

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.

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Eid-buying spree in a city market yesterday.

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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 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.

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 on the day.

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 Shilpakala 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.

Fateha will be offered at the Azampur 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 General, Bangladesh Academy, Shilpakala 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 comparing that 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 a total of 130 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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Construction of Bangabandhu training centre begins

The government has started work on construction of "Bangabandhu Poverty Alleviation Training Centre", a unique training centre in nature, to speed up the poverty alleviation programme throughout the country, reports BSS.

The Taka 16 crore project to be completed during the 1998-99 fiscal year is expected to play a pioneering role in poverty alleviation in the country, State Minister for LGED and Cooperatives Mofazzal Hussain Choudhury Maya, Bir Bikram said in the city yesterday.

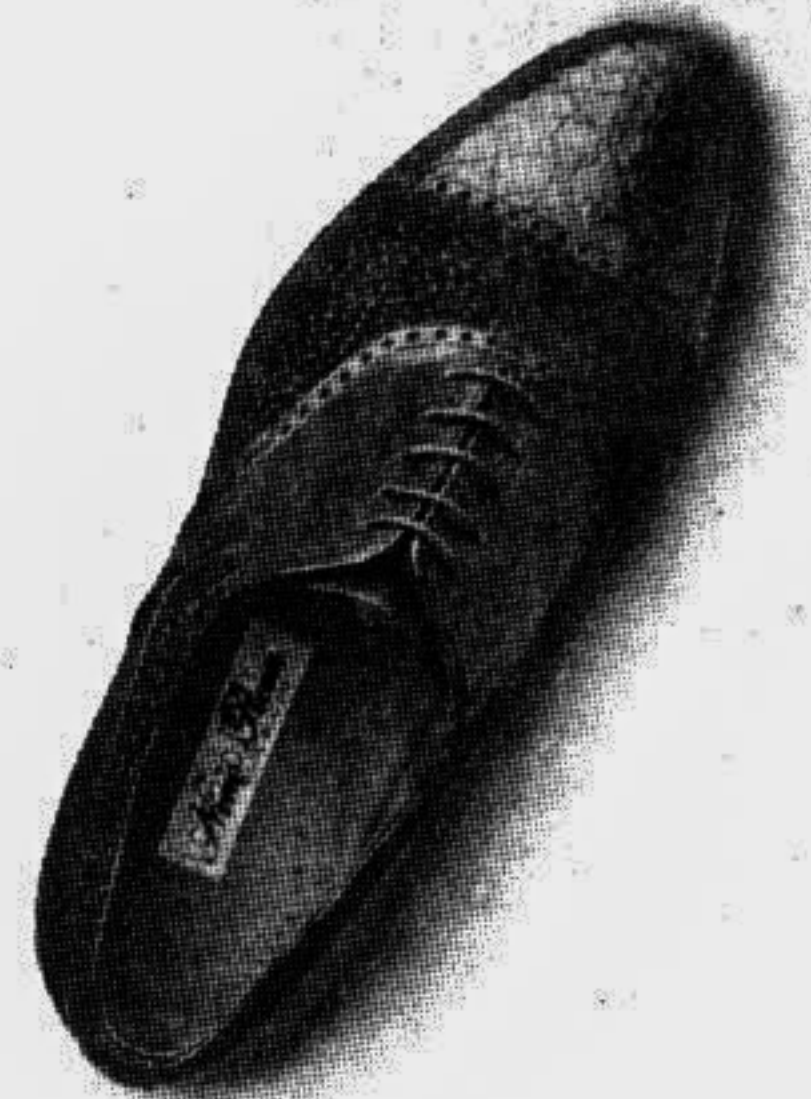
The State Minister who was reviewing the activities of Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB) at the Palli Bhaban at Kawranbazar in the city called upon all employees and officials engaged in poverty alleviation programme to work shoulder to shoulder and put in their best in changing the lot of the commonman.

Post office holiday

All the post offices of the country will remain closed on January 27 on account of the holy Shab-e-Qadr and January 29 to 31 on account of Eid-ul-Fitr, an official handout said here last night, reports BSS.

However, the post offices, in which GEP and EMS services are available, will remain open on those days except the Eid Day, the handout added.

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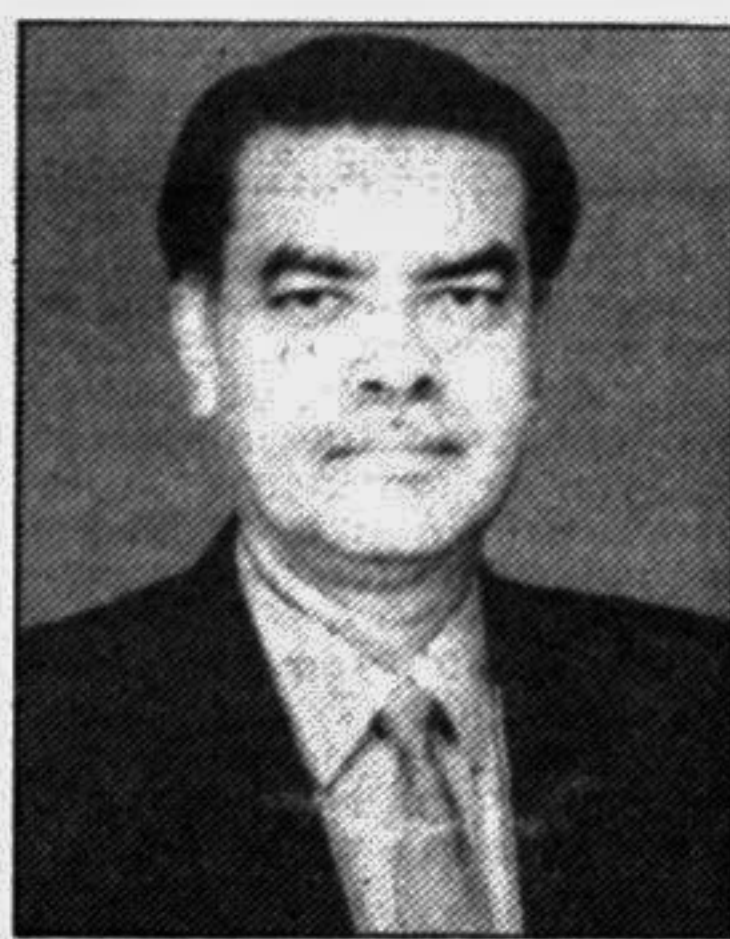
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Only shortlisted candidates will be notified.

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New governor of Rotary Int'l Dist 3280

Rotarian Past President M. Ozair Farooq has been elected District Governor for the year 1999-2000 of Rotary International District 3280 Bangladesh in an election held on January 21, '98, says a press release.

Rotarian Ozair Farooq is a senior lawyer of Bangladesh Supreme Court, says a press release.

He was born on January 3, '47 in Chakhal, Noakhali. He was the General Secretary of Bangladesh Supreme Court Bar Association. At present he is a Senate member of Dhaka University.

Rotarian Ozair joined Rotary Club of Dhaka in 1984 and served as its President in 1993-94. He was the Secretary General of Rotary International District 3280 Bangladesh in 1995-96.

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.

Plea to check blood-smuggling in N-districts

By Staff Correspondent

Universal Blood Donor Chain (UBDC) urged the authorities concerned to take effective measures to check blood-smuggling in northern districts of the country.

UBDC, an organisation of blood donors, also expressed deep concern over the use of smuggled human blood in northern districts of the country, says a press release.

The smuggled blood do not usually go under any screening process before it is used in the hospitals of the northern parts of the country, the UBDC press release added.

The unscreened blood, if transmitted into human bodies, may cause various deadly diseases including AIDS, it said.

Present country before world, minister urges photographers

State Minister for Information Prof. Abu Sayeed yesterday urged the country's photographers to present Bangladesh before the world through their photographs to earn reputation for the country, reports BSS.

Speaking as the chief guest at the second Bangladesh Photographic Society (BPS) International photographic competition and exhibition '97 at the Drik Gallery in the city, Prof. Sayeed asked them to reflect the amazing beauty of rural Bangladesh through their works.

Presided over by president of the BPS Bijon Sarkar, the function was addressed, among others, by renowned photographer personality Manzur Alam Beg, Managing Director of National Photographic Bangladesh Limited Motiur Rahman and Abdul Malek Babul.