

What's on today....

Rally: A rally will be held as part of the programmes on Adult Literacy Week. The closing ceremony of the programme will also be held later in the day. Venues: Central Shahid Minar to Osmani Udyan and Osmani Memorial auditorium respectively. Time: 8:00 am and 11:30 am respectively.

Catalogue show: Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) in cooperation with the US embassy will hold the 2nd and last day of a catalogue show on "Pollution prevention and control." Venue: DCCI auditorium. Time: 10:00 am-5:00 pm.

Open discussion: Ain O Shalish Kendra will hold an open discussion on "Approved Regarding of International Criminal Court in Rome Statute and Relevance of the Trial of War Criminals in '71'." Venue: Conference room of Liberation War Museum, 5, Segunbagicha. Time: 3:30 pm.

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Film show: The British Council will screen *Love's Labour's Lost* and *Anthony and Cleopatra* on the 1st day of its 4-day long screening of Shakespeare's films. Venue: British Council auditorium. Time: 4:00 pm and 6:30 pm respectively.

Weather

Moderate rain likely

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

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period, Met Office said.

The country's highest temperature was recorded 34.9 degree Celsius yesterday at Jessore and the lowest 24.6 degrees at Rangpur. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:10 pm and rises on Thursday at 5:43 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	32.8	26.7	76	83
Chittagong	32.2	26.5	83	78
Rajshahi	33.8	27.5	84	84
Khulna	33.2	26.7	80	—
Barisal	32.6	26.6	95	76
Sylhet	32.4	26.0	90	84
Cox's Bazar	32.5	26.0	78	88



President of the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce & Industry (DCCI) M H Rahman speaking at the inaugural ceremony of the 2-day US Catalogue Show on "Pollution Prevention and Control" jointly organised by DCCI, US Embassy and US Foreign Commercial Service yesterday at the DCCI auditorium.

5-year CHTDB project for rehabilitation of 6,000 landless farmers

BANDARBAN, Sept 7: Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Board (CHTDB) has taken up a five-year project for rehabilitation of 6,000 landless and marginal cultivators in rubber and orchard plantations in Bandarban, Rangamati and Khagrachhari Hill Districts, reports BSS.

The project will cost Taka 110 crore and three lakh.

The implementation of the first phase of the plan will begin next December.

According to official sources, the project has been taken up to create employment opportunities, improvement of environment and socio-economic development of poor families in the three hill districts. Six thousand marginal cultivators will be benefited directly from the project.

In each district, 40 new villages, with 50 families each, will be established. Each family will get 25 decimal of land for building house and vegetable cultivation and three acres for rubber and orchard plantation.

Official sources said, Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the government will finance the project. Each rehabilitated family will get corrugated iron sheets for house building and ACC slab toilets. A forty kilometre approach road will also be constructed for local communication. District four rubber factories will be constructed in each district.

Two thousand poor families will be settled in each district. One hundred thirty one officials and workers will be appointed for the execution of the project, officials added.

Classes yet to be held at CGVC

From CU Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Sept 7: After nine days of reopening, classes are yet to be held at the Chittagong Govt Veterinary College (CGVC) due to agitation programme by the Veterinary Chhatra Sangram Parishad to press home its six-point demand.

The college authority resumed the classes and reopened the dormitories on August 30 after a 70-day unscheduled vacation. The authorities had earlier declared the college closed sine die on June 21 and vacated the dormitories of the college following violent agitation by students.

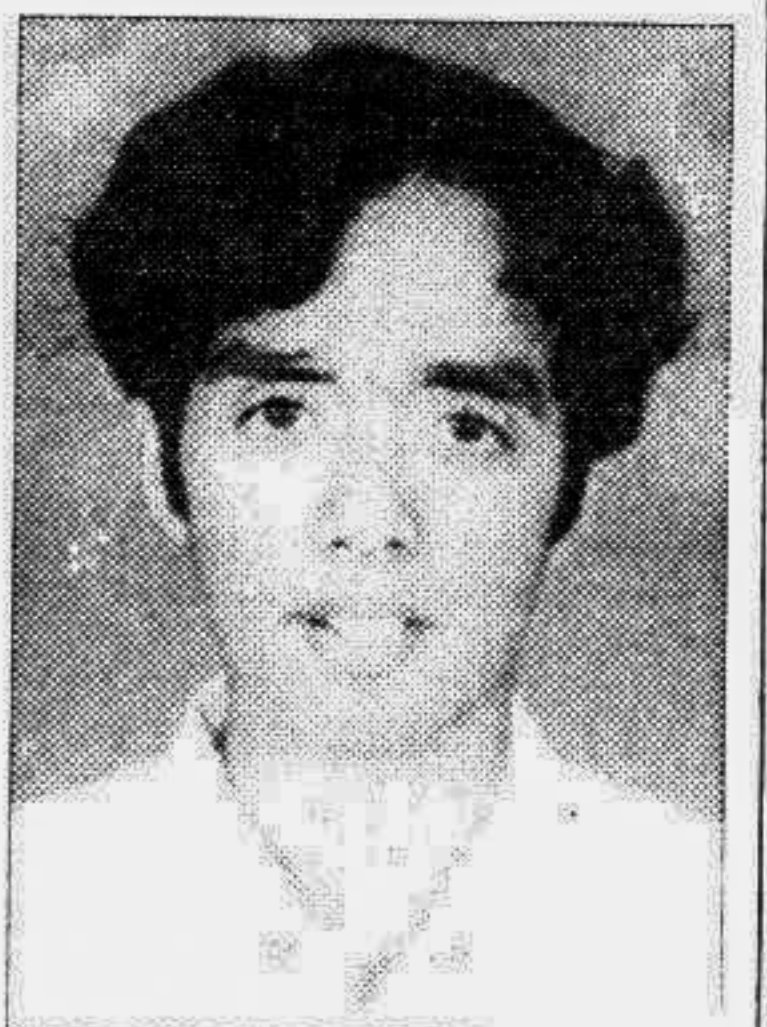
The Sangram Parishad was continuing its agitation boycotting the classes for realisation of its 6-point demand. The demands include withdrawal of show-cause notice issued against five students, and cancellation of credit system.

Obituary

Mozibur Rahman Kadri, a senior advocate of Bangladesh Supreme Court, former secretary and vice-president of Taxes Bar Association died of a cardiac arrest on Monday at his village home of Taluknagar under Manikganj. He was 60, says a press release.

He left behind three sons, three daughters, four sisters to mourn his death.

His *qulhwani* will be held today after Asr prayers at his village home at Taluknagar.



Muntazar wants to study computer science

From CU Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Sept 7: Muntazar Monsur secured the 12th place in the combined merit list of Science Group in the HSC examination this year from Chittagong College under Chittagong Education Board.

He obtained a total of 870 marks with distinctions in four subjects.

Son of Professor Abul Mansur, Fine-Arts Department of Chittagong University and Nazlee Laila Monsur, Muntazar wants to study Computer Science in future.

WHO DG calls on Hasina

The visiting Director General of World Health Organisation (WHO) Dr Gro Harlem Brundtland called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her Sangsad Bhaban office and discussed different aspects of the health sector yesterday, reports BSS.

The DG was happy to note the progress indifferent health programmes in Bangladesh. The WHO chief expressed concern over the arsenic problem in Bangladesh. She was told about efforts taken by the government to combat it.

Welcoming the WHO chief Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina listed various development measures taken for the improvement of health sector particularly in the rural areas. Sheikh Hasina said the government has given emphasis on child care and maternity, population control and general education. She said that during the last three years the literacy rate has increased substantially and expressed the hope that by the end of this year it will be 60 per cent.

She said, "We have given attention to education which is vital for development and poverty alleviation of the people."

Health and Family Welfare Minister Salah Uddin Yusuf, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister Dr S A Samad and Health Secretary M M Reza were present.

Catalogue show on pollution control opens at DCCI

A catalogue exhibition showcasing products of latest technologies of waste treatment and water and air pollution control began yesterday with some 100 US companies participating in it, reports UNB.

Environment and Forest Secretary Syed Marghubur Mursheed inaugurated the two-day show on "Pollution Prevention and Control" at the auditorium of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

US Ambassador to Bangladesh John C Holzman, DCCI President MH Rahman and DCCI senior vice President Sajjatz Juma also spoke on the occasion.

Catalogues and technical literatures of various products, including treatment of industrial, hazardous, municipal and biomedical wastes, and wastewater treatment systems, air pollution control, monitoring and testing equipment, have been put on display.

Holzman said the catalogue show would help establish a link among the business people of US and Bangladesh, and redress the trade imbalance between the two countries.

DCCI president MH Rahman said the catalogue show would give Bangladesh's entrepreneurs an elaborate idea on how to prevent and control environment pollution.

DU Kuwait Maitry Hall students reach consensus with authorities

By DU Correspondent

The authorities of Bangladesh Kuwait Maitry Hall of Dhaka University has reached a consensus with the agitating students of the hall on Monday night.

The authorities assured to arrange for a general meeting with the students on September 15 and to solve their 'logical demands' immediately.

The students damaged some window panes of the dormitory and confined Salma Akhter, assistant house tutor of the hall for about half an hour, demanding what they called 'cessation of irregularities' at the hall.

Later, Prof AKM Nur-un-Nabi, proctor of the university step into the spot and assured them to solve their various problems.

The students were agitating in the hall for the last couple of days to press home their various demands. The demands include, a general meeting repairing of the coin box telephone, card phone set, and TV set of hall which have been out of order for the last few months, improvement of the quality of food at the dining improvement and restoration of the reading room and guest room and keeping the hall gate open till 10:00 pm.

CMC dental unit classes begin Sept 15

CHITTAGONG, Sept 7: Classes of first year BDS course, session 1998-99, of the Chittagong Medical College (CMC) dental unit, will commence on September 15, a CMC press release said here today, reports BSS.



A six member engineering delegation from Mozambique currently visiting Bangladesh to gain experience on the LGED constructed labour based rural infrastructure development activities, yesterday visited the LGED hd qrts. Seen in the picture are (3rd from left) Jose Johane Armando Zuca, head of the Mozambique delegation and Md. Monwar Hossain Chowdhury, Chief Engineer, LGED (4th from left).



Dr Gro Harlem Brundtland, the visiting director general of WHO made a courtesy call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her Sangsad Bhaban office yesterday.

More police stations soon, Hasina tells parliament

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina informed parliament yesterday that the government has decided to set up some new police stations across the country, reports UNB.

The sites of the planned police stations are Kulshi, Bayezid Bostami, Rakolia, Patenga, Halishahar, East and West of the Bangabandhu Bridge, Naldanga, Zia International Airport, Dhanbari, Islamic University, South Surma, Benapole and Safipur.

However, these police stations would not have the status of administrative thanas. Hasina said replying to Gazi Mohammad Shahjahan of BNP whose question was introduced on the floor by Akhtaruzzaman of Awami League.

She said that NICAR has recently decided to set up three new administrative thanas and eight police investigation centres in the country. It has, on principle, also decided to set up another new administrative thana at Ashuganj of Brahmanbaria district.

The new administrative thanas are Dhukuli of Patuakhali, Mujibnagar of Meherpur and Meghna of Comilla district.

The new police investigation centres will be set up at Demra, Ramna, Gulshan and Mirpur in the Dhaka Metropolis, at Roila.

Khaleda predicts disaster

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launching an attack on the judiciary in parliament and alleged that the AL government was now conspiring to "destroy" the respected institution.

"It is easy to speak in this manner inside the Jatiya Sangsad. If you have the courage, come out of the House and make such statements against the judiciary. You will realise what the High Court can do to you," she said.

She said the leaders and activists of the ruling party were now involved in all sorts of crimes including rape, murder, kidnapping, vandalism in banks and grabbing others' property.

Refuting the Prime Minister's allegation, Khaleda Zia said people of the country are well aware of those creating anarchy. "The Awami League when in opposition also created anarchy during the BNP government at the dictate of their masters."

She said that the Awami League had called hartals, set

fire to vehicles and created unprecedented violence during international conferences and foreign dignitaries' visits to Dhaka when the BNP was in power.

She reiterated her determination to resist "allowing corridor facility to India in the name of transshipment."

The BNP chairperson alleged that the government was destroying the armed forces in the name of modernisation. The move to purchase MIG-29 and Ashoke Leyland was aimed to make money through commission as well as to cripple the armed forces.

Condemning use of armed forces for traffic management in the city, she said the government was tainting the image of the military by employing them to clear roads.

The opposition leader called upon the people to join the September 12 sit-in demonstration in front of the Secretariat and make it a complete success.

13 arrested on various charges in the city

By Staff Correspondent

Thirteen people were arrested and a huge quantity of contraband phensidyl and firearms were recovered from their possession in separate incidents in the city Monday and yesterday.

Mohammadpur thana police acting on a tip-off arrested one Abdul Hannan, 27, with Tk 1.36 lakh in cash and two mobile telephone sets from Agargaon area on Monday.

According to information collected from his confession police seized 700 bottles of phensidyl. Police said another 1033 bottles had been recovered from his gang members on Sunday from the same area.

Meanwhile, Sutrapur police arrested one Swapon, 25, for his alleged involvement with criminal activities on Monday. According to his confessional

statement police recovered a revolver from a house at Rajani Chowdhury Road.

Kotwali police acting on a tip-off arrested one Mintu, 30, near Gausia market at Nawabpur Road and recovered a loaded revolver from his possession also on Monday evening.

In another raid, Badda police arrested Rahim, 18, Krisna Ray, 17, and Alamgir, 20, and recovered a cut rifle from their possession from Rampura overbridge. Police said that the gang was preparing to carry out muggings in the area.

Meanwhile, Shyamspur police acting on a tip-off arrested Jasim, Ratan, Pradeep, Mintu, Alam and Sohail for their alleged involvement with criminal activities from Shyamspur and Narayanganj areas.

Police said the stolen goods included computer, photocopier machine, TV, VCR, telephone set, laminating machine and different sorts of cosmetics worth about Tk 2 lakh.

Motihel police raided Hotel Al-Helal and recovered beers and alcohol from a room of the hotel yesterday morning. They also arrested the manager, Kabir, for his alleged involvement in trading alcohol in the hotel.

Separate cases were lodged with concerned police stations in connection with the incidents.

Colloquium on EU activities begin today

A two-day colloquium on European Union (EU) activities begins today at the BRAC centre at Rajendrapur, an EU press release said yesterday, reports BSS.

25 hurt as students, villagers clash in Sunamganj

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Sept 7: Twenty-five people, including two medical officers were injured in a clash between the villagers and college students at Jamalganj thana headquarters under Sunamganj district today.

The trouble broke out when a college student went to the pond on the premises of Thana Health Complex for bathing in the afternoon. He had an altercation with some people of the neighbouring village on a trifling matter.

After a shortwhile, several hundred villagers armed with Chinese axe, *Kam Dao* came to the hospital area and swooped on those who were bathing in the pond and started beating them all. At one stage, they also attacked the hospital staff and doctors. Two Medical Officers — Dr Gurupada Roy and Dr Abul Quasem, College student Gollam Rabbani and four others were injured in the attack. They admitted to the hospital with serious injuries.

The students and hospital staff, however, caught seven armed men and later handed over them to the police.

The college students led a protest rally in the evening demanding immediate arrest of the attackers. A tense situation has been prevailing in the area.

Fire incident at UNB

The United News of Bangladesh (UNB) said it had transmission and reception trouble throughout yesterday.

The disruption took place as the agency's entire computerised transmission system burnt following a short-circuit in the morning, it added.

The reception system of the news of Associated Press (AP), with which the UNB is affiliated for international news, also burnt.

However, the service continued with e-mail on temporary basis. Its Bangla service from outside the capital worked usual.

CBA installation ceremony

Collective Bargaining Agent (CBA) and Jatiya Samik League unit of Dhaka Electric Supply Authority (DESA) will hold a Samik Rally at 11 am tomorrow at Biddat Bhaban to mark the installation ceremony of the CBA, a press release said yesterday, reports BSS.

UN offices at IDB Bhaban opens tomorrow

The UN offices in the IDB Bhaban at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Rokeya Sharani, will be inaugurated tomorrow, says a press release.

The offices will be formally opened jointly by Abdus Samad Azad, Minister for Foreign Affairs and SAWS Kibria, Minister for Finance at 11.30 am.

PM on BNP

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who wanted to know if she was introduced as Chief Minister of Bangladesh at a function at a book fair in Calcutta early this year.

"It was a mistake by the newspaper and the mistake was regretted. The opposition parties are trying to magnify such a minor mistake as they want to make Bangladesh a client state of India. Why should we have such mentality of undermining ourselves by publicising this trivial matter," she said.

To dispel the phobia, allegedly being spread by the Opposition, she said Bangladesh was left unprotected by the then Pakistani rulers during the 1965 Indo-Pak war. "If India wished, it could have captured our country, then the eastern wing of erstwhile Pakistan, during that war."

The Pakistani rulers did not build strong Army, Navy and Air Force in this country to protect it. Pakistani troops could not have flown 1,000 miles over India to protect it. "It was perhaps the bad intention of India that they did not occupy Bangladesh."

She also recalled that the allied Indian forces withdrew from Bangladesh soon after the independence. "If Indian army wished, it could occupy Bangladesh at that time, and we would have to fight again for independence."

Bangabandhu Cup

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under control following the intervention of the law-enforcing personnel.

The match saw a sea of change after the break when a 10-man Ghana bounced back magnificently into the match with Abdul Razak and Baga Amado Adamu scoring in a space of 17 minutes.

But, at the end of the day, the cool and collected Japanese withstood the terrifying second-half Ghana onslaught, never experienced in such a magnitude, to return home as deserving victors against an indiscreet yet extremely talented Ghanaian side.

Japan seldom ventured to raid the opponents' citadel, rather they were more focused on playing defensively and relying on fast counter attacks. The players made no mistake in shooting from a fast counter attack.

Takaaki Tokushige, Japan's midfield dynamo, lobbed a perfect cross from the left to the overlapping defender Hiroki Yoda, who made a wicked run to break an offside trap. Although for a moment Yoda looked to have lost control over the ball, but he was quick to recover and delivered a neat pass, which Joe Sam made no mistake in shooting home from close.

Joe was again in the thick of things a few minutes later when he galloped down the middle to clip the ball into an empty net after Yokose's shot over an advanced Boateng came by his way.

Although the Ghanaians were totally blotted out in the first half, they came up with more vigour in the second session. The bite of the Ghana attack was so extensive that they literally cornered Japan against the wall.

Their persistence eventually paid rich dividends when Abdul Razak hit the roof with a boomer of a volley nine minutes into the half. Ghana got the equaliser in the 71st minute when Adamu shot an Osei Kwame minus home from close.

But the Ghanaians were only to be blamed for failing to get the match-winning during the regulation time. They created a number of chances but on most occasions their goal-blind forwards missed those sitters, shooting wide off the mark.

Besides, the Japanese custodian Mizuhara, who was later declared the man-of-the-final.

Computers

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there is almost no chance that 9/9/99 will have any impact at all.

The reality is that 9/9/99 is one of the persistent myths of the year 2000 problem. It's not quite a unicorn, not quite 100 per cent mythical, we've only been able to identify two instances of 9/9/99 coding in extremely obscure systems," said Andy Kyt, analyst with the US information technology research company Gartner Group IT.N. This looks like becoming another example of a warning of computer chaos that fails to materialise.

So far this year trigger-date warnings which turned out to be firing blanks have included April 9, 1999, the 99th day of the year, January 1, 1999 was supposed to be a danger because many contracts, insurance policies and loans would reach ahead one year and trigger the millennium bug.

BSS adds: Bangladesh Computer Council (BCC) today requested computer users across the country to handle computers with caution and if possible, "not to use networks or Internet on September 9" for avoiding any possible disaster.

Dr Brundtland

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solute poverty by the year 2015 is attainable, but will require major shifts in the way governments all over the world use their resources. In several regions of the world we need more money for health," she said.

"But equally important — we should have more health for our money."

Dr. Brundtland cited the example of the US which spent 14 per cent of its large GDP on health but still lagged far behind in terms of ensuring health services for the poor because the resources were not "equitably shared".

In contrast, she said, some European countries invested eight per cent of their GDP but still had better results.

Dr. Brundtland suggested a pre-paid healthcare system, practised in many European countries including her own Norway, could be an effective option to help the poor. Under a tripartite arrangement, she explained the system, an employee pays a mandatory premium for health insurance along with the employer and the state.

She said high growth of urbanisation in countries such as Bangladesh was a "major infrastructural challenge" which had its severely adverse impact on health targets.

But she made it clear that governments — in collaboration with NGOs and civil society institutions — were to chart their own agenda to deal with these as well as environmental concerns. International organisations like WHO would only provide technical support and guidance.

Dr Brundtland praised Bangladesh for achieving significant progress in health indicators over the years thanks to a "sector-wise approach", but said there was much more to be done. She identified malnutrition, anaemia, "too high" maternal mortality and "a lot of tuberculosis" as major drawbacks.

(Details of the interview will appear in The Daily Star on Friday this week)

for his commendable performance under the bar, save it side several times.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina handed over the Bangabandhu Cup to the victorious Japanese team after the match. Japan also got the winners' purse of Tk three lakh, while Ghana received a cash award of Tk two lakh.

Kwame Osei of Ghana was declared the man-of-the-tournament and received a cash award of 2000 US dollars. South Korea's young forward Lee Chun Su, who scored highest seven goals in the tournament, also received 2000 US dollars.

Red card: Boateng Osei (Ghana 47m)

Yellow cards: Kwame Osei, Amadou, Abdul Razak (Ghana), Matsuki and Watanabe (Japan).

Teams: Japan FL Mizuhara, Yoshio Koido (Iguchi), Watanabe, H Yoda, Yoshiyuki Yokose, T Tokushige, T Amma, Koji Kataoka, Nobuhisa Isono (Hyakutake), Suzuki and H Matsuki.

Ghana Olympic team: Boateng, Dennis (Yaw Berko), K Amado, Al Hasan, Amado, Joe Sam (Goodwin Abiodun), Alex Danko, Johnson Eklun, Felix Yeboah, Razak and Kwame Osei.

Referee: Jerry Endress (Philippines).

East Timor

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into West Timor.

Much of the United Nations' mission has also fled.

UN Secretary General Kofi Annan today gave Indonesia 48 hours to bring violence in East Timor under control, say other steps the international community would consider otherwise for the same.

Referring to the imposition of martial law, Annan said if it failed to work, the international community could consider what other measures it needed to take to assist Indonesia in meeting its obligations.

World leaders indignantly called for Indonesia to make good on its pledge to provide security in the provincial capital, Dili.

The United States expressed alarm about violence by Indonesian soldiers and police, saying that Indonesia must quell the disorder or invite in outside forces.

President Bill Clinton spoke with Australian Prime Minister John Howard, who has offered to send troops. Later in the day, Clinton spoke with United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan as the violence in East Timor escalated.

Howard told Clinton he was ready to send troops if the Indonesian government asked. White House spokesman Barry Toly said.

Portugal, France, Australia and Britain have said they support sending a UN force to East Timor, but Britain said Indonesia would need to ask for assistance first.

"We believe that the Indonesian government must either take immediate steps to end