

What's on today...

Discussion on Eid-e-Miladunnabi: Nazrul Institute has organised a discussion meeting and a milad mahfil in observance of the holy Eid-e-Miladunnabi.

and tomorrow

Discussion on budget: A discussion on 'National Budget from the Perspective of Poverty Alleviation' will be held.

Talk on ME peace process: Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS) has organised a talk on 'The Middle East Peace Process and Democratisation'.

Exhibition on DADA movement: Goethe Institut Dhaka and Bangladesh Silpakala Academy have jointly organised five-day long exhibition on the famous international DADA movement.

Publication ceremony: The publication ceremony of some books on Nazrul will be held. Chief guest, State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Kader.

Katha Abriti Charcha Kendra: The concluding session and certificate distribution ceremony of a workshop on recitation for children will be held.

Worldnet Dialogue: The United States Information Service has arranged a Worldnet Dialogue on 'How Chambers of Commerce Promote International Trade'.

Rotary Club of Jahangirnagar Dhaka: The sixth installation ceremony of the club will be held.

Rotary Club of Dhaka Central: The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held.

Weather

Moderate rainfall likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at many places over Chittagong, Barisal, Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Dhaka, Rajshahi, Khulna divisions in the next 24 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

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priority sectors. Therefore, in order to revitalize this sector, I propose to reduce the duties on certain inputs used in this sector. Thus to facilitate supply of seed and fertilizer to the farmers at fair prices, I propose to reduce the duties on seed potatoes and gypsum anhydrite fertilizer from 7.5 percent to 2.5 percent.



The outgoing British High Commissioner, Peter J. Fowler, called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office yesterday. — PID photo

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7 injured in city incidents

By DMC Correspondent
At least seven persons were injured in separate incidents in the city yesterday.

VC-led panel sweeps JU senate polls

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The panel led by the VC and the Pro-VC of Jahangirnagar University, Prof. Amirul Islam Chowdhury and Prof. Alauddin Ahmed respectively, swept the dean and senate polls yesterday.

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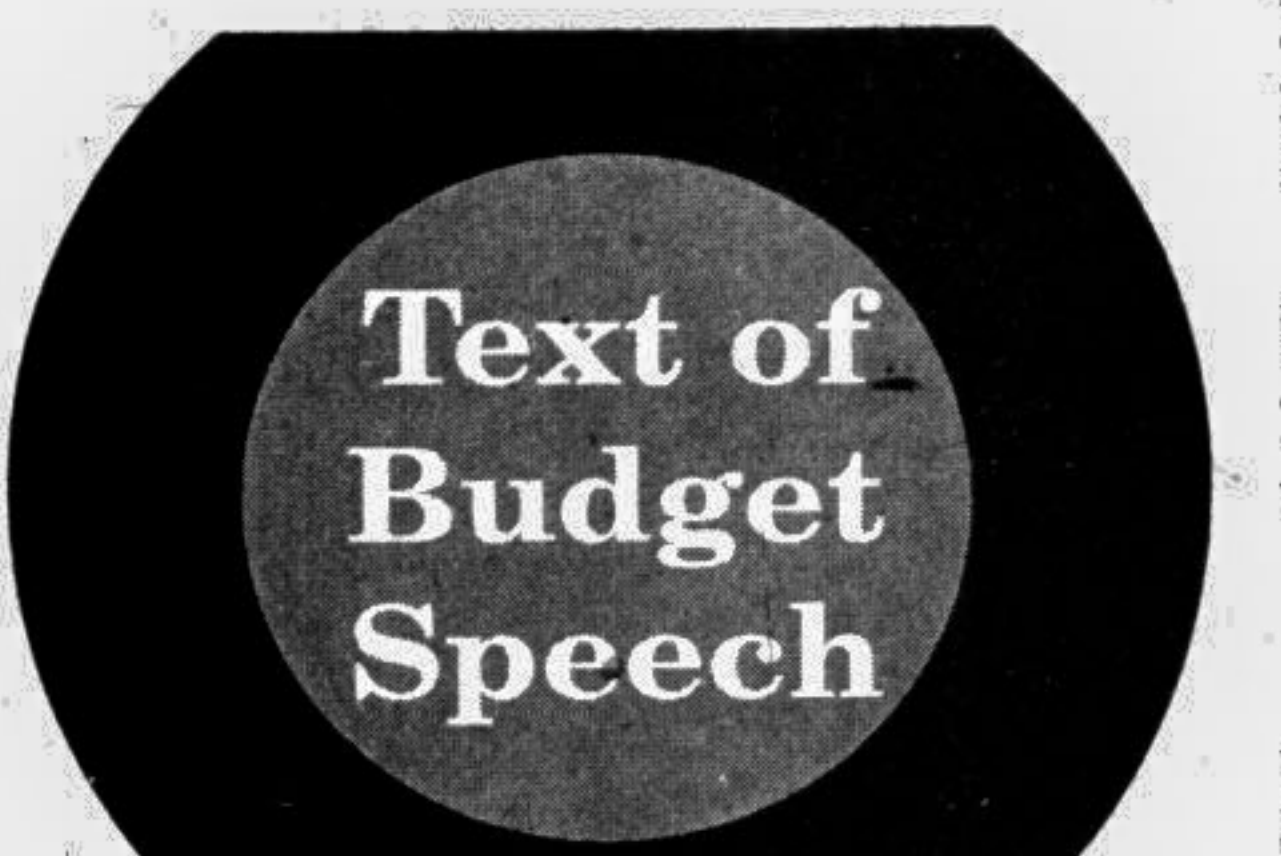
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Shipping Intelligence

Shipping Intelligence tables including CHITTAGONG PORT, VESSELS DUE AT OUTER ANCHORAGE, TANKER DUE, VESSELS AT KUTUBDIA, VESSELS NOT READY, VESSELS AWAITING INSTRUCTION, VESSELS NOT ENTERING, and MOVEMENT OF VESSELS FOR 29.7 & 30.7.96.

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production of PVC resin. Both Bangladesh Tariff Commission and Board of Investment have recommended for the reduction of its duty to zero percent. I propose to reduce the duty on VCM to 2.5 percent. At present, the duty on hot rolled coil is 15 percent. It is the main raw material for the production of BPMS sheet. The level of protection of domestic industries is very low as the duty on BPMS sheet is also 15 percent.



Text of Budget Speech
41. At present, excise duty is levied on bank deposits. In cases where the balance exceeds Taka five thousand and does not exceed Taka one lakh, the leviable duty is Taka one hundred and twenty, in other cases it is Taka two hundred.