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## HR Commission to work independently: Law Minister

The Institutional Development of Human Rights in Bangladesh (DHRB) and the Law Ministry had a meeting with representatives of various human rights organisations in the city on Tuesday in preparation of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on December 10, reports UNB.

Law Minister Abdul Matin Khasru presided over the meeting held at CIRDP. The Minister welcomed criticism and frank discussion as a way to strengthen democracy and human rights.

He favoured a step by step approach, practical and pragmatic policy to human rights rather than making haste and stumble over.

Khasru assured that the Human Rights Commission being formed will work independently and there will be a provision for appointing a public Ombudsman. The Commission will work out a mechanism to hold the government accountable and to pinpoint its faults and errors.

A 32-member national coordination committee headed by the Minister and eminent citizens as members was formed at the meeting for celebration of the event in a befitting manner.

Among others Asaduzzaman Al Faroque, Waliur Rahman, Amanullah Khan, Dr Mizanur Rahman, KM Haque and representatives of different NGOs took part in the discussion.

The participants emphasised the overriding necessity of conducting and making the vasty illiterate and oppressed masses aware of their inherent rights which are being routinely violated by the vested, powerful groups.

They said an allout social movement should be launched through mass media in order to protect human rights and uphold individual liberty, dignity and worth.



A band performing at a concert in aid of flood victims held at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel yesterday. —Star photo

## IMF-WB meet in Washington UK hails govt's flood management strategy

British Secretary of State for International Development Clare Short, MP, has lauded Bangladesh's disaster management strategy to effectively deal with natural calamities like floods and cyclones, reports BSS.

During a meeting with Finance Minister S A M S Kibria in Washington, Short expressed her concern for the devastating floods in Bangladesh and said the efforts of the government to meet the crisis were praiseworthy. Bangladesh ambassador to the USA K M Shehabuddin was present, according to a message received in the capital.

The Finance Minister and the British Secretary of State for International Development are attending the annual meetings of the board of governors of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund in the Washington DC.

The British Secretary of State said Bangladesh should put on more efforts on financial reforms for the overall economic development of the country.

Kibria said his country's economy was picking up and it achieved a growth rate of 5.9 per cent in the 1996-97 fiscal and the growth rate last year was 5.6 per cent.

## Popular bands enthrall audience at charity concert

By Staff Correspondent

A musical performance by three leading bands enthrall a packed audience at Sheraton Hotel last night.

Dhaka Sheraton organised the concert, held at its ballroom, in aid of the flood-affected people.

Popular bands including LRB, Renaissance and Pentagon presented a good number of their hit songs to the delight of the audience.

Proceeds from the concert would be donated to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund for flood victims, the organisers said.

## DU probe body to meet Oct 10-11

By DU Correspondent

A Dhaka University probe committee formed to investigate the incident of gunshots during a visit of opposition leader Begum Khaleda Zia to the university campus recently will meet again on October 10 and 11.

The three-member probe committee is investigating the incident which took place on September 16 during a visit by Khaleda Zia to the campus to witness an oral saline and water purifying project of BNP's student wing Jatiyatbadi Chhatra Dal (JCD).

The committee will meet at the VC Office lounge at 5 pm on both days. Anyone with any information regarding the incident has been asked to submit it to the DU registrar before Oct 10.

## Dhaka to host confce of Asian UNESCO clubs next year

Bangladesh will host the 13th conference of the Asia Pacific Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Association next year, reports UNB.

The decision was taken at the 12th conference of the Federation held in Bangkok recently.

Bangladesh National UNESCO Clubs Association has been given the responsibility to arrange the conference.

About 100 representatives from Asia-Pacific nations and 15 other countries, including Bangladesh, are expected to take part in the Dhaka conference.

The conference will discuss future movement of UNESCO in the region and its course of action in poverty alleviation programmes in LDCs.

## Colloquium on 'editorial management' ends today

A six-day consultative colloquium on 'Editorial Management for the Print Media in Bangladesh' ends at the British Council in the city today, reports UNB.

British Council in Dhaka and the Thomson Foundation have jointly organised the colloquium as part of the British Government's Good Governance Small Project Scheme.

The scheme is funded by the UK's Department for International Development and managed by the British Council.

A dozen of senior media editors from seven major English and Bangla dailies and three weeklies are attending the consultation which is being conducted by Grant Millard, a senior British journalist and consultant of Thomson Foundation.

Series of training workshops, consultation meetings and other activities for the media in Bangladesh have been held since April this year under the scheme.

The colloquium that began on Saturday is the third programme in this series.

The colloquium has been organised to encourage more effective use of personnel, better financial management, rethinking of editorial structures and work patterns and to develop a greater understanding of the role of media in social transformation as an independent actor.

Amongst a number of initiatives taking place under the scheme in Bangladesh, a project for Media Support is being carried out focusing on capacity building for the print media.

This involves experience sharing between Bangladeshi and the UK experts and aims to support the development of an independent, responsible and objective media in Bangladesh.

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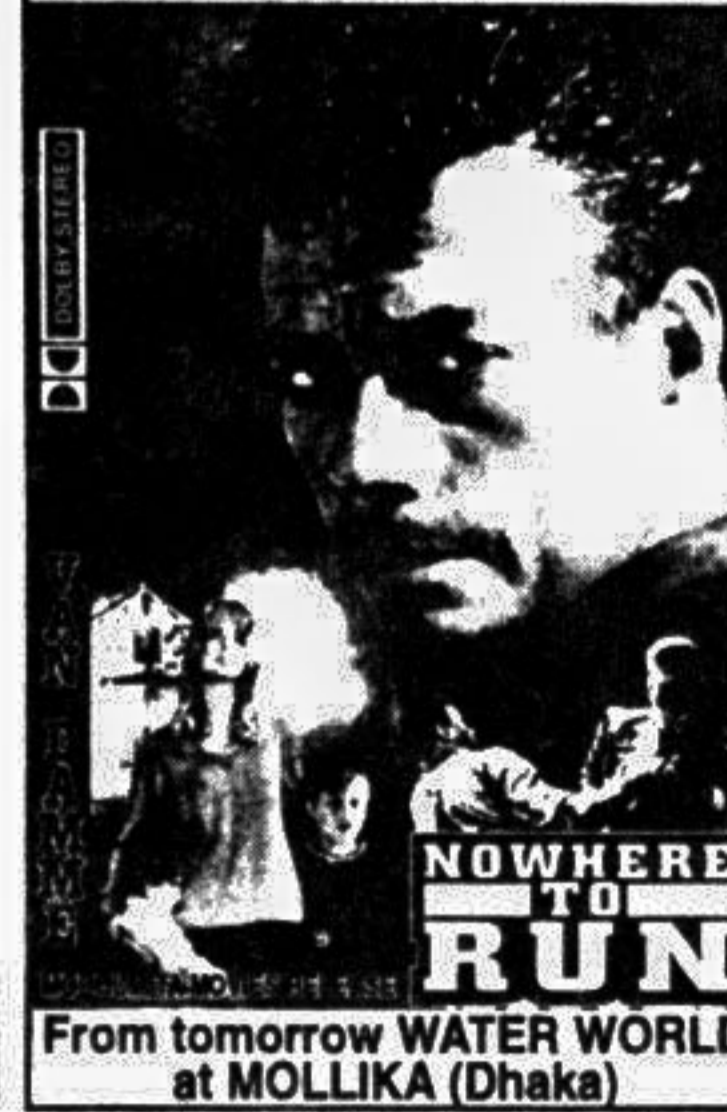


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## What's on today . . .

**Cultural function:** Nazrul Academy has organised a cultural function marking the 50th anniversary of 'Unmukta Nazrul Manchya' (Nazrul Open Theatre). Venue: Nazrul Bhaban, Belalabad, Maghbazar. Time: 5:30 pm.

**Theatre:** Mahakal Natya Sampradaya will present 'Ghum Nei'. Organiser: Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation. Venue: Mahila Samity auditorium. Time: 7 pm

**Club meeting:** The weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhanmondi will be held. Venue: Upstair Family Lounge, Dhaka Club. Time: 5:30 pm.

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## Weather

### No change in temperature

Weather may remain mainly dry over the country and day temperature remain nearly unchanged in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 37 degree Celsius was recorded at Kutubdia and the lowest 23.6 degree Celsius at Srimangal.

The sun sets today at 5:39 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:53 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	35.5	26.5	73	75
Chittagong	35.8	27.2	78	78
Khulna	36.3	27.2	73	76
Rajshahi	34.8	26.8	77	89
Barisal	35.6	26.5	77	78
Sylhet	35.0	26.2	81	78
Cox's Bazar	36.3	27.0	72	74

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