

What's on today....

Condolence meet: A condolence meeting on Sakina Ibrahim, widow of Dr Mohammad Ibrahim, founder of Bangladesh Diabetic Association, will be held. Venue: BIRDEM premises. Time: 2 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka: The weekly meeting will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

Rotary Club of Ramna: The weekly meeting will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 5:30 pm.

Condolence meeting: A condolence meeting on late Dr Azizur Rahman, Additional Collector of Customs who recently died in a road accident will be held. Time: 4 pm. Venue: Customs House Chatter at Kurmitola.

Weather

Dry weather likely

Weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over the country during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

According to Met office, no appreciable change in night temperature is expected over the country.

Country's highest temperature 29 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Cox's Bazar and Sitakunda and the lowest 11.2 degrees Celsius at Srimangal.

The sun sets today at 5:46 pm and rises on Wednesday at 6:38 am.

"NOTICE"

In the supreme court of Bangladesh
High Court Division
(Special statutory jurisdiction)
Matter no. 14 of 1998

In the matter of:

An application under section 81(2) read with section 85(3) of the companies Act, 1994

-AND-

In the matter of:

Asha Garments Limited

-----Petitioner

=Versus=

The Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association and another

-----Respondents

It is hereby notified that an application under section 81(2) read with section 85(3) of the Companies Act, 1994 has been filed before the Hon'ble Company Judge of the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh for condonation of delay in holding the annual general meeting of Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association for the Calendar year 1997 along with adoption of annual accounts of the year 1996.

The Hon'ble company Judge was pleased to admit the application by an order passed on 22.1.1998 and fix the same for hearing on 15th February, 1998. Any person desirous of contesting the aforesaid application may appear in the Court either in person or by a duly appointed Advocate. Copy of the application may be obtained from the undersigned upon payment of requisite fees.

Mubina Asaf Rahman
Advocate
Walsow Tower
21-22, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka



Work on stalls for the Bangla Academy Boi Mela '98, which begins from Feb 7, is going on in full swing on the Academy premises in the city. —Star photo

Roundtable on arsenic pollution today

The Daily Star will organise a roundtable on "Arsenic pollution: Immediate tasks and future vision" today at 3 pm at Hotel Sheraton in the city, reports BSS.

The Daily Star Editor Mahfuz Anam will moderate the roundtable, which will be participated by leading experts.

WB official meets Yusuf Donors to provide \$1b for health sector development

Visiting World Bank's South Asian Sector Manager for Health, Population and Nutrition Richard Skolnik called on Health Minister Salahuddin Yusuf at his Secretariat office yesterday, reports BSS.

During the meeting, they discussed matters of bilateral and mutual interest.

Skolnik said that the World Bank and other donors would contribute almost one billion US dollars for development of health, nutrition and family welfare programmes in Bangladesh. The programmes will start from July, he said.

The health minister narrated different measures of the government for meeting the pledge to ensure "health for all" by the year-2000.

Skolnik expressed his satisfaction over the activities in the health sector.

WFP report says

Food aid valuable tool for poverty alleviation

"Food Aid Reduces Poverty," a report published by World Food Programme (WFP) in the city recently, has provided an insight into the specific value of food assistance as a tool to promote people-oriented development for improving household food security in a substantial way in Bangladesh, reports BSS.

The report discussed the impact of food aid on the livelihood of poor households in rural Bangladesh, an official press release said yesterday.

The WFP of the United Nations provides support to the government in the coordination of two countrywide food assisted development projects, namely vulnerable group development (VGD) and rural development (RD).

Food aid resources from WFP, Bangladesh government and bilateral donors, including European Union, Canada, Australia and France, are used to support a broad array of development activities in Bangladesh.

Under the VGD project, over 500,000 of the poorest women receive food assistance for a period of 18 months. "This gives them a breathing space, a break from the struggle to find food, which allows them to participate in training and awareness activities with WFP's partner organisations," the release said. Besides, the women are also given group support and access to credit to become self-reliant through sustainable income-generating activities.

According to an evaluation report, the average monthly income of the participants doubled through the VGD project and the food intake from the

foodgrains increased in the women's households.

Besides, the number of women involved in vegetable cultivation or animal husbandry more than doubled with more nutritious foods available to the households.

"School enrollment of girls increased by nearly 20 per cent in the women households," the press release said quoting the evaluation report.

The rural development (RD) project in the 1996-97 work season generated 33 million workdays for about half a million poor rural dwellers, it said.

To enhance the impact of seasonal employment, participants have increased access to year-long development services which improve their prospects for long-term economic development.

It said the participation of women, key to household food security, went up from 33 per cent in 1995-96 to 43 per cent in 1996-97 with an appreciable development.

During this single year, over 1000-km of embankments and 873-km of irrigation canals were reconstructed, securing agricultural production and protection of houses and livelihood of riverside dwellers, the press release said.

Besides, 795-km of rural roads were repaired, almost 16 million trees were planted and 350 fish-ponds were re-excavated during 1996-97.

With this, employment opportunities were enhanced, poor beneficiaries were more organised and more than 2000 landless peasants, mostly women, became fish-pond managers.

US envoy urged to help increase 30 pc quota for garments export

US Ambassador to Bangladesh John C Holzman called on Commerce and Industries Minister Tofael Ahmed at the latter's office in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

They discussed possible US investment in Bangladesh in near future and also exchanged views on the ways and means to expand bilateral trade.

The minister requested the US envoy to pursue Bangladesh's plea with the US government to increase 30 per cent quota for garments export. He also requested the ambassador to use his good offices to attract more US investment in Bangladesh.

Rice being sold under OMS at N'ganj

Rice is being sold at the rate of Taka 12.50 per kilogram under open market sale (OMS) in two markets in the paushahua area of Narayanganj town, reports BSS.

According to District Controller of Food sources, 3 kg rice is being sold per head and two tons per day.

Officials of District Controller of Food have been selling the rice in Digabur Bazar and Kalir Bazar since January 28, the sources said.

Saraswati puja celebrated in Khulna

KHULNA, Feb 2: Saraswati puja was celebrated by the members of the Hindu community with due solemnity in different places in the Khulna city yesterday, reports BSS.

Students of Sanatan Hindu Community celebrated Saraswati puja in the Khulna University premises yesterday with due religious fervour. Members of parliament from Battaghata thana of Khulna district Panchanon Biswas, MP, was present and participated in the rituals.

Later, a discussion was held on the campus to mark the day. Presided over by treasurer of the university, Abdur Razzak Sarder the meeting was also addressed, among others, by Prof Dr Mohammad Saifuddin Saha and Abdul Matin.

3 held, firearms seized in N'ganj

NARAYANGANJ, Feb 2: Police arrested three young men from different parts of the district and seized firearms from their possession on Saturday, reports UNB.

Local people caught alleged terrorists Arif, 22, and Noor Hossain, 23, of Kashipur area in Fatullah thana and handed them over to the police. A pipe-gun and one round of bullet were recovered from their possession.

On the same day, people in Thanpur area of the town handed over another young man Mukut, 25, to the police along with a home-made revolver.

Two separate cases were filed with Fatula and Sadar police.

Sumon to perform Feb 7, 9, 12, 14

By Staff Correspondent
Renowned Indian vocalist Sumon Chattopadhyay is expected to arrive in the city next week, says a press release.

He will render songs at four programmes for collecting money to help the Muktiyuddha Jadugar (Liberation War Museum). The programmes will be held at the Winter Garden on Feb 7, Indoor Stadium on Feb 9 and at the National Museum on Feb 12 and 14.

The entry fees fixed for the programme is under the purview of the VAT and the money collected through this programmes will be donated to the Muktiyuddha Jadugar after paying the VAT, the press release added.

Analog phone bills for Dec issued

T&T Board has issued analog telephone bills for the month of December 1997 to the subscribers of Dhaka multi exchanges to pay the bills by February 10, reports UNB.

The telephone bills may be paid to the specified branches of Agrani, Janata, Khrishi, United Commercial Bank, City Bank, National Credit and Commerce Bank, Bank of Small Industries and Commerce Bangladesh and Prime Bank.

In case of non-receipt of bill within February 5, the subscribers are requested to collect the duplicate bill from the concerned Telephone Revenue officers and make payment within February 10.

GrameenPhone is looking for candidates in senior management....

GrameenPhone is a rapidly growing cellular telephone company in Bangladesh. It is currently offering GSM (global system mobile) services in Dhaka and in the surrounding areas, and would soon provide services in other cities with continuous coverage from Dhaka to those cities.

GrameenPhone is looking to hire several people in senior management. Candidates should have outstanding track-records and 15-20 years of experience. The areas of opening are administration and personnel management, strategic planning, marketing, sales, finance, telecommunication engineering and fiber optic management.

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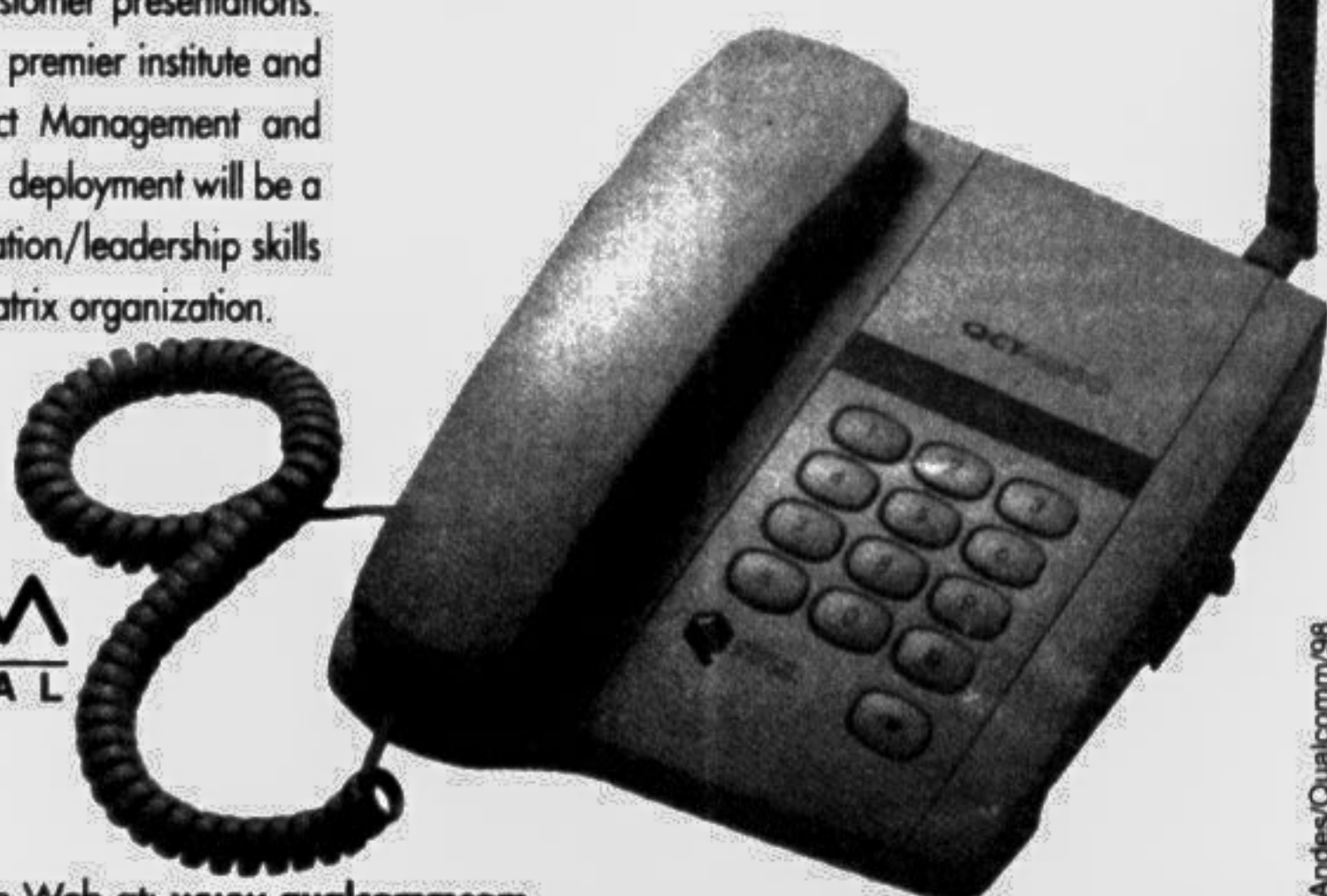
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