

SPGRC hunger strike Oct 14

Stranded Pakistanis General Repatriation Committee (Ejaz) will observe a token hunger strike on October 14 in front of the Jatiya Press Club to press their 4-point demands, reports UNB.

The programme was announced yesterday at a meeting of the SPGRC executive committee with its leader Mohammad Israil Khan in the chair.

Children's art show opens

An art exhibition on the occasion of the Children's Rights week was inaugurated at Zainul Art Gallery of the Institute of Fine Arts in the city yesterday, says a press release.

The Bangladesh Shishu Addikar Forum (BSAF) has organised the eight-day exhibition.

Constitution of DRU approved

By Staff Correspondent

The constitution of the Dhaka Reporters Unity (DRU) was approved by a two-third majority votes of the unity's members yesterday.

The constitution was endorsed at a special general meeting of the DRU held at the Jatiya Press Club auditorium yesterday morning with unity's member Mohammad Mahfuzullah in the chair.

The formulation of the constitution was discussed earlier at the DRU's general meeting on August 24. But, later it was resolved to incorporate necessary additions.

DRU president Shaiful Kabir, vice president Anwarul Haq and general secretary Mostafa Firoz spoke at the meeting, which was followed by a raffle draw, says a press release.

Archeological facts ignored for more than a decade

By Mizan Ali

The Directorate of Archeology has failed to publish any literature regarding archeological development in Bangladesh since 1981, due to "severe mismanagement," a well-placed source alleged.

High officials of the directorate, who did not want to be identified, also confirmed it.

"It is desirable to publish literature regarding archeological development every year, which unfortunately was not done due to lack of initiative," one high official explained. Efforts are being made to improve upon the situation and some literature are now in the process of publishing, he added.

The organisation has become so stagnant that "even reports of excavation from the regional offices are not sent regularly to the central office and those which are sent do not fulfill the minimum standards of publication," the source pointed out.

"Lack of expertise in the relevant field and absence of co-ordination between the Directorate and four regional offices," the source said is responsible for the chaotic situation in the Directorate.

Children's Rights Week '95 opens

President Abdur Rahman Biswas inaugurated Children's Rights Week '95 at the Osmani Memorial Hall here yesterday morning, reports UNB.

Presided over by Sarwari Rahman, Minister of State for Women and Children's Affairs, the function was also addressed by Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan, Minister of State for Planning, Dr Saadat Husain, Additional Secretary in-charge, Ministry of Women and Children's Affairs and Md Jamal Hossain, a youngster — who spoke on behalf of a few hundred children present on the occasion.

Minister and members of Parliament were present at the function.

President Biswas said that a nation's bright future could only be ensured through proper care, rearing and developing the potentials hidden in the children. The children are our future and a symbol of prosperity, he said.

Weather

Moderate rain forecast

Moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Rajshahi division with moderately heavy falls at places in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met office says light to moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind may occur at a few places over Chittagong, Dhaka, Sylhet and Barisal Divisions and one or two places over Khulna division.

Day temperature is likely to rise by 1-2 degree Celsius over the country.

Meantime, Dinajpur experienced the highest 299mm rain yesterday. Rangpur had 161mm rain, Rajshahi 30 and Cox's Bazar 23mm during the period.

Sun sets today at 5:47 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:50 am.

Maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	32.5	24.5	73	86
Chittagong	32.2	25.2	86	78
Rajshahi	30.7	24.0	98	-
Khulna	31.8	25.0	93	-
Barisal	32.0	24.2	89	93
Sylhet	32.0	24.4	80	80
Cox's Bazar	31.5	24.0	78	83

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Notice

Our regular feature Dhaka Day by Day could not be carried due to space constraint. The inconvenience to the readers is regretted.

BELA serves legal notice on DCC

The Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers' Association (BELA) has sent a legal notice to Dhaka City Corporation Mayor and Chief Executive Officer, and the DMP Commissioner for taking legal steps to remove building materials from public places, reports UNB.

A BELA press release yesterday said that in most cases, the owners of under construction houses and the contractors keep house building materials on the adjacent footpaths and roads that hinder free movement of the pedestrians.

Such unauthorised acts are a punishable offence under the laws of the City Corporation and the Metropolitan Police, the association said.

In its legal notice, BELA requested the City Corporation and the Metropolitan Police authorities to remove the construction materials from public places by October 9.

Otherwise, the association said, they will take appropriate legal action against them as well as the contractors and the owners of houses violating the law.

Govt committed to resolve CHT problem

Communications Minister Oll Ahmad Thursday said, the government is committed to resolve the problem in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) in a peaceful way, reports BSS.

The minister was addressing the trainee officers of Defence Services Command and Staff College (DSCSC) at Mirpur.

The Communications Minister, who is also the convener of Parliamentary committee on hill tracts, said that a peaceful solution to the problems in CHT depend largely on the goodwill of the neighbouring countries.

He gave a detailed account of the development activities and the nature of problems in the region, responsibilities of the government in solving the problem, and the repatriation process of tribal refugees from India.

One hundred and eight army, navy and air force officers from China, India, Kenya, Malaysia, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Zambia and Bangladesh are participating in the course.

HK journal criticises hartal call

Hong Kong based economic weekly The Far Eastern Economic Review has commented that in addition to claiming lives, strikes make severe damage to the economy of Bangladesh, reports BSS.

The magazine in its current issue quoted the Dhaka Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry as estimating that a general strike costs the nation 60 million US dollars a day — not including losses to the agricultural sector.

It said in a report by its correspondent from Dhaka that apart from the 15-20 day long strikes each year, several half day closures are forced by political parties. It said the metropolitan chamber believed the cumulative effect is a billion dollar blow, representing 3.6 per cent of the country's gross domestic product.

The review quoted the National Economic Council headed by Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia as saying that 44 working days were lost to strike between March 1991 and January 1995, causing cumulative loss of 3.4 billion dollars.

Govt. of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer (Civil) (RHD) Road Division, Gopalganj

(RHD) Notice Inviting Tender

Sealed tenders are hereby invited in the Bangladesh Form No. 2911/2908 for the following works:

- Tender Notice No: 23 (1995-96) EE/GRD.
- Name of work: Supplying of stone chips and sand for maintenance of different road and repair bituminous pavement and providing bituminous seal coat work under Gopalganj Road Division during the year 1995-96 in 2 (two) groups.
- Estimated cost: As per group list.
- Earnest money: -do-
- Head of A/C: -do-
- Time allowed: -do-
- Eligibility of contractors: -do-
- Name of office where tender documents will be sold: Executive Engineer, RHD, Gopalganj/Faridpur/Madaripur/Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Division, Gopalganj/Bhatiapara/1st Line Workshop Sub-Division, Gopalganj.
- Name of office to receive tender bids: a) Superintending Engineer, RHD, Road Circle, Faridpur. b) Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Gopalganj.
- Last date of selling of tender: 7-10-95E/22-6-1402BS up to the office hour.
- Last date & time of receipt of tender: 8-10-95E/23-6-1402BS up to 12:30 PM.
- Date, time and place of opening tender: 9-10-95E/24-6-1402BS. at 11:00 AM in the office of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Road-Division, Gopalganj.
- Lottery date, time & place: At 11:00 AM of 11-10-95E/26-6-1402BS in the office of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Gopalganj.

Group No.	Name of work with location	Head of A/C.	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time allowed	Eligibility of contractors
I (One)	Supplying of stone chips and sand for maintenance of different road under Gopalganj Road Division during 1995-96.	168-RBF	Tk. 2,26,250/-	Tk. 4,525/-	15 (fifteen) days from the date of issue of work order.	All category contractors (RHD) Department.
II (Two)	Repairing bituminous pavement and providing bituminous seal coat of 7th (P) KM of Gopalganj-Takerhat road under Gopalganj Road Division during 95-96.	-do-	Tk. 1,90,585/-	Tk. 3,812/-	15 (Fifteen) days from the date of issue of work order.	-do-

Kazi Najibul Haque
Executive Engineer (C.C.)
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What's on today....

Seminar on reproductive health and rights: The Human Rights Journalist Forum of Bangladesh will hold the seminar. Venue: Ganasahajya Sangstha auditorium. Time: 9 am.

Bangla Academy talk: To commemorate the death anniversary of Abdul Karim Shahityabisharad a talk on 'Research on Bengali literature of the Middle Age and Shahityabisharad' will be held. Venue: Bangla Academy seminar hall. Time 5 pm. Prof Said-ur-Rahman will present a paper.

Russian Cultural Centre: The prize distribution ceremony of the children's painting competition, organised by the centre on the occasion of the World Peace Day, will be held. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre. Time: 6 pm. The film 'Kidnapping Caucasian Style' will be screened.

Chinese dance show: A performance of traditional songs and dances by the visiting Chinese troupe will be held. Venue: Dhaka Cantonment. Time: 6:30 pm.

Memorial meet on Fritz: Bangladesh Centre of the International Theatre Institute and Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation have jointly organised a meeting to commemorate the death of German theatre director Fritz Benneheit. Venue: Theatre Complex, 144 New Baily Road. Time: 5:30 pm.

UNAB seminar: The United Nations Association of Bangladesh (UNAB) will hold a seminar on the Fourth World Conference on Women, held in Beijing recently. Venue: Scouts Bhaban. Time: 4:30 pm. Chief guest: State Minister for Women and Children's Affairs Begum Sarwari Rahman.

Discussion on agri productivity: A discussion on increasing productivity of agriculture in Bangladesh will be held. Venue: BRAC conference room. Time: 10 am.

Radio Bangladesh: A ceremony will be held to award the highest advertiser and ad firms. Venue: Auditorium of Radio Bangladesh, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar. Time: 7:30 pm.

Society for Rule of Law: An emergency meeting of the body will be held. Venue: 69-70, Motijheel C/A. Time: 4 pm.

Puja programme: The Shasthi Puja will be held by Mahanagar Sarbojanin Puja Committee. Venue: Dhakeswari Temple premises.

Open discussion: Aparajeyo-Bangladesh will hold the discussion as a part of its week long programme. Venue: 2/5 Humayun road, Mohammadpur. Time: 10 am.

New film club in city

A film club has been formed in the city recently after the name of pre-eminent Russian filmmaker Sergai Bandarchuk, says a press release.

A 21-member committee of the club has been formed with M Abdus Samad and Shamsul Alam Babu as president and general secretary respectively.

The opening ceremony of the club was held at the Russian Cultural Centre. Russian Councillor Youri F Roudner attended the function as chief guest.

The programme was followed with the screening of a film by Bandarchuk.

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Saturday 30th September (All programmes in local time. We recommend programmes printed in bold.)

BTV

3:00 Opening announcement
Al-Coran Programme Summary
3:10 Recitation from the Tripitak
3:15 Movie of the week
5:10 News in Bangla
5:25 Folk songs
5:30 Bantoli
6:00 Angkar: Programme based on Population Control
6:30 Rerelease of selected drama: Moner Mukure
6:00 News in Bangla
8:25 Documentary on development: Jambhumi
8:30 Programme based on Agricultural Development: Mati-O-Manush
9:00 Geethastotal: Viewers' Requests
10:00 News in English
10:30 Drama Series: Dynasty
11:30 Khabar: The News
11:40 Tomorrow's programme announcement
11:45 Closing.

BBC

9:00am BBC World News
9:25 World Business Report
10:00 BBC World News
10:25 Time Out: The Clothes Show
11:00 BBC World News
11:25 East 12:00noon BBC World News
12:25 Britain in View
1:00 BBC World Headlines
1:05 Legacy
2:00 BBC World News
2:25 Time Out: The Travel Show
3:00 BBC World Headlines
3:25 Horizon
4:00 BBC World News
4:15 The Late Show
5:00 BBC World Headlines
5:05 Locomotion
6:00pm BBC World News
6:25 World News Week
7:00 BBC World News
7:25 Time Out: Film '95
8:00 BBC World News

CHANNEL V

7:00am Asian Top 20 VJ Nonie
9:00 The Vibe Weekend VJ Luke
11:00 Big Bang Weekend
1:00 Over the Edge
1:30 By Demand
2:00 Never Enough VJ David Wu
3:00 Rewind
4:00 The Ride VJ Trey
5:00 Speak Easy
5:30 The Ticket
6:00pm BPL Oye! 7:00 Billboard US Countdown
8:00 Club X VJ Sophia
10:00 Time X Pass
11:00 Mescos Gim Show
11:30 Rewind Requests
12:00am Videocon Flashback
12:30 The Ticket
1:30 Videocon Manga Hal
2:00 Music Update Tokyo
2:30 Partylene Rhythm & Rag
3:00 Over The Edge
5:00 VJ David Wu

STAR PLUS

6:00am Evening Shade
6:30 Transformers
7:00 Dungeons & Dragons
7:30 Rude Dog
8:00 The Dweebs
8:00 Count Duckula
8:30 High 9:00 White Fang
9:30 The Henderson Kids
10:00 Katts & Dog
10:30 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea
11:30 The Wild West
12:30 TV Movie: Eagle's Wing
2:00 Extreme Close Up: 'Grazia Scacchi'
2:30 Movie Classics: 'Nothing Sacred'
4:30 Fantasy Island
5:30 Movie Television
6:00pm Whose Line is it

STAR TREK: The Next Generation

tonight at 9:30 pm on Star Plus

Anyways: 6:30 The Wonder Years
7:00 The Green Hornet
7:30 On Location
8:00 Batman Forever
8:30 The Simpsons
9:00 Baywatch
9:30 Star Trek: The Next Generation
10:30 L.A. Law
11:30 Code 3
12:00am COPS
12:30 Mystery Movies: 'Inspector Morse - Driven to Distraction'
2:30 Movie: 'Sophia Loren - Her Own Story'
4:30 Hooperman
5:00 The Sullivan
5:30 Crossbow

STAR MOVIES

7:30 Adventure: Conquest of the Planet of the Apes (Arabic Subtitles)
9:30 Swashbuckler: The Mark of Zorro (Arabic Subtitles)
11:30 Martial Arts: One-Armed Boxer (Hindi Subtitles)
1:30 Comedy: Crimes and Misdemeanors (Hindi Subtitles)
3:00 Classic: From the Terrace (Hindi Subtitles)
6:00 Family: The Emperors New Clothes (Hindi Subtitles)
7:30 Adventure: Bill and Ted's Bogus Journey (Hindi Subtitles)
9:00 Bol Bollywood Update
9:30 Gold: Best Seller (Hindi Subtitles)
11:30 Gold: Mona Lisa (Arabic Subtitles)
1:30 Film Club: Turtle Beach (Arabic Subtitles)
3:30 Sunday Showtime: The Kid (Arabic Subtitles)
4:30 Sunday

DOORDARSHAN 7

8:10 am Rabindrasangeet
8:20 Binodan
8:25 Minoo Dasgupta Gaan (Part-II)
8:45 Agamoni: Amar Pal
9:00 Folk Forms of West Bengal: Kumaritir Mritshilpa Direction: Amitabha Chakraborty
9:30 Darshakeri: Darbara
10:00 Special Musical Programme on Durga Puja
12:30 pm Ananda Bahar
1:30 Ek Shunya Shunya
3:30 Jaisa Ghar
5:30 Hindi Programme
6:30 Western Music
7:00 Programme on Durga Puja (Variety Items will be covered in connection with Puja including ancient Calcutta)
8:00 Chitra Sarathi
8:30 Ogo Nilaya

ZEE CINEMA

9:30 am Rajanigandha
12:30 pm Yaadon Ki Kasam
3:30 pm Gurbani
10:30 pm Ek Musafir Ek Hasina
1:30 am Yeh Zindagi Kin Haseen

8:00am Tiliwat Aur Tarjuma
8:05 Ham/Naat
8:15 Warzakh
8:20 Cartoon
8:25 Bachon Ka Naghma
9:30 Khabrain
8:45