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A LIGHT HAS GONE OUT

Champion of world's largest poverty-reduction initiative Sir Fazle Hasan Abed passes away

MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA

Some personalities are so much larger than life that boiling down their accomplishments to a few words is an almost impossible task. Sir Fazle Hasan Abed is one such person.

His identity, however, synonymous it may be with Brac, actually far exceeds the organisation he built.

He was an institution unto himself, selflessly dedicated to bettering the lives of those around him.

Integrity. Humility. Humanity.

These words which define Sir Fazle Abed so well unfortunately only scratch the surface of who he really was.

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Condolences pour in

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Condolences began pouring in after news of the death of Brac founder Sir Fazle Hasan Abed broke.

President Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina expressed deep shock and sorrow at his death.

In separate condolence messages, they prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed profound sympathy to the bereaved family.

The president, in his condolence message, said Sir Fazle Abed contributed immensely to the country's socio-economic development through establishing Brac.

"The nation will remember his contributions to the country's development with due respect," Abdul Hamid said.

In a condolence message, the PM said Sir Fazle Abed played an important role in realising support, raising funds, and creating public opinion in favour of Bangladesh's

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All eyes on gen secretary post

Hasina for stronger AL as party council begins; delegates want clean images



RASHIDUL HASAN

Festivity was in the air. Large flags, banners, festoons and portraits of Awami League leaders were everywhere at the capital's Suhrawardy Udyan, where thousands of leaders and activists went to join the party's 21st council yesterday.

Amid this festivity, everyone was curious to know who would be holding the party's general secretary post.

There were discussions within the party's rank and file whether incumbent

GS Obaidul Quader would get re-elected or be replaced, said insiders.

What is almost certain, however, is that Sheikh Hasina, who has been leading the party since 1981, will be re-elected as the AL president, they said.

Now all eyes are on the GS post as the triennial council rolls on to the final day today. A council session at The Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh, in the capital would form the party's central working committee.

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INDIA'S DIVISIVE CITIZENSHIP ACT

6 killed in UP

Over 60 protesters injured; fresh clashes with police, demos in Delhi, Gujarat

AFP, New Delhi

Six more protesters died in India yesterday in fresh clashes between police and demonstrators, taking the death toll to 15 in more than a week of unrest triggered by a citizenship law seen as anti-Muslim.

The law -- which makes it easier for persecuted minorities from three neighbouring countries to gain citizenship, but not if they are Muslim -- has stoked fears Prime Minister Narendra Modi wants to remould the world's biggest democracy India as a Hindu nation, which he denies.

The latest deaths, in northern Uttar Pradesh where almost 20 percent of the state's 200-million population are Muslim, followed the loss of three lives on Thursday when police opened fire on protesters in the northern city of Lucknow and the southern city of Mangalore.

Four of the demonstrators -- two from Meerut and two from neighbouring Muzaffarnagar, both in Uttar Pradesh -- died yesterday from "gunshot wounds", Meerut chief

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● Protest death toll rises to 15

● More than a dozen metro stations in Delhi remained closed for second-straight day

● Curfew imposed, internet shut in Karnataka

● Mamata calls for opinion poll on citizenship law, NRC



From left: AKM Fahim Mashroor, CEO of AjkerDeal.com; Habibullah N Karim, CEO of Technohaven; Md. Sabur Khan, chairman of Daffodil International University and Daffodil Family; Selim RF Hussain, CEO & MD of Brac Bank; Sonia Bashir Kabir, chairman of SBK Tech Ventures and SBK Foundation; Syed Almas Kabir, BASIS president; Prince Mojumder, CEO of Genex Infosys; Adnan Imam, MD of Genex Infosys; Gowher Rizvi, international affairs advisor to PM; Mike Kazi, chairman of Kazi IT Centre (KITC); Zara Mahbub, CEO of KITC; Ayman Sadiq, CEO of Robi 10-Minute School; Shahed Alam, head of corporate & regulatory affairs of Robi; and Alexander Haeusler, GM of Radisson Blu Water Garden Hotel, on the stage of the ceremony for The Daily Star ICT Awards.

PHOTO: STAR

Tech trailblazers honoured

Two entrepreneurs, 4 local firms get The Daily Star ICT Awards

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladeshi entrepreneurs are not behind their global counterparts in leveraging technology for the greater good.

With a view to recognise their endeavours and encourage others, The Daily Star ICT Awards was initiated in 2016. Yesterday, in the fourth edition of the awards, two entrepreneurs and four firms were felicitated in a gala at the Radisson Blu Water Garden Hotel.

Genex Infosys was this year's ICT solution provider in the category focused on the local market, while Kazi IT Centre took home the award in the category focused on the international market.

AjkerDeal.com was awarded the Digital Commerce of the Year and Robi 10-Minute School the ICT Startup of the Year.

Sonia Bashir Kabir, founder and chairman of SBK Tech Ventures and SBK Foundation, was named the ICT Businessperson of the Year, while Habibullah N Karim, founder and chief executive officer of Technohaven, was given the ICT Pioneer of the Year award.

Gowher Rizvi, international affairs adviser to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, handed out the awards to the winners as the chief guest.

Rizvi was joined on stage by Selim RF Hussain, CEO and managing director of Brac Bank; Syed Almas Kabir, president of Bangladesh Association of Software and Information Services (BASIS); Md Sabur Khan, chairman of Daffodil International University and Daffodil Family;

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Chattogram ace run fest

SPORTS REPORTER

It rained fours and sixes in Chattogram as the Chattogram Challengers posted 238 for four, the highest score of the ongoing Bangabandhu Bangladesh Premier League (BBPL), which Cumilla Warriors threatened to chase down before falling 16 runs short at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium yesterday.

It was also the second highest score in the tournament's history, falling one short of Rangpur Riders' 239 for four against Chittagong Vikings last season at the same ground.

Cumilla's Dawid

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