

## Khasruzzaman's anniversary of death today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the fourth death anniversary of Dr Khasruzzaman Chowdhury, a recipient of Swadhinata Padak.

Khasruzzaman, a member of the erstwhile CSP cadre, organised freedom fighters during the Liberation War in Netrakona, where he was serving as the sub-divisional officer.

Later, he joined the home ministry of the Mujibnagar government. After independence, he was appointed as the Mymensingh deputy commissioner. He was also secretary of the Unesco Bangladesh Commission.

After obtaining master's degree in economics from Harvard University, he received his PhD degree from Syracuse University. He taught economics in different institutions in the USA.

He authored more than 30 books in Bangla and English. His family members have requested all to pray for his departed soul.

## 10th RU convocation March 24

RU CORRESPONDENT

The 10th convocation of Rajshahi University (RU) will be held on March 24, the university authorities said yesterday.

Vice Chancellor Prof Abdus Sobhan said he received a letter from the president's office in this regard. "Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid will chair the convocation," he said.

While talking to The Daily Star in December last year, Vice Chancellor Prof M Abdus Sobhan said they had submitted a letter to the education ministry regarding the convocation programme.

In total, some 6,009 graduates of the university are participating in the upcoming 10th convocation ceremony, according to the RU ICT centre.

## Govt mulls

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Justice SK Sinha and Justice Wahhab, and the retirement of Justice Nazmun Ara Sultana, the first-ever female judge of the apex court, on July 7 last year.

The High Court Division has also been facing a similar shortage of judges following retirement and death of some judges in the last several months. The number of HC judges now stands at 81, which was 100 in June 2012.

The government appointed 166 judges to the lower courts recently for increasing the disposal of the cases. Their postings are waiting for the Supreme Court's approval, said law ministry sources.

The Appellate Division judges are dealing with more than 16,500 cases. On the other side, 81 HC judges are dealing with more than 4.76 lakh cases. SC sources said around 1,400 judges are dealing with over 28 lakh cases pending with lower courts across the country.



Guests at a programme at Padma bridge construction site at Kumarbhog in Munshiganj yesterday, marking Chinese New Year. The Chinese embassy organised the event for its citizens working at the project. The highlights of the event were musical and dance performances. China Major Bridge Engineering Group Company Limited, Bangladesh-China Friendship Center, Dhaka University Confucius Institute, and DU music department were also among the organisers.

PHOTO: STAR

## In pursuit of reviving missing Bangla words

### Month-long campaign launched

UNB, Dhaka

A month-long campaign, "Nikhaj Shobder Khoje", to encourage the young generation to reconnect with those Bangla words that have been missing from the language for a long time, was launched at Bishwo Shahitto Kendro in the capital yesterday.

Coca-Cola Bangladesh launched the campaign on the occasion of International Mother Language Day.

The main purpose of the campaign is to create awareness on the issue that many Bangla words, which were once used to enrich and beautify the language, are missing, and encourage people to be a part of this campaign to help popularise the idea of utilising the once used Bangla words. The campaign will run under the guidance of three distinguished experts: Eminent writer and academician Emeritus Professor Anisuzzaman, professor of Bangla department at Dhaka University Bismadeb Chowdhury, and noted writer and novelist Anisul Hoque.

During the campaign, Coca-Cola bottles will showcase those missing Bangla words which were once a regular part of the writing and speech but have been missing for many days as not being practised anymore.

The campaign comprises several engaging activities such as rallies, poster, wall writings

and quizzes while a website -- www.coca-cola.com.bd/21 -- has also been launched as part of the campaign. There will be fun games and quizzes with Bangla words on the website, where anyone can participate, play and win.

The participants are encouraged to submit missing or less used Bangla words on the website to enrich the collections of the missing words. Upon completion of the campaign, all the missing Bangla words collected from the website would be compiled together in a publication.

Moreover, Coca-Cola Bangladesh has also allocated a stall named "Nikhaj Shobder Khoje" in Ekushey book fair to enrich people's vocabulary of Bangla language.

As part of the campaign, dramas based on Bangla language will be staged at the Shilpakala Academy, Dhaka University, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, Chittagong University, Rajshahi University, Jahangirnagar University, Jagannath University, Khulna University, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, North South University, BRAC University, Independent University, East West University, American International University-Bangladesh, Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology, United International University and ULAB.

## Myanmar border police detains five Bangladeshi fishermen

### Releases them 6 hours later

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Myanmar's Border Guard Police (BGP) released five Bangladeshi fishermen after six hours into their detention from the Naf River in Teknaf upazila yesterday.

During the raid, BGP also shot another fisherman in the leg when he was escaping the detention. Later, he got admitted to Cox's Bazar Sadar Hospital.

After the fishermen were handed over to Bangladesh authorities, a mobile court of the Teknaf upazila administration jailed each of them for three months for trespassing into Myanmar's waters.

The fishermen are Shah Alam, 34, Muhammad Islam, 30, of Kanjarpara village, Year Muhammad, 36, Pethan Ali, 30, Aziz Ullah, 18, and Md Rafiq, 28, of Jaliapara village of the upazila.

According to bullet-injured Muhammad Islam, a group of six fishermen went to fishing in early hours yesterday. Suddenly, they were attacked by BGP men who came on a speed boat and taken to their camp. However, Islam managed to flee and was shot during the escape, he said.

Samsul Alam, brother of fisherman Shah Alam, alleged, "The BGP often attacks and captures Bangladeshi fishermen in the bordering area for ransom, and it has become regular."

Confirming the incident, Captain of BGB battalion-2 Lt Col SM Ariful Islam said that after knowing the incident, they protested the detention and sat for a dialogue with BGP.

"The government banned fishing in the river [Naf] so that Yaba trafficking cannot take place. It is not expected from the fisherman to go fishing in the area," the official said.

## OIC tourism ministers' meet Feb 5-7

UNB, Dhaka

Tourism ministers of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) will hold a conference to talk about tourism potentials and ways to contribute better to their economies from February 5-7.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the three-day conference in Dhaka, under the theme "Enhancing Regional Integration through Tourism".

During the conference, OIC Secretary General Dr Yousef bin Ahmed Al-Othaimeen will present a report to the ministers of tourism of the 57 OIC member states.

The report will focus on implementation of the "OIC Framework for Development and Cooperation" in the field of tourism among others. The event is also expected to address the challenges faced by the OIC on the successful organisation of various tourism fairs and the development of a joint strategy for the successful organisation of tourism exhibitions.

A preparatory meeting was held recently at the secretariat with Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister AKM Shahajahan Kamal in the chair. The minister will brief the media about the conference today at the secretariat.

## Community health workers'

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clinics would be operated under a foundation that would be autonomous.

The CHCPs then would get salary hike and enjoy other facilities like those of the government jobs, said DGHS Director General Dr Abul Kalam Azad.

Operations of the community clinics under an autonomous body will provide more flexibility and dynamism in its services, he said.

Bangladesh CHCP Association, however, rejected the idea. "The chain of command of the clinics would collapse if it is brought under the foundation," said the association in a press release.

## Dr AR Mallick's anniversary

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department of Jahangirnagar University. He was the first Emeritus professor at JU.

His publications include "British Policy and the Muslims in Bengal" and "Amar Jibon Kotha O Bangladesh Mukti Sangram". Bangla Academy has recently published "Dr AR Mallick Sharak Grontho" comprising articles by renowned personalities from home and abroad, along with 50 commemorative photographs and texts of his speeches.

## NEWSIN brief

### Khaleda to visit Sylhet tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia will visit Sylhet tomorrow three days before a Dhaka court is scheduled to announce its verdict in the Zia Orphanage Trust graft case filed against her.

"Our chairperson will visit Sylhet on Monday to offer fateha at the shrine of Hazrat Shahjalal (RA)," said Shamsuddin Didar, a member of BNP chairperson's media wing.

The decision came during the party's national executive committee's daylong meeting yesterday at a hotel in the capital.

### Maritime university gets new VC

CITY DESK

Rear Admiral M Khaled Iqbal has been appointed as the new vice-chancellor of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Maritime University.

President Abdul Hamid, also the chancellor of the university, yesterday appointed him as the VC, said a press release.

Rear Admiral ASM Abdul Batten, its first VC, handed over the duties to the new VC at a programme.

## Journos' training on religious issues begins in Khulna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

A three-day workshop for journalists on how to deal with religious issues began at SAINT training centre in Khulna yesterday.

Twenty-five journalists from the print and electronic media took part in the training session organised by the News Network and Canadian high commissioner.

Aminul Ahasan, deputy commissioner of Khulna, inaugurated the opening session as the chief guest.

Speakers said the training will enhance journalists' professional skills and make them capable of reporting religion related issues with respect to human rights.

Advocate Enayet Ali, Shahiduzzaman, editor of News Network; Faruq Ahmed, president of Khulna Press Club; Mamunur Rashid, lecturer of journalism department at Khulna University; Didarul Alam, Khulna bureau chief of UNB; spoke, among others.

## SSC candidate, three others killed in road accidents

STAR REPORT

At least four people, including a SSC candidate, were killed and three others injured in road accidents in four districts yesterday.

SSC candidate Sourav Chanda, 17, died and two of his friends were injured after their motorbike lost control and hit a roadside tree in Batiaghata upazila of Khulna, reports our correspondent.

Our Faridpur correspondent reports, Rikta Akter, 32, of Khabaspur area in Faridpur town was killed as a speeding truck hit a motorbike in Tapurakandi area. Injured Panna Akter, 22, was taken to a hospital, said police.

In Sylhet, an unidentified person was killed when a truck ran him over in Mirabazar area. The truck was detained but the driver managed to flee, said police.

Meanwhile in Thakurgaon, NGO worker Zahangir Alam, 30 was killed when a truck ran him over in Pirganj upazila, reports our local correspondent.

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Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)).

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