

Metropolitan

President, PM greet Pope

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina have felicitated Pope John Paul II on the occasion of 20th anniversary of inauguration of his pontificate, reports APB.

In separate messages, the President and the Prime Minister conveyed warm greetings to Pope John Paul II on the happy occasion wishing him good health, long life and happiness.

Landell-Mills makes farewell call on FM

The country director of the World Bank Pierre Landell-Mills yesterday made a farewell call on Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad, reports UNB.

During the meeting, the World Bank executive recalled the 1996 general elections and lauded the introduction of caretaker government to conduct general elections, which he thinks could be a model for South Asia.

JCD welcomes today's hartal

BNP-backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) yesterday demanded arrest and trial of the 'killers' of Chanchal — a JCD leader, and welcomed today's hartal.

Wahiduzzaman Chanchal was the central vice president of JCD. He was killed Sunday night after being kidnapped.

The JCD brought out a procession on the Dhaka University campus and held a rally at the DUCSU premises yesterday noon.

The rally was addressed among others by Habib-un-Nabi Soheil, Monir Hossain and Monwar Hossain Rana.

BARC, Proshika sign agreement

The Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC) and Proshika Manobik Unnayan Kendra yesterday signed an agreement on "agricultural technology transfer", reports BSS.

Repatriation issue Pak FM's statement protested

By Staff Correspondent

Leader of Stranded Pakistanis Alhaj M Nasim Khan has strongly protested the recent statement by Pakistan Foreign Minister Sartaz Aziz regarding repatriation of stranded Pakistanis.

In a statement yesterday he said that the news item that Pakistan seeks \$200m from Rabita funds to repatriate Stranded Pakistanis was misleading and controversial.

He said under the agreement Pakistan was under obligation to provide 50 per cent of the total expenditure of US\$ 400 million. "But without contributing her own share how can Pakistan expect from Rabita to contribute its share?" he asked.

One hacked to death in N'ganj

NARAYANGANJ, Oct 21: A man was hacked to death allegedly by his in-laws at rail station area in Bandar thana on Tuesday night, reports UNB.

The victim was identified as Ashrafuddin, 28, son of Giasuddin, of village Kalyandi in Bandar thana.

Family sources said, Ashraf and his wife Saera Begum Setu had been leading a separate life for six months due to family feud.

On the day, Ashraf was attacked at about 8 pm by his in-laws while he was going their house at the invitation of his wife Setu. Police suspected that the invitation was a trap.

On information, police recovered the body of Ashraf from a beel at Kalabagh and arrested his wife, father-in-law Shafi Haji, Shafi's brother Noor Hossain and mother-in-law Morsheda Begum in connection with the murder.

Software exhibition

By Staff Correspondent

Self-employed Engineers' (Owners) Association (SEA) has arranged a software exhibition at the IEB auditorium in the city on Saturday, says a press release.

Minister for Commerce and Industry Tofael Ahmed will inaugurate the exhibition as chief guest at 10 am on the day.

Prof JR Chowdhury, Prof MA Hannan, Syed Alamgir Farroque Chowdhury and Dr Mohammad Kaykobad will also attend the function as special guests.

Hasina greets Australian PM

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has warmly greeted her Australian counterpart John Howard on his assumption of office, reports APB.

In a felicitation message, Hasina wished the Australian leader a very successful new term and looked forward to working with him in close cooperation in the coming days.

The Bangladesh Prime Minister also expressed her confidence that under Howard's leadership the friendship and cooperation between the two countries would be further strengthened.

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What's on today....

BCL Nat'l Council: The National Council '98 of Bangladesh Chhatra League will be held. Chief guest: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Venue: Engineers' Institute, Bangladesh. Time: 10 am.

Annual conference: The 3-day 21st annual conference of the Bangladesh Chemical Society will begin. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the conference as chief guest. Venue: BCIC auditorium, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A. Time: 4:30 pm.

Discussion on Polythene: The Environment and Social Development Organisation (ESDO) and British Council, Dhaka have arranged an open discussion on "Polythene: A threat to life and environment". Venue: British Council auditorium. Time: 3:30 pm.

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

Weather

Moderate rain likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over Chittagong and Rajshahi divisions and at a few places over Barisal, Khulna, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions in next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Moderately heavy falls is also likely at one or two places over Rajshahi and Chittagong divisions during the period, according to Met Office.

Slight fall in day temperature over the country is expected. Country's highest temperature 33.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and the lowest 22.0 degree Celsius at Rangpur. The sun sets today at 5:27 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:00 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	32.2	26.0	90	76
Chittagong	30.6	24.5	78	80
Khulna	32.0	25.0	75	76
Rajshahi	31.2	26.1	86	93
Barisal	31.8	24.8	79	63
Sylhet	31.2	25.5	88	93
Cox's Bazar	30.4	23.6	76	93

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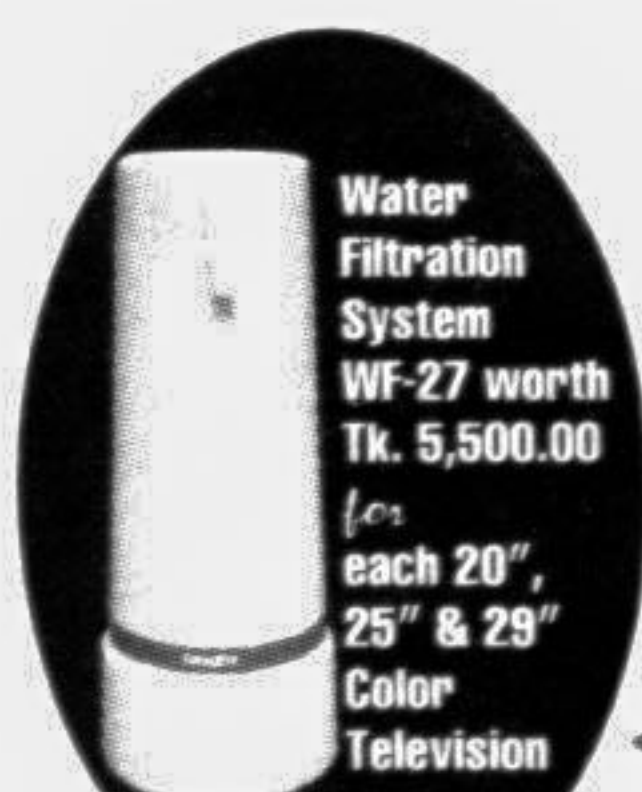


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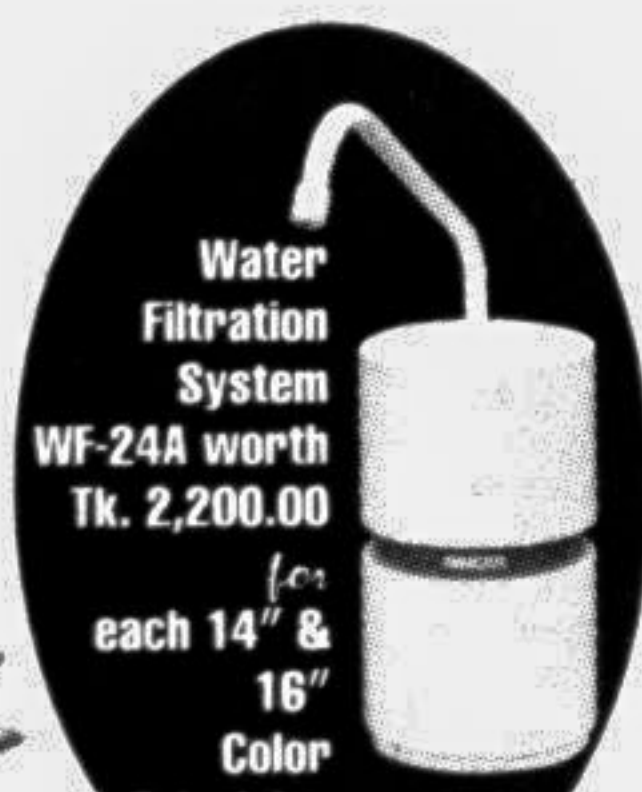
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