in the final hour of the fourth day yesterday, handing Sri Lanka the momentum going into the final day of the first Test at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chittagong.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED



Tigers face tough task

MAZHAR UDDIN

A second innings debacle once again haunted Bangladesh as the Tigers did exactly what Sri Lanka would have been hoping for by losing three wickets in the last hour of the fourth day to set the stage for the visitors to push for a result on the final day of the first Test.

Bangladesh finished the fourth day on 81 for 3 and are still trailing by 119 runs after the visitors took a first innings lead of 200 runs at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury stadium in Chittagong yesterday.

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20 BNP men held outside venue

4 others detained in B'baria

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 20 BNP men were detained near Le Méridien Dhaka hotel where the party was holding its national executive committee meeting yesterday.

A group of plainclothes men started detaining the BNP activists around 11:20am, nearly 15 minutes after party Chairperson Khaleda Zia reached the venue. It continued for half an hour, said witnesses.

At first, four BNP men were forced into a white microbus. The rest were taken in two other minibuses later, witnesses said.

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Syed Mahmud Hossain takes oath as CJ

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Newly appointed Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain was sworn in yesterday as the 22nd chief justice of Bangladesh.

President M Abdul Hamid administered his oath at the Darbar Hall of the Bangabhaban at 7:00pm.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, cabinet members, former chief justices, judges of both appellate and high court divisions, heads of

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SSC QUESTION LEAK Allegations taint day-2 exam too

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Like in Bangla first paper, allegations of question paper leak surfaced in Bangla second paper of the Secondary School Certificate examinations held yesterday.

This time too the section for multiple-choice questions (MCQ) of "Kha" set was allegedly leaked and was doing the rounds on different Facebook pages around 45 minutes before the exam started at 10:00am.

The leaked questions matched those in the actual test paper and went viral on social media sites and messenger groups, a number of guardians alleged.

A Facebook account with the name Tusher Shuvro [in Bangla] uploaded the MCQ questions of "Kha" set on a facebook page around 9:15am with answers written on a white sheet of paper.

After the exam ended, the same person posted a status asking if the leaked questions were actual or not. Many replied that those exactly matched with those in the test.

In the comment section, some respondents even made requests to leak the questions much earlier as they had missed it this time. There were also requests to leak the questions for upcoming English exam.

Some Facebook pages and groups claiming to have the accurate question papers for the exams even started advertising before the SSC exam began.

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HIGH AMOUNT OF CLASSIFIED LOANS IN SONALI BANK Muhith blames it on govt interference

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The amount of classified loans at the Sonali Bank is very high, and one of the key reasons behind this is government interference, Finance Minister AMA Muhith said yesterday.

The government interferes in all the six state-run banks, but it is more so in case of the Sonali Bank, he added.

"But the government is trying to reduce the interference.... We have decided that

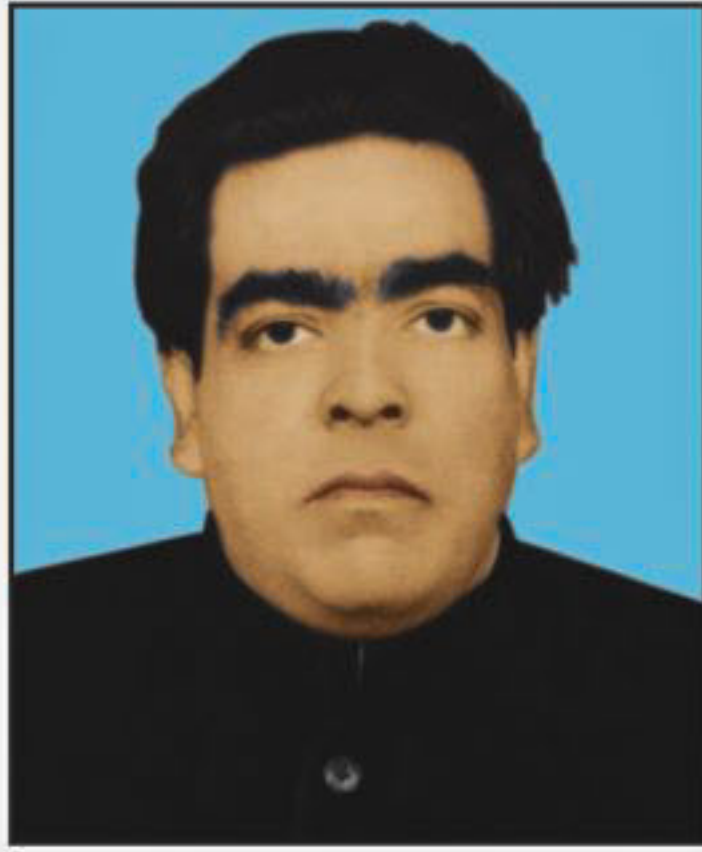
from now on, if you [state banks] deem a project unfit for investment, we will try to stop interfering in the matter," he told Sonali Bank's annual conference at the Institution of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh, in the capital.

As of September last year, Sonali Bank's total classified loan stands at Tk 11,964 crore, which is 36 percent of its total loan according to central bank data.

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40th Death Anniversary

(Abul Company) The founder of Abul Khair Group noted industrialist and social worker Late Janab ABUL KHAIR



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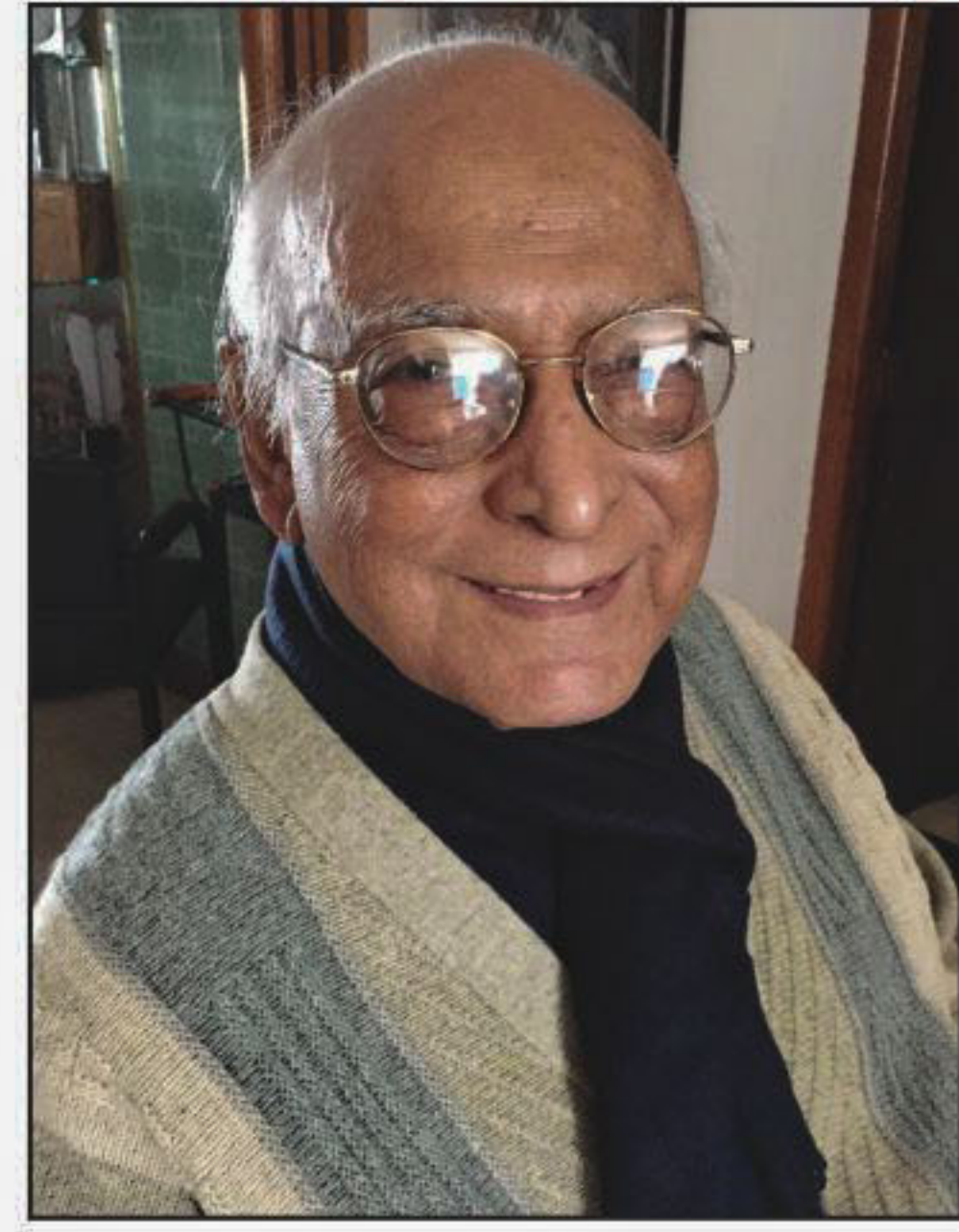
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MAJOR GENERAL MI KARIM, (RTD.), PSC

Major General MI Karim, (rt.d.), PSC. AWC breathed his last at 2:05pm peacefully at Square Hospital, Dhaka. He was 94. General Karim, popularly known as Bacchu Karim to his friends and admirers, graduated from the Indian Military Academy, Dehradun and saw action in the Second World War. On being repatriated from Pakistan in 1973, he retired from the Bangladesh Army and founded Vantage Group of Companies.

He left behind three daughters, grandchildren, and a host of admirers and well-wishers.

His Namaz-e-Janaza will be held today after Asr prayers at Azad Mosque, Gulshan.

His Qulkhwani will be held on Tuesday the 6th of February at 5pm at 'Criterion, The address', Plot No.5, Road No.2, Gulshan 1.

Friends, well-wishers and relatives are invited to attend the Doa Mahfil.

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