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## What's on today ....

**Dialogue:** The Committee of Concerned Citizens has organised a dialogue on 'Socio-Economic Implications of Recent Defence Purchases'. Designated discussants: Shahdeen Malik, Afsan Chowdhury, CR Abrar, Abul Barkat, Hossain Zillur Rahman and Anu Muhammad. Venue: VIP Lounge, National Press Club. Time: 4:30 pm.

**Publication ceremony:** The publication ceremony of 'Bangladesh Towards Twenty First Century' edited by Mohiuddin Ahmad will be held. Community Development Library has published the book. Chief guest: Education Minister ASHK Sadique. Venue: CDL auditorium, House No: 39, Road No: 14/A, Dhanmondi. Time: 6 pm.

## Weather

### Temperature may fall

Light to moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over Barisal, Chittagong and Khulna divisions and at one or two places over Sylhet, Rajshahi and Dhaka divisions with moderately heavy falls at places over Chittagong and Barisal divisions till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Slight fall in the day temperature is expected over the country during the period, the Met Office said.

Country's highest temperature 34.4 degree Celsius and lowest 23.7 degree was recorded yesterday in Sylhet.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:41 pm and rises on Wednesday at 5:28 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	31.7	26.2	82	74
Chittagong	31.0	26.4	93	90
Rajshahi	32.0	26.9	80	75
Khulna	31.8	27.0	79	80
Barisal	30.6	26.5	79	89
Sylhet	34.4	23.7	95	75
Cox's Bazar	28.0	25.0	92	95

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Deshamanya Lalith Kotelawala, Chairman, Ceylincos Consolidated Ltd of Sri Lanka seen with Abdus Smaad Azad, Foreign Minister, on Wednesday at the launching ceremony of a Bangladesh-Sri Lanka joint venture concern with ISSL at Hotel Sonargaon.

### PM shocked at loss of lives in Indian train accident

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said that she was deeply shocked at the loss of hundreds of lives at a train accident early Monday in the West Bengal state of India, reports BSS.

In a message to Indian Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee condoling the death of so many people, Sheikh Hasina said the government and people of Bangladesh join her in expressing deep sympathy to the members of bereaved families.

The Prime Minister expressed her sincere hope that the grief-stricken people of India will be able to bear their loss with courage and fortitude.

### Intra-factional BCL clash averted on DU campus

A prompt intervention by the central leadership averted a possible clash between two factions of Pro-Awami League Chhatra League (BCL) on the campus yesterday, reports UNB.

Witnesses said activists of Dhaka City (South) and Haji Mohammad Muhsin Hall of Dhaka University came face to face over taking place in front of Madhu's canteen.

Armed cadres of one group brandished cut rifle and Chinese axe during hot altercation.

BCL president Bahadur Bepari, who was inside the Madhu's Canteen at that time, came out and ordered the activists of Muhsin Hall to leave the place.

The matter was later mutually resolved mediated by central leaders.

Meanwhile, Samajtantrik Chhatra Front (SCF) president Nurul Islam and general secretary Saifur Rahman Tapan condemned the incident.

In a statement, they said the ruling party and its student front was trying to curb the democratic movement in one hand and on the other creating anarchy through terrorist activities.

They called for building a mass student movement against the 'undemocratic' and 'terrorist' government of Sheikh Hasina.

### Rotary News

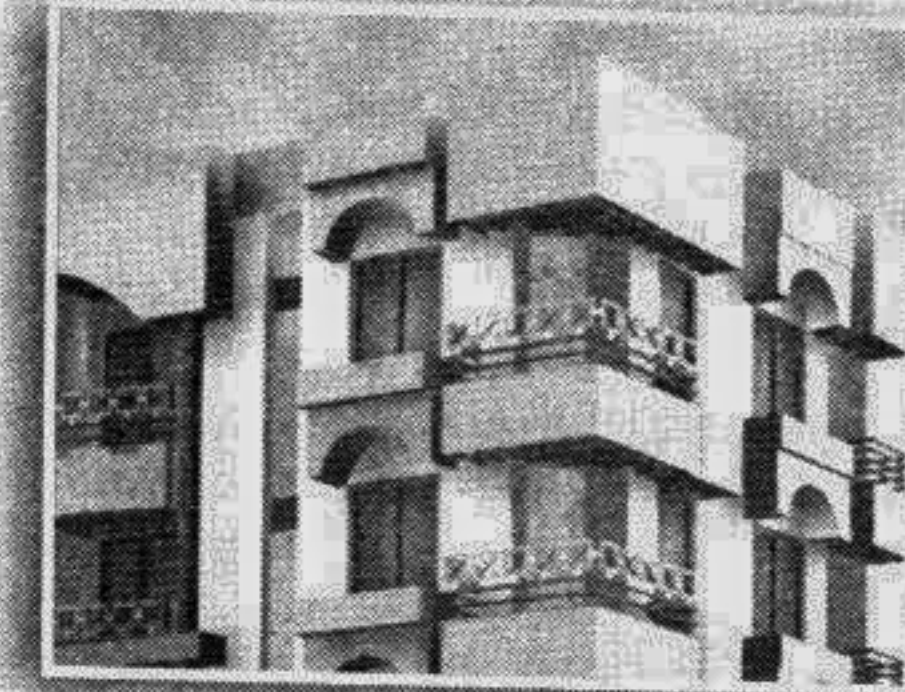
#### Weekly meeting

The regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka will be held today at 5:00 pm at Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel. Rtn PDG. M Ali Mahbub, PHF, B. MD, will be the Guest Speaker. He will speak on "Rotary Fellowship to Uzbekistan". All members have been requested to attend on time, says press release.

The regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Ramna will be held today at 5:30 pm at Dhaka Club. Shahed Ferdous will speak on his recent 8 country tour as guest speaker, says a press release.

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