

What's on today

Theatre: 'Dewan Gazir Kissa', a Nagrik Natya Sampradaya production, will be staged in aid of flood victims. Organiser: Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation. Venue: Mahila Samity Auditorium, Baily Road. Time: 7 pm.

Talk: A talk on 'Language of the Quran: Its phonosthetic effects' will be given by Salman Al-Azami. Lecturer, Department of English, Darul Ihsan University. Venue: House: 25, Rd: 9A, Dhanmondi. Time: 11:30 am.

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

Club meeting: The weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Greater Dhaka will be held. Venue: Officers Club, Baily Road. Time: 5:30 pm.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina going by a rickshaw to Mithamon haor area in Kishoreganj to distribute relief materials yesterday. —PID photo

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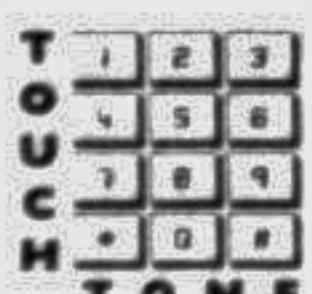
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First premier to visit Mithamon

MITHAMON, Kishoreganj, Oct 3: Residents of Mithamon, a sleepy haor area in Kishoreganj today found the head of government amidst themselves for the first time, reports BSS.

A huge crowd, assembled there on board a launch, water craft and on foot, to cheer their leader. It was a spectacular scene as the entire meeting venue was surrounded by hundreds of water crafts like double-decker launches, full of enthusiastic people who assembled there to listen to the PM.

Surrounded by Itna, Nikhli and Ashtagram, the Mithamon thana is one of the worst hit areas of the recent floods which engulfed most of the 13 thanas of the district.

Although Kishoreganj is a famous place, Mithamon is a less known area as this thana was created only over a decade ago.

According to the local administration assessment 60,000 people belonging to 7,075 families of six unions and extending over 219 km of land were damaged by the flood. 31 head of cattle and 405 poultry died. A total of 1891 dwelling houses were damaged fully and 5184 partially. Crops on 12 hectares of land were damaged while seven kilometres of *kancha* land washed away.

Since the beginning of the flood, a total of 2392 people were attacked by various water-borne diseases but none died so far 11 medical teams are working round the clock in the thana.

SAARC diploma engr convention from October 19

By Staff Correspondent
First Convention of the SAARC Diploma Engineers' Forum will be held in Dhaka from October 19, says a press release.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to inaugurate the convention at the Osmany Memorial Auditorium.

Delegation of diploma engineers from all the SAARC countries will participate in the convention.

Convener of the SAARC Diploma Engineers' Forum and the president of Institute of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh, Rafiqul Islam Bhuiyan and the member-secretary of the Forum A K M A Hamid urged the members of district committee, thana committee and service association willing to participate in the convention to register their names by October 10.

Al Mahmud's story included in French publication

A short story by Al Mahmud, 'Kalo Nouka' (Black Boat), has been included in a literary anthology on Asia-Oceania published recently by Le Serpent Plumes, a Paris-based publishing house, reports BSS.

The anthology includes works of Ook Chung of the Republic of Korea, Kenji Miyajawa of Japan, Pan Thi Vang Anh of Vietnam, Janet Frame of New Zealand, Sri Daoruang of Thailand and Claudine Jaques of New Caledonia.

Tk three lakh snatched in Khulna

KHULNA, Oct 3: Taka three lakh was snatched from a rice trader near Palli Mongal School in the city today (Saturday), reports UNB.

Police said a group of miscreants in the guise of passengers boarded on a baby-taxi with Binoy Kirehna Datta, hailed from Kachua thana in Bagerhat district.

Binoy was going to Noapara to purchase rice.

At one stage, the snatchers forcibly took him in front of Palli Mongal School and snatched away the money.

A case was filed with police in this connection.



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Weather

Thundershowers forecast

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over Dhaka, Chittagong, Barisal, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Khulna division with moderately heavy falls at places over the country in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

According to Met office, day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period.

The country's highest temperature 35.1 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Kutubdia and the lowest 23.4 degree Celsius at Dinajpur.

The sun sets today at 5:43 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:32 am.

Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in same major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	32.2	25.6	79	85
Chittagong	33.3	24.7	74	78
Khulna	32.5	26.0	81	83
Rajshahi	31.6	24.7	88	92
Barisal	33.6	25.1	86	83
Sylhet	32.0	25.5	84	86
Cox's Bazar	34.0	26.0	75	73

Orientation programme

An orientation programme of Life Science School, Khulna University, will be held today at 10 am at the University Academic Building, says a press release.

All new students of the School have been requested to attend.

Meanwhile, classes will begin tomorrow.

Govt to extend cooperation for rehabilitation of forest sector

Environment and Forest Minister Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury yesterday said the government would extend all necessary assistance for rehabilitation of the forest sector, reports UNB.

The minister was inaugurating a post-flood tree plantation programme here, jointly organised by Ramna unit of Bangladesh National Cadet Core and Motijheel unit of Lions Club, said an official hand-out.

Referring to the recent directives to the Forest Department to help the private nursery owners in planting trees, she said there was no alternative to creating forests to control natural calamities.

Forest resources worth about Tk 110 crore at both government and private sectors have been damaged by the recent flood.

She laid emphasis on massive tree plantation to recover the loss and urged social and voluntary organisations to strengthen their tree plantation programmes.

Later, the Forest Minister planted two saplings at the play ground of Uttara sector number 10.

Body of maid recovered

Police recovered the body of a young maid from a house at city's Dhanmondi area yesterday morning, reports UNB.

Farida Khatun, 34, had been working as a domestic help at the house of Dulal Chakrabarty of 147 Crescent Road.

Acting on a tip-off police recovered the body by breaking open the door of a bathroom of the house at 9 am yesterday. Her body was found hanging from a pipe with a scarf.

The reason behind the death could not be known immediately. The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for autopsy.

A UD case was filed with Dhanmondi thana in this connection.

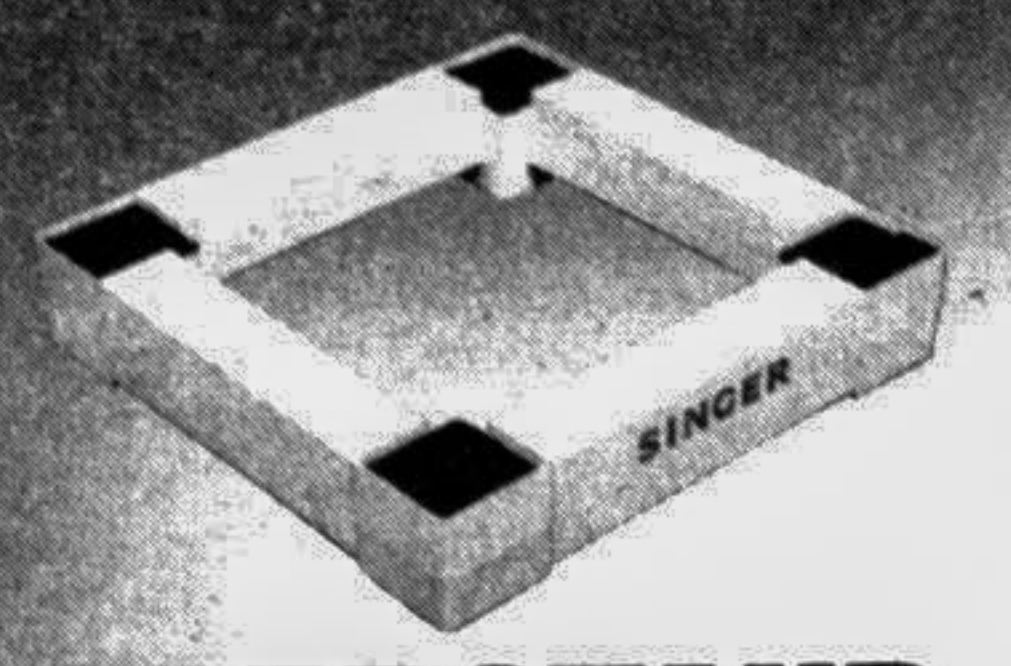
One succumbs to injuries in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Oct 3: One person suffered injuries during Thursday's clash at Kathghar rail crossing died at Chittagong Medical College Hospital yesterday, reports UNB.

The hospital sources said Volanath Das, 28, succumbed to his injuries. The victim and 11 others, were admitted to the hospital with injuries following a clash with local people of Kathghar.

They were returning to their homes by a truck after sacrificing the deity Durga in the Bay.

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