

What's on today....

**Film show:** The language and education section of cultural department of Embassy of the Russian Federation and Mutual Film Society will jointly screen films. Time: From 10 am to 9 pm. Films to be screened are: Dushmon (Hindi) at 10 am. Isk (Hindi) at 2 pm and Duplicate (Hindi) at 6 pm. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, House No 510, Road No 7, Dhanmondi Residential Area.

**BIISS talks:** The Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BIISS) will hold a talk on 'The El Wino and its Impact on Bangladesh.' Venue: Auditorium of the institute, 1/46, Elephant Road (West of Ramna Police Station and Meghna State Guest House). Time: 10 am. The talk will be delivered by Dr A M Chowdhury, Head of Research, SPARSO, Bangladesh.

**Club Meeting:** The weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Metropolitan Dhaka will be held. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 5:30 pm.

**Seminar:** A seminar on 'Rehabilitation of hawkers in Dhaka city' will be held. Venue: Nagar Bhaban seminar room. Time: 10 am. Chief guest: DCC Mayor Mohammad Hanif.

**Reunion:** Annual reunion of BSC (Statistics) Cadre Samity's office-bearers will be held. Venue: NEC auditorium, Planning Commission, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar. Time: 7 pm.

**Seminar:** A seminar on 'Higher studies in the USA' will be held. Organiser: Department of Computer Science, North South University. Venue: Room: STR 300, NSU campus. Time: 3 pm-4 pm.

**Fashion show:** Jhalak, a cultural organisation will hold a colourful fashion show and cultural evening. Venue: Parjatan Hotel Abakash at Mohakhali. Time: 6-30 pm.

Weather

Thundershowers likely

Moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at most places over Chittagong, Barisal, Khulna, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions and many places over Rajshahi division with moderately heavy to heavy falls at places over Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB. Met Office said, day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period.

Country's highest temperature 33.0 degree Celsius was recorded at Cox's Bazar and the lowest 23.9 degree at Sandwip. The sun will set today at 6:50 pm and will rise tomorrow at 5:16 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	31.0	27.0	90	83
Chittagong	28.0	25.2	98	92
Rajshahi	31.2	27.3	88	92
Khulna	30.5	25.8	96	90
Barisal	29.0	24.8	97	94
Sylhet	31.5	25.0	92	81
Cox's Bazar	33.0	25.0	90	100

Hasina alerts her partymen to an 'evil design'

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday alerted her partymen to an "evil design" to put the government in an awkward situation by creating instability in the country, reports UNB.

"A particular quarter is hatching a conspiracy against peace and stability to push the government into a false position through evil design," she told leaders and workers of Lalmonirhat district Awami League at Ganabhaban in the afternoon.

She restated her belief that none will be able to topple this government through conspiracy as "Awami League is the party of the people and for the people."

The prime minister said that many conspiracies were hatched against the ruling party to make people confused by uprooting an electric tower, creating artificial crisis of essentials and trying to make the parliament ineffective.

But, she said, her party believes in people's welfare and will continue to work for the people.

Mentioning the people-oriented steps of the government, the prime minister said that it

had taken Asrayn project to provide shelter to the homeless, and old-age pension scheme for a better living of the poor elderly people.

Besides, she said, the government has taken up programmes for the youth, women and neglected sections of the society keeping in mind the welfare of the people.

She alleged that the post-1975 governments had undertaken programmes to make their own fortune, not for people's welfare.

Referring to the construction of Bangabandhu Bridge over the river Jamuna, Hasina said it has opened up a new horizon of economic activities in the northern part of the country.

The government has taken up a plan to set up power plants, fertiliser industry and agro-based industries in the northern region, she said adding that any move by the private sector in this regard would be welcomed.

She said that the government would extend all possible assistance for setting up private industries in North Bengal.

Construction of Bangabandhu Bridge was a political

commitment of the ruling party and a dream of the father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, she said.

"If Bangabandhu were alive, this bridge would have been constructed many years ago," she added.

About the updating of the voters' list, Hasina advised the party leaders and workers to pursue adult people to be voters to exercise their right to franchise.

She also urged the partymen to actively participate in the government's plan for expansion of education and plantation of trees.

Hasina called upon them to work for building up a happy and prosperous Sonar Bangla as dreamt by Bangabandhu.

Awami League presidium member Abdul Jalil, joint secretary Mozaffar Hossain Paltu, Law Minister Abdul Matin Khansru, AL Law Secretary Advocate Shahara Khatun, Publicity Secretary Abdul Mannan and Office Secretary Abdul Mannan Khan, Lalmonirhat district AL President Abul Hossain and General Secretary Nazrul Huq Patwari were present in the meeting.

Saber announces crusade against drugs

Deputy Minister for Shipping Saber Hossain Chowdhury has announced a crusade against drugs in the city's Kamalapur area, known as a free zone for the drugs traders, reports UNB.

Addressing an anti-drugs procession yesterday, he urged the people of the locality to come forward in combating the menace of drugs to save the next generation.

He also warned the police and said action would be taken against them if they do not cooperate with the people in their effort against the abuse of drugs.

Kamalapur Samaj Kalyan Krira Sangha brought out the colourful procession in which hundreds of students from different schools and colleges as well as local people took part.

The function was also addressed by local ward commissioner Moslehuddin Ahmed and Awami League leader Zahurul Huda Majumdar, said a press release.

It was attended, among others, by club president Amir Hossain Amir, general secretary Shakil Ahmed, Jubo League leader Arkanullah Shyamol and Chhatra League leader Arfanullah Damal.

Couple killed by son-in-law in Pirojpur

PIROJPUR, July 4: A couple was killed allegedly by their son-in-law at Brahmanakathi village in sadar thana at dead of night Friday, reports UNB.

According to police, Nizamuddin Kazi stabbed to death both his father-in-law Keramat Ali Siddik (50) and mother-in-law Jahannara (40) as they refused to allow his wife to go to his house. Nizamuddin married their daughter Laily (18) one year ago.

Police arrested the alleged killer and sent him to jail custody. A case was lodged in this connection.



Nasiruddin Pintu, president of Dhaka city unit of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) was accorded a reception on his release from jail at the Minto Road official residence of Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday. — Star photo

Call for reserving seats for disabled in parliament

By Staff Correspondent

Speakers at a workshop yesterday called for reserving seats for the disabled in the parliament to ensure their equal rights, opportunity and full participation in all spheres of life.

They also urged the political parties to jointly address the problems of around 1.20 crore physically and mentally retarded persons for the sake of "establishing a happy and sound society."

The workshop on "Equal Opportunities, Rights and Full Participation for the People with Disabilities" was held at the IDB Bhaban in the city yesterday.

Emphasising on equal rights and opportunity for the disabled, they said government should take initiative to provide the disabled people with employment and help them live on their own.

The workshop discussed a draft legislation to be placed before the House for enacting law

to ensure equal rights and opportunities for the disabled in the country.

Around 100 participants including 10 parliament members from treasury and opposition benches, 19 government officials, development workers, social activists, journalists and lawyers attended the workshop.

Among others, parliament members Saber Hossain Chowdhury, Dr M S Akbar, Dr Mohammad Ali, M K Anwar, Quamrunnahr Putul and Dr Kazi Abu Yousuf and former secretary for Social Welfare A B

2 policemen suspended

JESSORE, July 4: Two cops were suspended for negligence of duty at Abhoynagar thana here on Monday, reports UNB.

They were identified as constables Majibur Rahman and Abdur Rashid. According to the Abhoynagar thana police, one Indian national named Khalid-Bin-Walid of Madras was arrested on June 26 when he tried to illegally enter into the country.

Later, he was taken to the Abhoynagar thana health complex for treatment with police escort from where he fled away with handcuff.

M Nurul Abedin, Deputy Secretary for Information Mohamad Ibrahim, APS to Prime Minister Moinul Hasan, Dr Sajal Dewan and media personality Mohammad Jahangir took part in discussion.

The discussants called upon the government to present the draft legislation before the House as a bill as soon as possible.

The legislation was, earlier, drafted at another workshop in 1996. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, later, on December 3 in 1997 assured of taking initiative to pass the draft legislation in the parliament, a NFOWD press release said.

Ershad to visit Rangpur

Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad will pay a five-day visit to his home district Rangpur from tomorrow, reports UNB.

During the visit, he will lay foundation stone for Sadya-puskarini Womens' College and conduct mass contact in his constituency.

Ershad will return to the capital on July 9, said a party press release.

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