

Innas Ali accorded reception

By DU Correspondent

National Professor Dr Innas Ali was accorded a reception yesterday at the TSC auditorium of Dhaka University (DU). The Department of Physics of DU accorded the reception. The function presided by Dr Lalit Mohan Nath, the Chairman of the department was also attended by a large number of students and teachers. Dr Moyeen Khan, State Minister for Planning and Vice Chancellor of DU Prof Emajuddin Ahmed were present as chief guest and special guest respectively. Dr Moyeen Khan said, "We should take lesson from the role Prof Innas Ali played in the development of science education in the country." Prof Emajuddin said, "Innas Ali is one of our talented personalities of whom we feel proud." "As a teacher and researcher he is our model," he added. Prof Innas Ali, the national professor and a famous scientist of the country in his speech said: "The present crisis in education in Bangladesh is the result of the country's unstable political situation." "Dhaka University as the highest seat of learning should take initiative to resolve this crisis," he added. The reception was followed by a cultural show.



Jatiya Mahila Party brought out a procession in the city yesterday demanding release of former president Hussain Mohammad Ershad. — JP photo

DU founding day today

By DU Correspondent

The Dhaka University Alumni Association has made elaborate plans to observe the 75 years of Dhaka University and 50 years of the Alumni Association today. The programmes include colourful rallies, laying of the foundation of the Alumni Association Building, discussion meeting, seminar, debate competition, reception to the distinguished teachers. The programme will be inaugurated today by a colourful rally at 8:30 am starting from Curzon Hall premises. Teachers, students, officials and employees of the university will attend the rally.

Salma's death condoled

The Bangladesh Women Journalists Forum (BWJF) president Setara Musa and general secretary Rasheda Amin condoled the death of Salma Tahaboor, wife of AFP Dhaka Bureau Chief Golam Tahaboor, reports BSS. The BWJF leaders expressed their sympathy to the members of the bereaved family and prayed for the peace of the departed soul. Meanwhile, UNB adds: The Bangladesh Public Relations Association yesterday condoled the death of Salma Tahaboor. In a condolence message, president of the association M A Khaleque Bhuiyan and general secretary Mohammad Mostafa-e-Jamil, expressed deep shock at the sad demise of Salma Tahaboor.

Baha'i community discusses economic problems

By Staff Correspondent

The Baha'i community in Dhaka yesterday held a gathering and discussion meeting on "Spiritual Solution of Economic Problems" at the National Baha'i Centre in the city. Dr Mahboob Hossain and Dr Abdullah Brooks addressed the discussion while Dr Jena Shahidi presided over the function. The speakers noted that despite great efforts being made and huge financial resources spent, the gap between the haves and have-nots is continuously increasing. They cited Baha'i writings and said the problem is actually of the spiritual nature and called for spiritual solution to it. The meeting ended with prayers.

Quayum's Janaza today

Namaz-e-Janaza of late Ambassador Abdul Quayum will be held today at Baitul Mukarram Mosque after Junna prayers, reports UNB. He will be laid to rest at Banani graveyard in the afternoon.

BRAC's post-flood programmes

The Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC) has undertaken a Tk 2.5 cr relief and rehabilitation programme, said a press release Wednesday. The programme includes reconstruction of damaged households, rehabilitation of poultry, fisheries and tubewells.

NSU to recruit foreign teachers

The international advisory board of North South University has offered to form a network to help the university in recruiting proficient teachers from abroad, reports UNB. The offer was given at the first meeting of the board, held recently at Harvard University with Prof Peter Timmer in the chair. At attendance were other members including professors from Harvard, Illinois, and from the World Bank. NSU's president Musleh-uddin Ahmad briefed the board about the present achievements and its difficulties since it started as the country's first private university.

Reporters' Unity confce begins, polls today

By Staff Correspondent

The first two-day conference of the newly formed Dhaka Reporters' Unity began in the city yesterday amid vows to uphold the profession above partisan politics. Country's leading reporters called upon the journalist community to maintain the code of ethics of journalism to uphold their image and stressed on the unity of the reporters. The inaugural function of the conference, attended by over 200 reporters of Dhaka-based national dailies was addressed by Ataus Samad as guest speaker. Syed Kamal Uddin of Far Eastern Economic Review, Hassan Shahriar of Dainik Ittefaq among others while it was presided over by its convener Shafigul Kabir of Ittefaq. The speakers observed that because the reporters were not united on a common platform, they often face professional hazards which could be easily resolved through unity. They noted that from time to time, reporters had to fight with martial laws, the Pakistan military and the autocratic governments in order to be able to write the truth. "Still, we cannot say, the situation has improved nowadays," Ataus Samad noted. "Even now, journalists are being arrested like criminals under the Special Powers Act," he added. Syed Kamal Uddin observed that as the number of national dailies have in-

creased manifold over the years, the nature of problems faced by reporters have also changed. The election of the executive committee of the Reporters' Unity will be held today at the Jatiya Press Club. The concluding session of the first conference will follow the polls in the evening today.

Donation for Bosnians

Employees and muballigs of Rabat Al-Alam Al-Islami Bangladesh have decided to donate their three days' salary for Bosnian Muslims, reports BSS. The decision was taken in a general meeting held under the chairmanship of Mir Quasem Ali, director Rabita Bangladesh, according to a press release.

Advertisement for 'বিজ্ঞপ্তি' (Notice) regarding a seminar on 'Bangladesh's development and the role of science education'. It includes details about the seminar, speakers, and contact information.

Obituary notice for Begum Rabeya Ahmed, mother of Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmed, secretary, Primary and Mass Education, who died of old age complications at her family residence in Agrabad.

Eating Out

Advertisement for 'White House' restaurant, an exclusive restaurant for Continental, Indian and Bangladeshi Cuisine, located at 149, Airport Road, Tejgaon.

Advertisement for 'ICE CREAM! ICE CREAM!!' serving various flavoured delicious ice cream, located at Coastal Seafoods Centre.

Advertisement for 'Leung Hung' restaurant, offering Good & tastier Thai Chinese, South Indian Cuisine, located at Gulshan 2nd Circle, Dhaka.

Advertisement for 'Fayalobi Restaurant' offering Thai Food, Continental Food, Chinese Food, Sea Food and Bengali Food, located at 53 Gulshan Avenue, Dhaka.

Advertisement for 'Sajna' restaurant, serving full range of Indian dishes, located at House-10, South Avenue, Gulshan.

Advertisement for 'Rainbow Italian Ice-Cream', pioneer of Italian Ice-Cream in Bangladesh, located at 33, South Gulshan Avenue, 1st Circle, Dhaka.

The Daily Star Entertainment Guide

Friday 25th August (All programmes in local time. We recommend programmes printed in CAPITAL bold.) Morning Session: 8:00 Opening Announcement, 8:10 News in Bangla, 8:15 Alor Dishan, 9:05 ADVENTURE SHOW: THE CRYSTAL MAZE, 10:00 News in English, 10:05 RETELECAST OF SELECTED DRAMA: MONER MUKUREY, 11:15 Film show: Batman, 11:40 Prescription, 11:55 Educational programme based on Secondary School students: Shiksha-Dhika, 12:30 Programme summary Close down. Evening Session: 2:30 Opening announcement, 2:40 Recitation from the Tripitak, 3:00 BENGALI FEATURE FILM, 5:10 News in Bangla, 6:00 Documentary Film: The World At War, 7:00 Open University, 7:10 Modern songs: Malancha, 7:45 Anader Chiti Pelam, 8:00 News in Bangla, 8:30 FILM SHOW: ARABIAN NIGHTS, 9:00 GITI BICHITRA: SONG BASED MAGAZINE, 10:00 News in English, 10:25 Janmabhumi: Retelecast of Documentary Programme based on Development, 10:30 DRAMA SERIES: NYPD, BLUE, 11:30 Khabar/The News, 11:40 Tomorrow's programme summary, 11:45 Close Down. 9:00 am BBC World News, 9:25 TIME OUT: SUMMER HOLIDAY, 10:00 BBC Newsday, 1:00 BBC World Headlines, 1:05 Hypotheticals, 2:00 BBC World News, 2:25 Wine Express, 3:00 BBC World News, 3:25 TIME OUT: HOW TO SAVE THE EARTH, 4:00 BBC Newsdesk, 6:00 BBC World News, 6:15 Hypotheticals, 7:00 BBC News Hour, 8:00 BBC World News, 8:10 World Business Report, 8:25 TIME OUT: TOMORROW'S WORLD, 9:00 BBC World Headlines, 9:05 MONEY LOVE, 10:00 BBC World News, 10:25 Time Out: Summer Holiday, 11:00 The World Today, 1:00 BBC World Headlines, 1:05 Hypotheticals, 2:00 BBC World News, 2:25 TIME OUT: FILM '95, 3:00 BBC World News, 3:25 World Business Report, 4:00 BBC World News, 4:25 World Business Report, 5:00 BBC World News, 5:25 Newsnight, 6:00 BBC World News, 6:25 World Business Report, 7:00 BBC World News, 7:25 Newsnight, 8:00 BBC World News, 8:25 World Business Report. 6:00 am Jump Start, 8:00 REWIND VJ SOPHIYA, 9:00 Frame by Frame, 11:00 The Vibe VJ Luke, 12:00 noon BY DEMAND VJ NONIE, 1:00 Frame by Frame, 3:00 Big Bang VJ Alessandra, 4:00 Mojo Working, 4:30 Sony Yalia, 5:30 OVER THE EDGE, 6:00 pm The Vibe VJ Luke, 7:00 Speak Easy.

FRIDAY NIGHT PREMIERE—MERMAIDS



Winona Ryder and Cher star in this coming-of-age comedy set in 1963. MERMAIDS follows the unconventional Flax family as they arrive in the small Massachusetts coastal town of East Port, their eighteenth home since Mr Flax made his "sudden and unexpected departure." Unable to say rooted in one place, Mrs Flax (Cher) is an eccentric single mother who moves her daughters, (Christina Ricci), from city to city. Set during the 1963 Kennedy presidency, MERMAIDS is an insightfully funny coming-of-age story about a mother's fear of commitment and her teenage daughter's sexual awakening. Cher says she knew she was meant for the part after reading just 30 pages from the script. "I was so in love with those first 30 pages. It reminded me of my experience with my mother and sister," she said. "Mrs Flax is a kick... quite strong, very funny and never dull. She was much more modern than most people in the early 60s, so she just made up her own rules." Like Cher, Winona Ryder related easily to her character. "I've been through much of her same emotional territory, so I was able to draw on my own experiences to help create the character. For me, Charlotte was the most realistic part I've played to date," said Ryder.

Partyline Rhythm & Raag advertisement. 10:00am Feature Film RADHARANI (Colour). Director: Ajit Banerjee. Music: Ashoke Roy. Cast: Biswajit, Mahua, Padma Khanna, Anup Kumar etc. 8:10am Rabindrasangeet by Utraayani (Group), 8:30am Nazrulgeeti by Jhuma Chakraborty, 8:45am Sitar by Sanjoy Banerjee, 9:30am Bharatnatyam by Ananya Chatterjee, 2:00pm Serial: Sei Samay/Daag, 6:30pm Film Songs: GEETMALA, 6:55pm Serial: Lauhakapat, 8:00pm Magazine: ANANDABAHAR, 8:30pm Serial: Shajahan, 9:30pm: Mahanayak, 10:00pm Cinema: KRISHNA KANTER WILL (Black & White). Director: Joydutta Banerjee. Cast: Dhiraj Bhattacharya, Ahindra Chowdhury, Shanti Gupta.

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TV schedule for Friday 25th August. 6:30 am The Mighty Tenor, 7:00 TEEN WOLF, 7:30 G.I. Joe, 8:00 Jem, 8:30 Aerobics, 9:00 The Wind in the Willows, 9:30 Playabout, 10:00 The Sullivans, 10:30 The Urban Peasant, 11:00 Fashion Television, 11:30 Donahue, 12:30 Santa Barbara, 1:30 The Bold & The Beautiful, 2:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show, 3:00 Riviera, 3:30 The Urban Peasant, 4:00 Aerobics, 4:30 The Sullivans, 5:00 SMALL WONDER, 5:30 Robotech, 6:00 pm Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, 6:30 Batman, 7:00 HOME AND AWAY, 7:30 Entertainment Tonight, 8:00 MASH, 8:30 Tales Of The Gold Monkey, 9:30 Dynasty, 10:30 The Bold & The Beautiful, 11:00 Santa Barbara, 12:00 mn HARD COPY, 12:30 India Business Week, 1:00 Doogie Howser MD, 1:30 Anything But Love, 2:00 Newheart, 2:30 Entertainment Tonight, 3:00 Movie: "Double Identity", 5:00 The Sullivans, 5:30 Crossbow.

VJ Sophiya on Channel V advertisement. 8:00 am, Today. Subtitles: 1:30 Friday Fury: The Double Crossers (Arabic Subtitles), 3:30 Action: The Package (Arabic Subtitles), 5:00 Gold: Mermaids (Arabic Subtitles). (TMM) 8:00 am Tilawat Aur Tarjuma, 8:07 Aaj Ke, 8:20 Boltay Haath, 8:10 Health Forum, 9:00 Daster Khwaan, 9:15 Regional Programme, 9:40 Full House, 10:00 Pakistan, 11:00 Khabrain, 11:10 Sad-E-Kashmir, 11:20 Hawa-e-12:10 pm Salma Agha Show, 12:40 English Classics, 1:40 Juma Spot, 2:00 PTV2 Insignia, 2:02 Bismillah, 2:15 Fehm-Ul-Quran, 2:40 Natak Rang (Sindhi), 3:30 Gardish, 4:20 Artists Of Pakistan, 4:50 Kapes Ki Kaash, 5:00 Aasaan Hesaab, 5:25 Taleem Nizam/Biology for 10th/Sehat, 6:25 Aou Courses, 7:00 English News, 7:20 Time Trax, 8:00 The Big Idea, 8:45 Duniya, 9:00 Headline News, 9:25 Duniya, 10:00 Khabrain, 10:25 Film Music, 11:15 Current Affairs Programme, 11:55 Friday Night Classic Cinema, Khas Khas Khabrain/Farman-e-Elahi/Close Down.