

# IMF assures Dhaka of continued support for reforms

**BSS, Washington**

International Monetary Fund (IMF) has assured Bangladesh of providing continued support and assistance for its on-going reform programmes.

"IMF would continue to articulate legitimate demands of the developing countries including Bangladesh," said IMF Managing Director Horst Kohler at a meeting with Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman here on Thursday.

They discussed IMF activities in Bangladesh and recent develop-

ments in economy, including macro-economic situation and smooth transition of Bangladesh currency to Free Exchange Rate.

The IMF MD expressed optimism that under the supervision of the present economic team, headed by Saifur Rahman, the reforms would be implemented in time.

The finance minister expressed his thanks for IMF cooperation for successful signing of Poverty Reduction and Growth Facility (PRGF) agreement in Washington.

Saifur Rahman also had a

separate meeting with the Deputy Managing Director of IMF Shigemitsu Sugisaki.

He invited Kohler and Sugisaki to visit Bangladesh at a mutually convenient time.

In the morning, the finance minister met the World Bank Managing Director Shengman Zhang.

Zhang told Saifur that he was impressed with Bangladesh's economic performance and the fact that a country with such a small area is being able to feed such a big population.

He pointed out that the Bangladesh authorities and the World Bank experts have convergence of views on all key issues of development and common goals for alleviating poverty.

He also accepted an invitation of the finance minister to visit Bangladesh in near future.



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Colonel Taher Sangsad organised an art competition for children on the occasion of Colonel Taher Day at the Institute of Fine Arts of Dhaka University yesterday.

## SCF calls strike in NU colleges on July 24

**UNB, Dhaka**

Samajtantrik Chhatra Front (SCF) has called strike in all colleges under the National University (NU) on July 24 to press home its eight-point demand.

The demands include continuation of classes throughout the year in colleges under the NU, construction of separate examination halls, and appointment of adequate number of teachers.

The SCF leaders have called on the students, teachers, guardians and employees of the colleges to make the strike a success.



## Moderate rain likely

**UNB, Dhaka**

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at one or two places over the six divisions of the country in the next 12 hours till 6.00pm today.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged, Met Office said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 35.4 degree Celsius was recorded at Jessore and the lowest of 25.2 degree at Srimangol.

**The sun sets in the capital at 6:48pm today and rises at 5:22am tomorrow.**

The highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature		Humidity in	
	in Celsius		percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	34.0	27.5	71	65
Chittagong	32.2	25.8	77	69
Rajshahi	34.8	27.0	75	73
Khulna	34.0	26.4	74	71
Barisal	33.2	26.5	81	84
Sylhet	32.2	25.6	96	78
Cox's Bazar	32.7	25.6	81	78



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The National Front of Teachers and Employees took to the streets yesterday to press for their various demands including withdrawal of Moududi's books from different government projects.

# Minister warns against corruption in relief distribution

**UNB, Sirajganj**

The government will continue to allocate adequate relief materials for the flood-hit people to ensure that none dies of starvation.

Disaster Management and Relief Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf gave the assurance at separate rallies while visiting the flood affected areas in Sadar, Raiganj, Ullapara and Shahjadpur upazilas of the district yesterday.

He warned that corruption in the distribution of relief materials would not be tolerated.

The minister distributed rice among the destitute families.

State Minister for Power Iqbal Hasan Mahmud and Abdul Manann Talukdar MP accompanied the relief minister.

Necessary steps would be taken to repair the flood-damaged cross dams, Kamal Ibne Yusuf said and

directed the officials concerned to shift the flood-affected people to shelter centres and other high places.

He asked the officials to take preparations 'from right now' so that they could start rehabilitation

work immediately with the recession of floodwaters.

On Thursday, the relief minister also visited the affected areas in Sadar upazila and distributed relief among the flood victims.



**Convention**

The inaugural session of the 9th National Convention of Bangladesh Political Science Association will be held with Prime Minister Khaleda Zia as chief guest. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 10.30am.

**Film show**

Academy Film Society will screen a film titled 'American Psycho'. Venue: 21/C, Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm.

**Prize giving ceremony**

The prize giving ceremony of Aluminium Extrusion Limited will be held. Venue: National Shooting Federation, Gulshan. Time: 7.30pm.

**Launching ceremony**

The launching ceremony of 'Punashcha' will be held. It will be followed by the premiere show of a film titled 'Tiffner Fake'. Venue: House-10/B, Road-47/48, Gulshan-2. Time: 11.30am.

**Bangabandhu discussion**

Bangabandhu Parishad organises a discussion on the occasion of the 28th death anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Venue: CIRDP auditorium. Time: 5.00pm.

**Musical function**

Dwijendra Parishad organises a discussion and musical function on the occasion of the 139th birth anniversary of noted lyricist and dramatist Dwijendra Lal Roy. Venue: House-260, Road-27 (Old), Dhanmondi. Time: 6.00pm.

**Discussion**

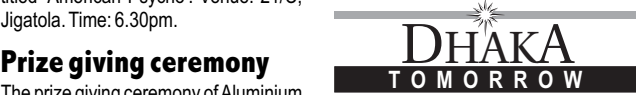
The Society for Intellectual Change organises a discussion on 'Who have kept Bangladesh poor?'. Venue: TSC auditorium of Dhaka University. Time: 10.30am.

**Leo club meeting**

Leo Club of Dhaka Kawnrbarazar will hold its second meeting of July. Venue: Nahar Plaza, 26 Sonarga Road. Time: 4.00pm.

**Rotary meeting**

Weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 1.30pm.



**Film show**

Academy Film Society will screen a film titled 'Changing Lanes'. Venue: 21/C, Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm.

**Science film show**

National Science and Technology Museum will screen a special film on Apollo-11 mission on the occasion of the 34th anniversary of man's landing on the moon. Venue: Museum auditorium, Agargaon. Time: 3.00pm.

**Discussion**

A discussion on 'Poverty alleviation through the rearing of merit: Role of business community', organised jointly by Shikhabichitra and Khandaker Tea Company, will be held with Education Minister Dr Osman Faruk as chief guest. Venue: Shaheed Zia auditorium, National Museum. Time: 4.30pm.

**Workshop**

The inaugural session of a workshop titled 'Opportunities under clean development mechanism in Bangladesh', organised by Waste Concern in collaboration with the environment and forest ministry, will be held with Minister Shajahan Siraj as chief guest. Venue: IDB Bhaban, Agargaon. Time: 10.00am.

# Road accidents kill 3 in B'baria, Manikganj

**UNB, Dhaka**

Three people were killed in two road accidents in Brahmanbaria and Manikganj on Thursday.

In Brahmanbaria, a man was killed and two others were injured when a tempo fell into a roadside ditch.

Police and witnesses said the tempo, heading towards Sarail, veered into the watery ditch at Suhilpur in Sadar upazila at about 11.30pm after colliding with a microbus.

The body of M Jahangir, a trader in Sarail bazar, was recovered from the ditch yesterday morning. The injured were admitted to Sadar Hospital.

In Manikganj, two people were killed when a minibus crashed into a roadside tree on Dhaka-Aricha highway.

The accident in Dhamrai upazila left 15 people injured. Two of them died soon after admission to Gono Swasthya Kendra.

The dead were identified as Rehena, 40, and Zulekha, 40.

In another incident, three people were injured when a truck plunged into a roadside pond at Pashchim Dashra in the town.

## One to die for killing wife

**UNB, Cox's Bazar**

A court here convicted a man and sentenced him to death on Thursday for killing his wife.

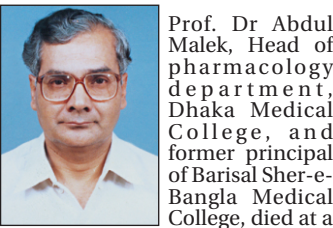
The convict was identified as Shahabuddin, son of Abul Hossain of Konakhali village in Chakoria village.

According to the prosecution, Shahabuddin killed his wife Jotsna Begum on September 17, 1994.

Later, a case was filed with Chakoria thana in this connection.

After examining the records and witnesses, the judge of the tribunal No.-2 handed down the verdict.

## Obituary



Prof. Dr. Abdul Malek, Head of pharmacology department, Dhaka Medical College, and former principal of Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College, died at a city clinic on Thursday midnight at the age of 55, says a press release.

He is survived by his wife and one son.

His qulkhani will be held at his residence at Kalyanpur Housing Estate after Asr prayers on July 20.

Relatives, colleagues, students and admirers have been requested to attend the qul.

## Death anniversary

The fourth death anniversary of Dr. Md Zahir Khan, former chairman of Bangladesh Krishi Bank, will be observed today, says a press release.

A social activist, Dr. Zahir was also a member of 'International Parliament for Safety and Peace'.

Qurankhwani and doa mahfil will be held at his residence after Asr prayers.