

# Metropolitan

## Smuggled goods worth Tk 1.46 cr seized

Bangladesh Rifles seized smuggled goods worth Tk 1.46 crore from different parts of the country from Jan 13 to Feb 7, a BDR press release said yesterday, reports UNB.

Of the seized items, Indian tortoiseshells worth Tk 20.36 lakh and goods, including Indian sarees worth Tk 87.43 lakh, were seized from Jessore and 405 mini-cartons of Benson and Hedges cigarettes, 189 tins and 60 bottles of beer, five current nets and two cartons of contraceptive pills from Potenga in Chittagong.

## Seminar on health promotion in Bangladesh Feb 17

A two-day seminar on establishment of centre for communication in disease prevention and health promotion in Bangladesh will begin at the NIPSO auditorium in the city on Feb 17, reports UNB.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Salahuddin Yusuf will inaugurate the seminar as chief guest, while Health Secretary Mohammad Ali will attend as special guest.



Visitors at a group painting exhibition by 15 European artists from 7 countries that opened at the Shilpangan art gallery in the city yesterday. The show, the first of its kind in Bangladesh, will run till Feb 20. —Star photo

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## Int'l seminar on Ibsen's plays begins tomorrow

The Centre for Asian Theatre (CAT) in collaboration with the Royal Norwegian Embassy, has organised an international Ibsen seminar and workshop, to be held in the city from Feb 15 to 24, with main focus on 'gender issues in Ibsen's plays', reports BSS.

Addressing a press conference yesterday at the National Press Club, CAT's secretary general and associate professor of Chittagong University Kamaluddin Nilu said that nearly 200 theatre teachers, researchers, drama critics, directors and artists are expected to attend the seminar.

"Drama and state personalities from the United States, Sweden, Norway, Malaysia, Japan, India, Pakistan, Turkey and the Philippines have confirmed their participation," Nilu told the press conference.

Besides, he said, ten main researchers on Ibsen's plays will present their papers in the seminar.

The seminar sessions will be held Feb 15-18 at Hotel Purbani International, and the workshop at Indian High Commission Auditorium, German Cultural Centre, Russian Cultural Centre and National Museum Auditorium.

The Chief Advisor of former caretaker government Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman will formally inaugurate the seminar and workshop tomorrow, at 9:30 am.

Hans Fredrik Lehne, Ambassador of Norway in Dhaka will preside over the function, while Prof A K Azad Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor, Dhaka University will be present as the special guest.

The CAT, which was floated with eminent drama artists and directors of the country in 1994, has already organised a number of seminars and workshops in Bangladesh.

The press conference was also attended by vice-president of CAT, Masud Ali Khan and drama director Golam Sarwar.

## What's on today . . . .

**Sammilito Sangskritik Jote:** A six-day programme commemorating 'Ekushey February' will be inaugurated. Chief guest: Chief Advisor of former caretaker government Muhammad Habibur Rahman. Venue: Central Shaheed Minar. Time: 4 pm.

**Bangla Academy discussion:** As part of the programmes on 'Ekushey February', the Academy will hold a discussion on short stories of Bangladesh in twenty-five year. Venue: Academy premises. Time: 11 am.

Helen Khan and Dr Vismaya Dev Chowdhury will take part in the discussion. Dr Sayeda Banu will present the key-note paper while Prof Hasan Azizul Huq will preside.

**Cassette launching ceremony:** A cassette, of Tagore songs by K M Rabbani will be launched. Venue: Auditorium of the Indian Cultural Centre (754, Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi, 5th floor). Time: 6 pm. Chief guest: Cultural Minister Obaidul Quader.

**Conference:** The competition and conference of the Dhaka Metropolitan unit of the Jatiya Rabindra Sangeet Sammilan Parishad will be held. Venue: House No 20, Road No 27, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 10 am.

## Weather

### Dry spell may continue

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry over the country with partly cloudy sky over Chittagong and Sylhet divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met office said no appreciable change in night temperature is expected over the country during the period.

The country's lowest temperature, 9.2 degrees Celsius, was recorded at Srimangal and the highest 28.0 degrees, at Rangamati.

The sun sets today at 5:53 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:32 am. Maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Min	Max	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	9.9	25.7	54	48
Chittagong	13.5	25.8	71	74
Rajshahi	9.4	25.8	64	75
Khulna	10.2	26.0	68	—
Barisal	9.6	25.3	65	42
Sylhet	12.4	25.3	85	68
Cox's Bazar	16.5	27.2	57	47

## Australian oral surgeon arrives in city Feb 19

Australian oral and maxillofacial surgeon Dr John Arviri will arrive in the city Feb 19 on a two-week visit to Dhaka Dental College, a college press release said, reports BSS.

During his stay, he will offer free treatment and surgical operations free of cost to patients with tumours on the face, palm cut, lip cut and facial fractures.

Interested patients have been advised to contact the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery department of Dhaka Dental College by 9 am Feb 19, the press release added.

## AL to observe 'democracy killing day' tomorrow

The Bangladesh Awami League (AL) will observe February 15 as 'democracy killing day', a party press release said in the city Wednesday reports BSS.

On this day in 1996 the then BNP government held a farcical election unilaterally by ignoring the demands of all political parties including the AL for holding a free, fair and impartial election under the caretaker government, the release said.

The BNP government was compelled to resign in the face of peoples movement under the leadership of Sheikh Hasina, it added.

## HERE and THERE

**Ctg Bar Assoc**  
CHITTAGONG, Feb 13: Advocate Abul Kalam Azad and Advocate Chandan Das were elected president and general secretary respectively of the Chittagong District Bar Association for the next term at its election, held at Bar Bhavan yesterday, reports BSS.

According to Bar Association sources, other office bearers elected to the executive committee include: Senior vice-president — Sunil Kumper Sarkar, vice-president — Sawkat Hossain, assistant general secretary — Mahfuzul Alam Chowdhury, library secretary — Mohammad Sojaiman and cultural secretary — Sheikh

**NSU**  
The president of North South University (NSU), Muslehuddin Ahmad and the president of Yarmouk University (YU), Irbid, Jordan, Dr Marwan R Kamal, signed an academic collaboration agreement, recently, says a press release.

The formal signing took place in the YU president's office at Irbid, Jordan.

The agreement will establish cooperative working arrangements between the two universities in developing meaningful linkage in education, research and other related fields.

## Thakurgaon-1 by-polls

### CEC holds talks with party representatives

Chief Election Commissioner Mohammad Abu Hena yesterday held talks separately with the representatives of the political parties, taking part in Thakurgaon by-election, to be held on February 18, an Election Commission press release said yesterday, reports BSS.

Election Commissioners Abdur Rahman and Mushtaq Ahmed Chowdhury, Secretary of the Commission, M M Reza and other officials were present during the talks, held at the Chief Election Commissioner's office.

The Thakurgaon-1 constituency fell vacant following the death of Awami League legislator Khademul Islam.

Hena told the representatives that the election commission had taken all necessary measures to hold the by-election in a free, fair and neutral manner.

He said it is the responsibility of the political parties to follow the election rules and cooperate with the law enforcing agencies for maintaining a peaceful atmosphere during the polls.

The political party leaders laid emphasis on absolute neutrality of the law enforcing agencies during the by-election and assured the commission of extending their cooperation in holding the election peacefully.

The political party representatives present were Abdul Mannan Khan of Awami League, Jatiya Party leader Monirul Haq Chowdhury and Krishak Samik Mukti Adholar representative Mohammad Zahidul Islam.

## Switzerland keen to supply machinery to Bangladesh

The visiting secretary general of Swiss Association of Machinery Manufacturers, Hans P Finger, called on State Minister for Jute and Textiles A K Faezul Haq at his office yesterday, reports UNB.

Hans P Finger expressed keen interest in supplying Swiss machinery, particularly modern machinery used in garments industry in Bangladesh.

He also showed his association's interest in organising exhibition and seminar on marketing of Swiss machinery in Bangladesh.

The state minister assured the government's all possible cooperation to the foreign investors, said an official hand-out.

Switzerland's Charge-d'Affaires in Bangladesh, Giambattista Mondada was present.

## Bid to kidnap 3 children: One arrested

From Our Correspondent NARAYANGANJ, Feb 13: One Abul Kalam was caught red handed while trying to kidnap the children from Fatullah Police Station, police said Wednesday.

Sohail 7, Kalpana 3 and Ibrahim 8 were missing from near Chitashal under Fatullah thana since Tuesday morning.

Abul Kalam, a resident of Baulal under Patuakhali district was found taking the children across the Isdair rail line the same day.

Some local people on suspicion challenged him and later took him to the police station, where Abul Kalam admitted that he was trying to kidnap the children.

## Ctg-Calcutta airbus service opens

CHITTAGONG, Feb 13: Indian Airlines (IA) introduced its airbus service in the Calcutta-Chittagong route yesterday, reports BSS.

The first airbus carrying some 145 passengers landed at Chittagong Airport at around 1 pm, IA sources said.

Chittagong City Corporation Mayor Alhaj A B M Mahiuddin Chowdhury received the passengers at the airport and declared the service open.

The airbus will operate in the Calcutta-Chittagong route every Sunday and Wednesday.

## ROK envoy meets Anwar Hossain

The outgoing South Korean Ambassador, Jong Kyou Byun, made a farewell call on Communications Minister Anwar Hossain at his office yesterday, reports UNB.

They discussed matters of mutual interest.

## 102 arrested

Police rounded up 102 people on various charges from different parts of the city yesterday, reports UNB.

Of the arrested, 13 were held on warrants and 27 others on charges of murder, dacoity, snatching, extortion and terrorism, said a DMP press release yesterday.

## BIT classes resume Feb 16

CHITTAGONG, Feb 13: The classes of Bangladesh Institute of Technology (BIT), Chittagong, will resume on Feb 16, a BIT press release said here today, reports BSS.

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## Vacancy Announcement

**Background:** The Project Preparation Cell (PPC) of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, which is a World Bank-executed project, is responsible for assisting the MOHFW with the preparation of a sector-wide Fifth Health and Population Project and for strengthening the MOHFW's institutional capacity for project planning and implementation. The PPC will be staffed by two long-term consultants, GOB Research Officer(s) and administrative support staff and will, in addition, require the services of one Data Analyst/Programmer.

**Position:** Data Analyst/Programmer (Occupational Standard: Research Assistant OSL 18)

The incumbent of this post will be responsible for rendering computer support to the work of the PPC. Typical duties include compiling, checking and organizing data from a variety of sources, reconciling conflicting or inconsistent data, transferring data to computer, creating and updating data files, maintaining a computerized data base, including interface with external computer-based data bases, independent preparation of analytical tables and reports related to baseline data, operational targets, project activity schedules, project budgets and project financing, and geographic mapping of sectoral and project data.

**Qualifications and Experience**

The successful candidate for this position will be a Bangladeshi national with a Master's degree in economics or statistics as well as specialized training in systems analysis/computer programming, and at least two years of work experience in directly related work, including the use of English as a working language. Such training and experience is to demonstrate the following: basic knowledge of statistical analysis techniques, knowledge and demonstrated proficiency in standard microcomputer programming and software packages (word processing, data base, spreadsheet and graphics including MS Word, Excel and MS-Project); programming skills in at least one high level language (e.g. Fortran); and ability to write clearly and concisely in English. Experience and/or demonstrated ability in geographic mapping will be considered an advantage.

The initial contract will be for 12 months, subject to a three-month probationary period and satisfactory performance. Applicants are invited to send a detailed curriculum vitae, including date of birth, salary details, and the names and addresses of 3 referees (including telephone and fax numbers). All correspondence should be addressed to Manager, Administration.

**Position: Staff Assistant (Secretarial)**

The incumbent of this post will perform general secretarial duties for the international and national long-term consultants of the project. Typical duties include preparing and proofing complex English-language reports (e.g., spelling, grammar, format and presentation), preparation of informal translations, arrangement of meetings and other official functions, drafting of non-substantive correspondence and ensuring of follow-up, maintenance of office files and records and the PPC Resource Unit, dispatch of office mail and other contributions to the smooth office support services of the PPC.

The successful candidate for this position will be a Bangladeshi national with a high school diploma (HSC, GCE, or 'O' level), about five years of progressively more responsible office support experience in an international office environment, preferably including responsibility for the preparation of complex English-language reports including tables and graphics. S/he will have excellent command of verbal and written English and good drafting skills, thorough knowledge of office procedures, and be highly proficient in use of both DOS and Windows-based office software, including word processing, spreadsheets and graphics as well as Bangla software and will be able to successfully pass the World Bank's standard secretarial test. Other desired qualities are knowledge of protocol; willingness to exercise initiative and independent judgement; demonstrated ability to maintain good interpersonal relations and ability to work efficiently under pressure. Short-hand ability considered an advantage.

Applications with complete Curriculum Vitae and contact telephone number should be addressed to The World Bank Resident Mission, Ref: Data Analyst/Programmer & Staff Assistant, 3A, Paribagh, Dhaka-1000.

**Closing Date: Applications should be submitted by March 1, 1997.**