



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina exchanging greetings with members of the Christian community on the occasion of Christmas Day at Ganobhaban yesterday. — PID photo

Army's Azan, Qirat competition ends

Prize distribution of the annual inter-area azan and qirat competition of the Bangladesh Army concluded at the Garrison Mosque, Dhaka Cantonment after the *Jumma* prayers yesterday, said an ISPR press release, reports BSS.

The Dhaka Infantry team retained the title obtaining 279 points out of a total of 400 points while the Dhaka Signals team became runners-up with 278 points.

Naib Subedar Mohammad Hafizul Haque of the Dhaka Engineers team finished first in qirat while in azan competition Lance Naik Mohammad Nasir Uddin of the Comilla area team became first.

Sapper Mohammad Halim Biswas of the Dhaka Infantry team secured the second position in azan while Naib Subedar Mohammad Iqbal, Hossain of Rangpur area, Havilder Mohammad Kabir Ahmed of the Logistic area and Naik Mohammad Nazmul Ahsan of the Dhaka Signals team jointly obtained the second position in qirat.

The first prize winners recited verses from the Holy Quran (*qirat*) and rendered azan on the occasion.

Essay competition

Saadi Foundation, a charity organisation set up in the memory of A T Saadi, has organised a nationwide essay competition for students and members of the public on the occasion of the holy Ramadan, a press release said yesterday, reports BSS.

The topics and the groups of the contest are as follows: Group 'A' — students up to Class X and equivalent. Topic: First day of fasting in my life (not more than 300 words).

Group 'B' — college-university students and equivalent. Topic: Ramadan for self-control (not more than 700 words). Group 'C' — open to all. Topic: Ramadan in our private and social life (not more than 1000 words).

Three attractive prizes will be awarded to each group. Essays should be submitted to Saadi Foundation, House No. 49, Road No. 41, Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212 by January 4.

Two arrested

PATUAKHALI, Dec 25: Police arrested two absconding criminals — Kaosar and Mizanur Rahman — from Charshiba Bazar in Galachipa thana on Wednesday, reports UNB. They were sent to thana hospital.

Christmas Day celebrated in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Dec 25: The members of the Christian community celebrated their greatest religious festival Christmas Day, marking the birth of Jesus Christ in the city today through traditional enthusiasm and due religious fervour, reports BSS.

The churches and Christian hamlets in Patharghata, Jamal Khan, Feringi Bazar and Alkanan have pulsed with the festivity when the houses and Christmas trees were beautifully decorated.

To mark the occasion, Hotel Agrabad hosted a reception to the children where Santa Clause distributed prizes among the participating children.

Mayor of Chittagong City Alhaj A B M Mohiuddin Chowdhury on the eve of the Christmas Day conveyed greetings to the members of the Christian community.

In a message, the mayor said Bangladesh is a glaring example of communal harmony and urged the members of the community to integrate themselves with the mainstream of the nation building activities.

What's on today....

Discussion meet: Society for World Peace and Human Rights has organised a discussion meeting on 'Anglo-American joint attack on Iraq and world peace'. Venue: CIRDAP auditorium, 17 Tophkhana Road. Time: 3 pm.

ASB meet: The monthly general meeting of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh will be held. Prof Shah Mohammad Keramat Ali, Institute of Nutrition and Food Science, DU, will deliver a lecture on 'Micro health, nutrition and food security situation of Bangladesh'. Venue: Society seminar room, 5 Old Secretariat Road, Nimali, Ramna. Time: 4 pm.

Rotary club meet: The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will be held. Venue: Desh Upodesh Ltd, House No: 4, Road No: 16 (New), Dhanmondi. Time: 3:30 pm.

Iftar party: Jamaat-e-Islami Dhaka City unit will host a Iftar party. Venue: Dewan Manjil, 60/E, Purana Paltan. Time: 4 pm.

Weather

Dry weather likely

Dry weather is likely to prevail over the country during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

No appreciable change in night temperature is expected across the country during the period, according to Met Office forecast.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 30 degrees Celsius was recorded at Cox's Bazar and Sitakunda and the lowest of 10.8 degrees Celsius at Dinajpur.

The sun sets today at 5:19 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:40 am.

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

	in Celsius		percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	27.8	11.4	74	75
Chittagong	28.7	16.0	81	68
Khulna	26.9	13.5	78	72
Rajshahi	26.5	13.5	73	74
Barisal	26.5	12.5	86	64
Sylhet	29.2	14.4	65	58
Cox's Bazar	30.0	17.3	73	61

SAIC meet begins tomorrow

A three-day meeting of the Governing Board of SAARC Agricultural Information Centre (SAIC) begins at the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council Complex in the city tomorrow, reports APB.

Members of SAIC Governing Board from the seven SAARC countries and representative from the SAARC Secretariat will participate in the meeting.

SAIC is the first regional institution under the framework of SAARC.

The meeting will review SAIC's past achievements and administrative matters and consider new programmes and its budget for 1999.

New Year celebration DMP warns revellers

By Staff Correspondent

Dhaka Metropolitan Police has warned of stern action against persons indulging in unruly activities during the new year celebrations.

DMP in a press yesterday said it has seen a section of youths in many parts of Gulshan, Banani and Baridhara disturb pedestrians specially, the girls by blasting crackers and spraying colours in the name of observing happy new year.

Police also mentioned that, this time December 31 will be observed during the holy month of Ramadan.

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Notice

57 candidates are nominated for admission in 5th phase due to vacancy of seats after auto migration from earlier published merit basis waiting list of 400 (four hundred) candidates for admission to 1st year BDS course at different Govt Dental Colleges/Medical College Dental Units in Bangladesh during 1997-98 academic year. They are given opportunity of admission to Dental Colleges/ Medical College Dental Units in respect of vacancy of seats on the basis of their merit & choice of college. The students (male/female) given opportunity are instructed to complete the course of admission by contacting the Principal of respective Dental College/Medical College Dental Unit by 15th January 1999. Other terms & conditions of Admission Notice published under Directorate of Health Memo No. Dte Health /ME/BDS/97/009 dated 21-1-98. It may be noted that detailed information on auto migration can be had at the applicant students' (male/female) respective college/dental unit.

Candidates selected from waiting list after Auto Migration

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DD 5684	DD 6248	DD 6393	DD 6948
DD 7241	DD 7283	DD 7399	DD 0916
RD 0095	RD 0515	RD 1217	RD 1895

Chittagong Medical College Dental Unit

CD 0061	DD 0277	DD 0642	DD 0658
DD 0789	DD 1129	DD 1168	DD 1380
DD 1883	DD 2035	DD 2546	DD 2935
DD 3212	DD 3703	DD 5432	DD 5389
DD 6821	DD 7504	DD 8022	

Rajshahi Medical College Dental Unit

DD 0984	DD 1305	DD 1418	DD 1432
DD 1871	DD 1904	DD 3371	DD 3934
DD 4750	DD 5065	DD 5418	DD 5523
DD 6126	DD 7083	RD 0311	RD 0853
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Visitors at a solo painting exhibition by Hassan Habib at the Shilpakala Academy auditorium yesterday. The exhibition was organised to mark the 10th death anniversary of the artist. —Star photo

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Workshop on 'Access to justice' today

A day-long workshop on "Access to justice: Towards a people-friendly legal system" will be held in the city today, reports BSS.

Law, Justice, and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Abdul Matin Khasru will inaugurate the workshop as chief guest at 10 am in the British Council auditorium.

Law and Justice Minister of South Africa Dr Abdullah M Omar is expected to be present as special guest. The workshop is jointly organised by the British Council and the Law Ministry.

The prime objective of the workshop is to initiate a process of selecting non-formal mechanism of justice for Bangladesh through consensus, organisers said.

The other objectives are to review the existing trends and issues of people's access to formal judicial system, examine some popular models of pre-trial dispute resolution and assess the use of non-formal mechanism for expediting justice.

In Bangladesh, according to the organisers, people's access to justice is still an opportunity and formal justice delivery system is expensive and time-consuming.

The judiciary is already overburdened with numerous litigations, they observed and said the backlog of pending cases hinders the desired materialisation of a number of constitutional promises and guarantees, especially the equal protection of law.

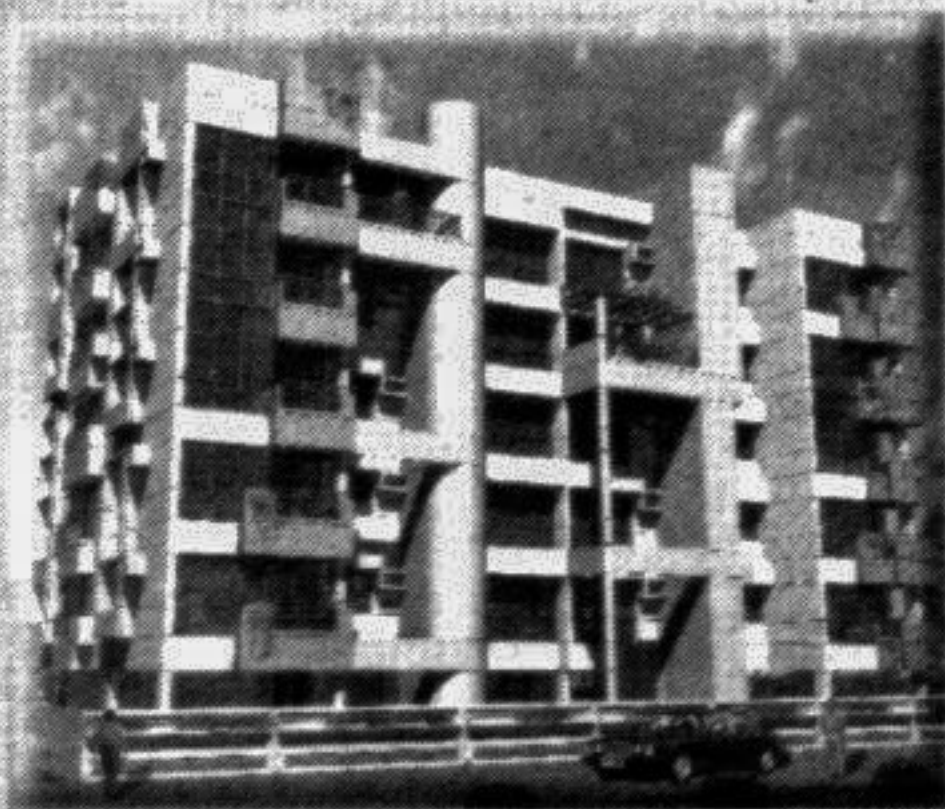
Iftar party for 700 people every day

Madrasatul Rasul (SM) is hosting Iftar party for 700 people every day on its premises at Mirpur in the city, madrasa sources said yesterday, reports BSS.

The Ambassador of Kuwait in Dhaka, Abu Abdullah Mohammad Al Mohaitib, is providing money for the Iftar party from his personal fund, the sources added.

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