



Indonesian Foreign Minister Ali Alatas (C) delivering the keynote address on 'ASEAN and SAARC: The imperatives of cooperation' at a seminar organised by BISS at its auditorium in the city yesterday. State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury (L) presided. BISS chairman Maj Gen Mustafa Kamaluddin was also present. — Star photo

## Metropolitan PM directs stern action against terrorists, extortionists

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday directed the authorities concerned to take stern action against terrorists, extortionists and other anti-social elements creating law and order situation in the country as well as disrupting safety and security of the people, reports BSS.

The prime minister at the same time sounded a strong note of caution that innocent people are not harassed in any way in the name of law.

Addressing a meeting of the district law and order and development coordination committee at the Circuit House at Sathkira the prime minister said that she believed that if all government service holders discharge their duties properly and impartially many problems of social life would be eas-

ily solved.

Dr Moklesur Rahman MP, Shahadat Hossain MP, Fazlul Haq MP, home secretary — Safur Rahman, IGP Ismail Hossain, divisional commissioner MA Quasem, Sathkira Chamber president Mansur Ahmed, Sathkira Press Club president Abdul Motalib, Sathkira Bar president Advocate Salahuddin, Mohila Samity general secretary Refat Amin, Danik Sangbad staff correspondent Manik Saha and district level officials took part in the discussion.

The prime minister particularly directed the members of the law enforcing agencies to take necessary measures against oppression of women and trafficking of children and women which she termed as very painful incidents.

Referring to the various steps taken by her 19-month-old government the prime minister said that each and every police station of the country was given pick-up vans and walkie-talkie sets to strengthen their operational activities against the criminals.

The prime minister also underscored the importance of expanding activities of coast guards and highway police. She responded affirmatively to a proposal of the district administration to constitute a task force to protect the fishery and forest reserves of the Sundarbans.

The prime minister said that the proposals of setting up of some new police out-posts or investigation centres are also under active consideration of her government.

## Weather

### Night temperature may fall

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over the country during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today.

Night temperature may fall by 1-2 degree Celsius over Rajshahi, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions and the regions of Jessore and Kushtia during the period, according to a Met Office bulletin.

Country's highest temperature 28.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Teknaf and the lowest 7.5 degree Celsius at Srimongol.

The sun sets today at 5:50 pm and rises on Tuesday at 6:35 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	27.3	12.0	66	58
Chittagong	26.6	14.0	74	43
Mymensingh	26.1	11.6	74	53
Rajshahi	26.4	11.2	81	60
Khulna	26.8	13.3	78	57

### Bangabandhu Murder Case Hearing resumes today

The hearing of the Bangabandhu Murder Case resumes by the District and Sessions Judge's Court today, reports UNB.

Air Vice Marshal (ret'd) A K Khandaker, the prosecution witness No 48 in the case, was being cross-examined by the defence counsel when the court was adjourned on Wednesday.

Former Navy Chief Rear Admiral M H Khan or Energy Minister Lt General (ret'd) Noor Uddin Khan is likely to depose as prosecution witness today.

### What's on today . . . .

- Ekushey Grantha Mela:** On the 3rd day of the book fair, a discussion on 'Literature of Bangladesh: Trends in criticism' will be held. Venue: Bangla Academy, DU campus. Time: 4 pm.
- Cultural programme:** An 11-day cultural programme, organised by Sammito Sangskriti Jote in observance of Amar Ekushey, will begin. Venue: Central Shaheed Minar. Time: 4 pm.
- Discussion:** A discussion on 'Global Warming: US Perspective' will be held. Keynote speaker: Jim Cole, US State Department's Environment Coordinator for South Asia. Venue: USIS auditorium, House: 110, Rd: 27, Banani. Time: 3:30 pm.
- Function:** Shikha O Sangskriti Charcha Kendro has organised a function to celebrate the 75th birthday of Prof Kabir Chowdhury. Venue: Planning and Development Academy, Nikhet. Time: 5 pm.
- Lecture:** American Fulbright student, April Alderdice, will give a lecture on her work on renewable energy technology and micro-enterprise development. Venue: USIS auditorium, Momen Shahi House. House: 110, Rd: 27, Banani.
- Club meeting:** The weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka North will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 6 pm.

### Special trains for Biswa Ijtema

Bangladesh Railway will operate special trains to facilitate the movement of the devotees during the ensuing Biswa Ijtema at Tongi near Dhaka, reports UNB.

Ijtema, the second largest congregation of the Muslims in the world, will be held from February 14 to Feb 17.

Two special trains will leave Mymensingh for Tongi on Feb 14 and Feb 15 at 11:30 am and 8:30 pm. One special train from Akhaura and another from Bhairab Bazar for Tongi will operate at 1:20 pm and 10:05 pm, said a press release.

After offering the 'Akheri Munajat' on Feb 16, two special trains will leave Tongi for Akhaura at 12:30 pm and 5:10 pm while four trains for Mymensingh at 12:35 pm, 1:10 pm, 3:20 pm and 10:50 pm.

Four other trains will leave for Dhaka at 12:30 pm, 1:20 pm, 2:00 and 3:50 pm.

On Feb 17, two special trains will operate from Tongi to Mymensingh at 1:30 pm and 10:50 pm while one each to Akhaura and Bhairab Bazar at 9:35 am and 12:40 pm respectively.

All the inter-city trains to and from Dhaka except Mahanagar will halt at Tongi station for two minutes from Feb 13 to 16.

Besides, other trains from Dhaka including Dinajpur-bound Ekota, Jagannathganj-bound Jamuna, Sylhet-bound Joyantika and Chittagong-bound Mahanagar Goodhuli will also touch Tongi for two minutes on Feb 16.

All the inter-city trains to and from Dhaka will also run on weekly holidays from Feb 13 to 16.

### Home Minister tells JS 496 killed in road mishaps Nov-Dec '97

Some 496 people were killed and 667 injured in road accidents during November-December last year and steps are on to gear up police patrol to check road mishaps and highway robbery, Home Minister Rafiqul Islam told Parliament yesterday, reports UNB.

Responding to Abdul Latif Mirza (AL-Sirajganj) during question hour yesterday the Home Minister said more than 800 cases were filed and investigations are continuing against some 600 people on charges of causing road accidents.

In reply to a question from Moslemuddin (AL-Mymensingh), the minister said the government had procured new patrol cars to strengthen the highway patrol which, he hoped, would reduce road accident and highway robbery.

He sought notice when Abdul Kader Siddiqui (AL-Tangail) wanted to know the number of people who have so far been punished on charge of road accidents.

Replying to Tajul Islam (JP-Kurigram) and Abdul Latif Mirza (AL-Sirajganj), he said the government had discussed at an inter-ministerial meeting the problem of risky speed-breakers on the highway.

About election violence in last UP polls, the minister told Shajahan Khan (AL-Madaripur) that some 32 people were killed and 572 were wounded in 44 districts during the UP elections in December.

Replying to Maqbul Hossain (AL-Dhaka), he said that a new thana will be set up splitting Mohammadpur and Dhan-



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### Youth peace rally today

Jubo Samannaya Council (Youth Coordination Council, Bangladesh) will organise a youth peace rally today, says a press release.

The rally will start from 'Sikha Chirantan' at Suhrawardy Uddyana at 10:30.

### Case against Salman's parents stayed

By Court Correspondent

Salman Shah's father, Kamruddin Chowdhury filed a revisional application yesterday in the Session Judge Court, Dhaka, against the order of the Metropolitan Magistrate, Dhaka, by which a non-prosecution case was started against the late film star's parents and others for lodging false case regarding his death.

The non-prosecution case was filed by Khalequzzaman, DB Inspector.

The learned Sessions Judge heard the case and stayed the non-prosecution case against Salman Shah's parents and others.

Kamruddin Chowdhury and Neela Chowdhury, Salman's parents, were present in the court.

Advocate Yousof Hossain Humayun appeared for the petitioner.

### Kibria to attend IFAD session

Finance Minister Shah A M S Kibria leaves the city today for Rome to attend the 21st Session of International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD) Governing Council, reports UNB.

### DU invites applications for scholarship

By DU Correspondent

The Dhaka University authorities have invited applications from the first year (honours) students for the session 1996-97 for ten one-time scholarships, says a press release.

Sponsored by Sumitmo Corporation, Dhaka the amount of the scholarship will be 200 US dollars. The final selection for the scholarship will be made by the Sumitmo Corporation and the corporation authorities will distribute the scholarship money.

Students of the 1996-97 session who are permanent citizens of Bangladesh and were under 30 years of age on July 1, 1996 are eligible to apply for the scholarship.

The students who are already getting the same amount as scholarship from any other private organisations will not be considered for the scholarship.

Interested candidates have been advised to submit their applications in prescribed form by February 19 to the scholarship section of the Registrar building of the university (Room No-208) through the chairmen or directors of the departments and institutions concerned.

Application forms will be available in the scholarship section of the Registrar building.

### IU classes resume today

Our Kushtia Correspondent quoted university authorities as saying, classes of Islamic University (IU) will resume today as per previous announcement of the university authority after holidays on the occasion of Ramadan, Sab-e-Quadr, Eid-ul-Fitre. All halls of the university were opened yesterday and students from different parts of the area came to the hall yesterday.

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The visiting Commanding General, USARPAC, Lt Gen William Michael Steele paying homage to the members of the armed forces martyred during the War of Liberation, after placing a wreath at the Shikha Anirban (the Eternal Flame) at Dhaka Cantonment yesterday. — ISPR photo

### POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

An International Organization invites applications from qualified candidates for the following positions :

**Technical Officer, Grant Management:** Masters in Business Administration/Accounting/Finance; five years NGO experience in financial management and budgeting with direct involvement in grant management. Dhaka based position but requires frequent field trips. Writing skill in English and Bangla, computer skill in word processing and spreadsheet analysis essential.

**Technical Officer, Field Unit:** Field based position, outside Dhaka, extensive field trips to oversee thana/union level program activities. Masters in Public Health/Social Science/demography or related field. Five years NGO experience in managing Health and Population Program. Writing skill in English and Bangla, computer skill in word processing and spreadsheet analysis essential.

Candidates must be willing go through rigorous recruitment process. Persuasion in any form during recruitment will automatically disqualify candidacy. Interested candidates should send their CV with a recent photograph, and the last salary drawn to **Box No. A-229, C/o. The Daily Star, Dhanmondi, Dhaka by February 17, 1998.**

### Notice Inviting Tenders No 26 (1997-98)

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are hereby invited from enlisted contractors of PWD as per their eligibility and financial limit for execution of the undermentioned work with own cost of materials and will be received by the undersigned as well as by all the Executive Engineers under Dhaka PWD Circle-IV, Dhaka and Eden. Bldg. PWD Division, Dhaka up to 12:00 Noon on 19.2.98 and will be opened on the same day at 12:30 PM in presence of the contractors who may like to remain present. Each tender shall be in a sealed cover with the name of work superscribed on it.

- Name of work : S/R to Hospital Bldg MO's Qrts, Nurses Dormitory, Class-III Qrts, Class-IV Qrts, Family Planning Centre Bldg, Shabica Rest Room, Pump House, Garage & Boundary Wall within the compound of TRC Raipura at Narsingdi during the year 1997-98.
- Estimated cost: Tk. 4,88,586/-
- Earnest money : Tk. 10,000/-
- Time allowed for completion of work from the date of issue of work order : 90 days

Contract documents consisting of Bangladesh Form No 2911, schedule of items and conditions etc can be seen and obtained from the office of the undersigned and all Executive Engineers under Dhaka PWD Circle-IV, Dhaka and Eden Bldg. PWD Division, Dhaka on usual payment of all working days during office hours up to 18.2.98.

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