

Osmani's 35th death anniversary

UNB, Sylhet

The 35th death anniversary of General MAG Osmani, commander-in-chief of the Armed Forces during the 1971 Liberation War, will be observed today.

Different political, sociocultural and voluntary organisations have chalked out programmes to recall memories of MAG Osmani.

Meanwhile, Bangabir General MAG Osmani Birth Centenary Uddhapan Parishad, Sylhet organised several programmes, including a doa mahfil, offering fateha and placing wreaths at his grave, yesterday.

Besides, Osmani Museum will arrange a Qurankhwani, doa mahfil and discussion today.

Osmani was born to a landowning family in Sunamganj, Assam Province during the British era, on September 1, 1918 and died in London on February 16, 1984.

He was educated in Assam and Sylhet and graduated from Aligarh Muslim University in India.



A pile of debris has been left in the middle of Elephant Road in Dhaka for more than 20 days, forcing vehicles to maneuver through the narrowed-down road. Shopkeepers in the area say several accidents have taken place there, with no initiative taken to remove those. The photo was taken recently.

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NEWS IN brief

MAK Talukdar passes away

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MAK Talukdar, a retired additional foreign secretary, died in New Jersey, USA on Wednesday at the age of 80, says a press release.

He left behind his wife, three sons, one daughter and six grandchildren.

He was buried on Thursday in New Jersey as per his wish.

MAK Talukdar played a key role in setting up the foreign ministry in independent Bangladesh.



2 held for making fake certificates

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rab yesterday detained two persons from Nilkhet, on charges of producing fake academic certificates.

Saiful, 28, and Babul, 21, were arrested around 1:30pm in a drive. Two computers and some fake certificate-producing equipment were found with them, said Maj Ashraful Huq, second-in-command of Rab-10.

They had been producing fake SSC, HSC and other academic certificates in Nilkhet market for a long time, he said. Rab is looking for three others of the gang, he added.

In another raid, Rab arrested one Ripon, 27, who had been peddling drugs identifying himself as a journalist in Kadamtoli area, the Rab official said.

Workshop on journalism at SUB

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Speakers at a workshop on Thursday urged young journalists to embrace new technologies, which they said have phenomenally changed journalism.

Aharar Hossain, senior broadcast journalist of BBC World Service, said that unlike before, people now get news instantly from online platforms, says a press release.

Because of the changing habits of consumers, media outlets are changing themselves too, he said. "Many of BBC stories are sourced from Facebook today," he added.

The workshop, "Journalism in New Era", was organised by the journalism communication and media studies department at State University of Bangladesh (SUB).

IDP Education hosts Australia edu event in Dhaka, Ctg

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IDP Education hosted country's biggest Australia Education event on February 13 in Chattogram and February 14 and 15 in Dhaka, says a press release.

Julia Niblett, Australian high commissioner in Dhaka; Ravi Chandran, country director of IDP Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, inaugurated the event in Dhaka on Thursday.

Peter Coleman, trade commissioner of South Asia; Mostafizur Rahman, business development manager at Australian Trade Commission, Bangladesh; Mosharraf Khan, country manager of IDP Bangladesh, representatives from 28 Australian universities and colleges were also present.

PM for predictable

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coverage manifold and make health service free for child under one year and for elders over 65 years."

The PM deeply appreciated and recognised WHO for being with Bangladesh in its difficult journey, especially in achieving the MDGs, reducing child and maternal mortality as well as for the support in various vaccination programmes and combating HIV, malaria, tuberculosis and other water borne diseases over the periods.

She commended the WHO activities in emergency areas like for displaced Myanmar nationals in Bangladesh and for managing emergency situations in Democratic Republic of the Congo, Myanmar, Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan, Syria, Yemen and Libya. "... And WHO, as our principal humanitarian organization, rightfully deserves high-level political support from and engagement with Member States and non-State actors to guarantee health and happiness for all," she said.

He died in my arms

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my belongings," he told The Daily Star over the phone.

Tara Miah, a small trader hailing from Uttar Bilash Khan of Shariatpur, admitted his son to the hospital on February 8, with a sore in his mouth. The couple got married two years ago and Tariqul was their only child.

"Doctors gave us some tests and later said he [Tariqul] had some problem in his liver. They said he would need blood. He was given blood on Sunday and since then, his condition was improving..."

"Then this happened. All is lost now..."

Tara Miah could not finish the sentence.

Ferdaws A Purna, a duty doctor at the hospital where Tariqul was taken on Thursday, said, relatives brought the baby around 7pm and requested he be provided with an oxygen mask.

"But we found that the child was already no more," the doctor said.

The family wailed in front of the hospital for around an hour. Afterwards, they went to an adjacent rent-a-car service and booked a car for their home in Shariatpur around 8:30pm on Thursday.

Tariqul was buried at a local graveyard around 9am yesterday.

Suhrawardy

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director (operation and maintenance) of Fire Service and Civil defence, repeated that the fire originated from the ground floor. "The hospital lacked effective response to fight the fire..."

"There was some fire equipment at the hospital... If they had informed us in time, the rescue operation would have been better."

Shakil said the fire originated from storeroom, where many flammable products and chemicals were stored, thus it spread so rapidly.

"Three factors -- radiation, conduction and convection -- helped the fire spread quickly," he added.

Shakil informed that 95 percent of the country's hospitals are at fire risk and said they would now strictly monitor the fire safety measures of the hospitals.

Looting was the motive

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Police recovered a gold chain and Tk 7,000 from the possession of the arrestees.

A police officer said they are yet to find Runu's direct involvement in the murder, but she committed a crime by fleeing

instead of helping police, after the killing.

The deputy commissioner also urged city dwellers to collect photographs and details before hiring any house help, and to store those with more than one person and submit a copy to nearby police stations for future tracking.

BNP out to make JS polls questionable

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Munich Arabelapark Hotel here on Thursday.

The PM said the BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami had bagged only 28 seats in the 2008 general election. "There was no question about the acceptance of that election."

Hasina, also the Awami League chief, criticised various remarks of the BNP-led Jatiya Oikyafront leaders over the last election, saying that they actually never tried to win it.

She said terrorism and mayhem unleashed by the BNP during their anti-government movement and nomination trade were the reasons behind its polls debacle.

In the December 30 election, the PM said,

people from all sections cast votes for the AL. "Even businessmen had expressed their support for us unlike in the past."

She said BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia was convicted of embezzling orphans' funds while Tarique Rahman was convicted in 10-truck arms and grenade attack cases. "So, the big question is why the people would cast votes for them?"

Hasina said the BNP allowed many Jamaat leaders to contest the election with "sheaf of paddy", the electoral symbol of the BNP. "It was also a major reason for losing public support."

She said the BNP couldn't make it clear to people who would be its PM if the party was voted to power.

Regarding the cases filed by the BNP and Jatiya Oikyafront over the election issue, she said they could file cases with the election tribunal as per election law. "Awami League has no objection to it."

Hasina expressed her gratitude to the expatriates for their dedicated service to brighten Bangladesh's positive image abroad.

She also urged the expatriates to invest in special economic zones in Bangladesh, saying that there were special facilities for them.

Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen, All European AL President Anil Dasgupta and President of the UK AL Sultan Mahmud Sharif also spoke on the occasion.

Md Shahidul Haque said while briefing reporters after a meeting between the PM and ICC Chief Prosecutor Fatu Bensouda.

He said the PM and the ICC chief prosecutor discussed the issues on the trial of genocide of Pakistan Army in Bangladesh in 1971 and atrocities on Rohingya nationals of Myanmar.

Hasina stressed the need for bringing the perpetrators of the 1971 genocide to book.

About the trial of the atrocities on Rohingyas, Fatu Bensouda said the ICC has already brought the Rohingya issue under its jurisdiction and established a court for trial of the perpetrators.

Earlier, Executive Director of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons Novel laureate Beatrice Fihn called on Hasina on the sidelines of Munich Security Conference.

She thanked the PM for Bangladesh's strong position on the nuclear abolition issue and appreciated Bangladesh for its constant efforts to make South Asia a nuclear-free zone.

Total number fell

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Besides, more than 1,158 families lost their property due to illegal grabbing in 2016, but only 122 families faced such violence last year, the report found.

At the press conference, minority leaders pointed out that improvement of law and order situation and the government's special attention on minorities worked as the key factors to reduce the incidents.

The organisation's General Secretary Advocate Rana Dasgupta said the decline of violence does not indicate that the minorities in the country are in a good situation.

"It is a temporary improvement. We cannot be sure how long it will sustain. We are expecting such improvement will continue for a long time," said Rana.

Termining the decline in violence positive, he demanded that the government ensure safety and security for the minority communities all year round instead of doing it during some religious festivals like puja.

42nd DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Today is the 42nd death anniversary of late **Khan Bahadur Mujibur Rahman**. All his relatives, friends and acquaintances are requested to pray for the eternal peace of his soul.

2nd Death Anniversary

The 2nd Death Anniversary of Mrs. Kohinoor Dastgir, w/o former Ambassador Major General Quazi Golam Dastgir, KAAO, psc, will be held after Asr on Saturday, February 16, at her Dhanmondi residence "Hasnahena". Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to please attend and join in prayer for her.

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