

DHAKA
TODAY**Art Exhibition**

The inaugural ceremony of a group art and sculpture exhibition of six contemporary artists titled 'Appointment', organised by Shilpangan, will be held. The artists are Hamiduzzaman Khan, Abdus Shakoor, Ranjit Das, Ivy Zaman, Javed Jalil and Anukul Mojumder. Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, Dhanmondi. Time: 4.00pm. The exhibition will remain open till November 23 from 10.00am to 9.00pm daily.

3.30pm.

Closing session

The closing session of joint Bangladesh-WTO-UNIDO workshop on the agreement on technical barriers to trade for SAARC LDCs will be held with Deputy Minister for Industries Abdus Salam Pintoo as chief guest. Time: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 4.00pm.

Installation ceremony

The installation ceremony of new executive committee of Leo Club of Dhaka Karwan Bazar will be held. Venue: Hotel Orchid Plaza, Naya Paltan. Time: 3.00pm.

Fashion exhibition

The opening ceremony of a three-day Eid Fashion exhibition, organised by Mehuli, Ayon Craft, Bithika and Bushra Botique, will be held. Venue: DRIK Gallery, Dhanmondi. Time: from 11.00am to 9.00pm daily.

Punjabi exhibition

The inaugural ceremony of an exclusive Punjabi exhibition by Shamima will be held with renowned singers Sadi Mohammad and Mita Haque to inaugurate. Venue: House-12/A, Road-63, Gulshan-2. Time: 11.30am. The exhibition will remain open till November 16 from 11.00am to 9.00pm daily.

Film show

The Alliance Francaise will screen a film titled 'Nely et M Arnaud' directed by Claude Sautet. Venue: Alliance Francaise auditorium. Time: 10.30am and 6.00pm.

World Diabetes Day

The Bangladesh Diabetic Samity organises a procession and a discussion to mark the World Diabetes Day. Venue: BIRDEM auditorium. Time: 9.30am.

Discussion

The Kishorkantha Foundation will hold a discussion and an iftar party for writers, litterateurs, poets and well-wishers. Venue: Shishu Academy auditorium. Time: 2.30pm.

Certificate giving ceremony

The Anjuman Mufidul Islam will hold a certificate distribution ceremony and an iftar party, with Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka as chief guest. Venue: Service centre, 42 Kakrail. Time: 3.45pm.

Product launching ceremony

Osmom Corporation Limited organises a launching ceremony of Saliman's Juice Pack and Crispo Pakistani products. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time:

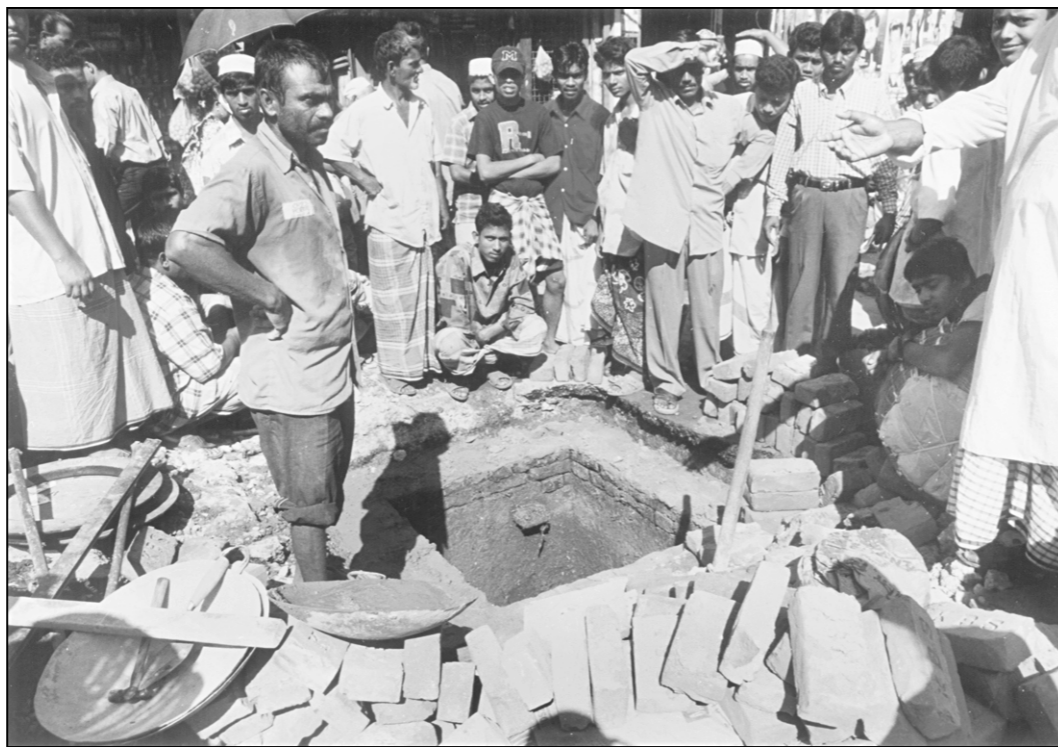


PHOTO:STAR

Local people prevent the workers from repairing a manhole near Rampura bazaar yesterday when they found that bricks of low quality are being used to repair it.

JCD leader murder case**Court accepts charge sheet against 7**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Khulna*

The Court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Mohammad Ziaul Islam yesterday accepted the charge sheet against seven accused in the JCD leader Wahiduzzaman Chanchal murder case.

The court has also issued warrants of arrest against two absconding accused and exempted two others from the case.

JCD vice-president Wahiduzzaman was hacked to death in a house at West Baniakhar on October 18, 1998. His body was recovered from Nijkhamar area near Khulna University the next day.

Badrun Bibi, mother of slain JCD leader, filed a FIR with Khulna thana. The investigation officer of the case submitted charge sheet accusing seven people of the murder on April 12, 2001.

But the complainant filed a naraji petition against the charge sheet on May 25, 2001. Later, the complainant dis-

owned the naraji petition submitted by her lawyer.

The seven accused are Ekhlas, Advocate Akhter Zahan Ruku, Moin Zamaddar, Imtiaz Ali, Rawshan Jamil Mithu, Abdur Razzak and Zahidul Islam.

The court has issued warrants of arrest against Abdur Razzak and Zahidul Islam and exempted Nadim Hossain and Azizul Karim from the charge.

Azizul Karim and Nadim Hossain who were released on bail on June 9, 1999 gave their statement before the court describing how the JCD leader was called out from the BNP office and confined in a house where he was murdered.

Two accused - Moin Zamaddar and Abdul Aziz -- are armed cadres of an outlawed organisation, sources said.

Police suspected that the killing of Chanchal was a sequel to intra-party feud.

Police offer helpline for cash-carriers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Owners of industrial organisations or any individual can call in police from the nearest police station or police control room while carrying large amount of cash.

Those who seek the privilege have been asked to call 8616551, 8616552, 8616553, 9665407 and 999 to contact the police control room at Shabbagh to get the desired station, a press release of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) said yesterday.

"No individual or organisation will have to bear charge for the service," DMP Commissioner Ashraf Huda said in the press release.

BOU SSC exam results publishedUNB, *Dhaka*

The final results of 1st and 2nd year SSC Programme examination 2002 held in April-May 2003 under the Bangladesh Open University's Open School were published yesterday.

The pass percentage in the examination in grading system is as low as 27.17.

A total of 29,565 examinees appeared in the examinations and 8,032 of them passed. Of the successful candidates, 39 obtained grade A, 790 grade A- (A minus), 2,759 grade B, 4,323 grade C and 121 grade D.

Motorbike rider killedSTAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Ctg*

One motorbike rider was killed in a road mishap in the city yesterday morning.

He was identified as SM Jahed Chowdhury of Syedpur village under Boalkhali upazila in the district.

Police and witnesses said an inter-city bus on Chittagong-Dhaka highway knocked down the Jahed's bike near Bose Brothers crossing at Nandan Kanon at about 6.30 am.

Jahed sustained serious injuries and was rushed to Chittagong Medical College Hospital where the doctors declared him dead.

A case was filed with Kotwali police station in this connection.

Pakundia Samity executives

Momtajuddin Bhuiyan, noted industrialist and former BUET professor, and Mohammad Shamsul Haque, eminent social worker and former general manager of BCIC fertiliser factory, were elected president and general secretary of Dhaka-based Pakundia Samity for 2004-05, says a press release.

They were elected at the annual conference and iftar party of the samity held on November 10.

A 31-member executive committee was also formed at the conference. The election was conducted by Abul Kashem Fazlul Haque, advisor of the samity and professor of Dhaka University.

Labour leader escapes attempt on life in N'ganjOUR CORRESPONDENT, *N'ganj*

The ruling BNP-backed Jatiyatabadi Juba Dal activist Mominullah David and his accomplices yesterday allegedly attempted to kill labour union leader Mahbubur Rahman Ismail while he was attending a meeting.

The meeting was being held at the office of the Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BKMEA) to settle the labour unrest following the death of a garment worker in police fire on November 3 in the BSCIC industrial area.

According to Ismail, a gang of 10 to 12 hoodlums led by David suddenly stormed into the BKMEA office bran-

dishing two revolvers and attempted to murder or abduct him at gunpoint near the stairs.

He rushed to the conference room where BKMEA officials and labour leaders rescued him to safety.

Ismail filed a case with the Narayanganj police, identifying David as the prime accused.

The district 11-party leaders at a protest rally in the evening demanded the arrest of the identified attackers; otherwise, they threatened a tougher agitation programme.

Deputy Commissioner Harun-ur-Rashid said an order has been issued to arrest those involved in the incident.

The BKMEA president demanded

the arrest and exemplary punishment of the attackers and called upon all to show restraint.

The officer-in-charge of Narayanganj Police Station said David has been absconding since the incident.

Dhaka Divisional Commissioner Mortuza Hossain, Additional Deputy Inspector General of Police Hasan Mahmud Khondoker, BKMEA President Monjurul Huq, Narayanganj Deputy Commissioner Harun-ur-Rashid, Police Superintendent Helaluddin Badri, Communist Party of Bangladesh leader Montu Ghosh and Workers Party leader Saifuddin Ahmed, among others, were present in the meeting.

Shab-e-Qadr Nov 22 nightUNB, *Dhaka*

Shab-e-Qadr will be observed on November 22 night.

So the government declared a public holiday for November 23 instead of November 22, an official announcement said yesterday.

Journalist**Hasina****Ashraf dead**BSS, *Dhaka*

Journalist Hasina Ashraf died of brain hemorrhage yesterday afternoon at BIRDEM hospital here at the age of 65.

She was a senior reporter of the now defunct Dainik Bangla.

She is survived by her only son Engineer Asif Ashraf Kishore, who is working in the United States. Former managing editor of the Dainik Bangla late Ali Ashraf was her husband.

Hasina Ashraf had joined the Daily Dainik Bangla as a feature reporter in 60s. She served the daily for 29 years till October 30, 1997 the day on which the daily was closed.

Hasina Ashraf fell sick and admitted to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Hospital following cerebral thrombosis. However, she was shifted to National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases as her condition deteriorated. She was shifted to BIRDEM on Wednesday.

She will be buried at Azimpur Graveyard after Namaj-e-janaza at Magnolia Vila at Section-10 in Mirpur, her family sources said.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday expressed her deep shock at the death of Hasina Ashraf.

Kazi Mohammad Ehia

Advocate Kazi Mohammad Ehia, former president of Rangpur district BNP, died at his residence in Munshipara,

Rangpur, on November 11 at the age of 84, says a press release.

He is survived by his wife, two sons and five daughters.

Death anniversary

Today is the fifth death anniversary of Dr. Mahfuza Banu Shelly, ex-assistant director, Health Directorate, and former lecturer of Dhaka and

Chittagong medical colleges, says a press release.

A milad mahfil and qurankhwani will be held at House # 22, Road # 9, Sector # 9, Uttara after Asr prayers.

Imtiaz Haider Choudhury

The second death anniversary of Imtiaz Haider Choudhury, ex-assistant vice-president of Prime Bank, will be observed

today, says a press release.

A milad mahfil and qurankhwani will be held at his residence after Maghrib prayers.

Qulkhwani

Qulkhwani of Engineer Saluddin Ahmed, managing director of Techno Plus Ltd., will be held at his residence at

House # 35, Road # 4, Block # D, Mirpur # 1 after Asr prayers today, says a press release.

He died of a cardiac arrest at the National Heart Foundation Hospital on November 9 at the age of 55.

He is survived by his mother, wife, two sons and two daughters.