

DHAKA
T O D A Y**Mehedi festival**

The inaugural ceremony of Mehedi Festival 2003, organised by Ligion Herbal, will be held with State Minister for Cultural Affairs Selima Rahman as chief guest. Venue: Bengal Shilpaloya, Dhanmondi. Time: 10.00am. The festival will continue till November 24 from 10.00am to 3.30pm daily.

Workshop

The inaugural session of a two-day workshop on 'Micro-Finance and Technical Support', organised jointly by Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) and IFAD, will be held. Venue: PKSF Bhaban, Agargaon. Time: 9.00am.

Launching ceremony

The launching ceremony of a book titled 'Bangladesh-Past and Present' authored by Barrister Salahuddin Ahmed, will be held. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 3.00pm.

Discussion

Performing Art Centre organises a discussion and cultural function to mark the birth anniversary of Rezauddin Stalin. Venue: Bishwasahitya Kendra auditorium, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue. Time: 4.00pm.

Milon discussion

In observance of the 13th death anniversary of Shaheed Dr Shamsul Alam Khan Milon, Doctors Association of Bangladesh organises a discussion with Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain as chief guest. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 12.30pm.

Seminar

A seminar on the 'Outbreak of bronchiolitis- a disease of children and

our responsibility' will be held. Venue: BICH auditorium of Dhaka Shishu Hospital. Time: 11.30am.

Rotary meeting

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

Inauguration

The inaugural ceremony of M L M Institute for multilevel marketing training will be held. Venue: 213, Fakirapul, Motijheel. Time: 10.00am.

Roundtable

International Labour Force in collaboration with the National Co-ordinator Committee of Workers Education organises a roundtable on preventing HIV/AIDS. Venue: CIRDAP auditorium, Topkhana Road. Time: 10.30am.

Ramadan discussion

A discussion on the 'Significance of Mahe Ramadan', organised by Dhaka University Jatiyatabadi Graduates Association, will be held. It will be followed by iftar. Venue: Kakrail.

Protest rally

Sammilito Sangskritik Jote organises a rally to protest the incident of Banshkhali in Chittagong in which 11 people of a minority family were killed. Venue: Central Shaheed Minar. Time: 3.30pm.

Human chain

Bangladesh Chhatra Union will form a human chain to protest the Banshkhali incident in which 11 members of a Hindu family were killed. Venue: Mukhtangan. Time: 11.30am.



Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury, Chief of the Naval Staff Rear Admiral Shah Iqbal Mujtaba and Chief of the Air Staff Air Vice-Marshal Fakhru Azam called on President Iajuddin Ahmed at the Bangabhaban yesterday on the occasion of Armed Forces Day.

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Armed Forces Day observed

UNB, Dhaka

The Armed Forces Day was observed yesterday with due solemnity and enthusiasm.

Special munajat was offered after Juma prayers in all mosques at army garrisons and naval and airforce bases throughout the country, seeking divine blessings for the wellbeing and prosperity of the nation and progress and unity

of the Armed Forces.

President and Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces Iajuddin Ahmed placed wreaths at the Shikha Anirban (the Eternal Flame) at Dhaka Cantonment in the morning to pay homage to the soldiers who embraced martyrdom in the War of Liberation.

Prime Minister's Military Secretary Brigadier General Sharif Uddin placed wreaths at the Shikha Anirban on behalf of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia, who is also in charge of the Defence Ministry, as she is now in Saudi Arabia to perform Umrah.

Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury, Chief of the Naval Staff Rear Admiral Shah Iqbal Mujtaba and Chief of the Air Staff Air Vice-Marshal Fakhru Azam also placed wreaths at the Shikha Anirban.

Chiefs of Staff of the three services paid a courtesy call on President Iajuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban on the occasion.

The reception to the gallantry award winning freedom fighters and martyrs' families at Armed Forces Division and evening reception at Senakunja, to be hosted by the prime

minister, will be held on December 1.

The day was also observed in all other army garrisons, naval ships and establishments and airforce bases across the country.

Bangladesh Navy ships dressed overall remained open to visitors in Dhaka, Chittagong and Khulna.

Bangladesh Television aired a special 'Anirban' programme illustrating the significance of the day and Bangladesh Betar broadcast a special 'Durbar' programme.

National dailies also published special supplements to mark the day.

Prisoner dies in Rajshahi

UNB, Rajshahi

A prisoner of the district central jail died at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital on Thursday.

Sources said prisoner Mofizuddin, 49, of Godagari Upazila was taken to hospital as he fell sick in the jail on Wednesday night. He died several hours after his admission.

An unnatural death case was filed.

Brain scans shed light on attention disorder

REUTERS, London

Scientists said on Friday they have uncovered new clues about the underlying cause of attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), which affects up to six percent of children in the United States.

Using high-resolution magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scans, Elizabeth Sowell, a professor of neurology at the University of California Los Angeles, and her colleagues found differences in areas of the brain linked to attention and impulse control in children with ADHD.

The disorder is characterised by impulsive behaviour, a poor attention span and inability to sit still, follow instructions and complete tasks. There is no cure but medication can decrease the symptoms, along with tutoring and behavioural therapy.

"These findings may help us understand the sites of action of the medications used to treat ADHD, particularly stimulant medications," said Bradley Peterson, an associate professor of psychiatry at Columbia University, who worked on the research.

Peterson said the findings, which are

reported in The Lancet medical journal, could help to develop new treatments.

The researchers compared MRI scans of brains of 27 children and adolescents with ADHD and 46 others. The ADHD children had changes in brain structure in certain areas of the brain.

AL protests killing of BCL leader

UNB, Dhaka

Awami League General Secretary Abdul Jalil MP has protested the killing of Bangladesh Chhatra League leader Shahidul Islam in Naogaon and demanded exemplary punishment to the killers.

Shahidul Islam, president of Moroil Bandar thana BCL, was killed by armed criminals on Wednesday.

In a statement yesterday, Jalil said the alliance government has created "an anarchic situation by unleashing repression on the leaders and workers of Awami League and its front organisations."

He prayed for the salvation of the departed soul and conveyed sympathy to the bereaved family members.