

Eid-e-Miladunnabi programmes

The holy Eid-e-Miladunnabi will be observed in the country tomorrow with due religious fervour and solemnity, reports UNB.

Elaborate programmes have been taken up by the government and various religious and social organisations to mark the day.

The President and the Prime Minister will give messages to the nation on the eve of the holy day.

National flag will be hoisted atop all government and non-government buildings. Various streets in the capital will be decorated with colorful flags and the banners inscribed with "Kalima Taiyeba."

BTV and Bangladesh Betar will broadcast special programmes while various national dailies will publish special supplement highlighting the significance of the day.

Islamic Foundation has taken up fortnight-long programme from today through July 20 on this occasion. Speaker Humayun Rasheed Chowdhury will inaugurate the programme, said an official handout yesterday.

Besides, Islamic Mission, Islamic Cultural Centre, Wakf Administration and different educational institutions also

drawn up various programmes to mark the day. BSS adds: Zaker Party will observe the holy Eid-e-Miladunnabi today at Banani chairman bari ground.

Peer Shaheb of Biswa Zaker Manjil Hazrat Moulana Shah Sufi Khaja Baba Faridpuri will attend Miladunnabi observance programme.

The programme includes *telawat-e-Quran, milad mahfil, zikr, doa*, and special prayers for the Muslim *ummah*.

A *milad mahfil* and discussion meeting on the occasion of Eid-e-Miladunnabi will be held tomorrow after *Magrib* prayers at Khankaya Toajia, 27, Siddheshwari Road in the city, says a press release.

The peer of Dariaapur Sharif, Hazrat Moulana Shah Sufi Al-haj Abul Hasan Muhammad Abdul Qualyum, will conduct the *mahfil*.

Asheke Rasul Sammelon on the occasion of Eid-e-Miladunnabi will be held at the Deoanbug Darbar Sharif at Arambug in the city tomorrow, says a press release.

Called by Maolana Mahbub-e-Khoda Deoanbagi Hazur Kebla, the conference is expected to be participated by millions of *sufies* and devotees from across the country, the release added.



The city experienced drizzles throughout the day yesterday.

— Star photo

Suranjit at workers' rally in Barisal Khaleda's bid to launch movement against water treaty fails

BARISAL, July 5: Presidium member of Bangladesh Awami League and political advisor to the prime minister, Suranjit Sengupta said here today that the BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia had tried to create trouble regarding the sharing of water treaty for political gains but she failed to launch any movement against the treaty, reports BSS.

He said, she again tried to create troubles after the signing of the CHT peace accord when all the leaders of the world have welcomed it.

Speaking at a pre-election workers' rally of the party today as the chief guest at Aswini Kumar Town Hall premises Suranjit Sengupta called upon the party workers to bring voters in large numbers to the election centres to cast votes in favour of the Awami League candidate Mahiuddin Ahmed, president of the Barisal District unit of Awami League and three

times elected MP. Presided over by Mahiuddin Ahmed, the rally was addressed, among others, by Chief Whip Abul Hasnat Abdullah, Mizanur Rahman Manu MP, Shajahan Khan MP, Masud Raza MP, Musfiqur Rahman and Talukder Md Yunus, Awami League leaders.

Suranjit also said, the opposition leader has been demanding mid-term election but, he said, she does not understand what is a mid-term election. Awami League government would teach her through the by-election at Barisal-5 constituency 'what the election is'.

Criticising bitterly the speech of Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan here yesterday, Sengupta said, "we took this by-election as a challenge."

Suranjit said, the BNP government celebrated a modern procedure of election rigging on February 15, 1996 which set a record in the world. So it was

unusual for a BNP leader to say anything regarding election rigging at all.

The people of the country did not know 'what the rigging was,' he said adding that President Ziaur Rahman took power illegally wearing the 'khaki dress' of the soldiers and taught the people the 'election rigging' first time in the country.

Chief Whip Abul Hasnat Abdullah said, we want free, fair and impartial election, so that none could come to power through 'back-door' in future. He also said, people know who were involved in killing democracy in the country, but the BNP has been trying to lay the blame upon us (Awami League).

Suranjit Sengupta introduced Mahiuddin Ahmed to the people and asked them to vote for this veteran Awami League candidate for the benefits as well as development of Barisal divisional headquarters.

BB bill auction results

The 101st auction of the 90-day treasury bill, the 92nd auction of the 30-day and the 180-day treasury bills and the 66th auction of the one-year treasury bill were held yesterday, reports UNB.

Fifty-four bids for a total of Tk 482.00 crore of 30-day bill, one bid each for Tk 5.00 crore of 90-day and 180-day bills and 24 bids for a total of Tk 233.50 crore of one-year bill were offered.

Of these, 33 bids for a total of Tk 413 crore of 30-day bill and nine bids for a total of Tk 158 crore of one-year bill were accepted.

The bids offered for the 90-day and 180-day bills were not accepted. The weighted average price of the accepted bids against the 30-day and one-year bills were Tk 99.31 and Tk 90.71 per 100 taka respectively.

The corresponding yields are 8.3 per cent and 10.24 per cent per annum.

Workshop on project held in Rangamati

RANGAMATI, July 5: A day-long workshop on proper implementation of the UNICEF-aided projects in the district was held at Kaptai Thana auditorium today, reports BSS.

Organised by the Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Board (CHTDB) the workshop was attended by 70 participants including union parishad chairmen, members, headmen and *karbaris* from Kaptai thana.

Similar workshop will be organised at every thana of the district at different dates, CHTDB sources said.

Chehlum

Chehlum of Anwar Ali Mia, a former teacher of Joradad and Harinakundu High School, Jhenidah, will be held tomorrow

after Asr prayers at the residence of his son at House-1, Road-2/A, Sector 4, Uttara, in the city, says a press release.

Another chehlum will also be held after Asr prayers at his Beltala village residence in Jhenidah on the day.

Anwar Ali Mia died at his village residence at Beltala on June 27, the release said.

Report on Bangabandhu agriculture varsity bill submitted before House

The report on the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agriculture University Bill, 1998 was submitted before the House after scrutiny by Dr TIM Fazle Rabbi Chowdhury, chairman of the parliamentary standing committee on the Ministry of Agriculture, reports BSS.

The bill seeks to transform the Institute of Post Graduate Studies in Agriculture at Salna, Gazipur, into a full fledged university, to be named after the Father of the Nation in recognition of his contribution to the development of agricultural studies in the country.

Presenting the report, Dr Chowdhury said the standing committee in two meetings held on June 29 and July 1, critically examined and scrutinised the bill, and pleaded for passing it by the House in amended form.

After presentation of the report, however, two BNP members, Mohammad Abdul Wahab

(Jhenidah) and Abul Kalam Azad (Tangail) informed the House that in the meetings they had given notes of dissent on certain aspects of the bill, particularly on its name. They demanded that the chairman of the standing committee should submit the report of the committee afresh incorporating their notes of dissent.

Replying to them Dr Chowdhury said that the BNP members had not submitted their notes in writing despite his request. So it was not possible to incorporate their verbal notes of dissent in the report.

Agriculture Minister Motia Chowdhury introduced the bill before the Jatiya Sangsad on June 14. The bill was sent to the standing committee on agriculture ministry on June 17 for submitting a report after scrutiny within seven days. Later, a ten-day extension was allowed to the committee for submitting its report.

80pc of Rajshahi Division khas land under illegal occupation

NATORE, July 5: About 80 per cent of the khas land under Rajshahi Division are under illegal occupation of some influential quarters depriving the government of revenue worth about Tk 10 crore annually, reports UNB.

The collection of revenue from the rest of 20 per cent lands, leased out earlier, is also reported to be very poor.

According to the sources concerned, only 24,058 acres of land has been leased out so far out of the total 1,12,534 acres of khas land of the division comprising 16 districts. The rest of 88,476 acres of land are under illegal occupation, the sources added.

Only Tk 90 lakh has so far been realised while an amount of Tk 4.60 lakh is lying outstanding with the lease holders.

Besides, there are 3,587 abandoned buildings in the region of which only 2,310 units have been leased out so far and Tk 50 lakh has been realised against the demand of Tk 109,06,893.

A previous statistics of the Revenue Department shows that there are another 1,927 abandoned houses in the region, of which, 1,154 are fit for lease. Only 632 such houses have so far been sold out or transferred to different parties.

Besides, about 765 acres of

cultivable and 156 acres of fallow land are also lying abandoned in the region.

Moreover, out of 480 abandoned industrial units in the region, only 187 units have been sold out. Another 107 units have been taken under government possession and the rest units are under illegal occupation or remained abandoned so far.

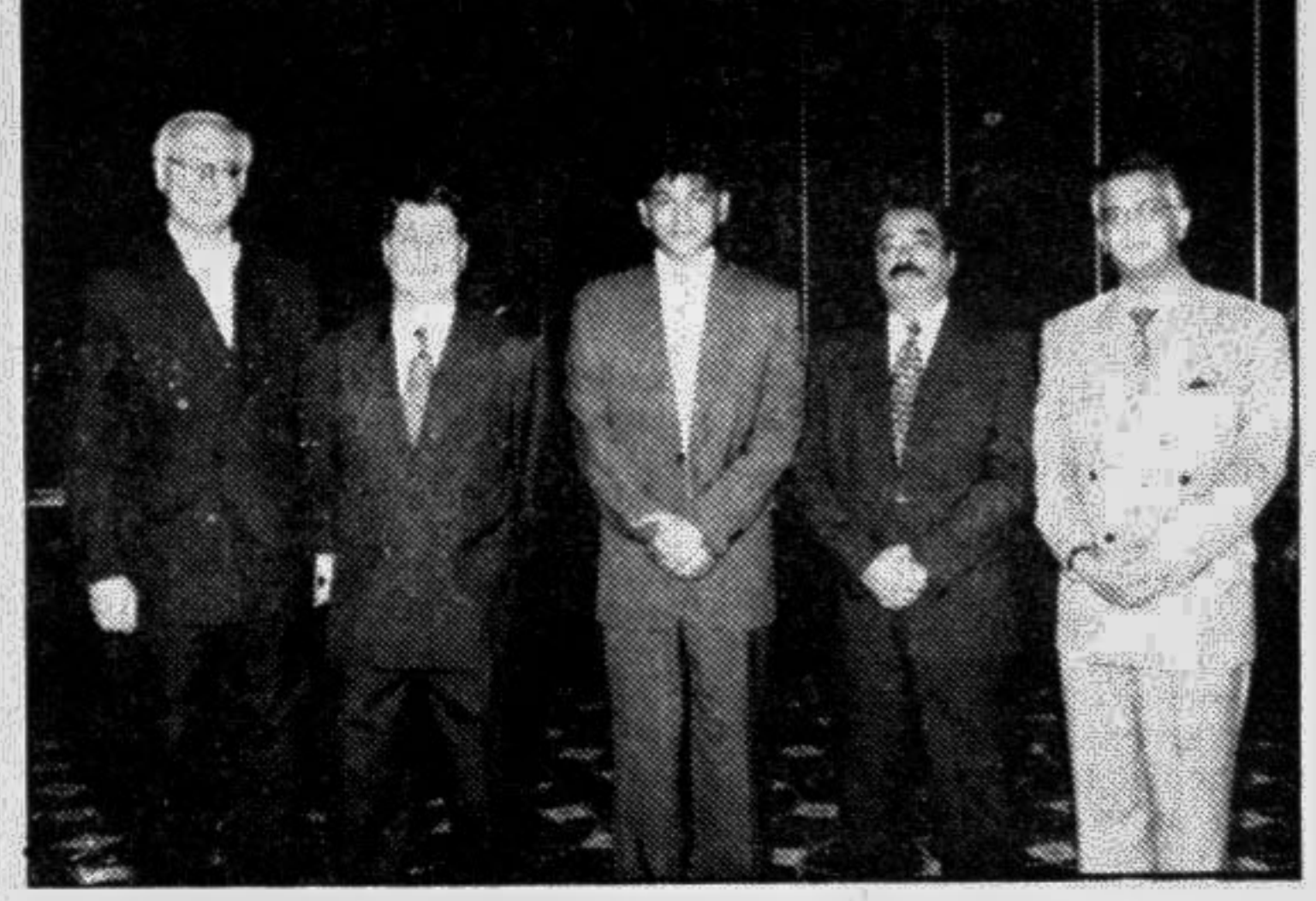
Office-bearers of DU Club for '98-'99

By Staff Correspondent

A 15-member executive committee of the Dhaka University Club for the year 1998-99 was formed with Prof Abul Kalam and Mohammad Hasibur Rahman as president and general secretary respectively, says a press release.

Other office bearers of the committee are vice presidents Prof Azizur Rahman, Prof Khalilur Rahman, treasurer Ruhul Amin Akond, joint secretaries Ali Akkas and Ataur Rahman Biswas.

Executive members of the committee are Prof Hossain Mansur, Prof Harun Kader Yusuf, Prof Ahmad Ali, Dr Jahangir Hossain, Sardar, Dr Nazrul Islam, Dr Mizanur Rahman, Dr Rafiqullah Khan and K M Saiful Islam.



A reception to introduce to the Dhaka business and diplomatic community the newest members of the senior management team of American Express Bank-Bangladesh was held at Hotel Sonargaon Thursday. Picture shows, John A Smetanka, Senior Country Executive, Adrian P Baron, Senior Director and Head of Corporate Banking, Azam Reza, Director and Head of Liability Marketing, Qamar Hussain, Senior Director and Country Credit Officer, and Raihan UI Ameen, Senior Director and Chief Operations Officer.



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Weather

Moderate rain forecast

Heavy rainfall may occur at one or two places over Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

According to Met Office, under the influence of active monsoon low over West Bengal and adjoining Bangladesh, moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is also likely at most places over the country during the period.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country and weather is likely to improve gradually in the next two days, it added.

Country's highest temperature 33.0 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Ishurdi and Dinajpur and the lowest 21.5 degree Celsius at Rangpur.

The sun sets today at 6:50 pm and rises on Tuesday at 5:17 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	Morn	Even
Dhaka	29.7	26.5	95	96
Chittagong	28.7	25.9	95	97
Khulna	28.6	26.0	96	87
Rajshahi	31.8	27.0	90	89
Barisal	29.0	24.0	100	92
Sylhet	28.0	25.2	98	95
Cox's Bazar	28.0	25.5	100	93

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Monday 6th July

(All programmes are in local time but subject to last minute change.)

BTU: 3:00 Opening announcement, Al-Quran, Programme Summary, 3:15 Patriotic Song, 3:20 My Little Fairy Tale, 3:30 Sports Programme, 4:00 Khabar, 4:05 Anu Paramanu, 4:45 Open University, 5:25 Dolan Changa, 6:00 Bansharee, 6:30 Khabar, 6:40 Programme of Chittagong Station, 7:05 Programme on Health, 7:25 Jiban-o-Jibika, 8:00 News in Bangla, 8:45 Package Drama, 10:00 News in English, 10:30 Mini-series: A Son of the Good Earth, 11:30 Khabar/The News, 11:40 Tuesday's Programme Summary, 11:45 Close down.

STAR MOVIES

7:30am Family: Northanger Abbey, 9:30 Film Club: Journey into Darkness, 11:30 Comedy: No My Darling Daughter, 1:30 Thriller: Lower Level, 3:30 World Cinema: Wives (English Subtitles), 5:00 Hollywoodwood, The Golden Years: Anna Nicole Smith, 7:30 Family: Anastasia (Arabic Subtitles), 9:30 Charlie Chaplin: The Fireman, 10:00 Comedy: National Lampoon's Senior Trip, 12:00 Film Club: A Foreign Field, 2:00 Thriller: Lower Level, 4:00 Family: Anastasia (Arabic Subtitles), 6:00 World Cinema: Wives (English Subtitles).

PTV

8:00am TILAWAT AUR TARJUMA/HAMD/NAAT, 8:20 CARTOON, 8:30 KHABRAIN, 8:45 Abb pata Challa, 9:05 KHAT FARMAISH, 9:20 Sargam Sargam, 9:45 ILAAJ-BIL-GHIZA, PAKISTAN 10:05 Shab Daigh, 10:35 ENGLISH FILM: Goof Troop, 11:05 MILLI NAGMA, 11:00 KHABRAIN, 11:10 The Saint (Eng. Film Roger Moor), 12:00 Drama Serial: 1:02 BIS QURAN-E-HAKEEM, 1:25 MILLAH, 1:15 Drama Serial: 2:00 Drama Serial: 2:50 THE FACE OF CULTURAL, 3:15 Roushni, 3:30 Paimaney, 4:00 Ghardari, 4:35 Biology for 10th/Geography/ Chemistry, 5:55 INTER COLLEGE QUIZ, 6:25 AIQU COURSES, 7:00 Taranum (Drama Serial), 7:45

ENGLISH NEWS

8:00 PLOTLUCK, 8:20 Ali Baba (Drama Serial), 8:45 Serial: 9:00 Break for Headline News, 10:00 Khabarnama & Commercial News & Pak Business Update, 11:15 Classics Drama Serial: Jan-gee, 12:20 Special: TBA, 1:00 KHAS KHABRAIN/CLOSE DOWN.

ZEE INDIA TV

(Former-EL TV)
7:00am Jagran, 7:30 Zee News, Hindi, 8:00 Zed it Pro, 8:30 Zee News, Hindi, 9:00 Verdict, 9:30 Zee News, Eng, 10:00 Question Hour, 10:30 Naye Nagme, 11:00 Positive Health Show, 11:30 Zee News Update, 11:50 Zee Business News, 12:00 Bournvita Quiz Contest, 12:30 Hussein Pal (Trailer Show), 1:00 Zee Business Show, 1:30 Zee News, Hindi Bulletin, 2:00 Aap Ki Adalat: Aap Ki Faisala, 2:30 News Line, 4:00 Ashiana, 4:30 Hum Honge Kamyab, 5:00 Naye Nagme, 5:30 Fit Or Fat, 6:00 Purushkshetra, 7:00 Hussein Pal (Trailer Show), 7:30 Disha Samwad, 8:00 Ghumta Aaina, 8:30 Zee News, English, 8:50 Zee Face To Face, 9:00 Best Of India, 9:30 Zee News, Hindi, 10:00 Agenda, 2000, 10:30 Zee News, Hindi, 10:50 Zee Business News, Hindi, 11:00 Verdict, 98, 11:30 Zee News Roundup, 12:00 The Ent. Show, 12:30 Zee World, 1:00 India Dabets, 1:30 BQC, 2:00 Zee News, Hindi, 2:30 Zee

MUSIC ASIA

7:30am Aalaap, 8:00 B & W Gems, 8:30 All Time Hits, 9:00 Old Tavern: Sizlaars, 9:30 Aalaap, 10:00 All Time Hits, 10:30 Bagpiper: Jharokha, 11:00 Pehlu, 11:30 Bajaj: Music Box, 12:00 Cocacola: World Premier, 12:30 Old Tavern: Sizlaars, 1:30 Sham-E-Gajal, 2:00 Music News, 2:30 Bajaj: Music Box, 3:00 Old Tavern: Sizlaars, 3:30 Bagpiper: Jharokha, 4:00 Bajaj: Music Box, 4:30 Old Is Gold, 10:00 Gaaya Ja, 10:30 Bagpiper: Jharokha, 11:00 Aalaap, 12:30 All Time Hits, 1:30 Jharokha.

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10:30am Gane Gane, 10:35 Daily Soap: Oga Priyatama, 11:00 Daily Soap: Rajeshwari, 11:15 Classical/Folk Songs, 11:30 Parliament Hour, 12:30 TBA, 1:00 Serial: Asha, 1:30 Simarekha, (Serial), 2:00 Kusaha Zakhna, 2:30 Daily Soap: Oga Priyatama, 3:00 Serial: Chuti Chuti, 4:00 Serial:

ESPAN

12:00 US Women's Open Golf Championship, LIVE, 3:00 European Football Weekly, 4:00 Sportscenter: International Edition, 4:30 Kiana's Flex Appeal, 5:00 ESPN's Sunday Night Baseball, Seattle Mariners vs. Texas Rangers, LIVE, 8:00 Major League Soccer, Miami Fusion vs. DC United, 10:00 Sportscenter: International Edition, 10:30 Racehorse Digest, 11:00 Sportscenter, 12:00 US Women's Open Golf Championship, 2:00 Motorsport Asia, 2:30 Formula 3 South American Championship, Petrolbras Grand Prix Of Brazilia, 4:00 Sportscenter: International Edition, 4:30 Ladies Championship-Of Wrestling, 5:00 Sportscenter: International Edition, 7:00 Singer-Aki Nidaiah's Trophy, 9:00 New Zealand vs. Sri Lanka, H/Ls.

SONY ET

6:00am Gaane Jaane Maane, 6:30 Parachute: Premiere, 8:30 Gaane Jaane Maane, 9:00 Cartoons: Real Ghost Busters, 9:30 Cine Clips, 10:00 Who's The Boss, 10:30 Deferent Strok (Hindi Dub), 11:00 Bewitched, 11:30 Zaman Badal, 12:00 TBA, 12:30 Kahane pe Kyu Harz hai, 1:00 Aahat, 1:30 Cine Clips, 2:00 Silver SponWho's The Boss, 2:30 Gaane Jaane Maane, 3:00 Humlog (Serial), 4:00 Cine Matene:Hindi Feature Film, 7:00 Deferent Strok (Hindi Dub), 7:30 Bewitched, 8:00 Cine Clips (Trailer Show), 8:30 Humse Barker, 9:00 Toofan Mail, 9:30 Chamaikar, 10:00 Thoda Hai Thoda Jarurat Hai, 10:30 Movers & Shakers, 11:00 Cine Hits, 12:00 Humlog Aap Ke Hai Count-down, 1:00 Challenge, 1:30 Bhavnwar, 2:00 Indian Holiday: Travel Shows, 2:30 Gaane Jaane Maane, 3:00 Cine Nite Show:Hindi Feature Film.

ZEE TV

6:00am Yadoon Ki Pal (B/W Songs), 6:30 Zee News & Zee Business, 7:00 Bhakti: Songs, 7:30 Jagran, 8:00 Mrs. Madhuri Dixit, 8:30 Pararampa, 9:00 Disney Hour (Cartoon), 10:00 Ek Nazar, 10:30 TVS Saregama, 11:30 Andaz #E#P:198, 12:00 Just No Problem, 12:30 Khana Khazana, 1:00 Naye Nazrane (Film songs), 1:30 Daily Serial: Umeed, 2:00 Hum Panch (Serial), 3:00 Aaha (Serial), 3:30 Shaanti, 4:00 Amar, Prem, 4:30 Geet Gata Chal, 5:00 Naya Dour, 5:30 Zaika Ki Safar, 6:00 Aur Ek Minute, 6:30 Ek Nazar (Hindi Film Trailer), 7:00 Disney Hour Cartoons, 8:00 Jungle Book, 8:30 TVS -Sa Ra Ga Ma, 9:15 Cinthol: Jhalak (Trailer On Film), 9:30 Chattan, 10:00 Mohan Das, 11:00 Jhootha Sach, 11:30 The News, 11:50 Zee Business:Cinhol: Jhalak, 12:00 Nimra: Hum Panch, 12:30 Techar, 1:00 Chahat Aur Nafrat (Serial), 1:30 Chandi #E#P, 1:45 (Sangeeta Biljan), 2:00 ZEE Arabia: Zanjeer, 2:30 Hum Aapke Hai... Woh!! (Rpt) 3:00 Feature Film (B/W).

TNT CARTOON

5:30am World Famous Toons, 6:30 The Real Adventures of Jonny 7:00 Tom & Jerry Kids, 8:30 Perils of Panopole, 9:00 Josie & Pussycate, 9:30 /drink the Little, 10:00 Flintstone Kids, 10:30 Riche Rich, 11:00 Top Cat, 11:30 CaptainPlanet, 12:00 Scooby Doo, 12:30 The Cartoon Grand, 1:30 Fantastic Max, 2:00 Crocodile, 2:30 The New Scooby Doo Movies, 3:00 Sky Commanders, 4:00 Centurions, 4:30 Swats Kats, 5:00 Ninja Robots, 5:30 Flintstones, 6:00 Top & Jerry Kids, 6:30 Crocodile, 7:00 The Mask, 7:30 Dexters Laboratory, 7:45 Whats a Cartoon! Show, 8:00 The Addams Family, 8:30 Scooby Doo Where Are You, 9:00 The peoey Show.