



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 follow: 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 ha-jat.

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, Jamalkhan, Feringi Bazar and Alkanar have pulsated with the festivity when the houses and Christmas trees were beautifully decorated.

To mark the occasion, Hotel Agrabond 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.

Metropolitan

• 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 Topkhana 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, Nimgali, 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 an 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:

City/Town	Temperature		Humidity	
	in Celsius		in 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

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 cand dates 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

Dhaka Dental College	0232	DD	0335	DD	0460	DD	1667
DD	1794	DD	1868	DD	2446	DD	3165
DD	5684	DD	6248	DD	6393	DD	6948
DD	7241	DD	7283	DD	7399	CD	0916
RD	0095	RD	0515	RD	1217	RD	1895
Chittagong Medical College Dental Unit	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	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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