

## Death anniv of Fazilatunnessa

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Today is the 9th death anniversary of Begum Fazilatunnessa.



She was wife of late Lt AM Ataul Haque, a freedom fighter of Bangladesh Navy who played an important role in building the Naval Force after the Liberation War in 1971.

Fazilatunnessa, mother of 10 children, died on November 9, 2015 at the age of 80.

A doa mahfil will be held to mark the day, said a press release.

## IUB holds 24th convocation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Education Minister Dipu Moni yesterday advocated for modular education, saying that it will enable students to adapt to the evolving knowledge landscape.

"A blended education master plan is being created to this end," she said.

She was speaking at 24th convocation of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) at the Bangabandhu Bangladesh-China Friendship Exhibition Center in Dhaka.

She conferred degrees to 2,349 students, including 1,860 from undergraduate and 489 from graduate levels.



**The 24th convocation of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) was held at the Bangabandhu Bangladesh-China Friendship Exhibition Center in Dhaka yesterday.**

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Dipu Moni also highlighted the potential of short courses and diplomas to enable students to acquire new skills through workplace experiences.

Prof Biswajit Chanda,

member of the University Grants Commission of Bangladesh; eminent author Selina Hossain, president of Bangla Academy; and IUB Vice Chancellor Tanweer Hasan also spoke.

## We have never seen

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When Narayan Das returned from the Middle East, the air in the cremation ground turned heavier as he wept for his wife Rita and four children.

"What will I do? How will I live? I have lost everyone," he kept wailing.

Seven people were killed on Tuesday after a bus rammmed a CNG-run auto-rickshaw in Chattogram's Hathazari upazila.

A case has been filed with Hathazari Model Police

Station, said Adil Mahmud, officer-in-charge of Nazirhat Highway Police Station.

"We are trying to arrest the culprits," he added.

Joara Union Parishad Chairman Amin Ahmed Chowdhury said they provided Tk 25,000 to each victim from the Chattogram district administration for funeral expenses.

Biplab Mazumder and Pappu Das, who were injured, are undergoing treatment at Chattogram Medical College Hospital.

## Man beaten to death in Magura

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidaha

A man was beaten to death at Fulbari village in Magura's Mohammadpur upazila, for alleged fish theft. However, his family claims Md Riaz Mollah, 30, was a Swechchhasebak Dal activist and died from injuries he sustained following an attack by a rival group.

The local union council chairman and his men beat him up, alleged the victim's father, Nizam Uddin.

He worked for Awami League leader Mattabar Kamruzzaman Jilla, who had a conflict with Nahata UP Chairman Toybur Rahman Torap.

Kamruzzaman said the chairman called Riaz to his house early yesterday and beat him up. When Riaz's situation worsened, he informed police.

Toybur denied this allegation. He said Riaz was caught stealing fish, and a mob beat him up for that.

Rahul Deb Ghosh, a doctor at Mohammadpur Upazila Health Complex, said Riaz died at the centre around 6:00am.

OC Md Borhan Ul Islam of Mohammadpur Police Station said Riaz was caught stealing fish from a pond early yesterday, and the locals beat him up.

## ATTACK ON CJ RESIDENCE Top BNP leaders 'accepted responsibility'

Says DB chief

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday claimed the central leaders of BNP, who are in police custody, have accepted responsibility over the attack on the chief justice's residence and setting fire to a bus in the capital centring the party's October 28 rally.

Harun Or Rashid, additional commissioner (detective branch) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, made the claim while addressing reporters at his office on Minto Road. "They [central BNP leaders] even commented that such sabotage was not right."

Harun said the BNP leaders initially claimed that the sabotage was not done by their party men. "Then we showed them the CCTV footage... We told them that they were on stage, leading the rally," said the DB chief.

"They saw in the video -- what role the central leaders played, who were on the rally stage, where and how Sultan Salahuddin was running with a stick, and Rabiul Islam Nayan was setting the fire. After seeing the footage, they [BNP central leaders] also expressed grief," said Harun.

"We got many names of those who engaged in violence centring the BNP rally, and have arrested several people, including Syed Hasan Mintu, agriculture affairs secretary of Jubo Dal's central committee. We recovered 8kg of gunpowder from his house," Harun said.

## Rahmatunnesa Mallick no more

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Begum Rahmatunnesa Mallick, wife of eminent



scholar and former finance minister Dr AR Mallick, passed away at her residence on November 7.

She was 98. She left behind her two sons and three daughters.

She was laid to rest at the Banani graveyard following a janaza at Azad Mosque in Gulshan.

Prayers will be held at her Gulshan residence on Friday after Asr prayers.

## Locate and produce BNP leader Habib

HC orders IGP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the IGP to take necessary steps to track down BNP leader and former lawmaker Habibur Rahman Habib, and to produce him before the court in connection with a contempt of court rule against him.

The HC bench of Justice JBM Hassan and Justice Razik Al-Jalil also set December 7 for passing further order on this issue.

On October 15, the bench summoned Habibur, asking him to appear before it on November 6 over his remark on Justice Md Akhtaruzzaman, who sentenced BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia in the Zia Orphanage Trust and Zia Charitable Trust cases when he was a lower court judge.

The HC also issued a rule asking Habibur, an adviser of the BNP chairperson, to explain why contempt of court proceedings should not be drawn against him.

## Swechchhasebak League leader attacks BCL man's house

Armed assault goes viral

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A Swechchhasebak League leader and his cohorts reportedly attacked the residence of a BCL leader with sharp weapons in Pabna's Chatiyani village over establishing dominance in the area.

A video of the armed assault has gone viral on social media.

CCTV footage shows Al Amin Malitha, vice president of Pabna Swechchhasebak League, and his associates wielding sharp weapons while attacking the home of Jahid Malitha, a former BCL leader.

Jahid alleged they damaged doors, windows, and furniture, and attacked his family members. The attack is retaliation for his opposition to Al Amin's criminal activities, he claimed.

This correspondent couldn't reach AL-Amin despite repeated attempts.

Earlier, talking to other journalists, Al-Amin claimed Jahid provoked the incident. He alleged Jahid threatened people and his activists to not attend his political programmes.

A tense situation has been prevailing in the village following the incident.

Meanwhile, Jahid filed a case with Pabna Sadar Police Station on Tuesday night accusing Al Amin and six named and few unnamed people, said OC Md Rawshon Ali.

"We are trying to arrest the accused," he said.



## Over 2 months gone

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who passed in both MCQ and written examinations, and two more who passed only in written tests, were found to have the same story as Hafizur, and were thereby detained after the viva voce.

According to court records, some 43 people, including 41 candidates, were arrested in connection

with the fraud cases and produced before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka from July 17 to August 31.

Of the 41 arrested candidates, 34 applied for the post of office support staff, while three for office assistant/computer typist, two for storekeeper, one for security guard and another one for the post of cleaner.

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