



Awami League Chief Sheikh Hasina exchanging views with professional groups at the Engineers' Institution auditorium in the city yesterday. — Star photo

What's on today

Rotary Club of Dhaka North: The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Sonargaon hotel. Time: 4:45 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka Central: The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Rotary Centre, Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi. Time: 3:30 pm.

Film show: Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen *Jibon Theke Neya*, a cinema by Zahir Raihan. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre. Time: 3 pm.

Sandhani founding anniversary: A discussion meeting and *Utar* party has been arranged marking the 19th founding anniversary of Sandhani. Chief guest: Mahiuz Anam, Editor, The Daily Star. Venue: Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Time: 4:30 pm.

Anniversary of Islamic Revolution: Islamic Republic of Iran will celebrate the 17th anniversary of the revolution. Venue: House 54, Road 8/A, Dhanmondi. Time: 4 pm.

Ten injured in city crimes

By DMCH Correspondent

Ten persons were injured in different incidents in the city yesterday.

A 12-year old boy, Mohan, was injured in a bomb blast near his home in Shanarpara, Demra at 3 pm. Mohan's father, Tara Mia, said that the bomb was hidden underground and it blasted when Mohan stepped on it.

At 7 am in Nazimuddin Road near Makushah Mazar, a stray cracker blast left one pedestrian, Badshan Mia, 22, injured.

Both were sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

Meanwhile, some people at the Banani Chairmanbari Road at 9 am caught six alleged muggers and beat them up. The six — Siddique 20, Md Hossain, 18, Jainal Ab-

din, 22, Manik Mia, 20, Jasim 25, and Hasan 22, were at first admitted to the DMCH and later taken into police custody.

In another incident, a 30 year old fruit vendor, Zakir Hossain, of 49, New Elephant Road was stabbed by muggers at Tejgaon. The victim told his correspondent that a gang of miscreants pounced on him at 8 am in front of the Alam Building. The gang snatched Tk 1000 and stabbed him in the neck.

Flamboyant **Abdur Rahman**, 40, was similarly stabbed by some thugs in the Khilgaon Tilapara area at 7 am. The muggers, however, could not take anything from him.

Both the victims were admitted to the DMCH.

CUJ concerned at Purbokone incident

CHITTAGONG, Feb 4: The leaders of the Chittagong Union of Journalists and Chittagong Press Club expressed deep concern over alleged unruly behaviour of a group of youths at the Dainik Purbokone office here last night, reports BSS.

In a statement they said a group of unruly youths entered into the Dainik Purbokone office and harassed the journalists working at the time.

The CUJ and Press Club leaders termed the threat as an attack on the freedom of press and called upon the law-abiding citizens to resist such elements.

CUJ president Md Yusuf general secretary Abu Taher Muhammad, Chittagong Press Club president Muhammad Idris and general secretary Helal Uddin Chowdhury were signatories to the statement.

Chehlum

The chehlum of Prof MR Chowdhury will be held at his Gulshan residence after Asar prayers tomorrow, reports UNB.

MR Chowdhury was the pioneer in introducing Metric System in the country. He died on December 30, 1995 in the city.

He was also the teacher of Calcutta Presidency College and Karachi University for a long time, and the member (general council) of Bangladesh Standard Institute.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the chehlum to be held at house no 4, road-136, Gafsa.

Death anniversary

The second death anniversary of Hassan Imam Chowdhury, a shipping personality will be observed today, says a press release.

Quran khwan, milad mahfil and feeding of the destitutes has been arranged in this connection.

The milad will be held at his residence at 106, East Rampura Mansurabad Chittagong after Asar prayers.

Discussion on Sandwip

Contribution of Abul Kaseem Sandwip, whose voice was first broadcast from the Swandhin - Bangla Betar Kendra, was recalled yesterday at a memorial meeting and participants paid tributes for his role in War of Liberation and also in the field of mass literacy campaign, reports BSS.

Jointly organised by two NGOs — Gano Sakkarata Avijan and VERC — the meeting was presided over by Dr Abdullah Al-Muti Sharifuddin, director of Gano Sakkarata Avijan.

The meeting decided to celebrate Sandwip's birthday and take initiatives for publication of his writings.

The discussants said that Sandwip was one of the pioneers of the Swandhin Bangla Betar Kendra.

Abdullah Al-Muti Sharifuddin described Sandwip as a historic personality and a devoted leader in the field of mass literacy campaign. Sandwip's wife and only daughter were also present at the function which was held at the Bishwa Shahitya Kendra in the city.

Weather

Dry weather to continue

Prevailing dry weather is likely to continue over the country in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met office said night temperature may remain unchanged over the country during the period.

The sun sets today at 5:47 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:38 am.

Country's lowest temperature 8.2 degree Celsius was recorded at Srimangal and the highest 29 degrees at Dhaka, Sitakunda and Bogra.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Min	Max	morning	evening
Dhaka	13.1	29.0	60	56
Chittagong	13.5	27.4	71	69
Rajshahi	11.3	27.7	79	57
Khulna	13.4	28.5	73	56
Banisel	12.5	27.8	80	58
Sylhet	13.2	28.0	77	50
Cox's Bazar	15.5	28.5	59	58

ML's call to resist polls

The Bangladesh Muslim League (ML) yesterday called upon the people to boycott and resist the coming parliamentary elections, reports UNB.

ML president Kazi Abdul Kader at a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club expressed his party's solidarity with opposition parties boycotting the polls to press for elections under a neutral caretaker government.

He said that all district and thana units of the party have been instructed to keep away from the February 15 hustings in line with the country's major opposition parties.

Air chief off to Singapore

Chief of the Air Staff Air Vice Marshal Jamal Uddin Ahmed left Dhaka for Singapore yesterday to witness the Asian Aerospace Exhibition '96, reports BSS.

He is leading a three-member delegation.

During his stay in Singapore, he will also call on the chiefs of staff of air forces of different countries.

He is expected to return on February 9.

Contraband seized

The Narcotics Department recovered 500 bottles of contraband Phensidyl syrup from "Outer Circular Road" area in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip, a special squad of the department raided an under construction building and recovered the foreign contraband.

They also arrested one M Shamsul Haq, 30, from the spot.

A case was filed with the Ramna thana.

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BCU rally held

The Bangladesh Chhatra Union yesterday held a demonstration in front of the Jatiya Press Club demanding immediate publication of the text books for class six and nine, measures against selling of primary school text books in black market and introducing modern curriculum, reports BSS.

Held under the auspices of the city unit of the organisation, the rally was addressed by Chhatra Union president Sajjad Zahir Chondan, and organisational leaders Manjure Khoda, Humayun Kabir and Bikash Saha, among others, while Rustam Ali Khokon was in the chair.

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