

# Metropolitan

## What's on today...

**Rotary Club of Sonargaon Dhaka:** The 60th regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: House 1, Road 5, Gulshan. Time: 5 pm.

**Workshop on export trade:** Banglacraft, an association of Bangladesh handicrafts manufacturers and exporters, has organised a workshop on 'export trade promotion'. Venue: Biswa Shahitya Kendra auditorium. Time: 1:30 pm.

**Discussion on Ramadan:** Dhaka city unit of Bangladesh Jatiya Imam Samity will hold a discussion meeting on the 'teachings of Ramadan in our life'. Venue: Baitus Sharif mosque premises, Farmgate. Time: 3:30 pm.

**Art show:** Fourth year students of the Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka has organised a special art show in connection with their study tour. Venue: Zainul Gallery. The show is open from 10 am to 8 pm everyday till March 4.

**Discussion:** Bangladesh Mujibnagar Employees' Welfare Association will hold a discussion meeting on Amar Ekushey. Venue: Ballroom, Hotel Rajmoni Isa Khan. Time: 4:30 pm. Chief guest: Deputy Leader of the House Prof A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury. Special guests: DCC Mayor Mohammad Hanif and DU Prof of Bangla Dr M Moniruzzaman.

## ...and tomorrow

**Discussion on Ekushey:** Dhaka City Corporation Worker-Employees' Union has organised a discussion on Amar Ekushey. Venue: Nagar Bhaban building. Time: 4:30 pm.

**Film show:** The film L'annee Derniere a Marienbad (Last Year at Marienbad) will be screened. Venue: Alliance Francaise. Time: 3 pm. Film-maker: Alain Resnais. Zahir Raihan Film Society has organised the show.



James J Novak (L), a US senior Fulbright research scholar giving a talk on 'Secularism in the post-modern age' at the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh in the city yesterday. Prof. Sirajul Islam (C), president of the Society and Dr. Harun-ur-Rashid are also seen. —Star photo

## 'Secularism not a bar to religious freedom'

By Staff Correspondent

A paper on 'Secularism in the Post-modern Age' in the state, it can participate in the politics of a secular state, provided it is a reasoned participation. If dogma and fundamentalism are permitted to rule, then religion is reduced to a political tool.

However, according to Novak, without any form of religion, a society is forced to embrace extreme ideologies, such as communism or fascism, which are no longer appropriate in our post-modern age.

Among the participants in the subsequent discussion was Professor Salauddin, who stressed that a secular state does not entail a secular society. 'Secularism is not a philosophy or doctrine but simply a state policy not to have a state religion. There is no such thing as a secular society, only a secular state,' he said.

The meeting was chaired by Dr Harun-ur-Rashid, general secretary of the Asiatic Society, and presided over by Professor Sirajul Islam, president of the Society.

## Special trains on Eid

The Bangladesh Railway will run a number of special trains for three days beginning February 28 to facilitate the journey of home-bound Eid passengers, reports BSS.

As many as 23 special trains will ply between the capital and the port city Chittagong and also between Dhaka-Noakhali, Chittagong-Chandpur and Dhaka-Dinajpur, a Railway press release said Thursday.

It said that on February 28 and March 1, one pair of Eid special trains will run between Chittagong-Chandpur-Chittagong leaving Chittagong and Chandpur stations at 3:30 pm and 10:35 pm respectively.

One special train each between Dhaka-Chittagong, Dhaka-Noakhali, Chittagong-Dhaka and Chittagong-Noakhali will ply on these routes for two days (February 28 and March 1). The Chittagong and Noakhali-bound special trains from Dhaka will leave at 9:20 pm and the Dhaka and Noakhali-bound special train from Chittagong will leave at 9:00 pm. One special train for Dinajpur which will be run on March 1 will leave Dhaka at 11:20 pm.

Besides the special trains, one pair of additional inter-city Upakul between Dhaka and Noakhali will run on March 1 and 2. This special inter-city train will leave Dhaka and Noakhali at 9:20 pm and 9:10 pm respectively. The authorities have also planned to run one additional inter-city train between Dhaka and Chittagong on February 28, March 1 and 2. This special train will leave Chittagong and Dhaka at 7:40 am and 4:10 pm respectively.

'Off-days' of inter-city trains will be withdrawn from February 28 to March 2 and also from March 5 to March 10. However, no inter-city train will run on Eid day.

Besides special trains, all mail, express and local trains will be strengthened with additional coaches to home-bound rush. Passengers have been requested to contact to local station masters for details.

## BFTA demands part of Feb salary before Eid

The Bangladesh Federation of Teachers' Associations (BFTA) has urged the authorities to pay the government portion of their salary for the month of February before Eid-ul-Fitr through special arrangement, reports UNB.

In a joint statement, the federation leaders expressed their deep resentment saying, the private teachers were yet to get any festival allowance.

They said the teachers of private schools, colleges and madrasahs were discharging 90 per cent responsibilities of the country's education sector.

The statement was issued in the name of BFTA chairman Sheikh Amanullah, secretary general Kazi Faruq Ahmed, joint secretary general Azizul Haq Shah and office secretary Prof Asadul Haq.

## Inter-services Quirat, Azan Competition

President Abdur Rahman Biswas emphasised on correct pronunciation and melodious reading of the Holy Quran for proper understanding of its commentary and inner meaning, reports UNB.

He said there is no alternative to the reading of the Holy Quran, its translation and *tafsir* for leading one's life in the way Allah has ordained.

Speaking at the Inter-services Quirat and Azan Competition prize distribution ceremony at the Old Airport Mosque with city yesterday, the President said the melodious call of *muazzin* through the *azan* inspire the Muslims to discharge their religious duties.

President Biswas said, the inter-services *quirat* and *azan* competitions are very important in widening the existing tie of brotherhood, cordiality and fellow-feeling among the members of the three services. This will arouse enthusiasm in the study of the Holy Quran among them, he added.

The President expressed the hope that the continuous study and practice of the Holy Quran and *azan* will increase the standard of performance of the competitors, and as a whole, the nation will be benefited.

He congratulated the participants at the competition specially to the winners and thanked the Bangladesh Air Force for arranging such a pleasant competition.

## 107 more tribals return

Some 107 tribals of 16 families fled the shanty refugee camps in South Tripura, India, and returned home in Dighinala thana on Wednesday, reports UNB.

They have taken shelter at their relatives houses, official sources said.

Deputy Commissioner and Member Secretary of the Refugee Rehabilitation Committee Mohammad Ismail Hossain said five of the families had already been provided with government announced facilities.

## Chhatra Shibir rally

The Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) held a rally in the city yesterday to protest the killing of its activist Khairul Islam. Khairul was shot dead in Chittagong on Wednesday, reports UNB.

ICS vice-president Hamidur Rahman Azad presided over the rally held at the North Gate of Baitul Mukarram Mosque in the city in the afternoon. It was also addressed by Dhaka City Ameer of Jamaat-e-Islami A T M Azharul Islam and ICS Secretary General Muhammad Abdul Halim.

## Cross dam project in Sandwip to be included in fifth 5 yr plan

Abdullah Al Noman, Minister for Fisheries and Livestock, said in the city yesterday that construction of cross dam project, in Sandwip would be included in the fifth-five-year plan period, reports BSS.

'Erosion in Sandwip is a national problem and it will be resolved with due priority,' Noman said while addressing a discussion, on 'erosion of river in Sandwip and construction of a cross dam' at the National Press Club auditorium in the city.

Dr M Monowar Hossain, a teacher of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), presented the key-note paper while water expert Dr Anun Nishat, Prof Salimullah Khan of Jahangir Nagar University took part in it. Abul Kashem Haider president over the function.

Noman said the main obstacle for construction of dam was monetary and it would be taken up as soon as fund, was available. He said technically there was no bar in construction of such a dam in the area.

The minister pointed out that the issue would also be taken up in international forum in March next.

He said Bangladesh being a lower riparian country faces onslaughts of both drought and floods as the upper riparian country store the water and release them at their sweet will.

Noman said besides Bangladesh get a lot of sediments which create problems in agricultural production.

The fisheries minister called for forging greater unity to solve all national problems unitedly. He said the country's economy has improved to such extent that we could now contribute about 39 per cent from our own resources.

He said the present government had taken up various development-oriented programmes to change the lot of the common people. He said food for education programme had been launched in various parts of the country involving Taka 400 crore.

Dr Nishat said feasibility study to construct the cross dam was carried out in the past. He said there was no other technical problems for construction of the cross dam in the area.

Prof Salimullah Khan urged the people of Sandwip to create pressure on the government for construction of the dam.

Haider urged the government to provide khas land to those persons who had lost their lands due to erosion in Sandwip.

## Chittagong Press Club accords reception

CHITTAGONG, Feb 24: Chittagong Press Club accorded a reception to three eminent personalities for their remarkable contributions in their respective fields at a function held at the Press Club auditorium here today, reports BSS.

The celebrities are National Professor and founder of the University Chittagong (USTC) Dr Nurul Islam, Editor of the Commercial Times Mainul Ahsan Siddiqui, and elderly journalist of the Daily Azadi Mohammad Yusuf.

Later, the Press Club president handed over a crest and a citation to the three eminent personalities.

## Biswas, Khaleda greet Amir of Kuwait

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday greeted Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Amir of Kuwait, on the occasion of its National Day today, reports BSS.

President Biswas said he was confident that the fraternal ties existing between the two brotherly countries would be further strengthened and consolidated in the years ahead.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday also felicitated Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, in her message Begum Zia said Bangladesh admires 'the contribution of his highness for promoting the cause of stability, unity and solidarity of the Islamic ummah.'

## Air chief meets Lankan President Prime Minister

Chief of the Air Staff Air Vice Marshal Altaf Hossain Choudhury, now on a goodwill visit to Sri Lanka, paid a courtesy call on Sri Lankan President Chandrika Bandaranayake Kumaratunga in Colombo on Wednesday, an ISPR press release said here yesterday, reports BSS.

Earlier, the Air Chief called on the Sri Lankan Prime Minister Srimavo R D Bandaranayake and deputy defence minister and secretary of the ministry of defence Chandrananda De Silva.

Besides meeting his Sri Lankan counterpart Air Marshal O M Ranasinghe, he also met Sri Lankan Army Chief Lt General G H De Silva.

**রংপুর ক্যাডেট কলেজ নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

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**PWD Tender Notice No. 55/(1994-95)**

Tender in sealed cover are hereby invited in BD Form No. 2911 from Special Class-I/Class-I & Class-II enlisted and approved (E/M), Contractor/Contractor's Firms of this Department (Having valid ABC/BC Electrical Supervisory and Contractory Licence) for the undermentioned work. Tender will be received by the undersigned as well as by all the Executive Engineer, of PWD Division, office under PWD Circle, Rangpur and PWD (E/M) Division, P&D Rajshahi up to 12-00 Noon on 7-3-95 and opened on the same day at 12-15 PM in presence of the intending tenderers. Tender documents can be seen and obtained from all the Division office under PWD Circle, Rangpur and PWD Sub-Division, office (E/M) danchagarh and PWD (E/M) Division P&D Rajshahi. During the office hours up to 6-3-95.

Name of work: Providing and Installation of LT Over head line and Street light in the SP's office Compound at Panchagarh, under PWD Division, Panchagarh during year of 1994-95.

Estimated Cost : Tk 2,48,750/-  
Earnest Money : Tk 4,975/-

Zia Uddin Ahmed  
Executive Engineer,  
PWD Division,  
Panchagarh.

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**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Office of the Executive Engineer (RHD)  
Road Division, Satkhira

### Short Notice Inviting Tender

- Tender Notice No.57 of Satkhira Road Division.
- Name of work.

No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost	2% Earnest money	Time allowed	Eligibility of contractor
1	Schedule for earth work at 35KM of Kaksheali Bridge approaches under Road Division Satkhira during the year 1994-95 (Satkhira end), -do- (Bhatkhal end)	Tk 7,36,901/-	Tk 14738/-	25 (Twenty five) days	'A' to 'D' General category of contractors
2		Tk 5,71,679/-	Tk 11434/-	20 (Twenty) days	-do-
3	Last date and time of receipt	Up to 12.30 PM on 7.3.95 Eng			
4	Date and time of opening tender bid	12.45 PM on 7.3.95 Eng			
5	Name of offices to receive the tender	A) Addl Chief Engineer (RHD), Khulna Zone Khulna. B) Superintending Engineer (RHD), Road Circle Khulna/ Jessoro/Monitoring & Evaluation Circle Sarak Bhoan, Ramna, Dhaka. C) Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division Khulna/ Bagerhuta and Satkhira. Executive Engineer (RHD) Road Division-Jessoro/ Khulna/Bagerhuta and Satkhira/ Planning & Design Divn, Sarak Bhoan; Ramna, Dhaka and all Sub-Division, Satkhira, Khulna.			
6	Name of offices where tender documents will be available during office hours and all working days except Friday & Govt holidays	Executive Engineer (RHD) Road Division, Satkhira			

**Kshitish Chandra Mozumder**  
Executive Engineer (RHD)  
Road Division, Satkhira

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**Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh**  
Kurmitola, Dhaka-1229

### Tender Notice

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Sealed tenders are hereby invited from CAAB enlisted E/M Contractors having at least B & C Electrical Contractory & Supervisory Licence and experience in similar nature of works of the following works:

Extension of Export Freight Terminal Building (Airside) with Fibre sheet roofing at ZIA, Kurmitola, Dhaka (S.H.- Electrification works including service connection).

The cost of tender documents Tk 250/- (Taka Two Hundred fifty) only (Non-refundable). Earnest Money : @ 2.5% of the quoted amount in the shape of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any Scheduled Bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Executive Engineer, E/M Division- II, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka must be submitted alongwith the tender. The tender will be received by the undersigned on 08.03.1995/26.11.1401 up to 12:00 Noon & will be opened on the same day at 12:30 PM in presence of the intending tenderer, if any. The tender papers & other terms & conditions may be had from the office of the Member (Finance), CAAB, H.Q Cash Section, Superintending Engineer, E/M Circle, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka & Office of the undersigned on cash payment. No tender will be sold on the date fixed for opening the tender.

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tender or part thereof without assigning any reason.

MD Abdur Rashid  
Executive Engineer  
E/M Division-II, CAAB,  
Kurmitola, Dhaka.

DFP-4283-20/2  
G-301

## The Star Entertainment Guide

Saturday 25th February

(All programmes in local time)

4:00 Opening announcement  
4:10: Recitation from Tripitak  
4:15 Children's programme: Parashurami  
4:45 Musical programme: Kid Songs/Kimba the White Lion  
5:10 News in Bangla  
5:25 Folk songs: Banashori  
6:00pm Shamachari  
6:30 Retelecast of selected drama  
6:50 News in Bangla  
8:25 Jannobhoim  
8:30 Mati O Manush  
9:00 Introducing different news in English  
10:30 Drama series: Dynasty  
11:30 Khabar/The News  
11:40 Tomorrow's programme summary  
11:45 Closing down

9:00am BBC World News  
9:25 World Business Report  
10:00 BBC World News  
10:25 Time Out: Voyager  
11:00 BBC World News  
11:25 UN World 12:00noon BBC World News  
12:25 Business Matters  
1:00 BBC World News  
1:25 Britain in View  
2:00 BBC World Headlines  
2:05 Naked Hollywood  
3:00 BBC World News  
3:25 The Late Show  
4:00 BBC World News  
4:25 Time Out: Holiday  
5:00 BBC World News  
5:15 Everyman  
6:00pm BBC World News  
6:25 The Late Show  
7:00pm BBC World Headlines  
7:05 Cracking the Code  
9:00 BBC World News  
9:25 World News Week  
9:50 Film 95  
10:00 BBC World Headlines  
10:05 Correspondent  
11:00 BBC World News  
11:25 Time Out: Voyager  
12:00am BBC World News  
12:25 World News Week  
1:00 BBC World News  
1:25 The Late Show  
2:00 BBC World Headlines  
2:35 Horizon  
3:00

7:00am Asian Top 20  
9:00 VJ Night  
11:00 VJ Night  
1:00am Never Enough  
2:00 VJ David Wu  
2:00 VJ Sojaya  
4:00 House of Noise III  
5:00 Speak Easy  
5:30 Ticket  
6:00pm OYE 7:00 Billboard Countdown  
9:00 Club X VJ Sophiya  
10:00 Never Enough VJ David Wu  
11:00 Gim Show  
11:30 Rewind Requests  
12:00 Flashback  
12:30am Ticket  
1:00 Mangia Hai  
2:00 Music Update Tokyo  
2:30 Rhythm & Raag  
3:00 Over The Edge  
5:00 VJ David Wu

6:00am Dive To Adventure  
6:30 Transformers  
7:00 Kingdom Adventure  
7:30 East Plus  
8:00 Pastagums  
8:30 Count Duckula  
9:00 Grim Tales  
9:30 The Henderson Kids  
10:00 Kats & Dog  
10:30 Planet Of The Aps  
11:30 Automan  
12:30 Patriot  
1:30 The Casebook Of Sherlock Holmes  
2:30 The Adventure Of The Creeping Man  
2:30 Movie Classics: Angel And The Badman  
4:30 Lifestyles Of The Rich & Famous  
5:30 Movie Television  
6:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway?  
6:30 The Wonder Years  
7:00 The Green Hornet  
7:30 Evening Shade  
8:00 The Simpsons  
8:30 Baywatch  
9:30 Alien

7:00am Gold: Bull Durham (Hindi Subtitles)  
9:30 Classic: As Young As You Feel (Hindi Subtitles)  
11:30 Gold: Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe (Arabic Subtitles)  
9:30 Gold: Bull Durham (Arabic Subtitles)  
11:30 Gold: Robocop (Arabic Subtitles)  
1:30 Classic: The Return of Frank James (Arabic Subtitles)  
3:30 Film Club: Crimes And Misdemeanors (Arabic Subtitles)  
5:30 Gold: Wall Street (Arabic Subtitles)

2:30 Ebar Jombé  
3:00 Shresh  
3:30 Prashna  
3:30 De Ray  
4:00 Saptrishi  
4:30  
5:00 Manasi  
5:30  
5:30 Chakravayuha  
6:00 Chakravayuha  
6:00 Gaane Anjaane  
6:30 Do Se Bala  
6:30 Teen  
6:00 Film Deewane  
6:30 Tara  
10:00 Parvarish  
10:30 Ghoomta  
11:00 Investors Forum  
11:10 Philips Top 10  
12:10 The Zee Horror Show  
12:40 Tol Mol Ke Bol  
1:10 Infotainment  
3:40

8:00 am Tilawat  
8:15 Namaz  
8:15 Namaz  
8:20 Cartoon  
8:25  
8:45 Ait Laila  
9:10 Des Pardes  
9:25 Dasterkhawwn  
9:35 Mehman  
10:00 Change Over  
10:05 Sur Ka Safar  
10:30 English Film  
11:00 Khabarnama  
11:10 Filly Filly  
11:30 Counter Strike  
12:10 Hazaar  
12:55 Duan  
1:00 Insignia  
1:02 Bismillah  
1:10 Aq Ki Nashriyaat  
1:15 Sachchans  
2:00 Band Gali  
2:55 Get To Know Your Body  
3:25 TV Encyclopedia  
3:45 Sport Time  
4:35 Aarti Courses  
5:00 Hamara Quaid  
5:25 Adaad  
5:55 Aaskal  
6:55 ETV Quiz  
6:25 Aitoo Courses  
6:50 Al Akhbar  
7:00 The News in English  
7:15 Promo  
7:20 Sada-e-Kashmir  
7:30 ITV Time  
7:55 Aabshaar  
8:25 Dentone World Of Sports  
8:45 Tariq Aziz Show  
9:00 Headline News  
9:30 Tariq Aziz Show (Remaining Portion)  
10:00 Khabarnama  
10:25 Commercial News  
10:35 Padsaah  
11:25 Current Affairs Programmes  
11:55 English Feature Film  
Khas Khas Khabarnama-e-Elahi Close down

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