

Metropolitan

● What's on today.... ●

Film show: 'The Assassins' by Mathieu Kassovitz will be screened as part of a French film session, organised by Zahir Raham Film Society. Venue: Alliance Francaise auditorium, Mirpur Road. Time: 6 pm.

Theatre: 'Home Alone', a children's play written by Junaid Eusuf and directed by Debaprosad Debanath based on the method of Grips Theatre, Berlin, will be staged by Natyachakra. Venue: Grips Institut, House: 10, Rd: 9, Dharmundi. Time: 7 pm.

Computer course: A 2-month long computer training course, organised by Dhaka Reporters Unity and ABAS, will be inaugurated. Venue: VIP Lounge, National Press Club. Time: 9 am.

Lecture: A lecture on 'Banking on Social capital: What we have to learn from Grameen Bank members' will be delivered by Lisa Young Larence, and American Fulbright research scholar. Venue: USIS auditorium, 'Momenshahi House', House: 110, Rd: 27, Banani. Time: 5 pm.

Meeting: A general meeting of the Dhaka University Officers Association will be held. Venue: In front of the DU Administrative Building. Time: 10 am.

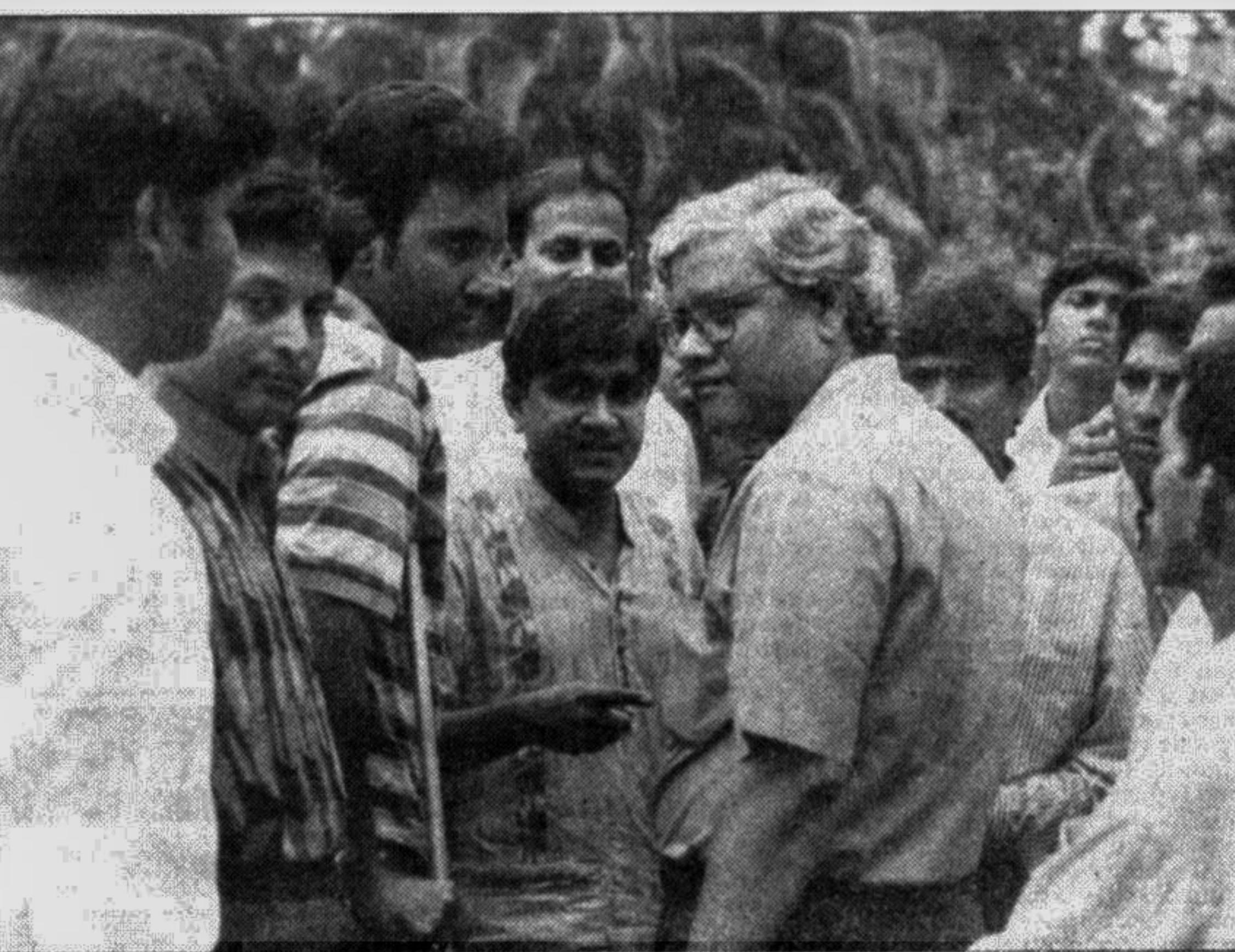
Club meeting: The weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka will be held. Guest speaker: Mohammad Ali, GM, ANZ Grindlays Bank. Dhaka will speak on 'international banking'. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

Club meeting: The weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Ramna will be held. Venue: Panda Garden Restaurant. Time: 7:30 pm.

Donation to PM's Relief Fund BAU admission test June 12

Bangladesh Association, Derby, the United Kingdom, has donated seven thousand pound sterling to Prime Minister's Relief Fund, reports BSS.

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad handed over the cheque to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her official residence at Ganabhaban yesterday evening.



Jatiyatabdadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) leaders making a protest against the arrest of Mostafiz Islam Mamun, Secretary of the Surya Sen Hall unit of JCD, Dhaka University, to the DU Proctor, Nurunnabi, in front of the Vice-Chancellor's residence yesterday. — Star photo

**Yet another problem
Dirty water with
bad smell from
WASA**

In addition to inadequate water supply, people of Siddeshwari area in the city are facing a new problem of having dirty water from WASA instead of bad smell, reports UNB.

People living in the Joykali Mandir Lane and Circular Road of the locality are mainly complaining the problem.

"People of the whole area have been suffering from water crisis for long, but for last one month whatever quantity of water we are getting is not suitable for use. It is so dirty and smelled so bad...." said Amreen, a resident of Joykali Mandir Lane.

Narrating their misery, a number of people said they neither can take bath nor wash anything for last one month with such dirty water.

Besides, they said a little rain is flooding the ground floors with dirty water as the drains were plugged with debris.

The official said if the government measures could be made successful, the overall situation would ease marginally as the gap between demand and generation of electricity is widening every day.

Meanwhile, loadshedding in different parts of the DESA area during the last week was more frequent compared to the previous week.

Besides supply of dirty water have added to a new misery, he said adding "many a complaint has been made with the Dhaka City Corporation, which, he said is pointing finger towards the WASA."

Kabir said they have contacted the local Ward Commissioner for help, but he was expressed his inability and helplessness saying "no one will listen to me as I belong to BNP camp."

The worst affected areas include Mirpur, Mohammadpur, Rampura, Khilgaon, Shahjahan-

No hope for solution to power crisis before Dec

There is no hope for solution to the present power crisis before the end of this year.

Rather, the situation may turn more severe if the government's short-term measures to minimise electricity pilferage fails, an Energy Ministry official told UNB.

The short-term measures are targeted to save at least 300 MW of electricity per day, presently being misused or stolen across the country by unauthorised connections.

"Pilferage is also huge through other means by the legal consumers, specially in the industries," said an official.

"Only in DESA area, the pilferage has been estimated at about 150 MW per day," said the official.

He alleged that an unscrupulous section of officials and employees of the Power Development Board (PDB) and the Dhaka Electric Supply Authority (DESA) were behind the overall pilferage of 300 MW throughout the country.

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Meanwhile, loadshedding in different parts of the DESA area during the last week was more frequent compared to the previous week.

The DESA, in earlier announcements, said loadshedding under the load management programme of the supplying authority will not be more than once in an area. But the city people experienced more than twice.

The official called for national consensus to prevent unethical acts of stealing electricity by the unscrupulous consumers.

Success of all temporary arrangements depends on the cooperation of the people, he said.

Talking to UNB, State Minister for Energy Prof Rafiqul Islam said, "It's true there is a shortfall in power generation and it will continue until the generation increases... we're trying hard to manage the shortfall."

Transparency in all professional groups stressed

Speakers at a seminar in the city yesterday underscored the need for transparency and accountability in all professional groups dominating society to strengthen democracy and establish rule of law in the country, reports BSS.

The matters related to transparency, accountability and responsibility are basically linked with values as the fundamental component of practising democracy, they told the closing session of the two-day seminar, organised by Gonoshajha Sangstha (GSS).

On the concluding day yesterday democracy, rule of law came up for thorough discussion with particular reference to the accountability of both non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and businessmen.

Executive director of GSS F R Mahmud Hassan presented the keynote paper on "democracy, rule of law: NGOs' accountability." M M Akash, Salma Khan and Abdul Momen participated in the discussion on the issue, while Prof Borhanuddin Khan Jahangir presided.

Prof Mozaffar Ahmed presented his keynote paper on "democracy, rule of law: businessmen's accountability," chaired by Prof Rehman Sobhan, former Finance Minister Abul Mal Al Muhit, FBCCI president Youssuf Abdullah Haroon and editor of The Daily Star Mahfuz Anam spoke on the occasion.

Both the sessions were followed by open discussions in which the participants exchanged views with the speakers.

FBUTA concerned at BUET impasse

A meeting of the Federation of Bangladesh University Teachers' Association (FBUTA) was held at Dhaka University Club on Sunday with its acting president Prof Shahidul Islam in the chair, reports UNB.

The meeting expressed grave concern over the ongoing impasse at the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET). It urged all concerned to overcome the stalemate amicably through mutual understanding.

The FBUTA meeting also expressed deep concern and condemnation over the recent terrorist activities and killing of a admission-seeker student at Chittagong University.

FBUTA demanded of the government and the law enforcement agencies to bring back congenial atmosphere on the university campus. It also called for taking stern legal action against those involved in the recent killing and violence.

Weather

Thundershowers likely

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at a few places over Dhaka, Chittagong, Barisal and Sylhet divisions and one or two places over Rajshahi and Khulna divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period, according to the Met Office.

The country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 36.5 degrees Celsius at Sitakunda and lowest 21.1 degrees at Sylhet.

The sun sets today at 6:33 pm and rises on Wednesday at 5:17 am.

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