



Girls of the Banophool Children's Home rendering a song yesterday at a function held at the Sakyamuni Bouddha Vihara in Mirpur.

What's on today...

Lions Clubs International: The 2nd annual convention of District 315B1, will be concluded. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 7:30 pm.

What's on tomorrow...

Discussion on Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin: Organised by the Zainul Abedin Smriti Parishad to mark his 19th death anniversary. Venue: BBS Academy auditorium, Nabab Habibullah Road, Shahbagh. Time: 6:00pm.

Amnesty International Bangladesh: A discussion meeting on 'Relevance of Amnesty International in the present day context' will be held. Venue: Bangladesh Diabetic Association auditorium, 122 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Shahbagh. Time 4:30pm.

Khan Foundation Seminar: Road from Copenhagen - Follow up of the World Social Summit. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 9:30am-5:00pm.

German Cultural Centre: A German comedy film 'Go, Trabi, Go' by Peter Timm will be screened. Venue: Centre auditorium. Time: 5:30pm.

BERDO: The recording studio of Talking Library Project of the Blind Education and Rehabilitation Development Organisation will be inaugurated. Venue: BERDO office, House 2/6, Rd-1, Shamoli. Time: 10:30am.

Rotary Club of Dhanmondi: Weekly meeting. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5:30pm.

Girl Guides Assoc: A three-day session on nutrition organised by the association. Venue: Guide House, New Baily Road. Time: From 2 pm to 4 pm.

HERE and THERE

Art competition

A children's art and painting competition was held in the city yesterday in observance of the World Tobacco-Free Day, reports UNB. State Minister for Women and Children's Affairs Begum Sarwari Rahman witnessed the competition organised by the Bangladesh Cancer Society. The objective of the competition was to create awareness among the children of the perils of tobacco and smoking, said an official handout. A total of 150 children participated in the competition.

Police raid brothel in N'ganj

From Our Correspondent NARAYANGANJ, May 26: Police raided a brothel at Tanbazar here early today and picked up 50 prostitutes including their mistresses. Of them, mistress Nazma and a 14-year old girl Farida were produced before the court and sent to jail. The remaining 48 were released in the morning. Police said, Nazma allured Farida, a garment worker in Dhaka saying that she would be given better job. But Farida was forced to be a prostitute. Nazma, however, told the journalists that one police officer became hostile to her as she claimed money, the policeman borrowed earlier from her. A case was filed with Narayanjanj thana against Nazma for torturing Farida and engaging her in illicit activities.

Oli seeks support of people

CHITTAGONG, May 26: Communications Minister Oli Ahmed has urged the people to cooperate with the government to implement the programmes undertaken to ensure the welfare of the people, reports UNB. "All programmes undertaken by the government are aimed at ensuring people's welfare. But some political parties are out to block the programmes by calling frequent hartals and gheraos," he told a huge public meeting at the Shilak High School grounds in Rangunia thana on Thursday.

Office-bearers

Former director of the Holy Family Red Crescent Hospital Prof M M Hussain, has been unanimously elected president of the Heart By-pass Welfare Association, reports UNB. A meeting of the convening committee of the association on Wednesday also nominated AKA Peroz Noon as secretary-general and Dr Ekram Hossain as vice president of the association.

Reunion

A reunion of former members of the Chhatra Union, established in 1952, will be held at the Shilpakala Academy auditorium on June 20, reports UNB. The reunion programmes include discussions, a tea party and a cultural function.

Promotion

Md Abdul Quddus was promoted to the post of Additional Director General of the Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD), Comilla. He was previously the Director (Training) of the academy, says a press release.

Ansars' rally

State Minister for Culture Affairs Jahanara Begum has said the Ansars have been playing a significant role for the socio-economic development of the country, reports UNB. The State Minister was addressing an Ansars rally at Sadar thana of Rajbari district on Thursday. The State Minister said the Ansars beside their specific responsibilities have to be more active to involve the people with the process of the public welfare oriented activities like plantation, mass education and family planning programmes. She also addressed a meeting of the Hindu community on Wednesday.

Two admitted to DMCH with splinter injuries

By Staff Correspondent Two persons were admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) Monday with splinter injuries. Dabir Munshi, 14, son of Sahjahan Munshi of Bashbar Kandi and Md Nasir of Pachim Kandi of Benodpur Union of Shariatpur district were seriously injured in a bomb blast at the residence of Abdul Fakir of Bashbar Kandi Sunday night. Abdul Khair, 22, son of Abdul Fakir was making the bomb and was seriously injured. He died immediately after his admission to the Shariatpur hospital.

Lions can lead society to better future: Shamsul

Commerce and Information Minister M Shamsul Islam yesterday said the members of the Lions Club in the country could play an important role in socio-economic welfare of the people, reports BSS. He said, the Lions in Bangladesh had ample opportunity to work for the rural people and help them improve. The minister was speaking as the chief guest at the inaugural session of the two-day annual district convention of Lions Club International District 315 B-1, Bangladesh at Hotel Sheraton in the city. Shamsul lauded the various welfare activities of the Lions Club, such as the organisation of eye camps and the establishment of eye hospitals in the country. He also praised the educational programmes of the Lions Club. About 100 educational institutions were set up by the Lions in the country in this year alone. He urged the members of club to continue their efforts with dedication to fight illiteracy, disease and drug addiction and lead society to a better future. The convention was presided over by the district governor Advocate M A Salam Talukder. Advocate Salam said, the members of the Lions Club in Bangladesh had donated 10,000 bags of blood to different hospitals in the country this year. There are 10,000 Lions and 3,000 Leos in Bangladesh under the four Lion International Districts 315A1, 315 A2, 315 B1 and 315 B2, who are committed to serve humanity.

Nazrul — a poet of humanity: Rafiq

Works Minister Barrister Rafiqul Islam asked the critics and reviewers not to evaluate the works of National poet Kazi Nazrul Islam partially, reports UNB. "Nazrul was never the poet of a particular religion or community, he was the poet of humanity, so there is no room for evaluating him partially", he said while addressing the inaugural function of the three-day programme organised in observance of the poet's 96th birth anniversary on Thursday. Kabeerur Rahman, Chairman of the Nazrul Birth Anniversary Observance Committee, Principal of the Comilla Victoria Government University College Ameer Ali, and local Nazrul researchers addressed the function.

Hasina condoles Wilson's death

Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina has expressed her profound grief at the demise of the former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Sir Harold Wilson, reports BSS. In a condolence message to Lady Wilson, the Awami League chief recalled the important role played by the former British Prime Minister in mobilising world opinion in favour of the Liberation War of Bangladesh.

Environmental health confce

The first national conference of the Bangladesh Health Education Society on 'Environmental Health Promotion and Educational Initiatives' will be held in the city today, reports BSS. Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury, Deputy Leader of the Jatiya Sangsad will be the chief guest at the inaugural function to be held at the NEC auditorium.

One killed in road accident

CHITTAGONG, May 26: One teenaged boy was killed when a speeding truck ran over him at Mirsoral bus stand on Dhaka-Chittagong highway here this evening, reports BSS. The victim was identified as Liton Mia, 12, the source said. Police seized the truck but its driver and helpers managed to escape.

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Teach indigenous languages in schools: Devasish

By Staff Correspondent The Chakma chief, Raja Devasish Roy, yesterday called for the teaching of indigenous languages of the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) people in schools, alongside Bengali and English. He was speaking at a day-long function, organised by the Parbatya Bouddha Sangha (PBS), to present the life and culture of the indigenous communities held at the Sakyamuni Bouddha Vihara in Mirpur. Each community of the CHT speaks in its own language and some, like the Chakmas and the Marmas, even have their own scripts. The Chakma chief pointed out, adding, rate of literacy would be much higher among such peoples if the children could study their own language at schools, side by side with Bengali and English. The function, organised by the PBS in collaboration with the Bangladesh Indigenous and Hill People's Association for Advancement (BIHPAA), was also addressed by PBS president Prayannandha Mahathero, Nandit Roy and Prof Pranendu Chakma, Department of Management, DU. The presentation was followed by a tour of the Banophool Children's Home, an orphanage-cum-school, run by the PBS at the Vihara site. The day culminated in a cultural function. Members of the Renghuli Shilpi Gosthi of Rangamati and children of Banophool performed traditional dances and songs. An exhibition of handicraft and photographs of the CHT people was also organised on the occasion.

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Star Entertainment Guide

Table listing TV programmes for Saturday 27th May, including local and international channels like G.P., BTV, BBC, and STAR.

Eating Out

Advertisement for restaurants including Yangtze Chinese Cuisine, Oasis Restaurant, Kushum, Sajna, and Aangan, listing their addresses and phone numbers.