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DU LLB exams

The final examinations of part I and part II LLB of 1992, under the University of Dhaka, will begin on September 14 and 15 respectively, reports UNB.

JS body discusses JU audit objection

A meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Government Audit was held yesterday with president of the committee L K Siddiqui in the chair, reports UNB.

The meeting discussed audit objection regarding Jahangirnagar University and measures necessary to take against the persons responsible.

It also discussed overall condition of the universities, appointment and promotion of professors and others, different irregularities and problems related to finance and administration of the universities.

They emphasised on pragmatic steps, amendment of laws in particular on emergency basis, to check session jam, improvement of education and maintaining congenial academic atmosphere on the campuses.

The Committee members — Md Shahjahan Omar, Anwar Hossain Khan Chowdhury, Md Shahjahan, Md Abdul Ghani, Major Md Kamrul Islam (retired) of BNP and Maulana Shakhawat Hossain of Jamaat-e-Islami were present.

Secretary of the Ministry of Education Md. Irshadul Huq, Chairman of University Grants Commission Prof. Md. Shamsul Huq, member of the commission Prof. Mosharraf Hossain Khan and Monirul Huq were also present.

Food Situation (Control) Room opened here yesterday to collect and preserve information about food situation not only in Bangladesh but also in the neighbouring countries and the world at large, reports UNB.

Food Minister Mir Shawkat Ali formally opened the Room, set up with the assistance of US government, at the Food Planning and Monitoring Unit (FPMU) at 'Khadya Bhaban'.

Various private food dealing organisations would be allowed to collect necessary information as regards import and export of foodgrains. A special role in taking important decisions regarding proper management of food sector would also be played by this Situation Room.

Matters of unity, solidarity and integrity of Muslim Ummah also came up for discussion, a PID handout said.

The envoy and the minister exchanged views on the light of the Shariah laws of Islamic religious institutions functioning in both the countries.

The minister said the government agencies would purchase aram paddy direct from the farmers from the next harvesting season and its purchase price would be fixed favourably as incentive to producing more food.

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Artistes of Chhayanot paid homage to late Jahanara Imam by presenting her favourite Tagore songs at the WVA auditorium in the city yesterday. — Star photo

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7000 educational instts to be developed

Mir Shawkat reaffirmed that the present stock position of rice and wheat in the country was quite normal and hopeful. "Situation would further improve with the harvest of next aman paddy," he hoped.

The Food Minister further said necessary reforms in food management were being made to meet the need of time.

Following the direction of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, farmers were having due price of their produce and the country was on the threshold of attaining self-sufficiency in food, he asserted. "Export of our quality rice has also been started."

Turning to the importance of the electronically equipped control room as regards upgrading information about food situation, he said it would go a long way to help collect and analyse necessary information regarding food production, market price, stock position, import and export situation.

"It will also help take correct decision in respect of all these affairs."

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The government has launched a three-year long massive programme to develop some 7,000 educational institutions across the country during the current fiscal year, reports UNB.

Shipping Minister M K Anwar said this while addressing the foundation laying ceremony of the Honma Degree College in Honma yesterday.

He said the government is implementing a good number of programmes in the education sector to improve the standard of education and remove the curse of illiteracy from the society.

Compulsory primary education, food for education, free tuition to female students up to class X and stipends, construction and repairing of educational institutions, recruitment of primary school teachers and other education development programmes projected the government's determination to develop the education sector, the Minister pointed out.

Presided over by the Principal of the college, the function was also addressed by the local BNP leaders.

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Md Ahsan Ullah, general secretary of the BAEC Officers' Sangha placing annual report on the activities of the sangha in the city yesterday.



Chief of the Naval Staff Rear Admiral Muhammad Mohaiminul Islam giving away certificates among the student-officers who attended junior command and staff course conducted by the Bangladesh Naval Academy at Patenga in Chittagong yesterday. — ISPR photo

Weather

No change in temperature

Moderately heavy falls are likely over the regions of Khulna, Barisal, Patuakhali, Noakhali and Chittagong during the next 24 hours till 6 pm Wednesday, reports UNB.

Met office says occasional light to moderate rain or thunderstorms may occur at many places over Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions, at a few places over Dhaka division, and at one or two places over Rajshahi division.

Day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged across the country.

Giving outlook for the next two days, the Met Office predicted that weather is likely to improve gradually.

Meantime, Cox's Bazar experienced the highest 94mm rain yesterday.

Country's highest temperature 33.5 degree Celsius was recorded at Dinajpur and the lowest 23.7 degrees at Rangamati yesterday.

The sun sets today (Wednesday) at 6:47 pm and rises tomorrow (Thursday) at 5:22 am.

The maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity of some major cities/towns recorded yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in Percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	30.0	26.1	85	76
Chittagong	27.2	24.8	93	92
Rajshahi	31.0	25.9	88	82
Khulna	30.6	26.7	88	85
Barisal	27.6	25.4	90	92
Sylhet	31.8	24.0	77	82
Dinajpur	33.5	26.5	76	66

BELA seminar

The seminar titled "In Search of Legal Research" organised by the Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA) was held at its auditorium in the city's Dhanmondi area yesterday.

Chaired by Professor KAA Quamruddin, the seminar was addressed by the Justice of the Appellate Division, M H Rahman as the chief guest. Eminent lawyer Gazi Shamsur Rahman and Mohiuddin Ahmed of the University Press Limited (UPL) also spoke, says a press release.

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CPP expands activities to 30 thanas

The Cyclone Preparedness Programme (CPP) has expanded its activities at 6 thanas in addition to 24 thanas since January 1993, reports UNB.

The newly thanas under the programme are: Banskhali, Patiya and Anowara of Chittagong district, Borhanuddin thana of Bhola district, Sarankhola thana of Bagerhat district and Mathbaria thana of Pirojpur district.

This was stated at a meeting of the policy committee of the CPP held yesterday at the conference room of the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief with State Minister for Disaster Management and Relief Harun-Al Rashid in the chair.

Chairman of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society Syed Shahidul Hoque Jamal MP, Additional Secretary in-charge of Ministry of Disaster Management Bureau, DG of Disaster Management Bureau, DG of Relief and Rehabilitation Directorate, Director of CPP and Representatives of Planning Commission attended the meeting.

The meeting emphasised on proper coordination of cyclone centres built at coastal areas by different organisations. It was also decided in the meeting to hold two meetings of the committee each year.

The CPP has imparted training to 5,665 volunteers on general preparedness and 1149 volunteers on first aid during the last financial year (1993-94).

The meeting stressed on increase of annual grant for CPP, exemption of licence fee and royalty of radio sets being used under the programme for strengthening the activities of the CPP. It was also discussed on the report of the CPP for the period of February 1992 to June 1994.

BAEC Officers' Sangha AGM held

The annual general meeting of the Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission (BAEC) Officers' Sangha ended in the city Monday with a call to further expand the peaceful uses of atomic energy in various fields of development of the country, a press release said.

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Lecture Session: On late Prof Mohammad Abdul Jabbar, jointly organised by the Bangladesh Astronomical Association and Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission. Venue: Atomic Energy Commission auditorium. Time: 4 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka Mid-Town: The regular weekly meeting will be held. Venue: Sheraton Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

What's on tomorrow . . .

Discussion: The Bangla Academy organises in observance of Kalikobad's death anniversary. Chief guest: Prof. Jahanara Begum, State Minister for Cultural Affairs. Speakers: Poet Kaikhashru, Saleh Chowdhury and Muhammad Abdul Majid. Prof. Harun-Ur-Rashid will preside. Venue: Bangla Academy seminar room. Time: 5 pm.

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