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Sangskritik Jote's programme on Amar Ekushey

Sangskritik Jote will organise an extensive programme at the Central Shaheed Minar from February 9 to 19 in observance of Amar Ekushey, according to a press release, reports BSS.

Founder convenor of the jote, writer-journalist Faiz Ahmed will inaugurate the programme at 4 pm on Feb 9.

Weather

Dry weather forecast

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 30 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Dhaka and the lowest 12.8 degree Celsius at Shrimangal and Sitakundu.

The sun sets today at 5:47 pm and rises on Thursday at 6:39 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	30.0	15.0	73	54
Chittagong	29.2	15.4	78	60
Rajshahi	28.2	13.4	77	74
Khulna	28.8	14.0	88	66
Barisal	28.8	13.6	92	66
Sylhet	27.8	14.9	85	59

Donors' meet on Leprosy Elimination Campaign tomorrow

A donors' meeting on National Leprosy Elimination Campaign (N-LEC) will be held in the city tomorrow to finalise Plan of Action of N-LEC and mobilise required resources to treat the disease, reports UNB.

A one-week N-LEC will be organised in October this year to register hidden and existing cases and achieve the leprosy elimination goal of Bangladesh by the year 2000.

President, PM greet Sri Lankan president

President Shahabuddin Ahmed yesterday felicitated Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on the occasion of the National Day of the country, reports BSS.

The President expressed his belief that the existing friendly relations between the two countries and peoples would be further strengthened in the years ahead.

President Shahabuddin Ahmed, in a message also expressed his sincere greetings and warm felicitations on the happy occasion of the 50th National Day of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday felicitated Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on the occasion of the national day of the country, reports BSS.

The Prime Minister in her message said, "On behalf of the government and the people of Bangladesh and on my own behalf, I have great pleasure in conveying to your excellency and through you to the friendly people of Sri Lanka our hearty felicitations on the national day of Sri Lanka".

"It is my sincere belief that this 50th year of independence of Sri Lanka will bring for the country and the people further progress and prosperity," she added.

The Prime Minister expressed her confidence that the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the two countries would be further strengthened in the days ahead to the mutual benefit of the peoples of two countries.

Condolence meeting held

By Staff Correspondent A condolence meeting on Dr Azizur Rahman, Additional Collector of Customs, was held at the Customs House at Kurmitola yesterday.

Customs officials, staff of the Customs House, C&F agents attended the meeting and eulogised the activities of Dr Aziz. Speakers said he was an efficient public official.

The meeting was presided by Fakhruddin Abedin, Commissioner of Customs House, Dhaka.



A cracked manhole slab on the road opposite the main gate of the Bangladesh Secretariat is sinking fast, to which the DCC (Dhaka City Corporation) appears to be oblivious. —Star photo

What's on today . . .

Roundtable: A roundtable on 'National Education Policy — Technical and Higher Education' will be held. Organiser: Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad (BUP). Venue: BUP auditorium, House: 33, Rd: 4, Dhanmondi. Time: 3:30 pm - 7 pm. Chief guest: Education Minister A S H K Sadek.

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

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

Reception: Sonargaon Hotel Sramik O Karmachari Union will accord a reception to the Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism, Mosarraf Hossain. Venue: Hotel Poolside. Time: 5 pm.



Russian Ambassador in Dhaka Eugeniy P Ivanov (L) called on Dhaka City Mayor Mohammad Hanif at his Nagar Bhaban office yesterday. —DCC photo



Cheques against the insurance claim of eight passengers of the Biman F-28 aircraft, which crashed at Sylhet in December last year, were formally handed over to passenger Mohammad Iqbal Yakub and seven of his family members at a simple ceremony at Sylhet Biman office yesterday. Deputy Managing Director of Biman M Zainul Abedin presented the cheques, totalling 10,000 pounds (Tk. 7 lakh and forty thousand).



Rotary Club of Jahangirnagar Dhaka distributed new dresses and sandals to the students of Rotary School for Underprivileged Children at Aga Sadek Lane in the city on the eve of Eid-ul-Fitr. Rotarian M Nurul Amin and school teacher Taslima Ahmed are seen. Special food was also served to the children on Eid day.

Dr Mallick's first death anniversary today



The first death anniversary of Dr Aziz ur Rahman Mallick will be commemorated today, says a press release.

Dr Mallick was Professor of South Asian History at the University of Pennsylvania, USA in the early '60s and the founding vice-chancellor of Chittagong University, where he set up resistance during the Liberation War. After independence, he was appointed Secretary, Ministry of Education. He was the first High Commissioner of Bangladesh to India in 1972 and in 1975, was made a technocrat Finance Minister in the cabinet of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Dr Mallick was awarded the status of Professor Emeritus, Jahangirnagar University, in 1983. Late in his career, Dr Mallick became the founding-chairman of National Bank Limited. He was the President of Asiatic Society and a fellow of Bangla Academy. He also carried out ground-breaking research work into the history of the Liberation War of Bangladesh. Amongst his publications is a book titled, 'Amar Jibon Katha O Bangladesher Muktishangram'.

Rafiq visits Khagrachhari today to see preparation of arms surrender

A 20-member team led by Home Minister Rafiqul Islam will visit Khagrachhari hill town today to see the preparation of the ceremony of arms surrender by the tribal guerrillas on February 10, reports UNB.

Some 600 armed Shabibahini guerrillas headed by PCJS leader and Commander-in-Chief of Shabibahini Jyotirindra Bodhipriya Larma alias Shantu Larma will surrender arms to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on the day at the newly-built stadium in Khagrachhari.

Besides, Convenor of the National Committee on CHT Chief Whip, Abul Hasan Abdulla will be on the team to discuss with the authorities responsible for arranging the ceremony, where the insurgents will give a guard of honour to the Prime Minister before laying down their arms.

The surrender of arms as per provision of the CHT peace accord would make a way for the return of Shanti Bahini members to normal life.

The authorities have imposed restriction on meetings, rallies and demonstrations from Chittagong to Ramgarh point from February 6 to 10 to ensure smooth conduct of arms laying ceremony.

BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday said that BNP will go ahead with its scheduled programme of countrywide demonstration on February 10 to protest the agreement.

"Since the arms surrender is a part of the agreement which we don't accept as it was signed without discussion with the opposition, we will hold the protest on that day," Bhuiyan said.

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Heroin seller, 3 others arrested

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Film on Chittagong during Liberation War to be made

CHITTAGONG, Feb 3: Work on documentary film titled 'Chittagong in the Liberation War' will begin from February 7 and its rehearsal will be held at local parade ground at 3 pm, reports BSS.

This was decided at a preparatory meeting of the filmmaking committee held at the office of the Chittagong Mayor, a City Corporation press release said.

With the co-chairman of the committee, Golam Mustafa Kanchan, in the chair the meeting was addressed, among others, by Ward Commissioner Jalaluddin Iqbal, Secretary of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation Babul Mazumdar, Secretary of AFM Solaiman, committee members Mahbub Hasan, Sheikh Iftekhar Saimul Chowdhury and Pradip Dewanjee.

Different technical aspects of the film, including its content and site, came up for discussion.

Commemorative stamp

Bangladesh Post Office will issue a commemorative postage stamp today valued Tk 4 denomination on the occasion of 94th birth anniversary of Prof Mohammad Mansooruddin, reports BSS.

A first day cover valued Tk 6 would also be issued along with

a special canceller.

The stamp and first day cover will be sold from all head post offices including 4 GPOs of Bangladesh. The commemorative postage stamp will subsequently be sold from all post offices including the extra departmental ones.

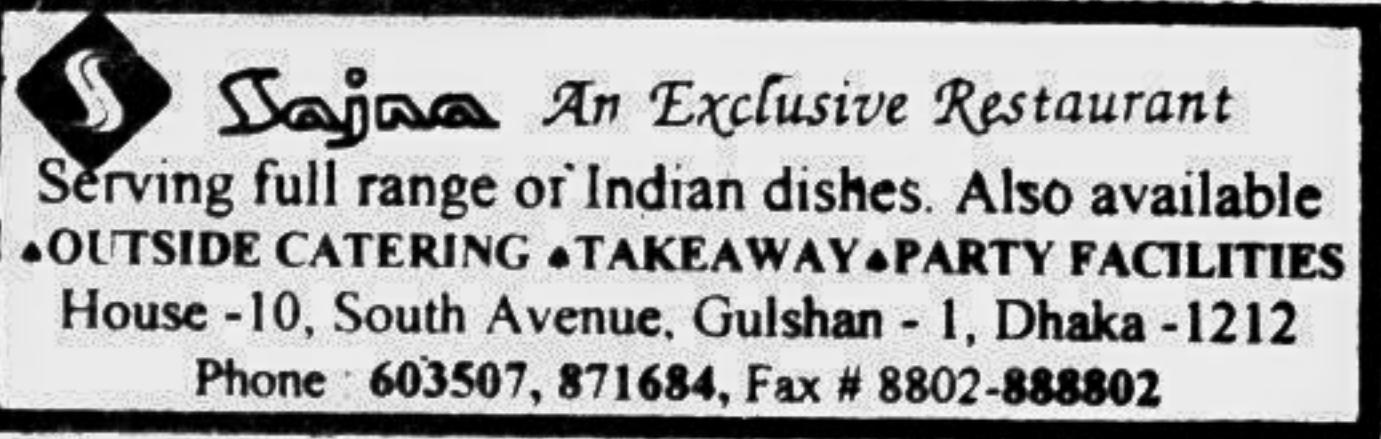
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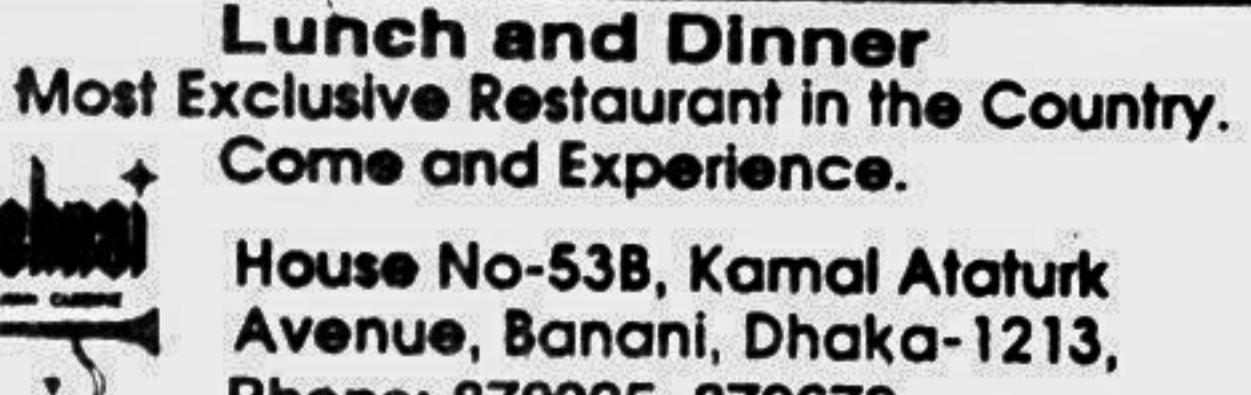
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Nissan Sunny, 1000 CC, Model 1992
3. Dhaka Metro Ka-03-4880
Nissan Sunny, 1000 CC, Model 1992
4. Dhaka Metro Ka-03-4935
Suzuki, 800 CC, Model 1992
5. Damaged Car No. Dhaka Metro Kha-11-2235
Toyota Tercel Joinus 1300 CC, Model 1990

Vehicles at serial No. 1-3 can be inspected at the Head Office of the company at the above address from 8:2-9:28 during office hours. The car at serial No. 4 can be inspected at the company's Zonal Office, at Farooq Chamber, 1403 Sheikh Mujib Road, Pathantooly, Chittagong from 08-02-98 during office hours. The car at serial No. 5 can be inspected at 21, Larminni Street, Wari, Dhaka from 08-02-98.

For further details please contact the undersigned. Tenders must be dropped in the tender box kept at Head Office of the company accompanied by a DD/Pay Order for 5% of the quoted value in favour of Green Delta Insurance Co. Ltd. by 1-00 p.m. on 16-2-98 or to be sent to us by courier service to reach us before the closing day and time and will be opened on the same day at 3:00 p.m. in the presence of the bidders (if any). The Company reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason. The successful bidders will have to pay the entire quoted price less the earnest money within 3 (Three) days of the acceptance of the quotation, failing which the earnest money will be forfeited. The earnest money of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned immediately after finalization of the deal. The transfer of ownership will have to be arranged by the buyer at their own cost and responsibility.

AHMED HOSSEIN
Vice President (Admn)

Government of the People's

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Office of the Executive Engineer
PWD Division, Gopalganj

Notice Inviting Tenders

No 34 of 1997-98

1. Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are hereby invited from Class-I (one) (Special) and Class-II (one) approved bldg contractor/firm of PWD, Class-II (two) approved bldg contractor/firm of PWD, Khulna Zone, Khulna, Class-III (three) approved bldg contractor/firm of PWD Circle, Barisal for the undermentioned work and will be received by the undersigned up to 12:00 Noon of 25-02-98 and will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM in presence of the intending tenderers who may like to remain present. Each tender shall be in a sealed cover with the name of works superscribed on it. The tender form will be sold up to 24-02-98.
2. Name of work: Construction of 44 Nos New Dist Headquarters in Bangladesh I at Gopalganj (SH: Special Repair and Re-construction of Boundary wall attached to Dist Judge Court).
Estimated cost: Tk 3,02,171/- only.
Earnest money: Tk 6,043/- only.
Time allowed: For the completion of the work from the date of work order is = 60 (sixty) days.
3. Contract documents consisting of BD Form No 2911, schedule of items, additional terms and conditions etc can be seen and obtained from the office of the undersigned, also from the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Barisal/Bhola/Patukhali/Borguna/Jhalakathi/Pirojpur/Madaripur/Shariatpur under PWD Circle, Barisal on all working days during office hours on payment of usual charges of Tk 400/- (Tk four hundred) (non-refundable) per set of the notice inviting tender schedule of items, additional terms and conditions etc. and a sum of Tk 25/- (Tk twenty-five) (non-refundable) per copy of Tender Form No 2911.
4. Earnest money amounting to Tk as stated in SI No 4 is duly pledged in TC or PO or BD or not limited by time from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the undersigned must accompany each tender.
5. The contractor willing to purchase the schedule from other Division should apply to the Executive Engineer concerned at least 5(five) days before the last selling date.