



The Naya Paltan Road became gridlocked yesterday morning as heavy rains caused waterlogging in the area.

# Repeal amendments to Civil Procedure Code

## Lawyers demand

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sammilita Ainjibi Samannaya Parishad yesterday demanded repeal of the amendments to Civil Procedure Code and Bar Council Order. People would be deprived of justice and corruption would grip the judiciary if the Civil Procedure Code amendment act becomes effective, said the Parishad leaders at its steering committee meeting. They also alleged that the Bar Council Order amendment act is

aimed at belittling the image of the Bar Council. The said the provision for induction of justices into the enrolment committee would make them controversial and termed the provision for restriction on voting rights an interference in independent bar association. They also said the lawyers would be deprived of their right to elect the right candidate if the winners who served two consecutive terms are barred from contesting the polls. The leaders also condemned

the attack on the members of the Dhaka Bar Association on September 6 and demanded punishment to the attackers. The Parishad will form a human chain in front of the Supreme Court at 12.00 noon today to press home its demands. Presided over by Parishad Convener Barrister Amir-ul Islam, the meeting was addressed by Abdul Majumder, Ozair Faruk, Subrata Chowdhury, Sahara Khatun and TM Fazle Rabbi.

# Judgement in Nilufer murder case tomorrow

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Judgement in the housewife Nilufer Rashid murder case will be given tomorrow. Hossain Shahid Ahmad, Judge of the Second Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court Dhaka will pronounce the verdict at 1:00 pm, court sources said. Both the prosecution and the defence completed their arguments on August 27. Earlier, the court recorded statements of 16 out of 24 prosecution witnesses. The court also recorded statements of six defence witnesses. Nilufer Rashid, 25, a meritorious law student of Dhaka University and daughter of a retired Judge, was killed at her husband's North Bashabo residence on December 2, 1992. Victim's husband Engineer Kazi Mahbuddin filed a murder case with Subjibagh thana accusing his

domestic help Belal the same day. Victim's father filed another case with the same thana accusing Mahbub and Belal. Later, Belal gave a confessional statement before a metropolitan magistrate being pressurised by Mahbub but his statement was retracted later and Belal divulged the facts before magistrate. The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) submitted a charge sheet accusing Mahbub and Belal on April 22, 1995. The court framed charges against them on January 1, 1997. The trial of the case began on June 14, 1998.

## ALCWC meets Monday

UNB, Dhaka

A meeting of Awami League Central Working Committee (ALCWC) will be held at its Dhanmondi party office at 11am on Monday. AL President and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina is to chair the meeting. AL General Secretary Abdul Jalil has requested all concerned to attend the meeting.

## BN ship off to Malaysia

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Navy Ship BNS Osman left Chittagong yesterday for Malaysia to attend a 6-day Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition-2003 beginning there on September 30. Commanded by Captain M I Hossain, BNS Osman is comprised of 53 officers and 225 sailors, an ISPR press release said. The ship is expected to return on October 10.



## Anwarul Bar Chowdhury new envoy to Italy

BSS, Dhaka

The government has appointed Anwarul Bar Chowdhury, Secretary of the Ministry of Establishment, as Ambassador to Italy. A foreign ministry press release said here yesterday that Chowdhury joined the erstwhile Central Superior Services of Pakistan in 1968. During his long career, he has served in the Ministries of Defence, Commerce, Foreign Affairs and Economic Relations Division in different capacities. He was also the Vice-Chairman of Bangladesh Export Promotion Bureau before his appointment as Secretary of the Ministry of Establishment in July, 2001.



Members of Indian National Defence College (NDC) delegation pose with President Iajuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday.

## Indian NDC team meets president

UNB, Dhaka

An Indian National Defence College (NDC) delegation met President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces Iajuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday. The delegation members, led by NDC Senior Directing Staff Sri Alok Zain, exchanged greetings with the president. Earlier, they met Defence Secretary KM Ehsanul Haq at the Ministry of Defence and discussed training and academic activities of the armed forces of the two friendly countries. The defence secretary presented a crest of the ministry to Sri Alok Zain. The delegation left here yesterday afternoon after a 4-day goodwill visit to Bangladesh. Assistant Chief of the Air Staff (Admin) Air Commodore Aung Saw Tun saw them off at the Zia International Airport, said an ISPR press release.

# Maintain peace during Durga Puja: Khoka

SATFF CORRESPONDENT

Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka yesterday urged the elected representatives to give all possible assistance to law enforcing agencies to maintain peace in the city during the Durga Puja, the greatest religious festival of the Hindu community. He made the request at a meeting with the leaders of Puja Celebrating Committee at Dhaka City Corporation auditorium. Sadeque Hossain said all citizens are equal in the eye of law in

Bangladesh. The meeting discussed various measures to celebrate the Durga Puja peacefully at about 139 puja mandaps across the city. City Police Commissioner Ashraf Huda, President of Dhaka City Puja Celebrating Committee Swapan Kumar Bhoumik, General Secretary of Bangladesh Hindu Bouddha Christian Oikya Parishad Nimchandra Bhoumik, Maharaj of Ram Krishna Mission and leaders of different puja mandap committees attended the meeting.

# Car driver foils bid to hijack autorickshaw

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A car driver foiled an attempt by two robbers to hijack an autorickshaw at Gulshan yesterday. Posing as passengers, the two -- Abdul Aziz, 25 and Mohammad Nannu, 24, -- hired the autorickshaw from in front of the Shooting Club. As the vehicle started running, they intoxicated its driver and took him to the rear seat. And one of them took over the steering. But the car driver who witnessed the incident hit the auto-rickshaw from behind, causing the three-wheeler to crash into a road island. The passers-by and locals soon rushed to the scene and beat up the robbers as the car driver raised an alarm. Later, police rescued the two from the wrath of the mob. They also

took them along with the unconscious driver to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. The driver was undergoing treatment at the hospital and the robbers were taken into police custody after given first aid. Gulshan police said a case would be filed against the two at night. Musical evening at Fantasy Kingdom. A musical evening of Asif and Sinthya will be held at the Fantasy Kingdom today, says a press release. Vortex Tunnel, a new ride, will also be inaugurated today.

## New session on French language course begins tomorrow

CU CORRESPONDENT

New session of French language course begins at the Chittagong branch of Alliance Francaise tomorrow. Students have the options to choose beginners' course, intermediate course, advanced course and superior course, says a press release. The duration of the course will be 11 weeks. It will be conducted through audio-visual methods. During the session, a student is entitled to enjoy all the privileges including library and cafe facilities as well as free access to the cultural activities of Alliance Francaise.

## Workshop on 'ISP set-up on Linux' held

A two-day workshop on 'ISP set-up on Linux' concluded at the East West University on September 23, says a press release.

Organised by the Computer Club of the university, the workshop was aimed at empowering the participants to establish their own ISP using Linux system. Students from different public and private universities, computer professionals and journalists took part in the workshop. Jalaluddin Ahmed, a former secretary and founder-director of the university, attended the concluding session as chief guest and distributed certificates among the participants. Underscoring the need for developing skilled human resources, he said the East West University believes in nurturing the talent of the middle class of the society and it would continue to provide its support for them. The programme was also attended by Firdaus Ali, registrar of the university, and members of the faculty.



Jalaluddin Ahmed, a former secretary and founder-director of East West University, gives away certificate to a participant of a two-day workshop on 'ISP set-up on Linux' on the university campus recently. On his right is Professor Azad Khan of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering.

## Alleged thief beaten to death

BSS, Rajshahi

An unidentified person, aged about 36 years, was beaten to death by mob at New Market area of the city in the early hours of yesterday. Quoting eyewitnesses, police said the person tried to steal goods through the window of a residence in the area at about 3.45 am. As inmates of the house raised hue and cry, local people rushed there, caught the person and started beaten him. Police also rushed to the spot and took him to the Rajshahi Medical College Hospital, where the attending doctors declared him dead after a few minutes of his admission. A case was filed with the local police station in this connection.



## Slight rise in temperature likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at few places over Chittagong, Barisal, Khulna, Dhaka, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions with moderately heavy falls at places till 6pm today. Day temperature may rise slightly over the country during the period, Met Office said. Highest temperature 34.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Khulna and the lowest 23.0 degree at Sayedpur. The sun sets in the capital at 5:51pm today and rises at 5:49am tomorrow. Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	27.9	26.3	96	88
Chittagong	33.0	25.5	78	73
Rajshahi	31.8	23.6	97	--
Khulna	34.0	26.4	82	100
Barisal	31.8	26.5	76	83
Sylhet	31.8	24.0	76	92
Cox's Bazar	33.1	24.7	85	87

## Print exhibition begins today

A ten-day print exhibition of contemporary print makers of Bangladesh begins at the Shiphangan Gallery today, says a press release. Educationist Professor Zillur Rahman Siddiqui will inaugurate the exhibition at 5.30pm. Writer and critic Abul Hasnat will be present as guest of honour while Artist Mostafa Monwar will preside. The exhibition will remain open from 10.00am to 9.00pm daily till October 5.



Awami League General Secretary Abdul Jalil speaks at a press conference at the party's central office at Bangabandhu Avenue yesterday.

**DHAKA TODAY**

**Reunion**  
Jogajog 92, an organisation of 92 batch students of mass communication and journalism department of Dhaka University, organises a reunion. Prof Sakhawat Ali Khan, chairman and Abdul Majid, an official will be given a reception at the function. Venue: TSC Cafeteria. Time: 4.00pm.

**Street drama**  
The Centre for Asian Theatre will stage a street drama titled 'Tarpor', directed by Naila Azad. The drama deals with violence and human rights issues. Venue: Dhanmondi Mukta Mancha. Time: 6.00pm.

**Musical evening**  
An exclusive musical evening by Sadi Mohammad and Fatema Tuz Zohra, organised by A V Graph, will be held. Venue: Spectra Convention Centre, Gulshan 1. Time: 7.30pm.

**Film show**  
Academy Film Society will screen two films titled 'Terminator' and 'May be Baby'. Venue: 21/C, Jigatola. Time: 3.30pm and 6.30pm.

**Council**  
The fourth national council of Bangladesh Jubo Maitree will be held. Venue: Shaheed Tajul Auditorium, Purana Paltan. Time: 10.00am.

**Rally**  
Sacheton Nagorik Samaj organises a rally protesting recent atrocities committed on the ethnic community at Mahalchhari in Chittagong Hill Tracts. Venue: Central Shaheed Minar. Time: 10.00am.

**Art competition**  
Purbita, a group of female artists, organises an art competition for the children on the occasion of its 12th founding anniversary. Venue: Institute of Fine Arts premises, University of Dhaka. Time: 3.00pm.

**Seminar**

A seminar on the 'Contribution of Shah Waliullah (RA) to the reawakening of Muslims in this sub-continent', organised by Shah Waliullah Islamic Centre, Bangladesh will be held with Justice Abdur Rauf, former chief election commissioner, as chief guest. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 4.00pm.

**Conference**  
The inaugural session of a three-day national conference on 'Gender, Globalisation and Peace', organised by SANGAT, a south asian network of gender activists and trainers, will be held. Venue: CIRDP auditorium, Tophkhana Road. Time: 9.00am.

**DHAKA TOMORROW**

**ICMAB conference**  
The inaugural session of the national conference of the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Bangladesh (ICMAB) will be held with Prime Minister Khaleda Zia as chief guest. Venue: Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre, Sher-e-Banglanagar. Time: 11.00am.

**Moon sighting meet**  
A meeting of the National Moon Sighting Committee will be held with State Minister for Religious Affairs Mosharrif Hossain Shahjahan as chief guest. Venue: Conference room of the Islamic Foundation Bangladesh. Time: 7.00pm.

**Film show**  
Academy Film Society will screen a film titled 'The Thomas Crown Affair'. Venue: 21/C, Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm.

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