

**What's on today . . . .**

**Seminar:** A seminar on 'Regional cooperation among SAARC countries,' organised by the Centre for Development Research, Bangladesh (CDR) will be held. Venue: WVA auditorium, Rd. 16, Dhanmondi. Time: 4:30 pm.

**Stipend awarding ceremony:** The annual stipend giving ceremony '98 of the Bangladesh Lions Foundation will be held. Venue: Ln Humayun Zahir Auditorium, Lions Bhaban, Begum Rokeya Sarani, Agargaon. Time: 5 pm.

**Lecture:** The FINAS Foundation Lecture '98 of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh will be held. Prof MA Sattar (Rtd), Department of Statistics, RU, will deliver the lecture on 'The changing pattern of vital rates, and the frail elderly: An emerging perspective.' Venue: ASB seminar room, 5, Old Secretariat Road, Nimtali, Ramna. Time: 4 pm.

**Workshop:** A workshop on 'Effective knowledge sharing mechanism,' organised by the Community Development Library (CDL), will be held. Venue: CDL auditorium, Rd 14A, Dhanmondi. Time: 3 pm.

**Seminar:** A seminar on 'Development of leather industry,' organised by the Leather Technologists' Society, Bangladesh, will be held. Venue: Ballroom, Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 9 am.

**Club meeting:** The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will be held. Venue: Surma, Dhaka Club. Time: 1:30 pm.

**Weather**

**Moderate rain forecast**

Slight or moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over Rajshahi, Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Khulna and Barisal divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today.

According to Met Office forecast, slight fall in day temperature is expected across the country during the period. Country's highest temperature 37.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Chuadanga and the lowest 23.5 degree Celsius at Sandwip.

The sun sets today at 6:49 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:11 am. Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	35.4	28.7	84	78
Chittagong	33.4	26.0	93	86
Khulna	35.5	25.2	79	79
Rajshahi	36.0	27.8	78	-
Barisal	34.5	26.5	78	90
Sylhet	31.0	26.0	100	92



ANM Bahlul Haq, former MP and Chairman of Narayanganj District Council, formally joined Bangladesh Awami League along with 5000 leaders and workers of Jatiya Party, other political parties and social organisations of Sonargaon thana. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina welcomed them at a simple ceremony at Paltan Maidan in the city yesterday.

— Star photo

**AI alleges widespread violations of HR in country**

Amnesty International (AI), has alleged widespread incidents of violation of human rights including detention of political activists without charge or trial, rape in custody, death of a number of persons in custody allegedly following torture during the last one year in Bangladesh.

In its annual report of the year 1998, AI said that at least two people died in custody, reportedly following torture and at least three incidents of rape in custody by the security forces were reported during the last one year in Bangladesh. One Nuruzzaman Sharif died in custody in June 1997 and his post mortem reportedly showed injuries consistent with torture, the report said.

An investigation into Nuruzzaman Sharif's death by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) apparently found evidence implicating three police officers in murder and grievous harm. "The CID were reportedly waiting for clearance from the public prosecutor before filing charges against the policemen, but it was not known whether permission had been given by the end of the year," the report said.

Referring to the acquittal of four police officers who were accused of rape and causing death of Shima Chowdhury in custody, the report said "the judge reportedly criticised the

prosecutor for presenting a weak case."

AI said several prisoners of conscience were among scores of people detained under the Special Powers Act (SPA) which permits detention without charge or trial for an indefinite period. Four senior members of the opposition BNP were detained without charge in March 1997 and were released by a High Court order.

In December three prisoners died in Narayanganj district jail after falling ill while awaiting trial and the deaths sparked renewed protests about prison conditions," the report said.

AI praised the government for "a political solution to the long-standing conflict" in CHT by signing of a peace accord in December 1997.

The AI report said that the "whereabouts of Kalpana Chakma, a tribal women's rights activist who was reportedly 'disappeared' in the CHT in June 1996, remained unknown". "A government appointed commission of inquiry into the case had submitted its final report to the government in February 1997, but its findings were not made public by the end of the year," the report said.

AI said that at least 33 people were sentenced to death for murder and at least two of them were executed.

**Seminar on World Environment Day begins tomorrow**

ADAB and Coalition of Environmental NGOs (CEN) will jointly organise a seminar tomorrow as part of observing the World Environment Day, reports UNB.

Sanchita Roy, runner-up of BTU school national debate competition in 1997, will present the keynote paper on 'Water Pollution: Causes, Effects and Responsibilities' in the seminar to be held at 3 pm at WVA auditorium at Dhanmondi.

Educatorist Dr Abdullah Al Muti Sharfuddin, Professor Dr Zahiruddin Choudhury of BUET, Senior Research Fellow of BIDS Dr Atiur Rahman, Senior Assistant Editor of Daily Sangbad Santosh Gupta and ADAB President Dr Kazi Farook Ahmed will participate in the seminar while CEN chairperson Khushi Kabir will preside over it.

An open discussion will be held after presentation of the keynote paper, said a press release.

**IUOA strike called off**

The Inter-University Officers' Federation (IUOA) called off its work stoppage programme scheduled for June 21 to July 7, reports UNB.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the federation with the Standing Committee of Bangladesh University Council on Thursday.

The federation had called the strike to realise its 4-point demand.



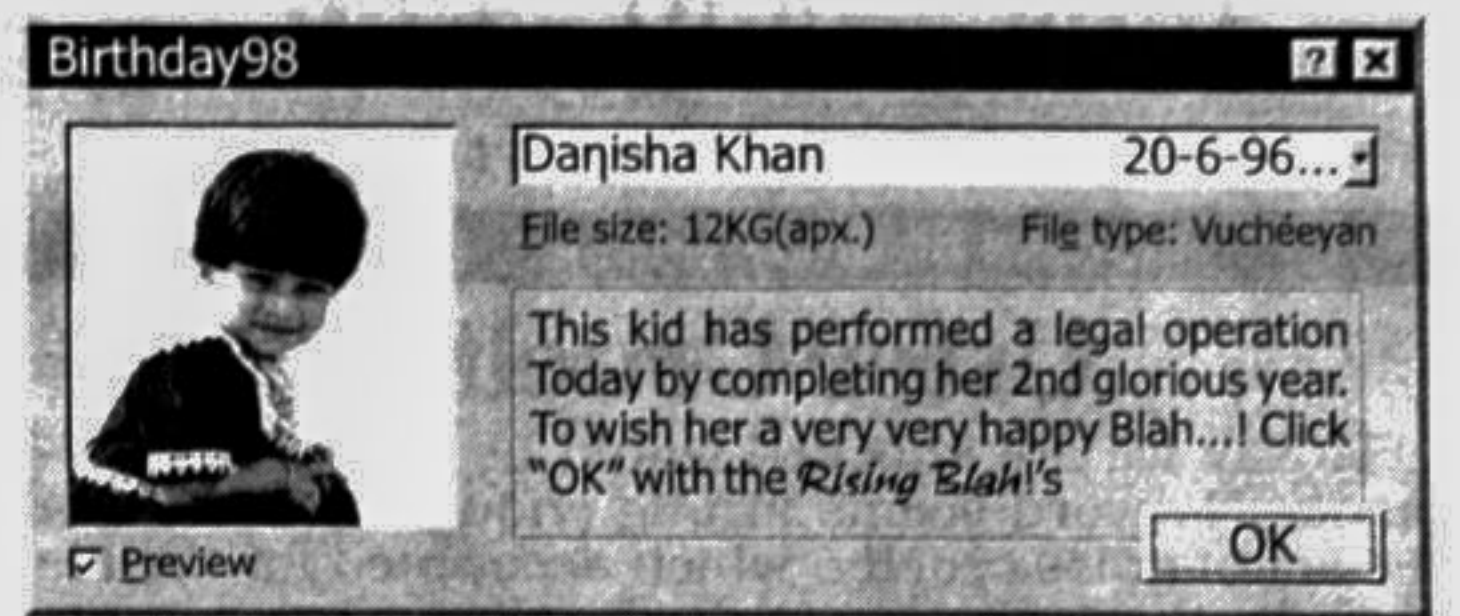
Bangladeshi Cartoonists Nazrul Islam and AHM Fakhrul Munir received runner-up prizes from UN President Coordinator in Bangladesh David E Lockwood at UNIC, Dhaka on Wednesday. The competition was organised by ESCAP Bangkok on the occasion of its golden jubilee.

**City BNP convenor visits Bashar's family**

City BNP convenor Sadek Hossain Khoka yesterday visited the residence of DCC ward commissioner Kazi Abul Bashar, reports UNB.

Bashar was arrested during Thursday's hartal from the capital.

Sadek spent sometime with his family members and inquired about them.



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