

Metropolitan

● What's on today.... ●

Film show: Two films Nikita and Jean De Florette will be screened. Venue: Alliance Francaise De Dhaka. Time: 11 am and 2:30 pm respectively.

Seminar on life of Mother Teresa held

A seminar on 'Life and Philosophy of Mother Teresa' was held at Arts Building of Dhaka University yesterday, reports UNB.

Organised by Gobinda Dev Philosophy Research Centre of DU, the seminar was presided over by Professor of Department of Philosophy Dr Abdul Matin.

94 arrested in city

Police rounded up 94 people from different parts of the city on various charges yesterday, said a DMP press release, reports UNB.

Of the arrested, 18 were wanted criminals, 23 held on charges of murder, dacoity, snatching, extortion and terrorism, 10 held under Section 54 of CrPC and 43 under the DMP Ordinance.

ANNOUNCEMENT

SKYROOM RESTAURANT WISHES A VERY HAPPY **Eid Mubarak** TO ALL OUR VALUED CUSTOMERS.

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Eid-buying spree in a city market yesterday.

— Star photo

Nasim happy over progress in PG Hospital bldg construction

Post and Telecommunications Minister Mohammad Nasim has directed the concerned authorities to complete the construction works of two multi-storey buildings at PG Hospital within the stipulated time, reports UNB.

The minister yesterday visited the construction sites of 'Cabin Block' and 'Kidney, Infant and Nuclear Medicine Bhaban' and expressed satisfaction at the progress of the construction works.

Nasim was informed that the four-story building of the Cabin Block, which will house a parking lot on the basement floor and medicine godown on the ground floor, 10 VIP cabins on the first and second floors each and two VIP cabins on the third floor, are being constructed at a cost of Tk 12.15 crore.

Qulkhwani

By Staff Correspondent

Qulkhwani of late A M Aminul Haque will be held at 2/A Eastern Housing Apartment Community Centre, Eskaton Garden after Asr prayers today.

The former director of Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation, Aminul Haque died of cardiac arrest Tuesday. He was 70.

Aminul Haque is survived by his two sons, two daughters and wife.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING COURSE

A private international welfare organisation (registered with Government of Bangladesh) invites from in-service candidates in Government Offices, NGOs and Industrial Houses which are associated with charitable and social reconstruction work, recommended by their respective employers and also adult unemployed individuals, for training in the following Courses. Applicants must give their Bio-data and a photograph. Blind or Partially Sighted will get preference.

a. **ELEMENTARY:** For those who do not know even ABCD, working among others with NGOs: 2 hrs each day : 6 days a week for 8 weeks.

b. **PRIMARY:** To give those who complete Elementary Course or know some words and possess general knowledge about basic principles of English Language e.g. Subject, Predicative, Noun, Pronoun, Verb, Adverb etc, Grammar: 2 hrs each day : 6 days a week for 8 weeks.

c. **INTERMEDIATE:** Grammar (comprehensive), Phrases. Appropriate prepositions, formation of sentences, 3 hrs each day: 6 days a week for 10 weeks.

d. **ADVANCE:** Advanced knowledge in English Language. 3 hrs each day 6 days a week for 12-16 weeks.

Applications must reach Box No **A-140** C/O The Daily Star. House No. 11, Road No. 3, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1205. within 10th February, 1998. Candidates from NGOs will get preference.

He is committed to donate eyes upon death, a blood donor and founder of Free Monday Charitable Clinic in his village home.

He and his wife are Paul Harris Fellows and are blessed with one daughter and one son.

Amar Ekushey programmes chalked out

The government has taken up elaborate programmes to observe the 21st February — the *Amar Ekushey* — nationally with due respect and in a free atmosphere, reports UNB.

This was decided at a meeting of the National Committee on observance of the *Amar Ekushey* here today (Thursday) with State Minister for Youth, Sports, and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader in the chair.

National flag will fly half-mast at all government, autonomous, private buildings and schools, colleges and universities.

The day's programmes will begin through placing wreaths by the President and the Prime Minister at Central Shaheed Minar at the first hours.

Different roads and road islands in the capital city will be decorated with festoons inscribed with Bangla alphabet. The day will be a public holiday.

Bangla Academy, Bangladesh Shilpkala Academy, Nazrul Institute, Dhaka University, Islamic Foundation and other socio-cultural organisations will arrange various programmes including book fair, discussion, seminar, cultural programme and Bangla hand writing competition.

Bangladesh Television and Bangladesh Betar will put out special programmes and newspapers will publish special supplements highlighting the significance of the day.

Fataha will be offered at the Azimpur graveyard for the salvation of the departed souls of the martyrs and special prayers will also be offered at mosques, temples, churches and other places of worship throughout the country.

Bangladesh missions abroad will draw up elaborate programmes to observe the day in accordance with government programmes.

Cultural Affairs Secretary Dr S Zaman Majumdar, the Director Generals Bangla Academy, Shilpkala Academy and the National Museum, and high officials of concerned ministries, department and organisations were present.

Repression on women on the rise

By Staff Correspondent

A study of the Ain-O-Salish Kendra, a human rights and legal aid centre, revealed that the incidents of repression on women were on the rise compared with last few years.

The study said that the number of sexual harassment cases on women in 1997 raised to 753 from 262 of 1996.

Of the victims of sexual abuse, 255 women were gang raped, nine women were raped by the members of law enforcing agencies, and 262 women were raped by single assailant, the study released on Tuesday.

Sixty-two women were killed following rape and three committed suicide after being raped.

A total of 460 cases were filed against 753 incidents of sexual harassments.

In 1997, 185 women came under oppression due to dowry reasons. The figure was 77 in 1996. Of victims of dowry related cases, 47 women were physically assaulted, acids were thrown on seven women, nine left their husband's residence and three were divorced.

One hundred and fifteen women were killed for their inability to pay dowry and four committed suicide. Only 95 cases were filed against 185 incidents of dowry related incidents.

In 1997, 185 women came under acid attack of the victims, eleven came under attack following family quarrel, 23 for not responding to love proposals, 10 for their inability to pay dowry, 13 for not accepting marriage proposals, one after being raped, one for resisting the husband from illegal contacts with other women, eleven for not entertaining dirty proposals, one for not giving her husband permission for second marriage and one for not giving consent for involving in flesh trade.

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