

**12th convocation of IIT today**

The twelfth congregation (convocation) ceremony of the Islamic Institute of Technology (IIT), a subsidiary body of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC), will be held at 10.00 am today at the campus of the Institute, says a press release.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will be the chief guest in the function and give away the certificates among the recipients. Prof Dr A M Patwari, DG of IIT, will preside over the function.

Abdus Samad Azad, Minister for Foreign Affairs; Shah A M S Kibria, Minister of Finance; A S H K Sadique, Minister for Education; M A Mannan, Minister for Labour and Manpower; ambassador Khalid Salem, Assistant Secretary General of the OIC will be the guests of honour at the function.

**Hanif supervises cleaning up drives**

Mayor of Dhaka Muhammad Hanif yesterday supervised the cleaning of garbage and wastes at different city areas undertaken by the city corporation, reports BSS.

The mayor himself participated in the cleaning programme at the Rajob Ali Pond at Alubazar which was organised by 'Flying Bird', a local social welfare organisation, said a press release. The mayor also supervised the cleaning operation at Siddiq Bazar and adjacent areas of Kazi Alauddin Road.

Addressing the voluntary workers of the cleaning programme, the mayor reiterated his appeal to the city dwellers to keep their garbage at the fixed time (6 pm to 10 pm) at different dustbins or garbage containers of the city corporation.

Local Ward Commissioner Mir Samir and a number of the local elite were with the mayor.



The High Commissioner of Brunei to Bangladesh Pengiran Setia Raja called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office yesterday. — PID photo

**RU convocation now Nov 29**

RAJSHAHI, Oct 10: The 7th convocation of the Rajshahi University has been rescheduled to November 29 due to unavoidable circumstances, reports APB.

Earlier, the RU authorities had fixed November 2 for the convocation.

No convocation of the university has taken place since the independence of the country.

**First show of Sultan O Sundari**

By DU Correspondent  
The first show of the play 'Sultan O Sundari' will be staged by 'Nandanik Natya Sampradaya' at the Guide House auditorium today at 7 pm.

Written by noted Egyptian dramatist Taufiq-Al-Hakim and translated and directed by Golam Sarwar, the first show of the drama will be attended by renowned artists and distinguished guests of the country.

**3rd consignment of wheat from WFP expected Monday**

CHITTAGONG, Oct 10: While the country faces a paltry harvest and soaring prices in grain markets due to the recent flood, the third ship carrying 15,000 tons of wheat donated by the UN World Food Programme (WFP) is expected to arrive here Monday, reports UNB.

A US flagged vessel, Overseas Arctic, is carrying the wheat from Canada for the country's flood affected people, said WFP officials here.

With the arrival of the consignment of 51854 tons of wheat, the WFP donation for Bangladesh will be completed, they said.

Six more vessels, carrying two lakh tons of wheat, are likely to arrive by the end of October while the rest of the committed 3.55 lakh tons will reach by early next year.

Meanwhile, the Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) has made arrangements to ensure quick berthing and start unloading of the donated and imported food grains. The government also deployed the army at the port on September 17.

CPA Director (Traffic) Sanwar Hossain said operation of the port gained momentum in last one month. There were 24 working ships at berths of the port while 24 others at its outer anchorage till Thursday.

**Manipal hospital offer for Bangladeshis**

Manipal Heart Foundation of Bangalore, India, will offer special heart care facilities for common Bangladeshi people, noted heart surgeon and vice chairman of the Foundation Dr Devi Shetty said in a statement, reports BSS.

He said that children with heart problems will enjoy several benefits, including financial assistance, from various charitable organisations.

The foundation has advised the heart patients of Bangladesh who intend to have their treatment at Manipal Heart Foundation Hospital to communicate with social worker Nahida Alam (phone-602208 or 222 Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka) to get necessary information.

**CONDOLENCE**



**Chowdhury Dabir Ahmed Siddiky**, owner of Hotel Pritom, Dhaka, Managing Director and Chairman of Pritom Services (Pvt) Limited, died on 09-10-98 at 12-15 AM. His qulkhawni will be held today at 4-30 PM "Bad Asr" at his residence Bourani Bhaban, SE(F)3 Gulshan Avenue, Dhaka.

All his well-wishers are cordially invited to attend and pray for his departed soul.

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**3.2 lakh VGF cards allocated in Khulna Div**

KHULNA, Oct 10: Three lakh twenty thousands and three hundred VGF cards have been allocated for ten districts of Khulna division, including Khulna City Corporation as part of post-flood rehabilitation programme, reports BSS.

Of the total VGF cards, 5100 have been allocated for Khulna City Corporation area, 27,300 for Khulna, 33,800 for Satkhira district, 67,700 for Bagerhat, 38,900 for Jessore, 29,100 for Jhenidah, 21,200 for Magura, 20,800 for Narail, 49,900 for Kusthia, 28,800 for Chuadanga and 8,300 for Meherpur district.

**Minhaj Happy Birthday**  
Hanif, Mebji, 1.5V & Appi C-749

**Maiaz Happy Birthday & Many Happy returns of the day** D-528

**ANNOUNCEMENT**  
The Daily Star and Young Entrepreneurs and Professionals Forum  
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If you are interested to attend the Conference, please register immediately (which is free but mandatory) by sending us your 1. Name 2. Organization 3. Designation to the following fax numbers — 886061 or 9350017. You may also register yourself by calling any of the following numbers — 9883161 or 885214.

**What's on today . . . .**

**Theatre:** Dhaka Theatre will present Merchant of Venice. Organiser, Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation. Venue: Mahila Samity auditorium. Time: 7 pm.

**Talk:** A talk on 'Origin and development of the Bengali language' will be given by National Professor Syed Ali Ahsan, Vice Chancellor, Darul Ihsan University. Organiser: Department of English, Darul Ihsan University (DIU). Venue: House: 25, Rd: 9/A, Dhanmondi. Time: 11:30 am.

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