

## BHRC discussion Jan 28

A discussion on "The Third Way: Toward Economic Employment Justice in the Emerging Global Marketplace" will be held at the Caritas auditorium here Wednesday, reports UNB.

Barrister Moinul Hossain will attend the discussion as chief guest while Dr Norman G Kurland from USA will present the keynote paper.

Bangladesh Human Rights Commission (BHRC) will arrange the discussion.

## Envoy of Qatar meets PM

Ambassador of Qatar in Dhaka Atiq Nasser Al-Bader made a courtesy call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office yesterday, reports UNB.

The envoy thanked the Prime Minister for supporting Qatar in selecting it as the venue for holding the next OIC summit in the year 2000.

The Prime Minister said Bangladesh has an excellent friendly relation with Qatar and hoped that the relation will further be strengthened in the days ahead.



US Ambassador to Bangladesh JF Holzman called on Leader of the Opposition and BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia at her official residence at Minto Road yesterday. — Star photo

## Republic Day President, PM greet their Indian counterparts

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed yesterday felicitated his Indian counterpart K R Narayanan on the occasion of the Republic Day of India to be celebrated today reports BSS.

"On the auspicious occasion of the Republic Day of India, it is with great pleasure that I convey to you our warmest greetings and felicitations," President Shahabuddin said in a message to the Indian President.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday congratulated her Indian counterpart Inder Kumar Gujral on the occasion of the Republic Day of India.

"On behalf of the government and the people of Bangladesh and on my own behalf I convey our warmest greetings of the auspicious occasion of the Republic Day of India to you and through you to the friendly people of India," she said in a message sent to Gujral.

She added: "I am confident that the bonds of friendship and the excellent relations between our two neighbouring countries will continue to be strengthened to the mutual benefit of the people of our two countries."

## Workshop

A workshop on "Nutrition Communication Activities in Bangladesh Betar" was held yesterday at CIRDP auditorium, reports UNB.

Bangladesh Betar and Bangladesh Integrated Nutrition Project (BINP) jointly organised the workshop which was inaugurated by UNICEF senior advisor and team leader of BINP Manzoor-ul-Karim.

Some 40 officials and nutrition specialists of BINP, Betar, directors of BINP sub-project, BBF, AED and PID participated in the day-long workshop.

## What's on today....

**Goethe Institute:** A film titled "Suspicion" will be screened. Time: 3 pm. Venue: Goethe Institute auditorium.

**Rotary Club of Dhaka Capital:** The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Time: 4.30 pm. Venue: 9/Ko, Mymensing Road.

**Seminar:** International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) will organise a seminar on "Corporate Social Responsibility in the 21st Century". Time: 12 Noon. Venue: IUBAT, 135 Road 9A, Dhanmondi R/A.

## Weather Light rain forecast

Light rain or drizzle may occur at one or two places over Khulna, Barisal and Dhaka divisions and the regions of Pabna, Comilla and Noakhali during the 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere across the country, Met Office said.

Slight rise in night temperature is expected over the country. The weathermen predicted little change in the subsequent two days and likely gradual fall in night temperature over the next five days.

The sun sets today at 5:41 pm and rises on Tuesday at 6:42 am.

The highest temperature of the country was recorded yesterday 27.5 degree Celsius at Cox's Bazar and the lowest 7.0 degrees at Srimangal.

Minimum and maximum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	26.5	13.4	64	63
Chittagong	26.6	13.5	76	62
Rajshahi	24.6	09.4	73	72
Khulna	24.8	11.5	78	61
Barisal	25.1	10.2	84	70
Sylhet	26.5	12.0	71	57

## IUB refutes UGC allegations

By Staff Correspondent

The Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) refuted the allegations made by the University Grants Commission (UGC) in its annual report of 1996 which was placed in the parliament recent.

In the report, the UGC detected major violations of rules by the 16 private universities of the country.

The Independent University is being run as per the rules since its beginning in 1993, said the president of the university Majeed Khan while addressing a press conference in the city yesterday.

The IUB authorities, however, admitted that they were yet to acquire land in Dhaka as required by the Private University Act. But we are desperately trying to manage land for which we have asked for government help, the president of IUB said. However, the IUB has 21 acre land from Panni in Kaliakoir and it has lease option to buy another three acres in Inayetpur, Savar, the president said.

The IUB has approached the DIT and the Land Ministry for five acres of land in the environment of Dhaka which it agreed to buy at the official rate, he said. Despite the recommendations by the Land Ministry, it was not cleared at the higher level, the president said adding "therefore, the government should share a part of the blame for IUB continuing in rented buildings paying about Tk 10 million a year as rent."

## Poet Ohidul Alam killed in road accident

Elderly poet and litterateur Ohidul Alam died in a tragic road accident last night at the age of 87, family sources said, reports BSS.

A member of the famous Alam family of Fatehabad under Hathazari thana, late Alam is survived by four sons, four daughters, a large number of relatives, well-wishers and admirers of the literary circle.

Ohidul Alam met the tragic end of his life when a speeding autorickshaw hit him, while he was crossing the road at Fatehabad.

He succumbed to his injuries at a city clinic last night.

A retired school teacher late Alam was the youngest brother of eminent litterateur Mahbubul Alam.

"Karnaphul maji" a collection of poems, "Shamima", a novel and a compilation of short stories "Joharar Paritikh" are the remarkable works by which he made his debut and earned reputation.



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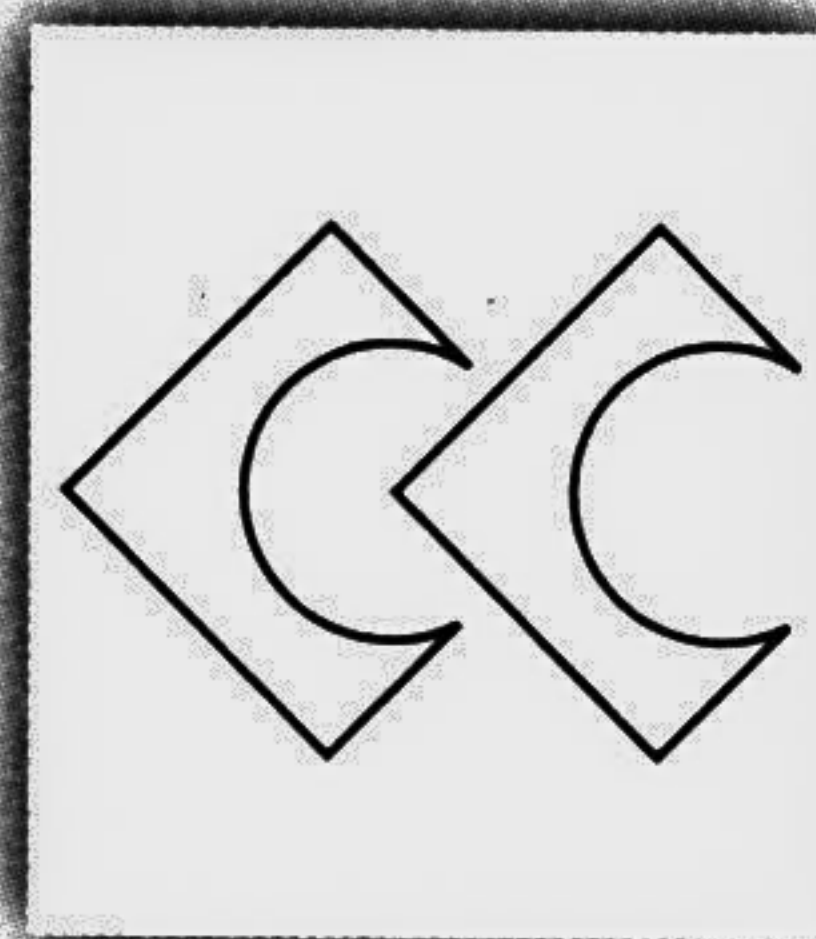
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