



## Nation pays tribute to Bangabandhu

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

People across the country observed the National Mourning Day, the 48th death anniversary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, with due respect yesterday.

The dark day is being observed as the National Mourning Day and it is a public holiday.

On this day in 1975, Bangabandhu along with most of his family members was assassinated by a section of disgruntled army personnel. His two daughters - Sheikh Hasina, now the prime minister, and Sheikh Rehana - escaped the bloodbath as they were abroad.

President Mohammed Shahabuddin paid glowing tributes to Bangabandhu by placing a wreath at his mural in front of Bangabandhu Memorial Museum on Dhanmondi 32 at 6:30am.

Later, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina paid rich tributes to the architect

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At the Banani Graveyard, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her younger sister Sheikh Rehana stand in solemn silence in front of the graves of their family members killed in the August 15, 1975, carnage at Dhanmondi-32.

PHOTO: PID

## DENGUE OUTBREAK Risks, costs surge for late hospital admission

MOUDUD AHMED SUJAN

Maya Akter Sumi was surprised to notice blood trickling down the nose of her five-year-old daughter Israt Jahan Fatema on July 31.

Until then, Sumi and her husband, who live in a rented house in the capital's Mirpur-2 with their two daughters, thought Fatema was doing well as her three-day-long fever had subsided.

They took her to the Institute of Child Health & Shishu Sasthya Foundation Hospital that same night. Upon reviewing the blood test results the next day, doctors suggested immediate admission at Bangladesh Shishu Hospital and Institute in Shyamoli area.

The parents, however, delayed and Fatema was admitted on August 3.

Subsequently, Fatema experienced a series of escalating complications, leading to increased medical expenses, according to the doctors.

Speaking to The Daily Star yesterday, Sumi said, "We had no idea that bleeding is a dangerous sign of dengue. We thought our daughter was okay as the fever was gone in three days. Now, we are worried about our daughter."

"We had to spend Tk 5,000-6,000 on average every day to buy medicines only at the hospital. We had to borrow money to manage the expenses."

Doctors have repeatedly warned that delayed hospital admissions amplify the risks and treatment expenses for children with dengue.

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## AFTERMATH OF SAYEDEE'S DEATH

# 1 killed, 70 hurt in violence in 3 dists

STAR REPORT

At least one person was killed and 70 others were injured after clashes erupted yesterday in Dhaka and some other parts of the country over the namaz-e-janaza of convicted war criminal and Jamaat-e-Islami leader Delawar Hossain Sayeede.

After Sayeede died around 8:40pm on Monday night at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University, activists of Jamaat and Islami Chhatra Shibir yesterday attempted to hold gayebana janaza (funeral prayers without the body) for Sayeede in Dhaka, Chattogram and Cox's Bazar.

As police foiled their attempts, Jamaat Shibir men went on the rampage, triggering clashes.

In one of the clashes, a 60-year-old man was killed and 15 others were injured in Chakaria of Cox's Bazar.

The deceased, Mohammed Forkan, was a resident of Ward No-1 under the Chakaria municipality.

Around 4.30pm, he was taken to the Chakaria Upazila Complex where he was pronounced dead, said Muhammadul Haque, an officer at the hospital.

The reason behind his fatal injuries could not be known immediately.

Forkan had injury marks on the head, Haque said.

Locals said the clash broke out when police obstructed Jamaat Shibir men from holding a gayebana janaza at Chakaria Bazar around 4:00pm.

Chakaria Police Station Officer-in-Charge Javed Mahmud said six policemen, including him, were injured while trying to control the violent situation.

### VIOLENCE IN DHAKA

Hundreds of Jamaat supporters started



gathering on the BSMMU premises after the news of Sayeede's death spread.

However, clashes broke out when police were taking Sayeede's body out of BSMMU on a freezer van to leave for his Pirojpur home around 3:00am yesterday.

Jamaat men blocked the van by lying down in front of the vehicle inside BSMMU, said eyewitnesses.

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## Fire at chemical warehouse kills five of a family

### 2 of them children; it was built in residential area in Keraniganj

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Five members of a family, including two children, were burnt to death after a massive fire broke out in a chemical warehouse and spread to adjacent houses at Gadarbagh of Keraniganj on the outskirts of the capital early yesterday.

At least 15 people were injured. Witnesses said the fire that originated at the warehouse gutted two tin-roofed houses.

Locals said Tutul Haji, a chemical trader from Old Dhaka's Churihatta, built two warehouses illegally in the residential area after the Churihatta fire tragedy in February 2019 that claimed 71 lives.

Faisal Bin Karim, upazila nirbahi officer of Keraniganj, told reporters at the spot that they had no information about the warehouses.

Mamunur Rashid, officer-in-charge of Keraniganj Model Police Station, said they were yet to identify the warehouses' owner and know whether those have approval.

He told The Daily Star that filing of a case in this connection was underway.

One of the deceased was a warehouse employee. The four other deceased are his family members. They had been living in the house for 20 years, said locals.

Fire Service and Civil Defence said they got information about the fire around 4:00am and could douse it around 11:00am.

The fire service said flammable chemicals caused

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## Websites of 25 govt, pvt institutions hacked

ZYMA ISLAM

Amidst a high alert for cyber-attacks by Indian hackers, both government and private institutions saw a number of such attacks, along with data leaks.

Institutions exposed and hit with data leaks include the Investment Corporation of Bangladesh and Directorate General of Health Services.

The ICB leak was significantly large as there was information of around 10,000 investors and investment applicants.

The data also includes information about those investing in government mutual funds, and consists names, addresses and bank account numbers.

Meanwhile, the DGHS's exposed data includes statistics on revenue collection from government hospitals.

Hackers also claimed they grabbed data of 40,000 records of the central bank, and shared a screenshot image of 40 records as proof.

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## Tea gardens seeing fresh investment

### Rising consumption for economic prosperity presents strong business case

SUKANTA HALDER and MD ABU TALHA SARKER

The jump in consumption of tea, once a preserve of the elite, brought about by the rise in people's purchasing power over the past decade has presented tea garden owners with a renewed and compelling business case.

Take the case of Halda Valley, an upmarket brand that specialises in selling tea. In the last ten years, its leased plantation area has doubled, said Shamim Khan, managing director of Halda Valley Food and Beverage.

As people's socioeconomic conditions improved, so did their purchasing power and consumption of tea, said Khan, whose father acquired the Halda Valley Tea Estate in Chattogram's Fatikchhari upazila in 2002.

Between 2014 and 2016, consumption of tea leaves per person in Bangladesh was 480 grams, according to the London-based International Tea Committee. In 2019-2021, that stood at 520 grams.

The company would be ramping up its production in the coming days, he added.

"The per capita tea consumption is increasing and new drinkers are being added every year," said Shah Moimuddin

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The charred remains of a chemical warehouse and its front area in Keraniganj's Gadarbagh, after a massive fire ripped through it early yesterday. Five of a family died and at least 15 others were injured as the fire gutted two tin-roof houses adjacent to the warehouse. According to fire service officials, flammable chemicals caused the fire to spread, while the source of the flame is yet to be confirmed. Meanwhile, locals alleged the warehouse was built illegally by a chemical trader from Dhaka's Churihatta.

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