

What's on today....

Public dialogue: British Council and Centre for Alternatives in association with The Daily Star will hold the 1st part of a 2-day public dialogue on "Children and Security". Today's topic is "Children and Security - from children's perspective". Venue: British Council auditorium. Time: 3:00 pm-7:00 pm.

Film show: A four-day long programme of screening of Tanvir Mokammel's Chitra Nadee Pare will begin. The film will be screened three daily. Venue: Shawkat Osman auditorium of Public Library. Time: 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

Diploma award ceremony: Global Partnership Programme will hold the post-graduate diploma awarding ceremony of post-graduate course on "NGO Leadership and Management". Venue: BRAC Centre auditorium. Time: 4:00 pm.

Film session: Rainbow Film Society in association with the Goethe Institut will screen two movies "The 400 Blows and Fahrenheit 451" on the 2nd day of "Focus on New Wave Film Makers". Venue: Goethe Institut. Time: 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm respectively.

..... and tomorrow

Seminar: Transparency International-Bangladesh will hold a seminar on "Corruption in Public Administration". Chief guest: Chief Justice Mustafa Kamal. Venue: CIRDP auditorium. Time: 9:00 am.

Film session: Rainbow Film Society in association with Goethe Institut will screen two movies "A Judgement in Stone and Blood of Others" on the concluding day of "Focus on New Wave Film Makers". Venue: Goethe Institut. Time: 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm respectively.

Public dialogue: British Council and Centre for Alternatives in association with The Daily Star will hold the 2nd part of a public dialogue. The topic is "Children and Security - from adult's perspective". Venue: British Council auditorium. Time: 3:00 pm-7:00 pm.

Zikr mahfil: The monthly Zikr Mahfil of Anzuman-E-Toazia will be held. Venue: Khanakaya Toazia at 27, Shiddheshwari Road. Time: After Magrib prayers.

Weather

Moderate rain likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers with temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Chittagong, Barisal and Rajshahi divisions and at a few places over Khulna, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions till 6 pm today, reports UNB. Moderately heavy falls may occur at one or two places over Barisal, Chittagong and Rajshahi divisions during the period, Met Office said. Met Office also predicted a slight rise in day temperature over the country. The country's highest temperature yesterday was recorded 32.7 degree Celsius at Srimangal and the lowest 24.4 degrees at Hatia. The sun sets in the capital today at 6.17 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.40 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	
Dhaka	30.4	26.2	82
Chittagong	32.2	25.5	81
Rajshahi	30.5	25.6	85
Khulna	32.1	25.1	92
Barisal	30.5	24.5	100
Sylhet	31.9	25.3	75
Cox's Bazar	31.7	25.0	87

Rotary News

Weekly meeting: The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held today at the Dhaka Club Ltd at 5:30 pm, says a press release. All members have been requested to attend on time. The regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Eskaton Dhaka will be held today at 5:30 pm at Dhaka Club Ltd, says a press release.

81st birth anniversary of Osmani today

The 81st birth anniversary of General Mohammad Ataul Ghani Osmani will be observed today, reports BSS. Elaborate programmes have been chalked out by different socio-political organisations to celebrate the birth anniversary of Gen Osmani, the Commander-in-Chief of the Mukti Bahini. Bangabir Osmani Smriti Parishad will hold a discussion at the Osmani Memorial Hall in the city. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, in a message on the eve of the day, paid tributes to the late national hero. She said former member of parliament and minister, Gen Osmani, was a skilled commander who contributed much to the freedom struggle. The prime minister also prayed to Almighty Allah for the eternal peace of the departed soul.

BOU DCA registration date extended

The last date for registration into the 2nd semester of Diploma-in-Computer Application '99 (DCA) programme of Bangladesh Open University (BOU) has been extended to September 16, says a press release. The classes for this programme will now begin on September 17.



Sylhet Bibhag Unnayan Parishad brought out a rally in the city yesterday to press for their demand to observe Bangabir General MAG Osmani's birth and death anniversaries at national level. -Star photo



Calvin R Humphrey, US Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Affairs of the US Department of Energy visited the Muktiyuddha Judugarh yesterday. Akku Chowdhury, Director of the museum, is also seen in the picture.

Asst TEOs: Candidates selected for viva

The candidates bearing the following registration numbers have been provisionally selected to appear in the viva-voce examination for the post of Assistant Thana Education Officer under the Directorate of Primary and Mass Education Programme, Ministry of Education, says a press release.

Table listing candidate registration numbers for Assistant Thana Education Officers. The table contains multiple columns of numbers, including 000001, 000019, 000031, etc., up to 023904.

BCUTA confce held at BAU

Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr Muhammad Hussain called upon the teachers to maintain a congenial academic atmosphere on the campus as well as to discharge their own responsibilities in imparting proper education to the students, says a press release. Speaking as chief guest at the inaugural function of the fourth biennial conference '99 of the Bangladesh College University Teachers Association (BCUTA) held at the Faculty of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology Gallery of the Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU), the Vice-Chancellor stressed the need for modernisation of teaching methodology, research and extension facilities in the educational system so that BAU and all other universities and colleges of the country can compete with the international field of education.

Microwave channels of N'ganj to remain snapped for 2 hours

All microwave channels of Narayanjan district will remain closed for about two hours from 5 am on September 3 for maintenance work, reports UNB.

A T&T Board press release yesterday said the height of the antenna of the microwave tower is being raised to improve the telecommunication service in the district.

The Board expressed regret for the temporary inconvenience that may be caused to the subscribers.

Armed Forces

From page 12 mentioned the enhancement of the budgetary allocation for the armed forces, establishment of an infantry brigade at Sylhet, setting up of national defence college, military institute of science and technology and armed forces medical college. She also referred to the enhancement of ration, allowances, salary and residential facility for the members of the armed forces.

Regarding transshipment of Indian goods through Bangladesh, the prime minister said her government took the decision in principle as a continuity of the international agreement signed by the past government.

She said initially Indian goods would be transported through only one route in Bangladesh by Bangladesh transports. It would provide job facilities to the people of Bangladesh. Moreover, the country would get royalties from the Indian government, she added.

Besides, Bangladesh will get duty-free export-facilities for at least 20 items to India, she said. The prime minister also replied to queries from the attending generals in the meeting where it was unanimously viewed that the transshipment would not hamper the national security of Bangladesh. Rather, it would help achieve economic benefit and build up development infrastructure.

School debate controversy Dismissal of BTV official demanded

By Staff Correspondent

Some 10 leading debaters in a statement yesterday demanded dismissal of a BTV programme assistant for his alleged irregularities in BTV school debate.

Demanding a probe into the incident as reported in some newspapers, the debaters urged the BTV authorities to cancel the debate programme and re-cast the whole event.

The statement came after reports in some newspapers that a pre-cadet school from Cox's Bazar was favoured unduly leading it to the final competition. Team leader of the school's debating team is a daughter of one of the judges. She also comes from the same village of the programme assistant in question, the statement said.

It was alleged that better debating teams were knocked out of the preliminary round of the competition 'technically' and 'very minutely' to help the Cox's Bazar pre-cadet school to go to the finals.

Teams from schools like Vigarunnessa Noon School, Govt Laboratory School, Motijheel Ideal School, Rifles Public School and College, Willis Little Flower School, St Joseph's School, Foudjerdhat, Cadet College, Jheridhat Cadet College and other forerunning schools were 'technically' thrown out of the competition, the statement said.

The statement also alleged that an outsider programme assistant in collaboration with few BTV officials had played foul in return for financial benefits. "This unscrupulous behaviour of BTV has undoubtedly ruined whatever credits it had earned before and this is not only unwanted but totally ignominious," the statement said.

Among others Hassan Ahmed Chowdhury Kiron, past president, Dhaka University (DU) Debating Society, A K M Soeb, past president, DU Debating Society, Iqbal Ali Khan, past president NSU Debating Club and Ferdousi Ahmed Chowdhury, ex-team leader, Bangladesh-Kuwait Moitree Hall TV Debate Team signed the statement.

Ambulances for thana health complexes recommended

A meeting of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare Ministry yesterday recommended allocation of necessary fund for purchase and repair of ambulances, reports UNB. It also suggested that ambulances be provided to thana health complexes, which don't have any, said a press release of Parliament Secretariat.

The meeting, held at Sangsad Bhavan with committee Chairman Dr Kazi Abu Yusuf in the chair, observed that the number of ambulances in the country is inadequate and many have to be repaired.

It reviewed the activities of Health and Population Programme under the Health Ministry and progress of setting up community clinics in the un.

Mannan Bhuiyan visits ailing ex-R&H engineer

BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday visited ailing former chief engineer of Roads and Highways Department, Hatedin Ali Khan, father of Workers' Party leader Haider Akbar Khan Rano, at a city clinic.

Hatem Ali Khan has been suffering from various diseases. Bhuiyan inquired about his treatment and wished early recovery.

Mannan Bhuiyan also visited BNP's Mass Education Secretary Alamgir Kabir, MP, who was released on bail recently, at BIRDEM Hospital.

A BNP press release said the condition of the MP deteriorated further due to diabetes. Doctors of the hospital advised the lawmaker complete bed rest.

Later, the BNP secretary general visited Faridpur district BNP president Shahajada Mia at South Asian Hospital. He was injured in terrorist attack during Monday's mass procession in the city.

Bhuiyan also visited ailing Sitara Begum, mother of BNP leader Sirajul Islam Selim, at the South Asian Hospital.

Meanwhile, the BNP secretary general in a condolence message expressed deep shock at the death of Mirsaraj thana BNP vice president Fazlul Haq Mia.

He prayed for the salvation of the departed soul and conveyed sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

ইউ সি বি এল কর্তৃপক্ষের কৃতজ্ঞতা প্রকাশ

সম্মানিত গ্রাহক ও সর্বাধিকারপের সদয় অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, ইউনাইটেড কমার্শিয়াল ব্যাংক লিঃ এর অবস্থা সম্পূর্ণ স্বাভাবিক। দেশের বেসরকারী খাতের অন্যতম পুরাতন ও বৃহত্তম ব্যাংকিং প্রতিষ্ঠান হিসেবে ইউসিবিবির সকল প্রকার গ্রাহক সমাজের সর্বাধিক আস্থা অর্জনের মাধ্যমে বিগত ১৬ বছরেরও অধিককাল ধরে সমগ্র দেশে ৯৯টি শাখার মাধ্যমে সুসময়ের সঙ্গে ব্যাংকিং সেবা প্রদান করে আসছে। ব্যাংকের সন্তোষজনক লিকুইডিটি ও নিজস্ব সম্পদের শক্তিশালী বুনিন্যাদ দ্বারা সফলভাবে ইউসিবিবির ব্যাংকিং কার্যক্রম পরিচালিত করছে যা বিভিন্ন দৈনিক পত্র-পত্রিকায় ইতিমধ্যেই প্রকাশিত হয়েছে।

আমাদের সম্মানিত গ্রাহক, পৃষ্ঠপোষক, শুভানুধ্যায়ী, গণমাধ্যম, বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক এবং সর্বস্তরের সচেতন জনগণ সূত্রে ব্যাংকিং কার্যক্রম নির্বাহে যেভাবে সাহায্য, সহযোগিতা ও সহানুভূতি প্রদান করছেন সে জন্যে ইউসিবিবির পক্ষ থেকে সকলকে আন্তরিক কৃতজ্ঞতা ও ধন্যবাদ জানানো যাচ্ছে। ইউসিবিবিরে নতুন শতাব্দীর আলোকে আরো শক্তিশালী করে গড়ে তোলার জন্যে আমাদের সূত্রে অঙ্গীকার প্রকাশ করে সকলের দোয়া ও সমর্থন কামনা করছি।

ইউনাইটেড কমার্শিয়াল ব্যাংক লিঃ বেসরকারী ব্যাংকিং জগতে এক অনন্য গণিতীয় নাম



Inner Wheel Club of Metropolitan Dhaka recently held its annual installation ceremony at a local hotel. Outgoing President of the club Hasina Farid (2nd Right) is seen welcoming her successor Karimunnessa Matin in the picture.

Ashrafi wants to be a computer engineer

Ashrafi Tanvir Hossain, a student of Dhaka College, has stood 5th in combined merit list of Science Group of the HSC exam under Dhaka Board, says a press release. He obtained a total of 938 marks with distinctions in 4 subjects. Ashrafi is the son of Ashrafi Shorab Hossain, an engineer from Kaliganj thana of Gazipur. He had also stood 10th in the combined merit list of SSC examination from Science Group in 1997. Ashrafi whose favourite personality is Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, wants to be a computer engineer in future.