



Bangladesh AIDS Prevention Society brought out a procession in the city yesterday to mark the World AIDS Day. —Star photo

## World AIDS Day today

The World AIDS Day will be observed in the country today as part of a global campaign against the most dreaded disease, reports UNB.

This year's theme of the day is "Youth Force in Prevention of AIDS."

The President, Prime Minister and Health Minister issued separate messages on the occasion.

Various government, non-government and socio-cultural organisations have drawn up various programmes to mark the day.

The day's programme begins with a rally from the National Museum at 7:30 am which will end at the National Press Club after parading the city streets.

A discussion on AIDS will be held at the Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons (BCPS) at Mohakhali with Health and Family Welfare Minister Salahuddin Yusuf in the chair.

Bangladesh Betar and Television will broadcast special programmes while the newspapers will publish supplements highlighting the campaign. Medical colleges and hospitals across the country will also observe the day.

Programmes of the day also include poster exhibition, short film show and essay competition to create awareness among the people about AIDS.



Jatiya Grantha Kendra brought out a procession in the city yesterday on the occasion of Dhaka Book Fair that begins today. —Star photo

## Dhaka Book Fair begins today

By Staff Correspondent

The 5th Dhaka Book Fair begins in the city today. The fortnight-long fair will be inaugurated at the Chandrima Udayan in Sher-e-Bangla Nagar area at 4 pm by Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman, Chief Advisor of the former caretaker government.

Organised by the Jatiya Grantha Kendra, the slogan of this year's fair is *Paray Paray Pathagar Chai* (Libraries in every locality). A total of 93 publishing houses are taking part in it. The number of stalls is 192 while the number of pavilion is five. Jatiya Grantha Kendra, Bangla Academy, British Council, University Press Limited, Ahsania Mission have one pavilion each in the fair.

Publishing house with at least twenty-five publications of books during the last five years have been allotted stalls, a source in the Jatiya Grantha Kendra said.

All the books in the fair will be sold at 20 per cent discount, the fair organising committee source told The Daily Star. Apart from local publishing houses, local agents of few foreign organisations will take part in it.

The entry fee is fixed at Taka 2 per person. But there is a provision of exemption of this for school children. They will be allowed to enter the fair free of cost if they can produce a letter from school. With the entry tickets, a lottery will be held every day.

The everyday's programmes of the fair also include cultural function, film show, and children's programme. In commemoration of Nazrul's birth centenary, a day will be fixed for Nazrul's programme which include seminar's discussion and a session of Nazrul songs.

The theme of this year's fair is promotion (expansion) of libraries. The fair will remain open for members of the public from 3 pm to 9 pm everyday and on holidays from 11 am to 9 pm. Obaidul Gader, Minister of State for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs will attend today's inaugural ceremony as special guest while secretary of the Ministry Shamsuzzaman Mazumder will preside.

## Science confec concludes

By BUET Correspondent

The 20th Bangladesh Science Conference on 'Infrastructure and Human Resource Development in Science & Technology: Bangladesh Perspective' concluded in the city yesterday. The three-day long conference was organised by Bangladesh Association for the Advancement of Science (BAAS) and Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology.

Outgoing president of BAAS Dr M A Wazed Miah presided over the concluding session held, at the auditorium of BUET.

## Forest Ministry review meet held

Projects of the Environment and Forest Ministry under Annual Development Programme (ADP) utilised only 4.5 per cent of the total allocations during the first four months of the current fiscal, reports UNB.

This was disclosed at a review meeting of the ministry yesterday.

The meeting was told that only Tk 8.10 crore out of the total allocation of Tk 189.66 crore was disbursed for 29 projects, including eight new ones, during the four months.

## Hasina calls for unity to free country from poverty

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has called for unity, based on the spirit of liberation war, to free the country from poverty and hunger, and to build a strong, self-reliant nation, reports UNB.

"It will not be possible to implement the spirit of the independence and Liberation War, if we cannot free the nation from poverty and hunger," she told the members of Projanma '71 who met the Prime Minister at her office yesterday.

Projanma '71, an organisation of the sons and daughters of the martyrs of the Liberation War of 1971, submitted a memorandum to the PM urging early trial of the war criminals of 1971 and observance of April 17 (Mujibnagar Day) and December 14 (Martyred Intellectuals Day) at state level.

They also called for banning communal politics, increasing the facilities for the martyrs' families and incorporating more reading materials on the Liberation War in the text books.

She informed the Projanma '71 delegation that steps have already been taken to increase the allowance for the families of the freedom fighters as well as to properly identify and preserve the mass graves of 1971 across the country.

Hasina said an Independence Monument will be erected at the historic Suhrawardy Udyan, where a Liberation War Museum will also be constructed to preserve and display the glorious history of the nation.

"All of us would have to be united to preserve and project the glorious history of the Liberation War," she said and called upon the pro-liberation forces to be united for building up a happy and prosperous country.

Among the members of Projanma '71, who spoke on the occasion were Shaheen Reza Noor, Zahid Reza Noor, Nadeem Qadir, Tawhid Reza Noor, Aminul Islam, Gazi Salahuddin, Babul Chandra Dey and Kazi Sheila Jebin.

Shomi Kaiser and Mizanur Rahman handed over a poster of the organisation to the Prime Minister.

## Condolence meet on Naren Biswas

By DU Correspondent

A condolence meeting was held yesterday to pay tribute to late Naren Biswas of the Department of Bengali of the Dhaka University.

Presided over by Prof Rafiqul Islam, the meeting was addressed by Neetish Biswas, Dr Kazi Shahidullah, Tushar Barui, Prof Ataur Rahman and Prof Nuruzhan Begum.

Dr Mohammad Moniruzzaman, Dr Anisuzzaman, Dr Humayun Azad, Dr Syeedur Rahman, Dr Razia Sultana, Mohammad Abu Zafar, Ahmad Kabir, Abul Kashem Fazlul Haq, Dr Rafiqullah Khan and Meher Nigar also spoke.

## Qulhwani of Gen Mati held

The qulhwani of valiant freedom fighter and Adjutant General of the Bangladesh Army Maj Gen Mohammad Matir Rahman, Bir Protik, was held at his Dhaka Cantonment residence after the Asr prayers yesterday, reports BSS.

A *Milad Mahfil* was held and special *Munajat* was offered for the eternal peace of the departed soul.

## Train dacoity in Sirajganj

SIRAJGANJ, Nov 30: A gang of dacoits looted about Tk 50 thousand and goods worth Tk one lakh from the passengers of a train near Raipur station here on Sunday, reports APB.

Police and witnesses said a gang of 7-8 masked bandits, equipped with sharp weapons, swooped on the passengers after the 15-wheeled 554 train reached near Jhaoli in Kamarkhand thana, injuring 17 people.

They got down near the outer signal of Jamtoli station and decamped with the booty.

Of the injured, five traders — Moksed Ali Dilip, Ratan, Chaitanya, Sudhir and Dulal — were admitted to the local health complex.

Policemen rushed to the spot and rescued the injured passengers and arrested one Kabirul Islam, a suspended Ansar of GRP, on charges of involvement in the incident, sources said.

A dacoity case was lodged with the Sirajganj Bazar Railway police.

## Kibria hands over copies of financial rules to Hasina

Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria handed over the updated copies of general financial rules, treasury rules, subsidiary rules and account code to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office yesterday, reports BSS.

Officials said the rules were updated to suit the need of the time. Finance Secretary Dr Akbar Ali Khan was present on the occasion.

## Justice Habibur Rahman dead

Justice Mohammad Habibur Rahman died of heart attack at his Maghbar residence in the city yesterday evening. He was 71, reports APB.

Justice Rahman, also a former law secretary, went on retirement as a Judge of the High Court Division of the Supreme Court in 1994.

His body has been kept at BIRDEM and would be buried after the arrival of his sons from abroad.

Justice Habibur Rahman was the son-in-law of late Dr Mamtaz Uddin Ahmed, former Vice-Chancellor of Rajshahi University.

He left behind his wife, three sons, two daughters and a number of relatives and admirers to mourn his death.

## Dr Muti's death condoled

Ministers and state ministers yesterday expressed deep shock at the death of renowned scientist and academician Dr Abdullah Al Muti Sharfuddin, reports BSS.

In separate messages Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria, Food and Agriculture Minister Begum Matia Chowdhury, Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak, Home Minister Rafiqul Islam, Education Minister ASHK Sadeq, State Minister for Information Abu Sayeed, State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader, and State Minister for Primary and Mass Education Prof Zinnatunnessa Talukder said with the death of Dr Muti the country lost a meritorious son.

## Annual club fair held at NSU

The second annual NSU Club Fair was held on Sunday at the main campus of North South University at Banani.

This unique event is held at NSU each year to promote extra curricular activities of the university specially by the new students, say a press release.

The event was inaugurated by the Pro-Vice Chancellor of the university Prof Dr Hafiz GA Siddiqi.

## Seminar on Y2K held

A seminar on Y2K (Year 2000 problem) was held at Sonargaon Hotel on Saturday, says a press release.

Organised by Rapport Bangladesh Limited, the seminar was participated by 20 computer and computer related managers and executives from CARE International Bangladesh, Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation, Padma Oil Company, Janata Bank, Square Pharmaceuticals, Beximco Textiles, Duncan Brothers (Bangladesh) Dutch Bangla Bank, Delta Life Insurance Company, Habib Bank, Organon (Bangladesh), National Tubes and Al Baraka Bank.

The seminar was conducted by Information Technology Team of the British American Tobacco Bangladesh headed by its IT Manager M A Matin.



Nayanagar-Nurerchala (Baridhara J Block) Mukti Sangram Parishad brought out a procession in the city yesterday protesting the eviction from the area. —Star photo



Dr Masihur Rahman, ERD Secretary, and Frederick T Temple, World Bank's country director signing a \$200m IDA credit agreement for the Emergency Flood Recovery Project in the city yesterday.



M Mosharraf Hossain, Managing Director, Rapport Bangladesh Limited (Sitting 3rd from left) and M A Matin, Seminar Leader and IT Manager of British American Tobacco Bangladesh (Sitting 4th from left) are seen with the participants of a seminar on Y2K held at Sonargaon Hotel on Saturday.

## What's on today . . .

**Nat'l Youth Festival:** The inaugural ceremony of the National Youth Festival '98 will be held. Chief guest: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Venue: Osmani Memorial Hall. Time: 10 am.

**Inaugural ceremony:** The formal inaugural ceremony of the Information Technology Institute (ITI) will be held. Venue: House no: 47, Rd no: 12A, Dhanmondi. Time: 4 pm.

**Seminar:** Bangladesh Pharmaceutical Society has organised seminar on 'Prime Minister's no-harmal call and its positive impact on health sector'. Venue: Begum Sufia Kamal auditorium, National Museum. Time: 5 pm.

**Photograph exhibition:** Dristi, a cultural organisation, has organised a victory procession and a photograph exhibition in observance of the 'Victory Day'. The procession will begin from TSC, DU. Time: 10 am.

**Discussion:** Coastal Area Resource Development and Management Association has organised a discussion on 'Save the Royal Bengal Tiger' to celebrate UNESCO declaration of Sundarbans as World Heritage Site. 50th anniversary of INCN and a decade of environmental initiatives. Venue: Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 9 am.

**Discussion:** Youth Gono Forum has organised a discussion meeting on 'Challenges of 21st century and youth movement in Bangladesh' in observance of the National Youth Day '98. A cultural programme will follow. Venue: Kachi-Kancha auditorium, 37/A, Segunbagicha. Time: 3:30 pm.

**IEB seminar:** The Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh will hold a seminar on 'The Cardiff Bay Barrage'. Keynote paper: John Whitwell, Director, International Affairs- ICE, UK and Secretary, Commonwealth Engineers' Council (CEC). Venue: Seminar room, IEB Headquarters, Ramna. Time: 5:30 pm.

**Discussion on HR:** Human Rights Watch Bangladesh has organised a discussion meeting on present declining trend of human rights situation in Bangladesh. Venue: VIP Lounge, National Press Club. Time: 4 pm.

**Rotary Club meet:** The weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Ramna will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 5:30 pm.

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## Weather

### Dry weather likely

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry across the country during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports APB.

Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged during the period throughout the country. Met office forecast.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 31.0 degree Celsius was recorded at Cox's Bazar and the lowest of 16.2 degrees at Srimangal and Sathkira.

The sun sets today at 5:10 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:25 am.

Maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in Percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	30.0	17.1	76	80
Chittagong	30.4	19.8	83	70
Rajshahi	29.6	16.6	70	82
Khulna	30.0	17.3	77	78
Barisal	29.5	17.0	81	86
Sylhet	29.7	19.3	74	77
Cox's Bazar	31.0	21.0	75	77



## BCIC International Tender Notice

বিসিআইসি'র পণ্য শিল্পায়নে জাতীয় অগ্রগতির প্রতীক

The Managing Director, Jamuna Fertilizer Company Ltd., Tarakandi, Sarishabari, Jamalpur hereby invites sealed tender on C&F (C), Chittagong basis under any suitable financial source in two-envelope system for Import of 2000 kg. COAGULANT AID against Tender Enquiry No. JFCL/FP/UTILITY/1.72/235 dated 16.11.98. The tenders will be received up to 11.00 AM on 30.12.98 and be opened on the same day thereafter. Tender documents containing detailed terms and conditions will be available on payment of Tk. 50/= only (non-refundable) in cash from the office of the (i) Controller of Accounts, BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka (ii) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong and (iii) Jamuna Fertilizer Company Ltd on all working days. The management reserves the right to accept or to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof. No tender documents will be sold on the date of opening of tender.

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The Managing Director, Zia Fertilizer Company Limited (ZFCL), Ashuganj, Brahmanbaria-3403, invites sealed quotation in two-envelope system for supply of HYDRAZINE against Tender Enquiry No. ZFCL/OS-2041 on C&F (C) Chittagong basis. Tender documents will be available from the office of (1) BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka, (2) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong and (3) ZFCL on cash payment of Tk 400.00. Tender shall be dropped in the tender box kept in the office of the General Manager (Commercial), ZFCL up to 11:30 AM on 6.1.99. Quotations will be opened immediately after closing. No tender document will be sold on the opening date.

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## ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশন, ঢাকা

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ঢাকা মহানগর জেনারেল হাসপাতাল

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## দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশন পরিচালিত স্বাস্থ্য বিভাগাধীন নয়াবাজারস্থ ঢাকা মহানগর জেনারেল হাসপাতাল-এর ১৯৯৮-৯৯ অর্থ বৎসরের জন্য সিডিউলে বর্ণিত ঔষধপত্র, এক্সরে ফ্লিম ক্যামিক্যাল ও যন্ত্রপাতি সরবরাহের নিমিত্তে বাংলাদেশ ফরম নং-২৯১১তে প্রকৃত সরবরাহকারী/টিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হইতে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে। উক্ত দরপত্র আগামী ১৫-১২-৯৮ই/১৯ পৌষ ১৯০৫ বাৎ রোজ মঙ্গলবার সংশ্লিষ্ট হাসপাতাল, স্বাস্থ্য বিভাগ (নগর ভবন) ও আঞ্চলিক নির্বাহী কর্মকর্তাদের দপ্তরে সমুখে রাখিতে বাক্যে বেলা ১২-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত গ্রহণ করা হইবে এবং এদিনই বেলা ১২-৩০ মিনিটে দরদাতা/ভাষাদের প্রতিনিধির সমুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) সংশ্লিষ্ট হাসপাতালের পরিচালকের কক্ষে খোলা হইবে। নিম্নলিখিত হারে জামানত যে কোন সিডিউল ব্যাংক হইতে পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট-এর মাধ্যমে মেসর, ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশন-এর অনুকূলে দাখিল করিতে হইবে। টেন্ডার নোটিশ ফরম ও সিডিউলের মূল্য বাবদ নিম্নবর্ণিত হারে নগদ টাকা চালান মাফকৃত নির্ধারিত ব্যাংকে জমা দিয়া উহা ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের ক্যাশিয়ার, সংশ্লিষ্ট হাসপাতালের ক্যাশিয়ার/হিসাবরক্ষক ও আঞ্চলিক নির্বাহী কর্মকর্তাদের দপ্তর হইতে পাওয়া যাইবে। দরপত্র খোলার দিন টেন্ডার সংক্রান্ত কোন কাগজপত্র বিক্রয় করা হইবে না। টেন্ডারে বর্ণিত মালমালের দর অংকে ও কথায় স্পষ্টভাবে লিখিতে হইবে। দরপত্রের সহিত জামানত ও ট্রেড লাইসেন্স অবশ্যই দাখিল করিতে হইবে। এতদসংক্রান্ত যে কোন তথ্য অফিস চলাকালীন সময় হাসপাতালের পরিচালকের নিকট হইতে জানা হইবে। যে কোন টেন্ডার গ্রহণ অথবা বাতিলের সর্বস্বমত সিটি করপোরেশন কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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