

DHAKA TODAY

Award giving ceremony

The award giving ceremony of National Cooperatives Award will be held with Prime Minister Khaleda Zia as chief guest. Venue: Osmani Memorial Hall. Time: 12.00 noon.

SAARC conference

The inaugural ceremony of first conference of editors and working journalists of SAARC countries, organised by the information ministry, will be held with Minister Tariqul Islam as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 9.30am.

Seminar

A seminar on 'Full ratification of CEDAW by Bangladesh: problems and possibilities', organised by Women for Women: a research and study group, will be held. Venue: WVA auditorium, Dhanmondi. Time: 10.30am.

Health seminar

A seminar on 'Eye health care', organised by Bangladesh Lions Foundation, will be held with Deputy Speaker Akhter Hamid Siddiqui as chief guest. Venue: Lions Bhaban, Agargaon. Time: 12.00 noon.

Film show

Academy Film Society will screen a film titled 'The taking of Pelham one two three'. Venue: 21/C, Jigatola. Time: 7.00pm.

Art exhibition

The inaugural ceremony of an art exhibition titled 'Spell of Weeping' by Mahbubur Rahman will be held. A performance titled 'Bright Artist' will also take place at the inaugural session. Venue: Alliance Francaise, Dhanmondi. Time: 6.00pm. The exhibition will remain open till November 3 from 9.00am to 12.00 noon and from 5.00pm to 8.00pm daily except on Saturday from 5.00pm to 8.00pm only.

Discussion

A discussion on the 'Significance of Ramadan', organised by Dhaka City Jamaat-e-Islami, will be held with party

Ameer Maulana Matir Rahman Nizami as chief guest. Venue: Mahanagar Natyamancha, Gulistan. Time: 4.00pm.

Rotary central

Weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will be held. Venue: Centre for Developing Management, Dhanmondi. Time: 3.30pm.

Rotary north west

Weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held. Venue: Gourmet Garden, Dhanmondi. Time: 4.00pm.

AL rally

Bangladesh Awami Juba League organises a rally to protest the price spiral of daily essentials. Venue: In front of the party central office, Bangabandhu Avenue. Time: 3.00pm.

SKOP rally

Sramik Karmachari Oikya Parishad (SKOP) organises a rally to press for their nine-point demand. Venue: Mukhtangan, Ramna. Time: 11.00am.

DHAKA TOMORROW SAARC conference

The closing ceremony of first conference of editors and working journalists of SAARC countries, organised by the information ministry, will be held with Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 3.30pm.

Blood Donation Day

The inaugural ceremony of National Voluntary Blood Donation and Posthumous Eye Donation Day will be held with State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Mizanur Rahman Sinha as chief guest. Venue: Osmani Memorial Hall. Time: 11.00am.

Film show

Academy Film Society will screen a film titled 'Do the right thing'. Venue: 21/C, Jigatola. Time: 7.00pm.



Children take part in a drawing competition at Shishu Academy in the city yesterday. The Rural Development and Cooperatives Division organised the event to mark the National Cooperatives Day 2003.

Prize distribution ceremony of army qirat, azan competition

UNB, Dhaka

The prize distribution ceremony of the Inter-Area Annual Qirat and Azan competition-2003 of Bangladesh Army was held at the Garrison Mosque at Dhaka Cantonment after Juma prayers yesterday.

The Comilla Area team won the title obtaining 829 points out of total 1200 points while the Chittagong Area team became runners-up with 811 points, said an ISPR press release.

In the qirat competition, Sergeant Muhammad Shah Alam (Comilla Area) won the first prize while Lance Corporal Hafiz Muhammad Ruhul Amin (Chittagong Area) and Sainik Hafiz Muhammad Saidur Rahman (Rangpur Area) got the second prizes jointly.

In the azan competition, Lance Corporal Hafiz Muhammad Ruhul Amin (Chittagong Area) became first while Sergeant Hafiz Muhammad Bellal Hossain and Lance Corporal Muhammad Waliullah of the Comilla Area team received the second prizes jointly.

Chief of Army Staff Lt. Gen. Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury was present as chief guest and distributed prizes among the winners.

Hazari cadre arrested

UNB, Feni

An alleged cadre of Hazari group was arrested from Dagonbhuiyan upazila headquarters on Thursday.

The arrested was identified as Farooq, son of Hafezullah of Omarpur village. He was wanted in 17 cases, including five murder cases.

Meanwhile, Shahajahan Saju, known as 'captain-2' of the Hazari group, was released on bail Thursday. He was arrested on March 28.

Death anniversary



The 23rd death anniversary of Alhaj Abdus Samad Bepari, former chairman of Satarkul union parishad, Badda, will be observed today, says a press release.

He was also one of the founders of Kurmitola High School.

The Beraid Gonopathagar and the weekly Gulshan will jointly organise a doa for the salvation of the departed soul.

Syed Abul Hossain Khaja

Today is the first death anniversary of Alhaj Syed Abul Hossain Khaja, ex-president of Bangabir Osmani Smitri Parishad, says a press release.

A freedom fighter, he died in a road accident last year.

A milad mahfil will be held at his residence at Section # 10, Block # B, Road # 11/1, House # 4, Mirpur after Asr prayers.

Relatives, friends and well-wishers have been requested to attend the milad.

Congratulations



Kazi Siratun Nabi, youngest son of former attorney general Barrister KS Nabi, obtained LL.B Honours Degree from the University of Wolverhampton, UK, says a press

release.

He was called to the Bar from the Society of Lincoln's Inn in July.

He is now practising law in the Supreme Court of Bangladesh and other civil courts.

Obituary



Professor Abdul Matin Choudhury, a retired principal of MC College, Sylhet, died in the city on October 30 at the age of 77, says a press

release.

He is survived by his wife, two sons and two daughters. He was buried at Azimpur Graveyard.

A milad mahfil will be held at Mohammadpur Anurag Community Centre after Asr prayers today.

Five die in police custody last month: Odhikar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Five people died in police custody while two women and two children were violated by the law enforcers last month.

Of them, three people died in two police stations in the capital and two others were shot dead by police and ansar, according to a survey report of Odhikar, a coalition for human rights.

The survey was conducted on the basis of reports published in different national dailies in October.

Eight others also died in jail custody. Of them, six died following sickness, another from torture and the other committed suicide.

Odhikar said 34 people were killed, 459 injured and 131 arrested in political violence during the period.

Besides, 24 women were killed, six others tortured and another suffered acid-burns. Two also committed suicide on dowry-related incident, said the report.

The month also witnessed 106 rape incidents while 11 were killed after the

rape.

The report said 52 children were killed, 21 injured, 40 raped, 18 abducted, four suffered acid burns and five committed suicide across the country.

At least 30 women also suffered acid burns across the country during the period.

Two journalists were injured, one arrested, six harassed, nine threatened and 14 others implicated in cases, it added.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum has said 649 incidents of violation against children took place in October.

A press release of the forum said a total of 146 incidents of unnatural death of children took place while 29 others were abducted.

Bureau of Human Rights of Bangladesh (BHRB) said 292 people were killed in October.

Of them, 52 were killed by the extremists, 11 by the robbers, three by the hijackers and 13 were beaten to death by the mob.

WEATHER TODAY

Dry weather likely

UNB, Dhaka

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry over the country with chances of light rain or drizzle at one or two places over Khulna, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions in the next 12 hours till 6.00pm today.

Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 34.2 degree Celsius was recorded at Cox's Bazar and the lowest of 20.8 degree Celsius at Srimangol.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:19pm today and rises at 6:05am tomorrow.

The 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	32.0	24.3	68	61
Chittagong	33.0	23.4	73	72
Rajshahi	32.1	23.2	75	81
Khulna	32.1	25.0	72	--
Barisal	31.6	23.6	76	87
Sylhet	31.5	23.5	87	82
Cox's Bazar	34.2	24.5	74	78