

Child carnival begins tomorrow

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A three-day long child carnival begins in the city tomorrow to raise funds for war-affected Iraqi children.

Hath Barie Dao (Stretch Your Arms), a mission by children for



Jahanara Imam's anniversary of death today

UNB, Dhaka

The 9th anniversary of death of 'Shaheed Janani' Jahanara Imam will be observed today.

Jahanara Imam, who lost her son in the War of Liberation, led a vigorous movement against war criminals in early 1990s. Under her leadership, a mock trial of war criminals was held in a 'people's court' on March 26, 1992.

Leaders and activists of Ekatturer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee will place wreaths at the grave of Jahanara Imam at Mirpur Martyred Intellectuals Graveyard at 8am.

The discussion on "Minority, Communalism and Human Rights", organised by the Nirmul Committee, will be held at 4pm at the WVA Auditorium, Dhanmondi.

Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina in a message paid rich tributes to Jahanara Imam and urged the people to take a fresh vow for restoring democracy and good governance in the country.

children, is organising the carnival. The carnival includes art competition and exhibition and students' business fair at the Sports Zone in the city.

At a press conference at the National Press club yesterday, coordinators of the carnival said they will also extend their hands for underprivileged children at any corner of the world.

The daylong business fair will be held from 9.00am to 3.00pm tomorrow. It will be participated by child businessmen/women who will donate 50 per cent of their profit to the fund for Iraqi children. Ten of them will be rewarded as best sellers.

"We will learn how to make profit by running business and develop the mentality of donating for distressed humanity," said child journalist Zerin Khan, a coordinator of the mission.

The art exhibition will be held tomorrow and June 29 and 30. Three child artists from each group of 'Ka and Kha' will be rewarded for best art.

Sculptor Ferdousi Priyobhashini is expected to inaugurate the carnival.

Child journalists Umama Nouroz Ettela, M Sharif Islam, Saiful Imam Saief, Fahmida Wadud Choity, Kazi Arefin Ahmed Shoshi, Sharmin Jannat and Karishma were present at the press conference.

"From now on we will be with the disaster affected children at any corner of the world, Ettela said.

"Our next programme, a concert comprising 10 band groups who will perform voluntarily, will be held at Dhanmondi Women Complex on July 4, Karishma said adding that their future plan for raising fund includes magic show, film festival and ornament show of the celebrities.

Forty per cent of the fund will be spent for underprivileged children of Bangladesh and the rest for Iraqi and children of other parts of the world, she added.

The fund for the Iraqi children would be handed over to the Prime Minister who will send it to them.

Interested persons have been requested to send their assistance to the Current Account No 1028300, Sonali Bank, Green Road Branch, Dhaka.



People line up to buy the latest Harry Potter book at Etcetera in Gulshan on Saturday after the launch of the book.

24.77 pc pass degree exams

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Nearly one-fourth of students who appeared in the Degree Pass and Certificate examinations under the National University (NU) came out successful.

The university published the results yesterday. The percentage of pass is 24.77.

A total of 1,81,113 students appeared in the examination this year and 44,862 of them came out successful. Among the successful candidates, 17,179 are female students.

The number of students who got first division is 589 while 25,795 students got second division and 17,837 third division.

Course-wise pass percentages are: BA - 24.50 per cent, BSS - 24.62 per cent, B Sc - 19.08 per cent, B Com - 28.77 per cent, B Mus - 38.10 per cent and certificate course - 41 per cent.

Mohammad Samsuddin, a BSc student of Nazirhat College, Chittagong topped the combined merit list with 751 marks to his credit.

Mohammad Mominul Islam, a BSc student of Mollah Azad Memorial College, Naogaon bagged the second position securing 744 marks.

Mohammad Shahidul Islam, a BA student of Govt. BL College, Khulna and Mohammad Abdul Kuddus, also a BA student of Habibullah Bahar College, Dhaka shared the third position obtaining 717 marks each.

The course-wise merit lists are as follows:

BA - Md Shahidul Islam of Govt BL College, Khulna and Md Abdul Quddus of Habibulla Bahar College, Dhaka, (first); Maksudur Rahman Mridha of Govt Devendra College, Manikganj, (second); and Mohammad Mostaque Ahmed of

Victoria College, Comilla (third).

BSS - Shyamal Sarkar of Notre Dame College, Dhaka, (first); Afroza of Kapasia College, Gazipur, (second) and Kamruzzaman of Bhalwal Mirzapur College, Gazipur, (third).

B Sc - Mohammad Samsuddin of Nazirhat College, Chittagong, (first); Md Muminul Islam of Molla Azad Memorial College, Naogaon, (second); and Md Jamal Uddin of Nazirhat College, Chittagong and Jahangir Alam of Tejjanga College, Dhaka (third).

B Com - Md Abdul Quddus of Govt Commerce College, Chittagong, (first); Sohdev Kumar Das of Dhaka City College, (second); and Ittekkhar Uddin of Dhaka City College (third).

B Mus - Md Mahmudul Hasan (first); Md Sazzat Kabir (second); and Junaid Mlia (third) all from Govt. Music College, Dhaka.

New Harry Potter book launched in city

The Etcetera Bangladesh launched the latest Harry Potter book by JK Rowling in Dhaka on June 21, says a press release.

The book, 'Harry Potter & the Order of the Phoenix', created a lot of enthusiasm among the readers as over 1500 people made their way to the retail outlet at Gulshan to be the first to buy the long-awaited book.

And the book stocks were sold out within an hour of its official launch.

Seminar on anthropology begins

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A two-day seminar on 'Anthropology in Bangladesh' began at the Bangladesh Institute of Administration Management (BIAM) auditorium in the city yesterday.

Organised by the anthropology department of Jahangirnagar University (JU), the seminar was attended by anthropologists and teachers and students from different universities.

Abante Haroon of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Siddiqur Rahman of JU, Shaolee Mahboob of Rajshahi University (RU), Rashed Mahmud of Dhaka University, and Bakhtiar Ahmed of RU presented four papers.

The titles of the papers are 'Gender and Nationalism: Some Conceptual Issues', 'Reproduction of Urban Class in Bangladesh in the Context of Globalisation', 'Leftist Feminism: Engels and Beyond', and 'Crisis and Education: Responsibilities of Educationists'.

Dr Dina Siddiqui of University of Pennsylvania, USA, and Prof. AHM Zehadul Karim of RU took part in the discussion.

Ten more papers will be presented at the third and fourth session of the seminar today.

Journalists urged to familiarise migration issue

UNB, Dhaka

Speakers at a discussion here yesterday stressed the role of media in familiarising the migration issue, which has emerged as a significant factor in the economic development of Asia.

"Nowadays, migration issue is a vital one and it can not be ignored anyway and journalists should pick up the issue in a positive sense", Jeremy Clarke, Chief, Policy and Strategy (Asia Division) of DFID said.

Dhaka University based Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU) and DFID jointly organised the discussion on "Migration and Pro-Poor Policies - The Media's Role" at a local hotel where editors and senior journalists expressed their views on the issue.

Pointing out various positive and negative aspects of migration, the discussants said that migrants can contribute to the development of their own country as well the country where they live and work.

Prof Ronald Skeldon of the University of Sussex, UK, Prof Tasneem Siddiqui, chair of

RMMRU, Frank Laczko of the International Organisation of Migration, Geneva, and Dr Sushila Zeitlyn and Elizabeth Jones of DFID were present.

Journalists Alamgir Mohiuddin, Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, Hasan Shahriar, Jagul Ahmed Chowdhury, Syed Fahim Munaim, Farid Hossain, Badiul Alam, Mozammel Hossain Monju, Afsan Chowdhury, Nayeemul Islam Khan, Amir Khosru, Shyamal Datta and Salim Samad

were also present.

The speakers said the issue of migration should be reached the grassroots level so that the people are able to learn their rights as migrants. The media can play important role in this regard.

They also emphasised the role of civil society as an essential element in advocating with governments and representing voices of migrants with a view to protecting their rights.



Humboldt Club executives

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A new executive committee of the Humboldt Club Bangladesh was formed with Prof. M Muhibur Rahman and Prof. Rafiqul Islam of Dhaka University as president and general secretary.

The committee was formed for two years at its annual general meeting at the DU Chemistry department.

The AGM was followed by a seminar on "Small bugs big business: Economic power of Microorganism". Prof. Mozammel Hoq spoke the seminar while Rainer Muehlig and Thomas Lenferding, first secretaries of the embassy of Germany were present. Dr. M Yusuf, vice president of the club, presided.

The Humboldt Club Bangladesh is an organisation of Bangladeshi postdoctoral research fellows of the alexander von Humboldt foundation of the Federal Republic of Germany.

This fellowship is offered to the most outstanding scholars all over the world only on the basis of merit.

The Humboldt Club was formed here in 1984 with Dr. Bazley Ali and Prof. Muhibur Rahman as the president and general secretary to promote academic and cultural relations between Germany and Bangladesh.

BFUJ meet July 10

BSS, Dhaka

A meeting of the executive committee of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) will be held at 11 am on July 10 at National Press Club.

BFUJ Secretary General Akhter Ahmed Khan has requested all office-bearers and executive members of BFUJ and presidents and general secretaries of its affiliated unions to attend the meeting in time.

Body recovered

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Savar police recovered body of a goldsmith from a paddy field at Chunnar Char in the early hours of yesterday.

The dead was identified as Akbar Hossain, 22, son of Moti Mia Bapari of village Hindu Baguta of Savar.

Victim's brother Monir Hossain identified the body at the Savar Police Station. Monir said Akbar was working as goldsmith at a jewellery shop at Chandichar of Keraniganj.

Police sent the body to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) for autopsy.

A case was filed with Savar Police Station.

DHAKA TODAY

Concert
Prothom Alo organises a concert and exhibition on the occasion of International Day against Drug Abuse. Venue: Dhanmondi Mohila Complex ground. Time: 10.30am.

Discussion
On the occasion of UN International Day in support of victims of torture, Odhikar in collaboration with Global Network for the Prevention of Torture organises a discussion with Justice Syed JR Mudassir Hussain as chief guest. Venue: Odhikar office, Gulshan. Time: 3.30pm.

Seminar
A seminar on the 'Role of Families in Prevention of Addiction', organised jointly by Dhaka Ahsania Mission and UN Information Centre, will be held with the state minister for Religious Affairs as chief guest. Venue: Mission auditorium, Dhanmondi. Time: 3.00pm.

Memorial discussion
In observance of 9th death anniversary of Shaheed Janani Jahanara Imam, Ekatturer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee organises a discussion. Venue: WVA auditorium, Dhanmondi. Time: 4.00pm.

Memorial meeting
Mohakal Natya Sampraday organises a discussion in memory of its founding member Abdul Ghani Khokon. Venue: 10/2, Purana Patlan. Time: 5.30pm.

Film show
Academy Film Society will screen an Indian film titled 'Leela' and an American film titled 'Unfaithful'. Venue: 21/C, Jigatola. Time: 3.30pm and 6.30pm.

Movie show
Alliance Francaise will screen a film titled 'Ca memoire aujourd'hui' directed by Bertrand Tavernier (1999). Venue: Alliance Francaise auditorium, Dhanmondi. Time: 10.30am and 6.00pm.

Musical programme
Monthly musical programme of Shuddha Sangeet Prashar Gosthi will be held. Venue: Bishwa Sahitya Kendra, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue. Time: 7.00pm.

Energy seminar
A seminar on 'Saving Energy: The path to minimise the production cost by keeping the environment friendly', organised by Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers & Exporters Association, will be held. A Japanese resource person will present the keynote paper. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 10.00am.

BNCC meeting
A meeting of Dhaka University Contingent of Bangladesh National Cadet Core will be held. Venue: DU office. Time: 4.00pm.

AGM
The annual general meeting of Bangladesh Tax Lawyers Association will be held. Venue: Kendrio Kachi Kancha Melar auditorium, Segun Bagicha. Time: 3.00pm.

Meeting
A meeting of the executive committee of Bangladesh Immigration Lawyers' Samity will be held. Venue: Siddheshwari Circular Road, Malibagh. Time: 5.00pm.

DHAKA TOMORROW Meeting

A preparatory meeting for the reunion of the students of 1983 batch of New Model High School will be held. Venue: New Model High School. Time: 4.00pm.



ABM Kamal Uddin Khan, chairman of North South University (NSU), speaks at a press conference in Nepal during a goodwill visit to different universities there. The visit was aimed at enhancing mutual relationship. MA Kashem, former chairman of NSU, Dr. Hafiz GA Siddiqi, vice-chancellor, Dr. KM Elias, dean, School of Arts and Social Sciences, also spoke on the occasion.



Anis Ahmed, right, managing director of Renaissance Aviation Services Limited, presents a crest to Indra Setiawan, president and CEO of Garuda Indonesia, during his recent visit to Dhaka.



Masur Chowdhury, Chairman and CEO of Nandan Group, receives Arthokontho Business Award 2002 from Commerce Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury at the award ceremony recently. Nandan won the award for its excellent service in the Super Store category.