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Pro-AL panel wins JU 'VC panel' polls
By Staff Correspondent
Ganotrik Progratishel panel won the three-member VC panel election of the Jahangirnagar University (JU) held at the JU Senate, Hall yesterday.

Pro-VC of the university Prof Alauddin Ahmed got the highest 54, out of 82 cast votes. He was followed by Prof Mesbahuddin Ahmed who bagged 48 votes and JU treasurer Prof Abdul Bayes with 40 votes.

Former president of the Federation of Bangladesh University Teachers' Association (FBUTA) Prof Khondakar Mustafizur Rahman of the rival Sarbadalio Oikya Panel got 37 votes, while his mates Prof Abdul Awal of the Chemistry Department got 25 votes and Prof Abdul Ghani of Pharmacy bagged 20 votes.

Workshop on USFDA regulations begins today

A five-day international workshop of US Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) Regulations and its Sanitary Requirement and European Union Health Regulations is beginning today in a city hotel, Bangladesh Frozen Foods Exporters Association (BFEEA) sources said.

City AL meeting today

A meeting of Dhaka City Awami League will be held at 7 pm today at the party office at Bangabandhu Avenue, said a party press release, reports BSS.

Milad at Ganabhaban Mosque today

A milad mahfil and special prayer will be held today at 7 pm at the Ganabhaban mosque on the occasion of the holy Eid-e-Miladunabi, reports BSS.

Overall development of N Bengal to be ensured: PM

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said a separate call has been formed to ensure the overall development of North Bengal, as a tremendous scope for economic progress was created following the opening of the Bangabandhu Bridge, reports UNB.

Communication facilities of the region have been revolutionised with the opening of the bridge over the river Jamuna, she said while addressing the leaders of Panchagar district Awami League at Gonobhaban in Dhaka yesterday.

She said, it has also opened up a horizon of economic progress. The Prime Minister said that construction of the bridge was a political commitment of her party. About three fourth work of the bridge was completed during the rule of the present government, which has also introduced railway tracks, gas and electric lines over the bridge.

She said, the bridge has created the scope of establishing gas-based industries and power plant in the region. The scope for setting up agro-based industries has also been created in the region, she said and called upon the entrepreneurs to reap its benefit by taking proper initiatives.

WC final

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champions after beating Scotland 2-1 and Morocco 3-0, but losing dubiously to Norway 1-2. Away in Group C, France maintained a clean sheet, brushing aside South Africa 3-0, Saudi Arabia 4-0 and Denmark 2-1. Should France upset the prediction of the world, including that of the French and lift the Cup tomorrow, they will do so as unbeaten champions.

Brazil did away with Chile in the pre-quarters 4-1, Denmark in the quarterfinals 3-2 and Holland in the semifinals 4-3 on penalties after a 1-1 draw.

France, on the other hand, dispensed with Paraguay 1-0 in the pre-quarters with a 114 minute 'Golden Goal' from Laurent Blanc, Italy in the quarterfinals 4-3 on penalties after a barren 120 minutes, and Croatia 2-1 in the semifinals. Alarming for France, their star defender Blanc will miss the final because of a red card he earned during the match with Croatia.

Football supporters all over the world are seeing tomorrow's final as a clash of the two powerful football continents. Rising to the occasion FIFA has nominated the referee from the third continent, Said Belgola of Morocco. Mark Warde of England and Achmat Salie from South Africa will be the linesmen.

Also interesting is the fact that this is the first final ever between the hosts and the holders. For Brazil this could be just another croissant in the oven but for France it is a proud appearance in the final in quest of sport's most coveted prize.

French President Jacques Chirac will present the World Cup to the winning captain after Sunday's final.

Tickets of the Final have become hot stuff. The main areas where tickets are being black-marketed are the narrow streets on both sides of Champ Elysees and the Stade de France. Tickets are also being sold and bought over telephone and on the internet.

Brazilian superstar Ronaldo, who has not had a raving time in this tournament, has promised to score a goal in Sunday's final saying, "I will score and if I don't I will at least make a goal."

Other predictions from lesser mortals include a 1-0 or at best a 2-1 result. The most frequent outcome of a World Cup match is 1-0, according to FIFA statistics. It has been the case in 17.3 per cent of the matches. The second most common result is 2-1.

Lilian Thuram, who scored twice in 23 minutes in France's 2-0 win over Croatia, said the France-Brazil final was the "kind of game you dream of... It's the kind of game where you want to take pleasure from living every kick, every ball."



A rally was brought out on the eve of World Population Day in the city yesterday. — Star photo

What's on today...

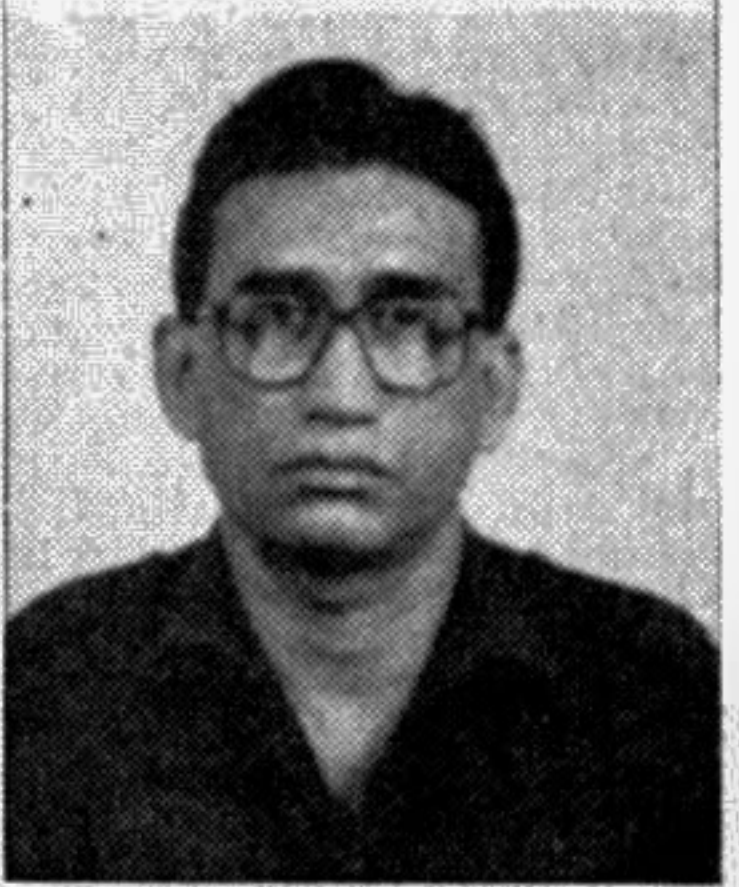
- Lecture:** Indian geneticist Prof Arun Kumar Sharma will deliver a lecture on "Biotechnology - Past, Present and Future." Organiser: Indian High Commission. Venue: LGED Bhaban auditorium, Agargaon. Time: 4 pm.
- Cultural Programme:** A cultural programme will be held to commemorate International Tagore Recitation Day. Organiser: Bibindra Adhayanachakra. Chief Guest: Abul Hasan Chowdhury, State Minister for Foreign Affairs. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre auditorium. Time: 7 pm.
- Seminar:** A seminar on "Economic Cooperation Among the OIC Countries: Problems and Prospects" will be held. Organiser: BISS in association with Islamic Economics Research Bureau. Venue: BISS auditorium, Elephant Road. Time: 10 am.
- Film Show:** Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen 'The Sea Wolves' by Richard Attenborough. Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium, Rd No 2, Dhanmondi. Time: 6 pm.
- Installation ceremony:** The 21st installation ceremony of the board of directors of Rotary Club of Dhaka Midtown for 1998-99 will be held. Venue: Kurnitola Golf Club. Time: 6:30 pm.

**Rafiq opens Mongla station of Coast Guard
Govt planning to establish 21 stations, 4 bases**

MONGLA, Khulna, July 11: Home Minister Rafiqul Islam Bir Uttam today said the government is planning to establish 21 stations and four bases of the Coast Guard forces in the country, reports BSS.

Outsider beaten up at DU hall

An outsider Faruq was reportedly beaten up by some BCL activists at Surya Sen Hall of Dhaka University yesterday. Faruq, aged about 23, was a guest of Monir, a Masters student of the Accounting Department and resident of the hall. Monir is also an activist of Raton group of BCL, the student wing of ruling Awami League.



Journalist Md Arif dead

Mohammad Arif, a freedom fighter, journalist and an NGO executive, died of brain haemorrhage yesterday at the Holy Family Hospital in the city. He was 48, reports BSS.

A permanent member of the National Press Club, Mohammad Arif took part in the country's Liberation War in sector eleven. He obtained masters degree in journalism from Dhaka University and worked for The Bangladesh Observer, Eastern News Agency (ENA) and Morning Post. He also contributed to various dailies and weeklies.

He was coordinator (communications) of the NGO Voluntary Health Services (VHS) till his death. Only son of late Dr Aftabuddin Talukder, Arif left behind his wife, mother, two sons, one daughter and two sisters. His namaz-e-janaza was held at the National Press Club premises. Earlier, another janaza was held at the Dilu Road Mosque, Eskaton. He was later buried at the Banani Graveyard.

The incident could not be ascertained. Arif's quikhwani will be held on July 14 after Asr prayers at 26 Dilu Road.

World Population Day today

World Population Day will be observed in Bangladesh today as elsewhere in the world with emphasis on reducing population growth in the country, reports BSS.

This year's theme of the day has been chosen as "Come forward to check population boom" as the world population will be 600 crore in 1999 from 500 crore in 1987, official sources said in the capital yesterday.

President Shahabuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina issued separate messages on the significance of the day with a call for building planned families for healthy life by keeping the size of the country's population within limit.

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has arranged an elaborate programme for the day including a rally in the morning and a function in the afternoon.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the World Population Day function at the Osmany Memorial Hall at 5 pm today. Minister for Health and Family Welfare, State Minister for Health and Family Welfare, UNFPA representative in Bangladesh and director general of family planning directorate will also be present at the function.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Salahuddin Yousuf and State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr Amanullah will lead a rally from Bangladesh Shishu Academy to Jatiya Press Club in the morning to make people aware of the population boom.

Driver beaten up on DU campus

Agitated students beat up a jeep driver after his vehicle hit a female student of Dhaka University on the campus yesterday, reports UNB.

Witnesses said, Rukshana, a first year student of the Department of Drama and Music received minor injuries when the jeep hit her from behind at TSC crossing.

Students present around the TSC area caught the driver, Giastudin, at once and beat him indiscriminately. Rukshana was given first aid but the driver was admitted to Dhaka Medical Hospital in critical condition.

DU exams rescheduled

The 3rd year BA/BSS honours examinations of Arts and Social Science faculties of Dhaka University for 1996-97 session under annual course system will begin on September 12 instead of previous schedule, reports UNB.

The decision was taken at a joint meeting of the concerned deans and chairmen of various departments under the faculties, said a DU press release yesterday.

2 killed in road accident

TANGAIL, July 11: Two persons were killed in a road accident near Royganj on Dhaka-Dinajpur road on Tuesday, reports BSS.

The victims were identified as M Azizur Rahman, social welfare officer, Kalihati thana and Abu Obaid Yusufaj, a social worker.

The accident occurred when the motorcycle driven by Azizur Rahman with co-rider Abu Obaid, was crushed under the wheels of a speedy passenger bus near Royganj.

Azizur Rahman died on the spot while his injured co-rider Abu Obaid died next day in the hospital.

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