



## Tajuddin Ahmad's birth centenary today

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Today marks the 100th birth anniversary of the first prime minister of independent Bangladesh, Tajuddin Ahmad.

To commemorate his birth centenary, a discussion titled "Inevitable Fellow of the Liberation War: Tajuddin Ahmad at 100" (Muktijuddher Onibarjo Sharothi) is being organised by Kaler Dhoni at the Bishwa Shahittya Kendra auditorium at 5:00pm today.

Renowned academic Prof Serajul Islam Choudhury will preside over the event.

Speakers and guests will include researcher and poet Prof Morshed Shafiul Hasan, novelist Ahmad Mostofa Kamal, advocate Arif Khan, writer Gawhar Nayeem Wara, lyricist Shahidullah Faraizi, novelist Zakir Talukder, and Prof Muhammad Asaduzzaman.

Born on July 23, 1925, in Dardaria village of Gazipur's Kapasia upazila, Tajuddin Ahmad was involved in politics from his student days. After the 1947 Partition, he played key roles in all major movements in the then East Pakistan.

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Bangladesh pacer Shoriful Islam (R) celebrates one of his three wickets as captain Litton Das cheers during the second T20I against Pakistan at the Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium in Mirpur yesterday. Shoriful's career-best figures of 3-17 steered the tigers to an 8-run victory and 2-0 series win. The team dedicated the victory to victims of the Milestone tragedy.

## US TARIFF TALKS Bangladesh writes to USTR, seeking date

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Bangladesh yesterday sent its position paper to the United States Trade Representative (USTR), the chief trade negotiation body for the American government, and sought July 26 as the new date for launching the third and final round of tariff talks with the Trump administration.

Commerce Secretary Mahbubur Rahman told The Daily Star over the phone that the USTR can set the date at its convenience, any time from July 26 onwards.

The negotiation team from Bangladesh will fly to America once the

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## Govt could've acted more responsibly Says Nahid, calls for transparency

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nahid Islam, convener of the National Citizen Party, yesterday said the government could have acted more responsibly and with greater urgency following the fatal jet crash at Milestone School and College in Dhaka's Uttara.

Speaking at an emergency press conference at the party office in the capital's Banglamotor, he said, "The situation that unfolded since yesterday [Monday] could have been contained if the government had acted responsibly and taken timely decisions. Instead, the lack of coordination and delayed

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## Raisa Moni found, but only to be buried

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

For over 24 hours, 11-year-old Raisa Moni's family had been searching for her frantically. From one hospital to another, from the crash site to morgues, they clung to the hope that she was among the rescued, that she was somewhere — alive.

Just after a battle aircraft crashed into the ground floor of a two-storey building of Milestone School and College, the mother of Raisa Moni, a third-grader at the school, stood undeterred on campus, desperately searching for her little girl.

After waiting till late in the evening, Raisa's uncle Jakir Hossain took over the search, sending her exhausted mother

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## 'We must stop mob culture' Says Tarique

UNB, Dhaka

BNP acting chairman Tarique Rahman yesterday called upon all pro-democracy stakeholders in Bangladesh to remain calm and united during the national mourning, following the aircraft crash that has plunged the country into grief.

"We must form a society based on tolerance and restraint, and thus stop divisive confrontation or mob culture," he said in a post on his verified Facebook page.

The BNP leader said there are worrying reports of members of a certain banned student organisation causing agitation between the public and the police and instigating violence.

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## A Loss Beyond Words

We are deeply saddened by the tragic plane crash at Milestone School & College. We pray to Almighty Allah for eternal peace for the departed souls and a swift recovery for the injured.