

Dubai Shopping Festival begins January 15

The world famous Dubai Shopping Festival will begin on January 15 and continue till April 30 of next year, says a press release.

Under an agreement signed with Inscope Middle East LLC on October 1, the Unitrend Ltd, a reputed advertising agency of the country, will allot stalls to interested Bangladeshi businessmen and companies on 'first come first serve' basis.

In order to avail the stupendous opportunity to expose their products at world market, Unitrend Ltd has requested all interested companies and organisations to complete their bookings by November 15 at the latest.

Exhibition of Anupam Handicrafts

BSS, Dhaka

Prof Dr SMA Faiz, Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University, inaugurated the first exhibition of Anupam Handicrafts at Gulshan-2 in the city yesterday.

Anupam Handicrafts, a promoter of rural handicrafts, began its debut sale at a Gulshan shop here, a press release said.

The main objective of Anupam is to collect quality handicrafts from rural areas and market those in the city at a reasonable price.



Humayera Jenny, a contestant, performs at the Benson & Hedges Star Search 2003 Final. Sixteen performers (9 bands and 7 solos) contested the grand event at the Engineers' Institute Auditorium, Chittagong yesterday.

2 young women commit suicide

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An HSC examinee and a domestic help allegedly committed suicide at Mugda and Azimpur in the city yesterday.

Eighteen-year-old Tania Akhter,

daughter of Zamir Hossain of 1/59, south Mugda, was a student of Motijheel Model School and College.

Sadeq, Tania's brother, said she went out of their residence on Thursday morning to meet her

friend and attend the computer class. She returned home at 8.00pm.

"We heard a groaning sound coming out of her room at around 11.00pm and found her hanging from the ceiling fan with a saree," said he.

Tania was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where she died early yesterday.

Domestic help Rehana Akhter, 19, also took her life by hanging herself from the ceiling fan at 6.20am at her uncle-cum-master's house at 165/A, New Paltan residential area.

The incident took place in less than 12 hours of her uncle, Abdul Majid's marriage on Thursday.

One young woman took Rehana to the DMCH and introduced herself as Mariam and Rehana as Mousumi of Kamrangirchar.

Doctors-on-duty declared Rehana dead.

Sources said Rehana had been working for Majid, owner of a crockery shop at New Market, for the last two years.

Reasons behind the two incidents could not be known immediately.

Obituary

BSS, Dhaka

Dr AB Saiful Islam Chowdhury, a senior physician, died here on Monday after a prolonged illness at the age of 78.

Dr Chowdhury, hailed from Fulbari of Sylhet, is survived by his wife, five daughters and a son.

He was buried at Mirpur Martyred Intellectuals' Graveyard.

Dr Chowdhury was associated with different welfare-oriented activities.

Maqsood Chowdhury

Maqsood Ahmed Chowdhury, a retired joint secretary and a Language Movement veteran, died yesterday at the age of 74, says a press release.

He was buried at Mirpur Graveyard. His kulkhwani will be held on Sunday after Asr prayers at his Lalmatia residence in the city.