

# Metropolitan

## Youth festival begins tomorrow

The National Youth Festival '98 will begin in the city tomorrow to highlight the self-help initiatives among the youths, reports APB.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to inaugurate the eight-day festival at the Osmani Memorial Hall as chief guest, State Minister for Youth, Sports and Culture Obaidul Quader told a press conference yesterday.

The programmes of the youth festival include a 'youth fair' to be inaugurated by Commerce and Industries Minister Tofail Ahmed on Tuesday afternoon at the Sultana Kamal Woman Sports Complex.

Seminars will also be arranged on the occasion. Obaidul Quader listed the various development programmes undertaken by the government across the country for generating employment for the youths.

He said computer training centres are being set up in different district headquarters to turn young men and women into a skilled workforce.

During the current fiscal, the state minister said, an amount of Tk 27 crore out of the total Tk 63 crore has already been disbursed among the jobless

youths of the country.

An International Youth Centre is being built in the metropolis at a cost of Tk 12 crore having provisions for a modern auditorium, media centre, library, research centre and a dormitory for foreign students.

Director General of Youth Development Directorate M Fazlul Haq and Joint Secretary of Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Ministry M Sayed Abdur Rahman were also present.

## One held with arms in Narsingdi

NARSINGDI, Nov 29: Raipura thana police arrested a man with one revolver, one pistol, one pipe-gun and one bullet from Hasnabad Bazar in Raipura thana under Narsingdi district on November 25, reports BSS.

A police team led by Sub-inspector Zia Ul Huq arrested one Idris Ali from his vegetable shop.

Acting on his confession police recovered a bag containing one revolver, one pistol, one pipe-gun and one revolver bullet from a vegetable godown of Hasnabad Bazar.

## CIDA keen to provide help for legal reform programmes

The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) would actively consider to provide technical and financial assistance to Bangladesh in the implementation of its legal reform programmes, report agencies.

The assurance came from the visiting three-member team of CIDA who paid a courtesy call on Law Minister Abdul Matin Khasru at his office yesterday.

Robert D Woodhouse, Bangladesh Affairs Country Director of CIDA, led the delegation, said an official handout.

During the meeting, they also discussed the proposed National Human Rights Commission, Gramen Court and the office of Ombudsman.

The Law Minister sought financial and technical assistance from CIDA for the successful setting up of the proposed institutions — National Human Rights Commission, Gramen Court and the office of Ombudsman.

Khasru apprised the delegation about the government's various programmes to reform the country's conventional laws, especially those related to commerce, finance and banking.

## ABC general body AGM today

The annual general meeting of general body of Assistance for Blind Children (ABC) will be held at its head office today, reports UNB.

The election to ABC's executive committee for 1999-2000 will be held at 6:00 pm after the AGM, said a press release.

## PM condoles death of PN Haksar

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has expressed deep shock at the death of PN Haksar, former Special Assistant to the then Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, reports UNB.

In a message yesterday, Hasina said, "We remember him with great admiration and affection for the invaluable role that he played during our glorious war of liberation in 1971."

The prime minister said Bangladesh had lost a good friend by the death of Haksar.

She prayed for the eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed her heart-felt sympathy to the bereaved family members.

## British state minister due today

British Minister of State for Competition and Consumer Affairs Dr Kim Howells arrives in the city today on a three-day visit, reports BSS.

This will be his first official visit to Bangladesh.

Commerce and Industries Minister Tofail Ahmed and Dr Howells will jointly inaugurate a three-day UK trade fair at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel on December 2.

During his visit, Dr Howells will call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria, Commerce and Industries Minister Tofail Ahmed, and State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury.

He will also call on the Leader of the Opposition Begum Khaleda Zia.

Dr Howells will also have discussions with the local business leaders at the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI).

## Picture on Dhaka's flood to be used on front cover of WB publication

A photograph of Dhaka during this year's devastating flood will be used on the front cover of the forthcoming publication of World Bank to illustrate the vulnerability of Bangladesh to climate changes, sources in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said yesterday, reports BSS.

Colorado based Stratus Consulting Inc, which counsels the World Bank on environmental matters, recently spotted a photograph on the Website run by external publicity wing of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The photographs depict the situation in the capital's diplomatic area during flood which engulfed a large part of the city.

The consulting firm said they are in the process of developing a report on Bangladesh. The company sought permission to use the photograph and consent has already been given, the sources said.

## FBCCI team leaves for Kathmandu

A three-member delegation of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) left Dhaka for Kathmandu yesterday to attend a meeting on "Economic Cooperation in the Emerging East," reports APB.

FBCCI President Abdul Awal Mintoo, who is leading the delegation, will chair a session of the meeting, being jointly organised by Indian Chamber of Commerce, Calcutta and Asian Development Bank.

The other members of the delegation are FBCCI Executive Committee member Abdul Haque and General Body member of the SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry Saifulah Chowdhury.

## Relief goods distributed

Bangladesh Navy Ship Surma rushed to the cyclone-hit area of Dublar Char with relief materials received from DC Khulna and TWO Bagerhat following directives of the government, on November 24, according to an ISPR press release, reports BSS.

BNS Surma distributed relief goods among 800 cyclone-hit people at Dublar Char. The relief goods included biscuits, chira, molasses, candle, matches and fresh drinking water. A navy medical team also gave treatment to the affected people there.

## Weather

### No change in temperature

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with morning mist over the river basin across the country in next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period, according to Met Office.

Country's highest temperature 32.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Teknaf and the lowest 16.5 degree Celsius at Rajshahi. The sun sets today at 5:10 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:25 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	29.8	17.5	76	80
Chittagong	31.2	21.2	72	78
Khulna	30.0	18.2	71	75
Rajshahi	29.2	16.5	74	80
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Cox's Bazar	32.0	22.7	79	79

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| <b>M M Rezaul Karim</b><br>(Former Ambassador)<br>Convener | <b>ANM Ehsanul Haque, MP</b><br>Member Secretary |
| <b>Mostafizur Rahman</b><br>Memorial Council               | <b>Mostafizur Rahman</b><br>Memorial Council     |

**Chief Guest:**  
1. Mr Abdul Rahman Biswas, former President of Bangladesh.

- Special Guests:**
1. Dr A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury, MP, Deputy Leader of Opposition in the Parliament.
  2. Maj Gen (Retd) Majid-Ul-Haque, PSC, Former Agriculture Minister.
  3. Mr M Saifur Rahman, MP, former Finance Minister.
  4. Shaikh Razzak Ali, MP, former Speaker.
  5. Mr Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, MP, Secretary General (BNP), former Labour Minister.

**Venue:** Main Auditorium  
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**Date:** 2nd December, 1998 at 5:30 pm.

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