

Metropolitan

● What's on today . . . ●

FEJB workshop: Forum of Environmental Journalists of Bangladesh has arranged a national workshop on 'Five years from Earth Summit: Country position of Bangladesh'. Venue: Jatiya Press Club. Time: 9:30 am.

Discussion: Rudro Sangsad will hold on open discussion on 'Social responsibility of cultural activists' commemorating the 6th death anniversary of poet Rudro Mohammed Shahidullah. Venue: TSC cafeteria, Dhaka University.

Rotary Club of Dhaka Midtown: The weekly meeting will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 5 pm.

Rotary Club of Greater Dhaka: The weekly meeting will be held. Venue: Officers Club, Baily Rd. Time: 5:30 pm.

Discussion on budget: An open discussion on 'national economy and the budget', organised by Shotonagorik, will be held. Venue: Jatiya Press Club auditorium. Time: 10:30 am.

Razzak tells engineers

Formulate plan to maintain country's ecological balance

CHITTAGONG, June 21: Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak today urged all including the engineers to formulate an integrated plan on the basis of our own resources for maintaining ecological balance in the country, reports BSS.

He said this while addressing a seminar on "Impact of flood control project on our environment," organised by the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh, Chittagong centre, in its auditorium this evening.

The minister said, "We have already formed a water council and are going to formulate a water policy."

He said as there had been no water sharing treaty with India for a long time, the environment of South-Western region of Bangladesh suffered a very badly. The salinity has increased in the area and the flora and fauna of the Sundarbans have suffered. To restore the ecological balance of the area, it is essential to build a barrage across the Ganges, he added.

Chairman of IEB, Chittagong centre, JSM Bakhtiar, presided over the seminar while Prof Jahir Uddin Chowdhury of the Institute of Flood Control and Drainage Research of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) presented the keynote paper. Among others, the IEB central president and central secretary Dr Mohammad Anwarul Azim and Mohammad Nurul Huda addressed the seminar.

Abdur Razzak said due to strategic location of Bangladesh in deltaic flood plains we do not have any option but to take flood protection projects to improve the living condition of the common people. He said improved technology would be taken up for construction of the projects to maintain ecological balance.

The minister said the water sector projects could play a vital role in alleviation of poverty.

Due to these projects the country is now producing more than 200 million tons of foodgrains annually and the communication system has improved tremendously, he said.



A scene from a jatra staged by Theatre on the occasion of its 15th founding anniversary at the Alliance Francaise auditorium in the city yesterday.

— Star photo

Weather

Heavy rainfall forecast

Heavy rainfall is likely at places over Chittagong, Barisal and Sylhet divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met Office also forecast moderately heavy to heavy falls at places over the country.

Moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind may occur at most places over Barisal, Chittagong, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions and at many places over Khulna and Rajshahi divisions.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

In its outlook for subsequent two days weathermen predicted little change and decrease in rainfall activity in the following five days.

Meantime, Cox's Bazar experienced the highest 109 mm rain in the 24 hours till 6 am yesterday. Comilla had 50 mm, Chittagong 40 and Dhaka 31 mm shower during the period.

The country's highest temperature 36.2 degree Celsius was recorded at Rajshahi and the lowest 22.0 degrees at Comilla.

The sun sets today at 6:49 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:12 am.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in percentage		
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	32.0	24.7	87	83
Chittagong	31.6	23.6	82	78
Rajshahi	36.2	25.6	75	76

PWD Auction Notice
No. 103 of 96-97 Bricks

Sealed tenders in prescribed proforma are hereby invited from all classes of contractors of PWD and all other Govt/Semi Govt. Deptt. and any interested persons for auction sale of bricks from PWD Stackyard at Maijdee PWD Sadar Section-I (at Maijdee and Gabua) Dist. Noakhali and the tenders will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Comilla/Bbaria/Chandpur/Feni/Lakshmpur up to noon of 30.6.97 and will be opened on the same date at 12-15 PM.

Gr.No	Location of materials	Quantity of materials
I (One)	Maijdee & Gabua	2nd class bricks
	PWD stackyard under Sadar Section	1,00,000 Nos.

II (Two) -do- 3rd class bricks 62,950 Nos.

Each tender must accompany 10% (Ten per cent) of auction amount as security deposit. The location of materials and other detailed information can be seen and purchased from the office of the undersigned as well as the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Comilla/Bbaria/Chandpur/Feni/Lakshmpur and SDE PWD, Noakhali during the office hours on all working days at the rate of Tk 400/- (Tk four hundred) in cash for each set of quotation (non-refundable) upto 29.6.97. Separate tender to be submitted for each group.

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Executive Engineer
Noakhali PWD Division

'Music Day' celebrated in city

By Staff Correspondent

Colourful *papier mache* musicians greeted the audience silently inside the gates of the Alliance Francaise yesterday on the first ever 'Fete de la Musique' (Music Day) to be held in the city.

The French Embassy, in conjunction with Alliance Francaise de Dhaka and Chittagong, organised the inaugural event. Music Day was started on June 21, 1982 in France to celebrate the most 'necessary of arts'. It is now held in over 80 countries for the 'pleasure of playing, listening, sharing.'

The National Folklore Team of Bangladesh kicked off the day's events with a performance of Bangla songs on drums, dardara and harmonium on the third floor while modern instrumental rock group 'Eclipse' electrified the crowd in Cafe 37.2.

But the day wasn't reserved just for music. A young girl from Krischna Das group, dressed in traditional blue and gold, performed a welcome dance and a theatre group, accompanied by musicians dressed in bright yellow, performed a musical drama, inspired by the *Jatra*, for a standing room only crowd.

Other events included an open stage for amateur and professional musicians, an exhibition of Bengali musical instruments and a festival of famous movie music from films like the 'Lion King' and 'Mary Poppins.'

Alliance Francaise also used the event to launch its 'Live Performing Club,' a venue where musicians could play and exchange ideas in a casual atmosphere.

The local audience reacted positively to Music Day, despite the heat inside the small venue.

"All these different kinds of people coming together in the same place," said Javed, a 27-year-old painter, "is a great way to meet people."

Anis Aftab agreed. He said this was the first time he had heard French music and was going to keep his eyes open for cassettes and CDs by other French artists.

"I don't have to learn French or German to understand because music is the universal language," he said.

Organisers were also pleased with the result. Dominique LaFont, director of the Cafe 37.2 stage, said she was happy Music Day's trial run in Bangladesh ran smoothly. She said two acts didn't show up, but other enthusiastic musicians were always ready to fill in the gaps.

She hoped Music Day would become an annual event, but they have had to cancel the show before.

"Last year we couldn't hold Music Day because of a hartal and the unstable political situation," said LaFont. "We had a

Mannan Bhuiyan visits JCD leader at Pangu Hospital

BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan visited the injured JCD leader Mir Majedur Rahman at Pangu Hospital in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

He stayed there for sometimes and enquired about his treatment.

FEMA to monitor Manikganj by-poll

Fair Election Monitoring Alliance (FEMA) will monitor Manikganj-3 by-election on June 30, reports UNB.

FEMA Manikganj district committee has decided that their permanent observers will monitor 91 polling centres under the constituency, said a press release yesterday.

110 arrested on various charges

Police arrested 110 people, including 22 wanted criminals, from different parts of the city on various charges yesterday, reports UNB.

Of the arrested, 22 were held on charges of killing, dacoity and snatching, and 63 under DMP Ordinance, said a DMP press release.

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Sl. No.	Nomenclature	Qty	Selling date	Opening date	Cost of I/T Tk.
a.	Various types of backing cap & title shoulder	71,900 Nos	1-7-97 to 22-7-97	23-7-97	20/-
b.	Various types of chevron universal.	9,500 "	-do-	-do-	10/-
c.	Title shoulder & cap badge para commando battalion.	2,310 "	-do-	-do-	15/-
d.	Various types of formation sign.	24,500 "	-do-	-do-	10/-

2. Tender schedule for item with detailed specification will be available on any working day between 0800 hours to 1300 hours on payment (Non-refundable) as mentioned above.

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