



A discussion meeting was held to mark the 49th founding anniversary of the People's Republic of China at Hotel Purbani International yesterday. Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad was present as the chief guest. —Star photo

DU Mourning Day observed

By DU Correspondent

The Dhaka University observed Mourning Day yesterday to mark the tragic incident of a roof collapse at Jagannath hall in which a number of students, officials and employees of the university died in 1985. All classes were suspended and offices of the university remained closed yesterday. Black flags were hoisted atop all main buildings of the university and the university flag flew at half-mast. A mourning procession led by Vice Chancellor Prof A K Azad Chowdhury was brought out from the Aparajeo Bangla in the morning. Teachers, students, officials and employees took part in the procession. The procession ended at the monument in front of the October Memorial Building where the processionists placed wreaths. Special prayers were also held at the hall premises at 8 am. And *munajat* was offered at different mosques of the university after Asr prayers. At an exhibition held at the hall, portraits of the victims and other articles were on display. A discussion meeting was also held at the TSC auditorium in the evening. Education Minister ASHK Sadek was present at the meeting as chief guest.

3 get life-term for murder

MYMENSINGH, Oct 15: A court here yesterday sentenced three people to life imprisonment on charge of killing a man, reports UNB. The convicts were identified as Kamal Khan, Towhidul Islam alias Tablig and Alhajul Alam. Of them, Alhajul was awarded punishment in absentia.

The prosecution, in brief, was that a group of armed youths led by Kamal stabbed Belal to death while he was conducting the victory day function at the local stadium on December 16, 1991.

Police after investigation submitted charge sheet against 19 people. After examining records and witnesses Additional District and Sessions Judge (1st court) awarded the punishment acquitting 16 others.

Pakistan Women's Assoc Meena Bazar begins today

A two-day Meena Bazar begins at the Pakistan House in Gulshan-2 today in aid of the flood affected people of Bangladesh, reports UNB. The Pakistan Women's Association has arranged the bazar. A variety of beautiful and exotic items from Pakistan and elsewhere along with Pakistani food will be available at the Meena Bazar. It will remain open from 10 am to 5 pm.

Biman flights rescheduled

Biman Bangladesh Airlines has made some changes in its flight schedule due to withdrawal of one DC-10-30 aircraft from scheduled services for maintenance requirement from October 20 to October 29, a Biman press release said yesterday, reports BSS. The changed schedule on different routes is as follows: Biman's Dhaka-Bombay-Dubai flight BG029 of 24th October will operate on normal route and timings with air-bus AB10 instead of DC10-30 aircraft.

Biman's Dhaka-Jeddah-Dhaka flight BG033/036 of 26th October will operate delayed on 27th October departing Dhaka for Jeddah at 0500 hours. Biman's Dhaka-Riyadh-Dhaka flight BG047/048 of 27th October will operate delayed same day departing Dhaka for Riyadh at 2215 hours.

Biman's Dhaka-Kuwait-Dhaka flight BG043/044 of 29th October will operate delayed on 30th October departing Dhaka for Kuwait at 0400 hours. Biman's Dhaka-Calcutta-Dhaka flight BG091/092 of 24th October will operate delayed same day departing Dhaka for Calcutta at 0640 hours.

Biman's Dhaka-Kuwait-Bahrain-Dhaka flight BG041/042 will operate delayed on 26th October departing Dhaka for Kuwait at 0200 hours. Biman's Dhaka-Bombay-Dubai flight BG029 of 24th October will operate on normal route and timings with air-bus AB10 instead of DC10-30 aircraft.

Shahidur new DIG of Rly Police

By Staff Correspondent

Shahidur Rahman Bhuiyan, Additional Commissioner of Rajshahi Metropolitan Police was appointed DIG, Railway Police Wednesday, sources in the Home Ministry said. The post of DIG Railway Police fell vacant when Ashraf Huda was retired on October 7 along with 11 other police officials. Of the 11 officials, Huda and eight others were from the Army.

Workshop ends

MYMENSINGH, Oct 15: A three-day workshop on 'In-depth Reporting on Gender Issues' concluded at the local press club here today, reports UNB. Organised by News Network, a feature agency, 20 journalists of various national and local newspapers took part in the workshop. Editor of News Network Shahiduzzaman presided over the concluding session while Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh Agricultural University Dr Mohammad Hossain addressed as chief guest. Reporter of Ittefaq Hasan Shahriar, AP correspondent Farid Hossain, Chief News Editor of BSS Habibullah, senior journalist Mahmudul Hasan and local press club secretary Zillur Rahman were among the trainers.

BOU distributes seedlings

Bangladesh Open University yesterday distributed 4000 high yielding pumpkin seedlings among the flood affected peasants of Gazipur. Vice-Chancellor Prof M Aminul Islam distributed the seedlings at Gazipur campus of the university. Another 20,000 vegetable seedlings are being made ready soon for distribution, says a press release.

Unicef hands over 40000 kg high protein biscuits

A PIA aircraft from Peshawar of Pakistan arrived in the city yesterday carrying 40,000 kg of high protein biscuits worth Tk 76 lakh, reports BSS. UNICEF brought the biscuits to distribute among the malnourished children of the flood-hit areas of the country. With this consignment, the total quantity of high protein biscuit provided by the UNICEF for flood affected children rose to 148 metric tons.

UNICEF chief in Bangladesh Begum Shaida Afjar handed over the biscuits to joint secretary of the Relief and Disaster Management Ministry Mohammad Shamsul Islam at a simple ceremony at the airport. Begum Afjar said that UNICEF would offer more high protein biscuits and other food-stuff for the flood-hit people of Bangladesh.

Counterfeit soaps recovered

By Staff Correspondent

Labagh thana police recovered a huge quantity of counterfeit soap and cartons bearing the trade mark of Lever Brothers Bangladesh Ltd from a shop at 48, Mukim Katra in the city on October 12, says a press release. Among the seized products were 49 cartons of 'HEEL' soaps and 15 cartons of 'WILL' soaps that have the Wheel soap logo and six cartons of 'Little' soap which is similar to Lifebuoy soap. Police also recovered 15 empty cartons of Lux, 10 cartons of Lifebuoy, 3 cartons of Vim and one Liril soap carton from the factory of M/s Amir Soap Factory at 30/2 Debidas Ghat following a GD filed by Lever Brothers Bangladesh Ltd.

35,000 Bangladeshis to perform Hajj next year

Thirty-five thousand Hajj pilgrims both under the government management and private initiative would be able to perform Hajj next year from Bangladesh, reports UNB. An agreement to this effect was signed at Riyadh by State Minister for Religious Affairs Moulana Mohammad Nurul Islam and his Saudi counterpart Dr Mahmood-Bin Mohammad Safar.

After signing the Hajj Agreement, 1999 both the ministers discussed bilateral issues including different aspects of Hajj arrangement for the next year.

Vice President of ADB visits DND embankment

Vice President of Asian Development Bank (east region) Myong-Ho Shin yesterday visited the Dhaka Narayanganj-Demra (DND) embankment and some areas of Narayanganj to see the extent of damage caused by the recent devastating floods, reports BSS. During his visit he was apprised of the damages of roads, culverts and water sewerage lines of Narayanganj town and its adjacent areas. Deputy Resident Representative of ADB Francis B Narayan and head of agriculture Karimul Haque Talukder accompanied the ADB Vice President during his visit. Shin who came for a two-day visit to Bangladesh on Wednesday, also met with the senior government officials to discuss the post-flood rehabilitation project to be financed by ADB. ADB is likely to provide around 100 million US dollars credit under the flood rehabilitation project, said a senior official of the bank. Meanwhile a 14-member appraisal mission headed by ADB's senior programme officer Shyam Bajpai is now on a 12-day visit to Bangladesh for evaluating the flood rehabilitation projects where ADB is willing to provide funds.



In a latest move to ease city's traffic jam, rickshaws have been barred from plying through main thoroughfare, instead a portion of the road has been earmarked for the three-wheelers. In the picture taken from Panthapath, army personnel seen engaged in controlling the traffic yesterday. — Star photo

3 tribals held with firearms at Khagrachhari

Three tribal youths were arrested along with firearms on charges of extortion and kidnapping in the hill district's Dighinala thana today, reports APB. They were identified as Kundima Chakma, 24, and Mangal Chhiti Chakma, 21, of Koralchhari and Arun Chandra Chakma, 24, of Jaduyanana village in the same thana. People of Jora Panchhara village caught the three at around 1 pm with one cut-rifle, a kirich and a huge number of bullets. They were later handed over to Dighinala police.

Weather Moderate rain likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions with moderately heavy falls at places over Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB. Slight fall in day temperature is expected over the country during the period, according to Met Office. Country's highest temperature 34.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sylhet and the lowest 22.8 degree Celsius at Srimangol. The sun sets today at 5:32 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:57 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	31.4	25.6	82	88
Chittagong	32.0	25.8	71	77
Khulna	29.6	24.4	79	100
Rajshahi	32.4	25.1	75	82
Barisal	30.4	24.5	98	98
Sylhet	34.0	25.6	78	77
Cox's Bazar	33.3	25.0	85	77

HERE and THERE

NNSF

By Staff Correspondent National Non-Smokers Forum (NNSF) yesterday called upon all to extend a helping hand for the flood affected people by saving money from the daily expenses of smoking, says a press release. The NNSF president CGM Kamal made the call while addressing a meeting followed by a relief operation by the NNSF Kathalbagan Women unit yesterday.

RJSKP

Russel Jatiya Shishu Kishore Parishad (RJSKP) yesterday observed the 34th birth anniversary of Sheikh Russel, the youngest son of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, who along with his family members was brutally killed on the night of August 15, 1975, reports BSS. In observance of the day RJSKP held a discussion at the Jatiya Krira Parishad and distributed prizes among 95 children who took part at a cultural competition organised to mark the day. State Minister for Youth and Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader attended the function as the chief guest while State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury spoke as the special guest. Presided over by Mahmudus-Samad Chowdhury, secretary general of RJSKP, the function was also addressed, among others, by Akhteruzzaman MF and K M Shahidullah. Obaidul Quader said the government is committed to bringing back a congenial atmosphere in society for safe growth of the children and juveniles. "Children still deprived and neglected will get to priorities," he said.

Kindergarten Association

State Minister for Jute A K Fazul Huq on Wednesday urged all concerned to protect the rights and privileges of the students for ensuring their bright future, reports UNB. He was speaking at a certificate awarding ceremony to the meritorious students, organised by Bangladesh Kindergarten Association at the National Museum on Wednesday. The state minister said students are the great assets of the nation who will lead the country in future. It is our sacred duty to nurture our students properly with a view to materialising the dream of the Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, to build a happy and prosperous Sonar Bangla. Later, the minister distributed certificates among the scholarship holders. The function was addressed, among others, by Lion District governor, district 315 B-2, Director General of National Museum Shamsuzzaman Khan, president Bangladesh Kindergarten Association Khandakar Raisul Alam and secretary general M A Rashid Mia.

Qulkhwani

The quikhwani of Sarwar Jan Bhuiyan, a retired senior government official, will be held today at his 33, Elephant Road residence after asr prayers family sources said, reports BSS. Bhuiyan, a former additional director of Agriculture Department, died on October 8 at a city clinic. He is survived by a son and four daughters.

21,900 VGF cards being distributed in Rangamati

From Our Correspondent RANGAMATI, Oct 15: A total of 21,900 VGF cards are being distributed among the flood affected people of the hill district. The cards have been allotted from the Ministry of Relief and Disaster Management. Sixteen kg of rice will be distributed against each card from the current month. The district authorities received an amount of Tk 3 lakh in two instalments from the Prime Minister's Relief and Welfare Fund. The district authorities have been advised to purchase and distribute dry food among the flood affected people with this money. Meanwhile, 464 metric tons of wheat have been allotted under TR Programme of the Ministry of Relief and Disaster Management to meet the carrying and other related expenses. Another amount of Tk 69,621 has also been allotted by the ministry.

Resumption of publication of daily Khabar demanded

Leaders of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) yesterday called upon the Khabar management to immediately resume the publication of the daily and pay the arrear salary of the working journalists and other employees, reports BSS. Expressing their deep concern and indignation, the BFUJ president Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury and secretary general Abul Kalam Azad and the DUJ acting president Suva Rahman and general secretary Azzul Islam Bhuiyan in a joint statement said that the management has suspended the publication of the daily illegally and stopped paying salary and other benefits to the journalists for the last five months. The journalists leaders alleged that the Khabar management was involved in various illegal practices like drawing the government advertisements bills although they have kept the publication of the daily suspended. They said that despite all-out cooperation from the working journalists and other employees the Khabar management, time and again, resorted to various repressive measures against the journalists in various forms. The BFUJ and DUJ leaders called upon the management to remove the stalemate in the daily and resume the publication by giving up-to-date salaries and other benefits to the journalists and other workers. Otherwise, they said, the management alone would be responsible for any consequences there.



Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC) launched a special tourist bus service across the Bangabandhu bridge yesterday. Two double-decker buses with open-air tops have been introduced for this special services — these buses have been converted and redesigned from BRTC's old chain of buses with local technology.



Visitors at a stall of the annual science fair of Eton International School held at its premises yesterday. —Star photo



Managing Director of Janata Bank M A Hashem distributed agri-loans among flood affected farmers in different areas of Kaliakair thana under Gazipur yesterday. General managers Nurul Islam Mollah, W R Towheed, M A Salam, S A Khan and others were present on the occasion.

RHD Auction Notice

- Auction Notice : 2/EE/RHD/Netrokona/1998-99. No
- Name of work : Auction for different house, shops & trees at Jangail Mouza, PS Durgapur, Dist. Netrokona for construction of Jaria Bridge approaches road at 15th KM of Birisiri-Susung-Durgapur-Purbadhala-Syamgonj Road.

Description of Auction	Book value	Security deposit	Time limit	Eligibility of bidders	Rate of schedule
Houses, Shops & Trees	Tk 11,82,414/-	10% of quoted amount	7 (seven) days of work order	Persons/ Organisations	520/- (five hundred twenty)

- Name of office : Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka/ Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Divn Netrokona/Mymensingh/Tangail/Jamalpur/Sherpur/Kishoreganj/Dhaka/Planning (Roads & Bridges) Divn, Dhaka/Procurement (Civil) Divn, Dhaka/ Sub-Divisional Engineer (RHD), Road Sub-Divn, Netrokona, Kendua/1st Line Workshop Sub-Divn, Netrokona.
- Name of office : Office of the Divisional Commissioner Dhaka/Addl. Chief Engineer (RHD), Dhaka Zone, Dhaka/Superintending Engineer (RHD), Road Circle, Mymensingh/Planning Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka/Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka/Dhaka Road Circle, Dhaka/Executive Engineer (RHD) Road Divn, Netrokona/Mymensingh/Tangail/Jamalpur/Sherpur/Kishoreganj.
- Last date of selling auction documents : Up to 25-10-98 during office hours.
- Last date of receipt auction documents : Up to 12:30 PM on 26-10-98.
- Date & time of opening auction documents : At 2:00 PM on 29-10-98.

DFP-21575-12/10/98 G-2306 Executive Engineer (RHD) Road Division, Netrokona

Bangladesh Railway Engineering Department (East Zone) Tender Notice

Name of work	Quantity	Approximate cost	Site of supply	Cost of tender documents
1. Supply of stone ballast 38mm to 50mm size and loading into Rly. wagon	1,00,000 cft.	24.50 lacs	Chhatak Bazar	Tk. 750/- per set of each group.
2. Earnest money	: 2% of the quoted price.			
3. Eligibility	: Registered 'C' Class contractors of Bangladesh Rly. and 1st Class contractors of other govt./semi govt. department.			
4. Date and place of selling of tender documents	: Office of the Chief Engineer/East, Bangladesh Railway/Ctg., Divisional Engineer/3/Dhaka, Executive Engineer/Chhatak Bazar and Divisional Commissioner/Sylhet up to 27.10.98.			
5. Date and place of dropping and opening of tender documents	: Dropping 28.10.98, time 14.00 hrs., opening 14.30 hrs. of the same date on the above mentioned offices.			
6. Contractors of other govt. semi govt. department can purchase tender documents with prior permission of Chief Engineer/East/Bangladesh Railway/Chittagong on cash payment of Tk. 3,000/- (Tk. three thousand) only (non-refundable) as enlistment fee for this tender only.				
7. Authority reserves the right to accept or reject the tender as a whole or part thereof without assigning any reason.				

No. Rail/B/135 DFP-21576-12/10/98 G-2309 Chief Engineer/East Bangladesh Railway Chittagong.