

## What's on today....

**Education fair:** An education fair will be held as part of the week long programmes to mark the Literacy for Elders Week. A musical programme and street drama will also be held on the occasion. Venue: National Museum and Bahadur Shah Park respectively. Time: 3:30 pm-8:00 pm and 4:00 pm-6:00 pm respectively.

**Public dialogue:** British Council in association with Centre for Alternatives and The Daily Star will hold a dialogue on "Children and Security — from adult's perspective," the last in a two-part series. Venue: British Council auditorium. Time: 3:00 pm-7:00 pm.

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**Workshop:** DFID, UK in association with the government will inaugurate the workshop on a portfolio project on "Organisational Review — Ministry of Commerce". An exchange of opinion views meeting titled "Prospect of revitalising the share markets in Bangladesh". Venue: Federal conference room, Federation Bhaban, 60 Motijheel C/A. Time: 10:00 am and 3:30 pm respectively.

**Seminar:** A seminar on "Human Resources Development and Continued Education" will be held as part of the week long programmes to mark the Literacy for Elders Week. Venue: National Museum auditorium. Time: 10:00 am

**Catalogue show:** Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) in cooperation with the US embassy will inaugurate its two-day long catalogue show on "Pollution prevention and control". Chief guest: Tofail Ahmed, Minister for Commerce and Industries. Venue: DCCI auditorium. Time: 10:00 am.

## Weather

## Moderate rain likely

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

Day temperature may rise slightly across the country during the period. Met Office said.

The country's highest temperature yesterday was recorded at 34.2 degree Celsius at Rajshahi and the lowest 24.2 degrees at Srimangal.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:12 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:42 am.

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

City/Town	Temperature			Humidity in percentage
	Max	Min	Morning	
Dhaka	33.4	27.0	81	69
Chittagong	33.0	26.2	71	77
Rajshahi	34.2	26.4	80	87
Khulna	33.5	26.0	87	88
Barisal	33.0	26.5	83	78
Sylhet	31.7	25.0	95	85
Cox's Bazar	32.9	25.5	78	89



Dr Hafiz G A Siddiqi, pro-Vice Chancellor of the North South University addressing the orientation programme.

## NSU welcomes freshers

North South University (NSU) held an orientation programme for the fresher of fall semester 1999 at its campus yesterday. Prof Hafiz GA Siddiqi, the pro-Vice Chancellor of the university welcomed the new students, says a press release.

Congratulating the students for their success in the very competitive admission test Prof Siddiqi said that approximately one in four who appeared in the test has been accepted or admission in this semester. He said NSU academic environment is very different from other universities in the country.

## One murdered in Rajshahi

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Sept 5: One person was brutally killed in broad daylight at Augariapara in Chapainawabganj municipal area last morning.

The victim was identified as Kabir of the same village.

Police said that the killing was a sequel to previous enmity.

## 'Shanti Nibash' in Bagerhat soon

BAGERHAT, Sept 5: As part

of government's commitment to ensure safe dwelling houses for the elderly destitute people, the second Shanti Nibash of the country is going to be built in Fakirhat thana of the district soon, reports UNB.

Officials at the local Social Welfare office said works on the Tk 1.5 crore Fakirhat project would begin this month.

They said some 100 semi-pucca rooms would be constructed on the compound of Fakirhat Orphanage to accommodate 60 destitute old men and 40 women.

## Paper presentation

Noted dentist Dr Arup Ratan Chowdhury has presented a scientific paper at the 4th World Diabetics Congress of the West Pacific held recently in Sydney.

His paper was on the relationship of diabetes with antioxidants and vitamins, said a press release.

Dr Chowdhury presented papers on the subject with a Japanese researcher.

Researchers from 40 countries presented papers at the conference.

## Chief Whip BNP trying to create anarchy

BARISAL, Sept 5: Chief Whip of the Jatiya Sangsad Abdul Hasanat Abdullah has said the BNP is trying to create anarchy in the name of movement before signing of the transhipment treaty as they could not get out of the politics of falsehood and conspiracy, reports BNP.

Addressing a meeting arranged on the occasion of loan distribution among marginal weavers under weaving Board at Agoljhara thana of the district on Friday, Abdullah said the BNP led four-party opposition has no programmes relating to the welfare of the people.

The BNP is trying to grab power through any means and by plotting against the elected Awami League government.

The Chief Whip said the government has taken pragmatic steps to flourish weaving industry. He distributed checks worth Tk 4.8 lakh among 48 weavers.

Presided over by District Commissioner Md Alauddin, the meeting was also addressed, among others, by Divisional Commissioner Yahia Mollah, Member of the Weaving Board Ashadul Haq and Awami League leader Talukdar Md Yunus.

Later, the Chief Whip distributed cheques among unemployed youths at Chadshi under Gouronadi thana.

## Housewife murdered after gang rape in Jessore

JESSORE, Sept 5: Unidentified miscreants raped and killed a young housewife at village Sreekanthagar in Kotwala thana yesterday, reports UNB.

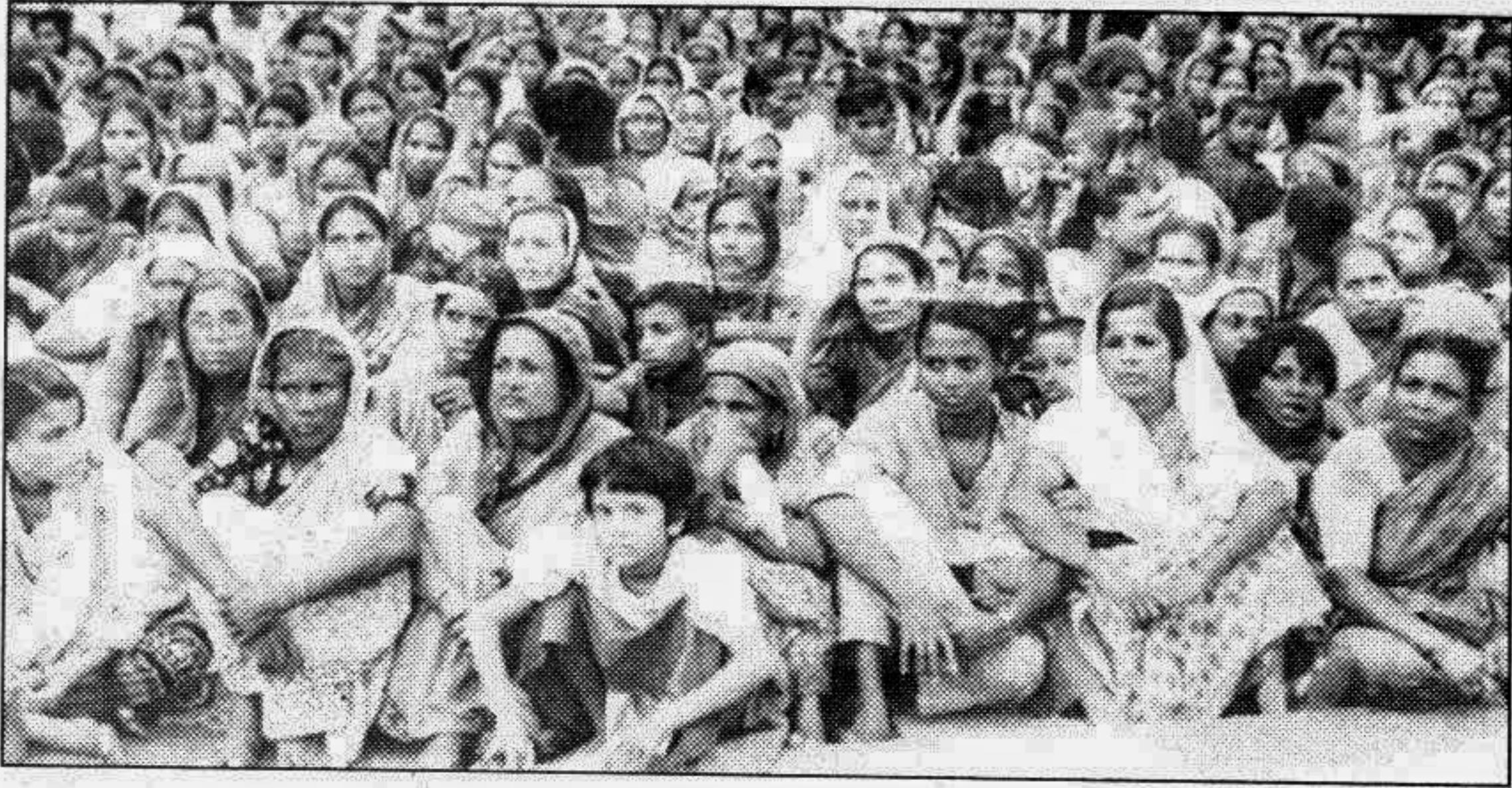
Police said the rapists picked up the victim, wife of one Shariful Islam and a worker of CARE, at gunpoint when she came out of their house to use the outdoor toilet at about 9 pm.

The miscreants gang raped and slaughtered her in a nearby field.

On being informed by locals, police recovered the body and sent it to hospital morgue for autopsy. A case was also filed.

Another report says: Villagers caught a woman trying to pick up a one-year-old girl from Noapara Bazar in Abhoynagar on Saturday.

Villagers said they nabbed Selima, 30, when she tried to pick up the baby seeing her father busy in shopping. She was handed over to police.



Sammilito Samajik Andolon held a rally demanding an end to eviction of slums and rehabilitation of slum dwellers at the central Shaheed Minar premises in the city yesterday.

## President calls for collective efforts to address health problems

President Shahabuddin Ahmed yesterday called for collective efforts to address the health related problems in the South East Asia region, reports BSS.

The region shares a number of endemic health related problems which need to be addressed through collective efforts of the neighbouring countries, he said in a message on the occasion of the 52nd Regional Committee Meeting of the South East Asia Region of the World Health Organisation (WHO) in Bangladesh.

He said the meeting is an excellent opportunity for the members of the regional committee to exchange views among themselves.

He said the WHO and other development partners have been extending support and cooperation in effective execution of the country's health care programme.

In another message Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina expressed her belief that the World Health Organisation (WHO) would further strengthen its support and assistance to all the member states in the fight against disease and disability, specially those in South East Asia.

In a message on the occasion of the 52nd Regional Committee Meeting of South East Asia of WHO, the prime minister said she was happy to learn that the meeting is being organised in Dhaka.

"We acknowledge the contribution of WHO for its technical and material support in this regard," she added and wished all success of the meeting.

## One crushed under wheels of truck in Chittagong

CHITTAGONG, Sept 5: One person was crushed under the wheels of a speeding truck on a road below the overbridge at Fakirhat under Doublemooring thana here today, reports BSS.

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