



A live satellite discussion on 'Women in the Media' sponsored by the United States Information Service (USIS) was held yesterday at the American Cultural Center auditorium. Participants at the discussion are Aasha Mehreen Amin, Feature writer of The Daily Star(L), Ms Carol Ann Bassett(M) a US free-lance journalist

'Women on rise in US media'

By Staff Correspondent

Women are on the rise in the US media, thanks to a group of women journalists who, by their talent and competence, paved the way for others to climb the male-dominated media echelon.

Speakers at a worldnet televised dialogue Wednesday observed that the women were growing enormously in the US media.

However, though increasing in number, the progress of their sisters in the developing countries was not that good, they suggested.

'Women in the Media' was sponsored by the United States Information Service (USIS) at the American Cultural Centre at Motijheel.

The Daily Star Feature writer Aasha Mehreen Amin took part in the televised dialogue while her American counterpart in Washington was Newsweek magazine's Eleanor Clift, a White House Correspondent.

Sharing her experience of the White House days, Eleanor Clift said women reporters no longer remained bound within the East Wing of the White House, covering only the American First Lady.

27 pc domestic resource provided to ADP

Barrister Abdus Salam Talukder, Secretary General of BNP and Minister for LGD and Cooperatives, has said that his party wanted to utilise politics for the welfare of the people, reports BSS.

He was speaking as chief guest at the conference and freshers' reception-93 of the Shamsunnahar Hall unit of Jatiyatabadi Chattr Dal(JCD) at the hall auditorium in the city yesterday.

He said during the period of autocratic rule only one per cent domestic resource could be allocated for the Annual

Development Programme (ADP). But, he pointed out, the BNP government was able to provide 27 per cent domestic resources to the ADP during the current fiscal year. He expressed the hope that it would increase to 33 per cent by next year.

He said the World Bank had praised the successes made by the BNP government during the last two and a half years and the rejuvenation that had taken place at present in the economy of Bangladesh.

Presided over by the convenor of the Shamsunnahar Hall unit of the JCD Nilofar Chowdhury Moni.

Young man killed for fishing

KHULNA, Sept 29: A young man was killed allegedly by the owner of a 'gher' (fishing enclosure) for unauthorised fishing at a village in Dumuria thana of the district on Tuesday, reports UNB.

Police said Nimai Chandra, 21, of Andarmank village was attacked by owner of the gher Rabinranath and his men with lethal weapons when he was fishing in the gher with at about 10 am. He died on the spot.

Nimai's wife Komala Rani, 18 and sister-in-law Bashi Hawlader, 21, who came to rescue him sustained injuries.

JS body on Environment meet held

The 17th parliamentary standing committee meeting of the Environment and Forest Ministry was held at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban yesterday with Environment and Forest Minister Akbar Hossain in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting discussed the activities of the department of environment and stressed the need for finding out the environmental hazards in the country and the ways and means to remove those.

The meeting was informed that a new environment policy would be introduced soon.

Kindergarten Assoc threatens movement

Bangladesh Kindergarten Association yesterday threatened to launch a greater movement if the government failed to meet its 13-point demand including registration of kindergarten schools on easy terms, reports UNB.

Leaders of the association told a press conference at Jatiya Press Club in the morning that the academic life of about 10 lakh students of 5,000 kindergarten schools in the country had become uncertain due lack of normal facilities.

The demands also include distribution of books free of cost among the kindergarten students, stoppage of commercial rate in gas, electricity and WASA bills, salary for the teachers, allocation of abandoned land or houses for

Kindergarten schools, separate board or governing council for kindergarten schools and permission for setting up a training institute for kindergarten teachers.

Secretary General of the association Shahjada Mohammad Ali read out a written statement at the conference attended by its Chairperson Tahera Khanom, and Khandaker Raisul Alam and Md Faruk Ahmed.

The association leaders demanded that students of Kindergarten schools be allowed to appear in SSC examination and government scholarship examinations directly.

They claimed that kindergarten is a modern system of education followed almost all over the world and it is gaining popularity in the country.

Day of German Unity Oct 3

Day of German Unity celebration will be held on October 3, from 3 pm to 8 pm in the German Cultural Centre Goethe Institut Dhaka, says a press release.

Old High Court Building to be returned to Judiciary dept

The renovated Old High Court building will be returned to the judiciary department from next Saturday, Law and Justice Minister Mirza Golam Hafiz said in Dhaka yesterday, reports UNB.

To begin with, the building will house some offices of the judiciary. But some courts will be shifted there within a very short time, the Law Minister said.

Hafiz said this while inspecting the renovation works of the historic Old High Court building. He was accompanied by Works Minister Barrister Rafiqul Islam Mia.

Talking to journalists during the visit, he said more judges will be appointed and new posts will be created at the office of the Attorney General to expedite quick disposal of cases.

The judiciary will be provided with all physical facilities and efforts will be made to ensure the independence of the judiciary, he said.

In this context, he underlined the importance of independence of judiciary, saying, 'It is the basis of democracy and stability... the government is determined to uphold its independence.'

The Old High Court building was built in 1904 to be the Governor's House for East Bengal. But after 1911, it housed the Islamic College until the partition of 1947.

In 1948, the High Court was established at the building, sharing half of the building with the army's 9th division.

But in 1964, the entire building was handed over to the judiciary department.

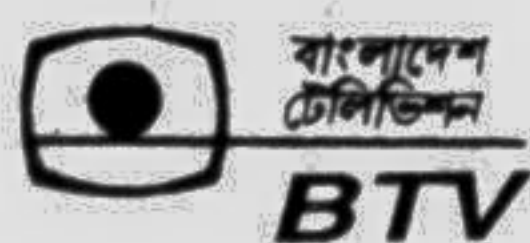
Biswas, Khaleda greet President of Botswana

President Abdur Rahman Biswas has felicitated Sir Ketumile Masire, President of the Republic of Botswana on the occasion of the national day of that country, reports BSS.

In a message to the President of Botswana, President Biswas wished him good health, happiness and long life and the people of Botswana peace, progress and prosperity.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia has also greeted Sir Ketumile Masire.

In a message to the President of Botswana, she wished him good health, happiness and long life and the people of Botswana continued peace, progress and prosperity.



Thursday

5.00	Opening announcement
5.10	Al-Quran
5.20	Programme summary
5.20	News in Bangla
5.25	Recitation from the Geeta
5.25	School debate competition
6.20	Esho Para Shikhi
6.48	Educational programme
7.15	Jiboner Alo
7.15	Nazrul songs
8.00	News in Bangla
8.30	Drama of the week
10.00	Prejan
10.30	News in English
10.30	Mini series: The grass is always greener
11.30	Khobar/The News
11.40	Tomorrow's programme summary
11.45	Closing

Weather

Moderate rain likely

By Staff Correspondent

The sky will remain mainly cloudy over Dhaka, Chittagong, Barisal divisions and partially cloudy over Rajshahi, Khulna divisions during the next 12 hours commencing 6 am today (Thursday).

Light to moderate rain or showers accompanied by temporary gusty wind may occur at many places over Chittagong, Barisal divisions and at a few places over Khulna, Dhaka and one or two places over Rajshahi division during this period with moderately heavy falls at places over Barisal, Chittagong divisions.

The Met Office forecasts, day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged.

The country's highest temperature yesterday of 33.00 degrees Celsius while the lowest 22.6 were both recorded in Kutubdia.

Many places of the country yesterday experienced rainfall. Chief amounts of rainfall recorded during the day time were: Madartpur 83 mm, Dhaka 54, Satkhira 37, Faridpur 26, Barisal and Sylhet 20mm each, Tangail and Khulna 18 each, Comilla 14, Bhola 13 and Majidpur 10 mm.

The sun sets today at 5.47 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.50 am.

The maximum and the minimum temperatures and maximum and minimum relative humidity recorded in some of the major cities and towns of the country yesterday are:

Cities/towns	Temperature in degrees Celsius	Humidity in percentage
	Max	Min
Dhaka	28.0	25.0
Chittagong	31.8	24.4
Rajshahi	31.1	25.6
Khulna	27.7	24.8
Barisal	27.5	26.0
Sylhet	25.0	23.0
Dinajpur	32.0	24.6
Cox's Bazar	32.0	24.5
		9 am
		6 pm
Dhaka	92	93
Chittagong	80	92
Rajshahi	90	88
Khulna	98	
Barisal	97	96
Sylhet	100	97
Dinajpur	86	86
Cox's Bazar	78	82



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