



Pahari Gono Parishad, Pahari Chhatra Parishad and Hill Women's Federation brought out a procession in the city yesterday demanding full autonomy for the Chittagong Hill Tracts. —Star photo

Hasina calls for innovating modern technology

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday called for innovating new and modern technology to survive tough competition in the present-day world, report agencies.

"We've given priority to technical education in our proposed education policy and are taking effective steps for its development," she told leaders of Bangladesh Polytechnic Teachers Association at her office.

A 50-member delegation of the association, led by its president Shakhawat Hossain Mollah and General Secretary Shamsur Rahman, called on the Prime Minister and apprised her of their various problems.

They appreciated government efforts for successfully tackling the devastating flood and for taking special steps for the spread of technical education.

They also requested the PM to immediately implement the government decision to set up 16 more polytechnic institutes, including three for female students.

The Prime Minister said the government has laid topmost importance on education and allocated 15 per cent of the budget for this sector.

Referring to the devastating flood, the Prime Minister said the government is now trying to make up the losses caused by the flood, concentrating on post-flood rehabilitation and reconstruction activities.

In this regard, she urged the polytechnic teachers to go for plantation and to motivate others to recoup the losses in shortest possible time.

"With the limited resources, we want to build up the nation," she said, calling upon all to work sincerely to build a happy and prosperous country.

Responding to various demands of the polytechnic teachers, she said the government is looking into their problems and is taking necessary steps to solve those in phases.

Govt urged to begin trying killers of Zia, Taher, Manzur

By Staff Correspondent

A group of 91 freedom fighters in a statement yesterday urged the government to start legal proceedings for trying the killers of Zia, Manzur and Taher, as announced by the Prime Minister recently.

"The hanging of Colonel Taher, one of the leaders of the Liberation War after a farcical trial is one of the most heinous crimes against the nation and humanity," the statement said.

Referring to the book, "Challenge to Democracy" by Moudud Ahmed, the freedom fighters said, "It has been clearly stated in the book that some 42 army officers at a meeting decided to hang Colonel Taher prior to the so-called trial."

Among others, Rashid Ahmed, Dr Abdul Quddus, Dr M A Karim, Abul Hashem, Swapan Das, Abu Hena and Mansur Ahmed signed the statement.

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- Inaugural ceremony:** The inaugural ceremony of International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction Day 1998 will be held. Venue: Osmani Memorial auditorium. Time: 10 am. Chief guest: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.
- Discussion:** A discussion meeting on 13 freedom fighter army officers who were hanged in 1981 will be held. Organiser: 23 September Smriti Sangsad. Venue: Main auditorium of National Museum. Time: 4 pm.
- Film show:** "The Seven Samurai" by Akiro Kurosawa will be screened. Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society. Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium, Rd: 2, Dhanmondi. Time: 6 pm.
- Club meeting:** The weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga will be held. Venue: Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 5:30 pm. Guest speaker: Dr A M M Choudhury, Director General, SPAARSO, will speak on "Tracking the Weather."
- Club meeting:** The weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Eskaton Dhaka will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 5:30 pm.
- Club meeting:** The weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 5:30 pm.

Weather

Day temperature may fall

Light rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and one or two places over Dhaka and Khulna divisions with moderately heavy falls at places over Barisal and Chittagong divisions, reports UNB.

Weather may remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today.

Day temperature may fall slightly over the country during the period, it added.

The sun sets today at 5:34 pm and rises on Thursday at 5:56 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	34.0	27.1	86	73
Chittagong	31.0	24.8	95	80
Khulna	33.5	26.0	77	83
Rajshahi	35.0	26.6	80	83
Barisal	31.0	26.5	90	80

CU classes resume Oct 17

From CU Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Oct 13: All classes of the Chittagong University (CU) will resume on October 17 after a month-long autumn vacation.

All the offices of the CU opened on October 3 after a week-long vacation. Students have already started returning to their respective halls.

Chinese minister to visit Dhaka in November

Chinese Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs Wang Yi will visit Dhaka in the first week of November on a regular consultation mission, reports APB.

During his four-day tour from November 1, Yi will hold official talks with Foreign Secretary Mostafizur Rahman on bilateral matters and regional issues of common concern.

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Concern at news of clandestine radio station

By Staff Correspondent

Ekattorer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee and Mukti-juddher Smriti Sangrakkhan Kendra Trust have expressed grave concern at the news of broadcast of speech by Delwar Hossain Saidee from a clandestine radio station.

They also demanded arrest and exemplary punishment of the persons responsible for running the illegal radio station.

In a joint statement yesterday, the organisations expressed their deep anxiety and resentment at the news of a clandestine radio station that is broadcasting the speech of a war criminal.

The organisations also renewed their demand for trial of the killers of 1971 in a special tribunal.

"The Jamaat-e-Islami has been creating 'Taliban' by setting up training centres in different areas of the country. They have set up the radio station as part of their programme," the statement alleged.

"Their aim is to turn Bangladesh into a second Pakistan," it said.

Kuwaiti envoy meets Salahuddin

The Charge d' Affaires of Kuwaiti Embassy in Dhaka Majidi A Halim Al Barakat called on Health and Family Welfare Minister Salahuddin Yusuf at his official residence yesterday, reports APB.

The diplomat discussed the handing over of Kuwait General Hospital construction at Uttara.

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