

What's on today . . . .

**Ekushey Grantha Mela:** A discussion on 'Short stories of Bangladesh' will be held. Venue: Bangla Academy. Time: 4 pm.

**Painting exhibition:** A solo painting exhibition by Maruf Ahmed will be inaugurated. Venue: Shilpakala Academy gallery. Time: 6 pm. From 2 pm to 8 pm daily till March 2.

**Poetry recital contest:** Nazrul Institute has organised a poetry recital competition for children. Venue: Institute premises, Rd: 28, Dhanmondi. Time: 10 am.

**Cultural function:** A cultural function and discussion have been organised in memory of Shahidul Islam, a noted lyricist and cultural activist. Venue: National Museum auditorium. Time: 5:30 pm.

**Discussion:** A discussion on 'Policies on institutional credit to generate employment and marketing skills among the rural youth in Asia and the Pacific region' will be held. Keynote speaker: Dr P Kotiaah, Chairman, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development, India. Venue: CIRDP auditorium. Time: 2:30 pm.

**Launching ceremony:** The launching ceremony of a book, 'CIT Peace Accord: A complete factual analysis' by Prof Dr Hasanuzzaman Chowdhury, will be held. Venue: VIP Lounge, National Press Club. Time: 3 pm.

**Inaugural ceremony:** The inaugural ceremony of Masters in Bank Management programme (1998 batch) of BIBM will be held. Venue: BIBM, Plot: 4, Main Road No: 1 (South), Section -2, Mirpur. Time: 6:30 pm.

**Club meeting:** The weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka North will be held. Guest speaker: Dr Rajib Humayun, Chairman, Linguistics Deptt, DU, will speak on the Language Movement. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 6 pm.

**Rotary Club of Dhaka capital:** The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Officers Club, 26 Bailey Road. Time: 5:30 pm.

**12 new universities will be set up: JS told**  
**New nat'l edn policy to be finalised after discussion in JS**

The draft of the new national education policy will be finalised after discussion in Parliament, the Education Minister ASHK Sadique said yesterday, reports UNB.

The national committee on the education policy submitted its report and the government is scrutinising it. ASHK Sadique said replying to a supplementary of Abdul Latif Mirza (Al-Sirajganj).

He informed the House that the report will be placed before Parliament for consideration.

The new education policy is being prepared updating the Qudrat-e-Khuda education report, the Education Minister said.

**Fire at rubber foam factory**  
 By Staff Correspondent

A fire broke out in a rubber foam factory at Faridabad under Shurapur thana in the city yesterday evening.

Police said the fire originated from sparks in an electric switch board inside the foam factory of Tazin Industrial Enterprise Ltd at Alamganj at about 6 pm.

According to police and fire service sources the blaze engulfed furniture, manufacturing machines and products and other materials of the factory. The fire also gutted about fifteen shanties attached with the factory building.

Five units of fire fighters from two stations rushed to the spot and put out the fire entirely within an hour. However, no casualty was reported in the fire till filing of this report last night.

**BPHC to launch 'Quality of Care' manual today**  
 Bangladesh Population and Health Consortium (BPHC) will launch its 'Quality of Care' manual in the city today, says a press release.

Health Minister Salahuddin Yusuf will be the chief guest at the launching ceremony, which will be held at 9 am in the ballroom of Hotel Sonargaon. Health Secretary Muhammad Ali will preside.

**Newspaper holiday Feb 21**  
 All newspaper offices will remain closed on February 21 on the occasion of the great Shaheed Day, a Bangladesh Sangbadpata Parishad (BSP) press release said yesterday, reports BSS.

Therefore, there will be no publication of newspapers on February 22, it added.



Young private sector executives met yesterday, under The Daily Star programme of "Entrepreneurs and Professionals Speak Out," to exchange views on the problems they face in their professional life. They decided to hold a seminar, in two months time, to find ways to solve the problems. Meantime, they will hold preparatory meetings to make the proposed seminar a success. The picture shows the meeting, held in collaboration with the British Council, in progress at the Council premises in the city. — Star photo

**PM at EBR Golden Jubilee celebration**  
**Govt attaches topmost priority to socio-economic development**

CHITTAGONG, Feb 15: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina today said the government has attached topmost importance to socio-economic development because a strong economy can only lead the nation towards progress, reports UNB.

"With this end in view, we have taken various steps towards development after ensuring peace and stability in the country," she said addressing the Golden Jubilee celebrations of East Bengal Regiment (EBR) at Chittagong Cantonment.

The government has taken a number of steps for modernisation of the armed forces, the Prime Minister said.

"We have taken steps to set up a new support battalion and a battalion of engineering construction for the Army. A process is also underway to buy a frigate for the Navy."

Necessary measures have also been taken to procure the latest MIG-29 fighter, C-130 carrier and helicopters for the Air Force, she said.

Other initiatives have been taken to increase the professional skills and welfare of the members of the armed forces, the Prime Minister said.

**BCU begins hunger strike at BL Govt College**  
 KHULNA, Feb 15: Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) of BL Government University College began a hunger strike unto death from 10 am Saturday demanding decrease of the price of honours level admission forms under the National University, reports UNB.

**Lauding the role of the East Bengal Regiment in the Liberation War, the Prime Minister said this regiment is a traditional part of the national army.**

This regiment had played an important role in every national event, even during the time of disasters, she said, and hoped that the members of the regiment will continue their service to the welfare of the people.

Senior Tigers or the first East Bengal Regiment was established on February 15, 1948 at Kurmitola Cantonment in Dhaka from the pioneering unit set up by Maj M A Gani.

The East Bengal Regiment had a brilliant contribution to the War of Liberation and two regiment members were awarded with Bir Shrestha, the highest gallantry award of the country.

Shaheed Sipahi Mustafa Kamal and Sipahi Hamidur Rahman received the Bir Shrestha award, while 37 of the regiment got Bir Uttam, 91 Bir Bikram and 159 Bir Pratik.

Earlier, the Prime Minister inspected a parade by members of the regiment, led by parade commander Lt Col Mostafa Kamal, and took salute.

Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen Mustafizur Rahman, ministers, MPs, diplomats, senior officials from the civil administration, former and present members of the regiment and their family members were present at the function.

The Prime Minister also visited the Tiger Mess and Shaheed Samadhi, where she placed wreaths and stood in silence to show respect to the martyrs of the Liberation War.

**Ekush Mela begins in Ctg today**  
 CHITTAGONG, Feb 15: A three-week long Ekush Mela aimed at upholding the spirit and ideal of the country's Language Movement begins at Musfins Hall and local Shaheed Minar premises tomorrow, reports BSS.

Addressing a press conference at Chittagong Press Club yesterday afternoon secretary general of the Ekush Mela Parishad Jahir Gazi said, the mela is being held in the port city for the seventh time to develop Bengali culture through congregation of language heroes, progressive political personalities, cultural activists and litterateurs of the country.

The main attraction of the mela is holding of book fair which is aimed at establishing a bridge between readers, publishers and book sellers, as well as making a literary circle among themselves, Gazi said.

Discussion meeting staging of drama, poetry festival and cultural functions are the highlights of the 21-day mela being held in collaboration with Chattal Youth Choir.

Chittagong City Mayor Alhaj A B M Mahiuddin Chowdhury will inaugurate the mela at 3 pm tomorrow.

**AI team to visit Feb 16 to Mar 2**  
 An Amnesty International (AI) delegation from the organisation's international secretariat in London will be visiting Bangladesh between Feb 16 and March 2. People interested in discussing human rights issues with the delegates are invited to contact Abbas Faiz at the Dhaka Sheraton Hotel (Tel: 863391 or 861191) during this period, says a press release.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
 To  
**Darling Olivia**

from  
**Family and Friends**

**MD. FASIAH RAHMAN**  
 Managing Director  
**Khulna Frozen Foods Export Ltd.**  
 (31, Mirzapur Road, Khulna)

FOR RECEIVING THE PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL GOLD TROPHY FOR THE YEAR 1994-95 FROM THE HONOURABLE PRIME MINISTER OF BANGLADESH SEIKH HASINA FOR THE GLORIOUS OUTSTANDING EXPORT PERFORMANCE ON FROZEN FOODS.

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 Barisal Public Works Division, Barisal

**Tender Notice**  
**No 78/1997-98**

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- Name of the office to sell & receive the tender: **Group No 1:** All Divisions under Public Works Circle, Barisal & Barisal Divisional Commissioner's Office. **Group No 2 & 3:** All Divisions under Public Works Circle, Barisal.
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- Date of receiving tender: 24-2-98 (up to 12.00 Noon)
- Tender Group List:

Gr No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time limit for completion of work	Eligibility of contractor
1 (one)	Vertical extension of female internee doctors' hostel attached to Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital	54,06,102/-	1,08,150/-	300 (three hundred) days	Public Works Directorate enlisted special first class/first class building contractors/contractory firms who would abide by the terms & conditions described at serial No 5 only can submit tender.
2 (two)	Sewerage & water supply work of vertical extension of female internee doctors' hostel attached to Barisal Medical College Hospital.	6,27,600/-	12,600/-	-do-	Public Works Directorate enlisted special first class/1st class sanitary & water supply contractors/contractory firms.
3 (three)	Electrical work of vertical extension of female internee doctors' hostel attached to Barisal Medical College Hospital.	5,13,162/-	10,300/-	-do-	Public Works Directorate enlisted special 1st class/1st class, Public Works, Khulna Zone, Khulna enlisted 2nd class electrical/mechanical contractors/contractory firms having ABC/BC supervisory licence.

5. The undermentioned terms & conditions should be complied with while purchasing/submitted tender schedule for the work of Group No 1 described at serial No 4.  
 (A) Public Works Directorate enlisted special 1st class/1st class building contractors/contractory firms who have completed work of Tk 18.00 lakh estimated cost under a single work order within the prescribed time only can purchase the tender schedule and should enclose certificate of the said work with the tender.  
 (B) Tender schedule can be purchased on submission of certificate from an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer to the effect that there has occurred no failure during the past 5 (five) years and the certificate should be enclosed with the tender.

6. Ready tender schedule with Bangladesh Form No 2911 including terms & conditions can be seen & purchased from all the offices described at serial No 1 on usual payment of Tk 750/- (seven hundred fifty) only for each tender & Tk 25/- (twenty-five) only for each Bangladesh Form No 2911 for Group No 1 and Tk 400/- (four hundred) only for each tender & Tk 25/- (twenty-five) only for each BD Form No 2911 for Group Nos 2&3 (both non-refundable). Contractor/Managing Director of contractor firm himself or his/their authorisation letter bearing representative with his signature attested by the contractor/Managing Director of contractor firm can purchase the tender schedule on production of original enlistment register.

7. To purchase tender schedule from the Public Works Divisions mentioned at serial No 1, except Barisal Public Works Division & Divisional Commissioner's office, the contractor/contractory firm should apply minimum 3 (three) days prior to the last date of selling tender. No application will be received after that time.

8. All contractors/contractory firms concerned should submit with the tender attested photocopies of their respective VAT registration certificate & Income Tax paying TIN certificate, otherwise tender will be treated as cancelled.

9. Any attestation should be by 1st class gazetted officer.

10. If more than one lowest contractor is found in the tender, then to select 1 (one) contractor lottery will be held on 9-3-98, Monday at 11.00 AM at the office chamber of the undersigned. All the participants in the tender or his/their nominated representatives are requested to attend the lottery.

11. The civil/sanitary & E/M contractors receiving work order shall be duty bound to ensure handover of the work on "turn-key" basis by implementing & completing the above works through close cooperation, fellow feeling & cordial relation.

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**Weather**  
**Rain, gusty wind likely**

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by gusty wind is likely to occur at one or two places over Dhaka division and the regions of Jessore, Kushtia, Pabna, Bogra and Comilla during afternoon today, reports UNB.

Weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, according to Met Office.

No appreciable change in night temperature is expected over the country during the period.

Country's highest temperature 30.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Khulna and the lowest 11.8 degree Celsius at Srinaganal.

The sun sets today at 5:54 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:30 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	14.7	65	57
Chittagong	27.4	16.0	80	80
Mymensingh	29.2	-	-	60
Rajshahi	30.2	13.9	86	64
Khulna	30.4	15.0	90	56
Barisal	30.0	13.3	85	70
Sylhet	29.6	14.8	77	54
Cox's Bazar	27.5	16.5	77	87

**নিলাম বিজ্ঞপ্তি**  
 সাব জজ ও ৩নং অর্থক্ষণ আদালত, ঢাকা।  
 দেঃ ডিঃ ২৪/৯/৯৭ইং।

**পুন্ডালী ব্যাংক লিমিটেড** ল্যাবরেটরী রোড শাখা, ডিক্রীদার।

**বনাম**  
 আগা আবদুল কাইউম, পিতা মৃত - শামসুল হুদা ভূইয়া, বাড়ী নং - ৯/সি রোড নং - ১, শহীদ জাহাঙ্গীর রোড, ঢাকা ক্যান্টনমেন্ট, বাজার এলাকা, ঢাকা ক্যান্টনমেন্ট, ঢাকা।

ডিক্রীদারের পরিমাণ: ৩০,৬০,৪১২.৫০ টাকা। তাং ৩১-১২-৯৭ইং নিলামের তারিখ: ৩-৩-৯৮ নিলামের স্থান: ঢাকা জেলা জজ কোর্ট, নাজির প্রাণেশ। নিলামের সময়: ১২ ঘটিকা।

এতদ্বারা সর্ব সাধারণের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাইতেছে যে, ডিক্রীদারের প্রাপ্ত টাকা আদায়ের নিমিত্তে নিম্ন তপসিল বর্ণিত স্থাবর সম্পত্তির উপর উল্লেখিত তারিখ সময় ও স্থান প্রকাশ্যভাবে নিলাম বিক্রি করা হইবে। ক্রয় ইচ্ছুক ব্যক্তিকে উক্ত নিলামে গ্রহণ করিতে অনুরোধ করা যাইতেছে।

**সম্পত্তির তপসিল**  
 জেলা - ঢাকা, থানা - গুলশান, (বর্তমানে ক্যান্টনমেন্ট) স্থিত বাজার এলাকায় অবস্থিত প্লট নং - ১/সি, এর অন্তর্গত মোট জমির পরিমাণ ৩ ৪ কাঠা। তৎসহ উহার উপর নির্মিত দালান কোঠাদি।  
 যাহার চৌহদ্দি: উত্তরে প্লট নং ১/বি, দক্ষিণে পুকুর ও ঢাকা ক্যান্টনমেন্ট বাউডারী, পূর্বে রাস্তা রাস্তা, পশ্চিমে ক্যান্টনমেন্ট বাউডারী।

আদালতের আদেশ ক্রমে  
 সেরেস্তাদার  
 সাব জজ ও ৩নং অর্থ ক্ষণ আদালত, ঢাকা।

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