



## PHOTO OF THE DAY

PALASH KHAN



**INCREDIBLE EGG...** Marking World Egg Day, Department of Livestock Services and Bangladesh Poultry Industries Central Council distributed eggs -- a comparatively inexpensive source of quality protein -- among commuters in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

## ABRAR MURDER

## Home minister slams Buet administration

UNB, Dhaka

Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal yesterday said incidents like Abrar murder might not have occurred had the Buet administration been a more careful.

He came up with the remark while replying to reporters' questions after inaugurating the newly-built main entrance of Bangladesh University of Textiles -- commonly referred to as BUTEK -- in the city's Tejgaon area.

The home minister hoped that the administration will pay more attention to students in future.

Abrar, 21, a second-year student of electrical and electronic engineering department, was beaten to death on Monday, reportedly by Chhatra League leaders at Buet's Sher-e-Bangla Hall.

Responding to another question, the home minister said almost all perpetrators involved in the killing have been identified and arrested.

Abrar's father Barkatullah filed a case at Chawkbazar Police station on Monday evening accusing 19 people. Police have arrested 17 suspects and one of them has confessed to his crimes.

The case was transferred to the Detective Branch on Tuesday.

## 'MURDER-SUICIDE' IN MIRPUR

## Primary report suggests poisoning, hanging

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Deaths of a woman and her son were caused by poison, while her husband died from hanging, according to primary medical report after conducting autopsy.

Police on Thursday recovered the bodies of SM Bayezid (45), a businessman, his wife Kohinur Akter Anjana (42) and son Farhan (16) from a flat in the capital's Mirpur area.

"We found odour of poison from the mouths of all three bodies, though cause of death in the man's case is hanging," said Dr AKM Moinuddin, lecturer of Forensic Medicine Department of Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College and Hospital morgue.

Dr Moinuddin said they have kept necessary organs of the bodies for conducting viscera tests

and will be certain of the reasons of death after getting the viscera report.

Police suspect that Bayezid died by suicide after poisoning his wife and only child.

Officer-in-charge of Kafrul Police Station Selimuzzaman said they have filed a case of unnatural death.

He said they were informed primarily that Bayezid was overburdened with debt.

"We will investigate whether there are other reason behind the deaths," the OC said.

Mohammad Hasan, a friend of Bayezid, said they were a happy family. Neighbours said they could not believe it after the news broke.

"Bayezid was in debt. He was forced to shut down his loss-incurring knitting factory,"

SEE PAGE 4 COL 2

## Nat'l startup camp for young entrepreneurs

BSS, Dhaka

A three-day "National Startup Camp 2.0" of Student to Startup: Chapter 2 entered into the 2nd day yesterday with a view to finding out young entrepreneurs with innovative ideas so that they can contribute to the country's development.

With the slogan "My innovation, My Dream", the national contest was inaugurated at Sheikh Hasina National Youth Centre in Savar on Thursday, said a press release yesterday.

Innovation Design and Entrepreneurship Academy (iDEA) project of Bangladesh Computer Council under the Information and Communication Technology Division (ICTD) is organising the competition for the second time.

Prime Minister's Special Assistant Barrister Shah Ali Farhad joined a session on "government policies to promote youth entrepreneurs".

He said the government is working to encourage the youths in innovative activities and entrepreneurships to

SEE PAGE 4 COL 5

## Bangabandhu lives on in the hearts of people

Says Prof Anisuzzaman at book launching ceremony



**National Professor Anisuzzaman (centre), Prime Minister's International Affairs Adviser Dr Gowher Rizvi (second from right) and other dignitaries hold copies of the book on Bangabandhu during its unveiling ceremony at National Museum.** PHOTO: STAR

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Those who wanted to erase Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's name from history through his assassination in 1975 failed miserably and its proof is everywhere in the present-day Bangladesh, said National Professor Anisuzzaman yesterday.

"Bangabandhu remains in the hearts of people... Across the globe, he is recognised as an undisputed leader of the liberation movement," he said.

Prof Anisuzzaman was addressing an unveiling ceremony of the book "Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Janmoshatobarshiki: Antorjatik Smarakgrontho" at the National Museum.

The book was published by a committee formed in the Indian city of Agartala, marking Bangabandhu's birth centenary. Another committee, formed in Dhaka, comprising of leading cultural personalities and organisers, arranged the unveiling ceremony.

Recalling Agartala's role during Bangladesh's Liberation War, Prof

Anisuzzaman said it is not surprising that a memoir on Bangabandhu was published from Agartala.

Essays and poems from both sides of the border have been incorporated in the book. Sign of sincerity from the publishers is evident in the book, he said.

Addressing as chief guest, Prime Minister's International Affairs Adviser Dr Gowher Rizvi said people of Agartala played a significant role in 1971, which speeded up Bangladesh liberation.

The book's editor Debabrata Devroy said some 200 writings on Bangabandhu have been incorporated in the book. He said they would arrange several programmes this year and the next in India to celebrate the birth centenary.

Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury, chief coordinator of Bangabandhu's Birth Centenary Celebration National Implementation Committee, said the government has declared March 17, 2020 to March 17, 2021 as "Mujib Year".

The committee is working to celebrate the Father of the Nation's birth centenary through holding various programmes, he said.

## 14-party demands speedy trial of Abrar's killers

BSS, Dhaka

Awami League (AL) led 14-party alliance yesterday demanded holding Buet student Abrar Fahad's murder case in a speedy trial tribunal.

"Trial of Abrar's killers should be held in a speedy trial tribunal," said Md Nasim, 14-party spokesperson and AL presidium member, at a press conference at AL central office on the capital's Bangabandhu Avenue.

Condemning the murder, he urged Buet administration to take stern actions against such acts.

The 14-party spokesperson came down heavily on Buet's vice-chancellor (VC), questioning why he did not go to see Abrar's body after the killing. He said such behaviour from a VC is unacceptable.

Nasim is optimistic that the trial will be completed as soon as possible. He said proper trails of all murder cases are being held under the tenure of the present government.

"We appreciate different opinions, but some wrongdoers carried out the killing," he said.

Replying to a question, the 14-party spokesperson said the alliance does not support banning student politics rather it wants student politics to properly follow rules and regulations.

Speaking at the conference, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal

SEE PAGE 4 COL 4

## DHAKA TODAY

## DIALOGUE

Third Party Consultation Meet  
Organiser: Rastrachinta  
Venue: Ibrahim Mansion, Paltan  
Time: 10am

## CELEBRATION

Marking World Hospice and Palliative Care Day  
Organiser: Centre for Palliative Care  
Venue: Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University  
Time: 9am

## TRAINING

Programme on Quality Problem Solving  
Organiser: Bangladesh-Japan Training Institute  
Venue: Eastern Plaza, Hatirpool  
Time: 9am

## SEMINAR

Robotics and IOT  
Organiser: WUB Research Society  
Venue: World University of Bangladesh, Panthapath  
Time: 9:30am

## WORKSHOP

Arduino: Essentials  
Venue: EMK Center  
Time: 4:30pm

## SESSION

Jamano Kotha: Exploring Parent-Child Relationships  
Venue: EMK Center  
Time: 3pm



## More efforts needed to empower girls

Dev partners say marking Int'l Girl Child Day

UNB, Dhaka

Though Bangladesh has made significant progress in improving lives of adolescent girls over the last 20 years, more opportunities have to be ensured for them so that they can reach their full potential.

Development partners said this in a joint statement yesterday, marking International Day of the Girl Child.

"We know that unlocking the potential of girls is critical in view of the demographic window of opportunity in Bangladesh and [it] will generate substantial benefits not just for the girls, but also for their families and communities," reads the joint statement.

UK Aid, USAID, Australian High Commission in Bangladesh, ActionAid, Save the Children, Unicef, UN Women, Brac, Plan International, UNFPA, OXFAM, World Vision and Food and Agriculture Organization were among the 23 organisations who issued the statement.

Since 2012, October 11 has been marked as International Day of the Girl Child. The day aims to highlight and address the needs and challenges girls face, while promoting girls' empowerment and the fulfillment of their human rights.

The theme of this year is "GirlForce: Unscripted and Unstoppable".

The development partners, in the statement, mentioned that more girls are

enrolling in schools and accessing better health care services in the country. The achievement in girls' secondary education has started to transform the social fabric and is providing girls with greater opportunities.

"Bangladeshi girls are inspiring, innovative and eager to take charge of their own future. They are using the internet and mobile technology to expand their learning opportunities and intensify their voices. Also, 30.7 percent of girls (aged 15-19) own mobile phones," the joint statement noted.

Girls are breaking barriers posed by gender stereotypes through getting involved in outdoor sports, as demonstrated by the recent success of Bangladeshi Girls' U-15 football team.

Despite progress, significant challenges exist in many areas, said the joint statement. While Bangladesh has done well on the maternal mortality indicator, data show that adolescent mothers between the ages of 15 and 19 are still twice as likely to die due to pregnancy and childbirth complications as women between the ages of 20 and 24.

In education, according to the statement, there are fewer girls, compared to boys, in the higher secondary, post-secondary and tertiary levels.

Child marriage is a major cause of

SEE PAGE 4 COL 1



PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN