President asks people of all religious faiths to ensure harmony

President lajuddin Ahmed vesterday said a peaceful social and religious atmosphere existed in Bangladesh

The president said the people of all religious faiths should contribute to ensure harmony, social peace and development.

He was talking to the members of the Chittagong Purnachar International Buddhist Temple Management Committee who called on him at Bangabhaban vesterday.

Founder president of the Temple Sreemat Sattayaprio Mahathero led the 10-member delegation.

Appeal for help



who has suffering cancer appeals to the generous people for financial assis-

tance for his treatment, says a press release

Sajal, a brilliant student of Shaikh Burhanuddin Post Graduate College, seeks help from the affluent section of the society as his poor father cannot afford to pay the treatment cost ranging from Tk 6 lakh to 8 lakh.

Interested persons have been requested to send contributions to the following account: A/C No 11100002179, Shahjalal Bank, Mitford Branch, Dhaka

The government has taken a number of development projects for welfare of the people belonging to different religious faiths, he said.

He said yearly donations are being given to various places of worships for maintenance and development of mosques, temples and churches.

lajuddin said the proposed 'Atish Dipankar Science and Technology University' was named after a Buddhist personality of high repute at home and abroad

He wished early completion of the Purnachar International Buddhist Temple and the guest house in Chittagong.

The delegation members told the president that late President Ziaur Rahman had donated the land for building a Buddhist temple and a guest house of international stan-

dard in Chittagong.

The members of the delegation included advocate Nepal Chandra Barua, Deshprio Barua Chowdhury, Chandrajoyoti Sraman, Joysen Barua, Ananda Mitra Talukdar, Dolon Barua, Arindom Ther, Sugat Bikash Chowdhury and Sreekant

BUET classes resume Aug 23

Classes of different levels and terms of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) will resume on August 23. The students have been asked to complete their registrations in their respective departments on August 17, 18 and 20, said a press release



BADC Diploma Engineers' Association forms a human chain in front of the Krishi Bhaban at Motijheel yesterday demanding reinstatement of 550 diploma engineers.



LGED Chief Engineer Md Shahidul Hassan inaugurates a ten-day training on AutoCad system for the assistant engineers and upazila engineers of LGED in Dhaka on Saturday. The Local Government Engineering Department and Japan International Cooperation Agency jointly organised the training



Management Net, an organisation of the ex-students of Department of Management Studies, Dhaka University, organised a voluntary blood donation programme on the university campus on Friday.



NEWS

Visitors at the painting exhibition of Japanese artist Obata Takashir that began at the Institute of Fine Arts yesterday.

54 species of fish on verge of extinction: Minister

Fisheries fortnight begins tomorrow

The government has a plan to release fish fries worth Tk 2.80 crore during the current season in different water bodies

This was disclosed by State Minister for Fisheries and Livestock Ukil Abdus Sattar Bhuiyan at a press conference yesterday at the Fisheries Directorate in connection with the observance of 'Fisheries Fortniaht'

The fisheries fortnight will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Khaleda Zia tomorrow. Sattar said during the fiscal

2001-2002, the country produced 18.90 metric tons of fish -- 6.88 MT from open waters, 7.86MT from cultivable water bodies and 4.16MT from sea water.

He told the newsmen that at least

54 species of traditional fish were on

the verge of extinction. However, he

said efforts are underway to protect them through artificial insemination through other research pursuits. He said 1.20 crore people were directly and indirectly dependent for

their life and living on the fish sector. And as such, he said, the government had imparted training to two lakh fish growers by setting up 8,000

fish villages in 300 upazilas under 54 districts with financial and technical assistance from World Bank. DFDI and other financial institu-

The state minister said the country earned foreign exchange to the tune of Tk 1637.14 crore by exporting 41.482 metric tons of frozen fish, shrimps and other fish resources during the fiscal 2001-

He said the government has taken various plans to develop fish resources, including setting up of 50 sanctuaries in different rivers, haors and other water bodies

Death anniversary



The third death anniversary of Dr Syeda Firoza Begum, a renowned gynaecologists, will be obser-ved

today, says a press release. Qurankhwani, doa mahfil and food distribution among the orphans have been organised at her village home at Chandina in Comilla dis-

M Wazed Ali Miajee



The third death anniversary of M Wazed Ali Miajee, a renownedsports personality of this sub-continent. will be obser-

ved today, says a press release. Qurankhwani, milad mahfil and food distribution to different orphanages have been organised on this

Different clubs and organisations will also hold milad mahfils and memorial discussions

Monir Uddin



The fourth death anniversary of Monir Uddin, a freedom fighter and drug trader of Jamalpur town will be observed today, says a press release.

Doa mahfil and food distribution at orphanage and madrassah have been organised on this occasion.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to pray for the salvation of the departed soul



Venue: 21/C, Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm.

monsoon song composed by poet

Rabindranath Tagore. Venue: Shishu

A seminar on 'Corporate governance-

Should we regulate corporations and

how?', organised by Dhaka campus of

Victoria University, Melbourne, will be

held. Venue: BETS Centre, Dhanmondi.

World Water Forum of Journalists

(WWFJ) organises the publication

ceremony of the draft of 'State of World

Water 2003' with Water Resources

Minister Hafiz Uddin Ahmed as chief

aust. Venue: WWFJ conference room.

Segun Bagicha, Time: 10.00am.

Monsoon song

Academy, Time: 7.00pm.

Seminar

Time: 9.15am

Publication

ceremony

Academy Film Society will screen a feature film tiled 'On Golden Pond'.

Dhaka North will be held. Dr Hafiz G A Siddiqi, vice-chancellor of North South University, will deliver a lecture on 'Good governance and civil society'. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 6.00pm.

The inaugural ceremony of a two-day Pakistan Dates Exhibition will be held Venue: Hotel Purbani. Time: 10.00am.

DHÁKA TOMORROW

Academy Film Society will screen a eature film tiled 'The Circle'. Venue:

Inauguration

The inauguration ceremony of Standard Chartered Operation Theatre and Children's Ward at Islamia Eye Hospital will be held. Venue: Hospital premises.

Discussion Muktijoddha Oikya Parishad will hold a Lecture discussion as part of its programme to observe the death anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Venue: National Press Club auditorium.

AL meeting

Time: 3.00pm.

A meeting of Bangladesh Awami League (AL) presidium will be held with acting party president Abdus Samad Azad in the chair. Venue: AL office, Dhanmondi. Time: 11.00am.

Jubo Dal meeting

A meeting of Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal Dhaka city unit will be held. Venue: 28/1, Naya Paltan. Time:

Alecture on 'Present world situation and moral progress', organised by Dev Centre for Philosophical Studies, will be held. Venue: Room No 2028, Arts

Discussion

auditorium, National Museum. Time:

Programming contest held

The AIUB Inter-University Programming Contest was held in the city for the second time on Saturday, says a press release.

A total of 82 teams from 32 public and private universities took part in the competition. Of them, five teams were comprised of female students.

The American International University Bangladesh (AIUB) in association with the Prothom Alo, a Bangla daily, organised the contest, Founder Chairman of AIUB Dr Anwarul Abedin inaugurated the

competition. Carmen Z Lamagna, vice chancellor of AIUB, Matiur Rahman, editor of the Prothom Alo. Hasanul A Hasan, Ishtiague Abedin and Nadia Anwar, founder directors of AIUB, and Dr Tafazzal Hossain, pro-vice chancellor, were present at the

AutoCAD training for LGED engrs begins

A ten-day training on AutoCAD system for assistant engineers and upazila engineers of LGED began in the city yesterday, says a press

Organised jointly by LGED and JICA, the training aims at increasing the efficiency of engineers in computer aided design and drawing. Kanezo Takeuchi, team leader of

rural development engineering centre, highlighted the importance of learning AutoCAD system. Haiime Nabeta, deputy resident

representative of JICA, said AutoCAD was extremely useful for preparation of different designs. LGED Chief Engineer Md

Shahidul Hassan thanked JICA for extending cooperation to infrastructure development of his organisa-

The inaugural session was also addressed by Addl Chief Engineer Saroj Kumar Sarker and Superintending Engineer Md Wahidur Rahman.



Founder Chairman of AIUB Dr Anwarul Abedin inaugurates the AIUB Inter-University Programming Contest on Saturday.

'Withdraw decision to lay off 3 jute mills'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Samajtantrik Sramik Front (SSF) yesterday urged the government to withdraw its decision to lay off three jute mills in Khulna.

In a statement, SSF Pesident

Abdullah Sarkar and Secretary General Zahedul Hoque Milu urged the people to resist the They said the government is

closing industries one after another on the advice of World Bank and International Monetary Fund.

Urs Mubarak

The annual Urs Mubarak of Fakhrul Mohaddesh Hazrat Moulana Abdul Ghafur (R.A) will be held at 78 Shantinagar in the city tomorrow,

says a press release. On the occasion, recitation from the holy Quran will begin at 10am, and doa at 12am, followed by distri-

The government on Saturday took the decision to lay off the mills named Peoples Jute Mills, Star Jute Mills and Eastern Jute

Congratulations



Imtiaz Faroog has achieved a first class honours degree in law from Cardiff University, says a press release.

He is aoina to Oxford University (St. Catherine's College) for the degree of B.C.L. which will

lead to a Ph.D. degree. He is the only son of Mohammad Ozair Farooq, a senior advocate and former president of the Supreme Court Bar Association.



Moderately heavy fall likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Chittagong, Khulna, Dhaka, Barisal and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi division till 6pm today.

Moderately heavy to heavy fall is also likely at one or two places over the country during the period, Met Office said.

Highest temperature 34.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Dinajpur and the lowest 24.2-degree at Sitakunda

The sun sets in the capital at 6:35 pm today and rises at 5:32 Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some

major cities and towns yesterday were: Citv/Town Temperature Humidity in in Celsius percentage Morning Evening 27.0 Dhaka 30.0 30.0 Chittagong 25.8 32.5 27.7 Raishahi 78 Khulna 30.5 27.4 93 25.5 93 Barisal 29.4 32.0 81 Sylhet 26.6 83 32.6 Cox's Bazar

Rotary meeting Weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Chhayanaut will hold a session of

Dates exhibition



Film show

21/C, Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm.

Time: 3.00pm.

Building of Dhaka University. Time:

Panju Shah Seba-Sangskriti Sangha organises a discussion in observance of the death anniversary of mystic poet Panju Shah with Environment and Forest Minister Shajahan Siraj as chief guest. Venue: Poet Sufia Kamal