

Metropolitan

What's on today

Bangla Academy discussion: On the 4th day of a discussion programme organised by the Academy commemorating Amar Ekushey, Dr Razia Khan will give a talk. Venue: Academy premises. Time: 11 am.

Sandhani: In observance of its 20th founding anniversary, Sandhani, a voluntary organisation of medical students, has arranged a discussion meeting. Venue: Conference room, Dhaka Medical College. Time: 4 pm.

UNAB: The United Nations Association of Bangladesh (UNAB) will hold a discussion in support of the first-ever world micro-credit summit being held in Washington. Venue: Office of the association.

Rotary Club of Dhaka Midtown: The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: House No 88/C, Road No 13/A Banani. Time: 4:30 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka South: The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Hotel Kastury, Bijoy Nagar. Time: 4:30 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka North-West: The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: 42, Siddeshwar Road, Cristal Garden. Time: 5 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga: The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 4:30 pm.

Inter-services qirat contest

The inter-services qirat and azzan competitions got underway at the Sailors' Colony Mosque at Dhaka Cantonment under the aegis of the Bangladesh Navy yesterday morning, says a press release.

About 50 qaries belonging to Bangladesh Army, Navy and Air Force are taking part in the two-day meet, conducted by Mufti Noor Uddin of the Islamic Foundation.

Chief of the Naval Staff, Rear Admiral Mohammad Nurul Islam, inaugurated the meet as the chief guest.

LDF calls for probe into press report on Ershad's money in BCCI

Left Democratic Front (LDF) has called for probe into the press report that former military ruler H M Ershad during his rule had deposited several crore taka at the BCCI Bank, a defunct financial institution, reports UNB.

In a statement yesterday, the LDF central executive council demanded of the government to come up with a clear-cut stand over the statement made by a former BCCI stalwart.

Qul Khwani

Qul Khwani of Late Faizul Huda will be held today (Wednesday). Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to attend a milad organised on the occasion after Asar prayers at 66 Shantinagar residence of the deceased. A milad mahfil will also be held after Asar prayers Thursday at 43 Fakirapool residence of the deceased.



Visitors at the World Press Photo '96 exhibition at the Drik Gallery yesterday. —Star photo

'Arsenic problem can be resolved thru' planned actions'

World Health Organisation (WHO) representative in Dhaka, Dr Wit Hardjotanoj yesterday said that despite being a major health issue, the arsenic problem in Bangladesh could be resolved through carefully planned actions, reports BSS.

Dr Hardjotanoj said WHO had already taken steps to assist the Bangladesh government in addressing the problem. Currently, the effectiveness of household arsenic removal 'candle filters' are being field tested in the badly affected areas, and are being evaluated by the government's Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) with WHO support, he said.

The WHO representative told the reporters that his organisation had also provided necessary chemicals and supplies to the PHED to analyse water samples for arsenic content.

HC issues contempt rule on 2 Edn Ministry engr

The High Court yesterday issued a contempt rule upon S S M A Mannan, Chief Engineer, Facilities Department, Ministry of Education, and M A M Shamim Iqbal, Executive Engineer, Rajshahi Zone, to show cause within February 25 as to why they should not be punished for committing contempt of court.

The division bench of the HC comprising Justice Md Mozammel Hoque and Justice Md Abdul Matin on February 3 ordered stay of all further proceeding of tender for construction of the 5-storied hostel building of Mother Box Home Economics College, Rajshahi.

The court acted upon an application filed by Biswajit Basak, A-1 1st class contractor, under the Facilities Department.

Advocate Subrata Chowdhury assisted by Advocate Pronila Biswas and Gobinda Chandra Tagore moved for the petitioner.

Mallick's death condoled

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed yesterday expressed his deep shock at the death of eminent historian, educationist, former Vice-Chancellor of Chittagong University and Finance Minister Dr Azizur Rahman Mallick, reports BSS.

In a message of condolence, President Shahabuddin said, late Dr Mallick dedicated his whole life to doing research on history and development of education in the country. His death is a national loss, he added.

UNB adds: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has expressed profound shock at the demise of former Vice-Chancellor of Chittagong University Dr Azizur Rahman Mallick.

In a condolence message, she said the nation will always remember late AR Mallick for his outstanding contribution in the Liberation War.

Meanwhile, the teachers and students of Jahangir Nagar University's History Department expressed their condolences at the demise of Dr AR Mallick, Prof Emeritus of the department.

World Press Photo '96 opens at Drik

The World Press Photo '96 exhibition opened at the Drik Gallery in the city yesterday. Some 250 selected photographs by nearly 3000 photographers from across the world are on display at the exhibition.

Dr Shaheedul Alam, the director of Drik Gallery, speaking on the occasion, lamented that there were no photo editors in our newspapers and no special awards, like the Ekushey Podok, were given to photographers. He also berated the fact that no calendars published in the country mentioned the name of the photographer.

Golam Kashem Daddy, the first Muslim short story writer of Bangladesh and the country's oldest photographer, speaking at the function, said photographs give pleasure as well as inform people. He regretted that the government gave no assistance to the photographers.

Obaidul Huq, a veteran journalist and the first Muslim of the sub-continent to make a name in cinematography, who was also present, said that photography is a powerful medium. He added that photography is both a science and an art and no newspaper is complete without pictures.

Dr Sitara Parvin, Chairperson, Department of Mass Communications and Journalism, DU, addressing the function, reminded the guests that a photograph was worth a thousand words.

The exhibition, which runs till Feb 19, is an impressive pictorial record of social, political, cultural, scientific and above all, human events worldwide.

Episcopal church of US team meets Shahabuddin

A delegation of Episcopal Church of America, headed by its chief Archbishop Edmond Browning, made a courtesy call on President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday morning, reports UNB.

Welcoming Browning, the President said moral values of the people should be preserved and kept high over everything in the present day of decadence. Everyone, particularly the religious personalities should ensure that humanity does not degenerate, he observed.

Browning thanked the President for receiving him and appreciated his comment on moral values of the people for a just and peaceful living.

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