

News

● What's on today ●

Workshop: Agrobased Industries and Technology Development Project (AITDP), IFDC in association with the Ministry of Agriculture will hold the inauguration ceremony of a workshop on "Establishment of Linkage between grain producers, poultry feed processors, feed traders and poultry farmers". Venue: Winter Garden, Hotel Sheraton. Time: 9:30 am.

Workshop: Sustainable Environment Management Programme (SEMP) sponsored by the Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoEF) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) will hold an inception workshop on "Community Based Urban Solid Waste Management in Dhaka". Venue: Seminar room (3rd floor), IDB Bhaban, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar. Time: 9:00 am.

Film show: Tanvir Mokammel's *Chitra Nadir Pare* will be screened. Venue: Public Library. Time: 3:00 pm. 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

Discussion meeting: Bangladesh Peoples League will hold a discussion meeting on "Where the country is heading during AL rule." Venue: Jatiya Press Club auditorium. Time: 3:30 pm.

Memorial lecture: The 10th Nazma Jesmin Memorial Lecture will be held. The lecture is on "Evolution of Science, Society and Civilisation". Venue: Modern Language Institute of Dhaka University. Time: 4:00 pm.

Film show: Zahir Raihan Film Society in collaboration with Goethe Institut will screen 2 movies — *Fire* by Deepa Mehta and *West Beirut* by Ziad Doueiri. Venue: Goethe Institut, House No 10, Rd No 9, Dhamondi R/A, Time: 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

Musical recital: The High Commission of India will hold a musical recital by Indian classical exponent Shanti Sharma. Venue: National Museum auditorium. Time: 7:00 pm.

● and tomorrow ●

Seminar: A seminar on "Integrated Mosquito Management in Dhaka City: Promising Non-chemical Components" will be held. Organisers: CESTI of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka and Bangladesh Academy of Sciences (BAS). Venue: Cafeteria of Alliance Francaise. Time: 10:30 am.

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Discussion meeting: Shishu Academy will hold a discussion meeting on "Media and Child Rights" in observance of the beginning of Child Rights Week. The meeting will be followed by a cultural show. Venue: Shishu Academy premises. Time: 4:30 pm.

Discussion: Samajtantrik Buddhi Jibi Sangha will hold a discussion on "Criminalisation, Politics and Role of State". Venue: TSC seminar room. Time: 5:00 pm.

Film show: Zahir Raihan Film Society in collaboration with Goethe Institut will screen 2 movies *Funny Games* by Michael Haneke and *Eyes Wide Shut* by Stanley Kubrick. Venue: Goethe Institut. Time: 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

Weather

Moderate rain likely

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

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period.

Country's highest temperature yesterday was recorded at 34.0 degree Celsius at Rangpur and the lowest 21.2 degrees at Dinajpur.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:49 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:49 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	32.6	25.0	65	85		
Chittagong	32.2	25.4	75	78		
Rajshahi	30.8	23.8	90	89		
Khulna	33.1	24.8	81	75		
Barisal	32.3	24.8	76	98		
Sylhet	32.2	23.0	92	81		
Cox's Bazar	32.6	24.6	78	80		

HERE and THERE

BPC rally

A colourful rally was held to mark the World Tourism Day yesterday organised by Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation (BPC) with the assistance of Dhaka University Tourist Society, reports UNB.

Led by Civil Aviation, Tourism, Housing and Works Minister Engr Mosharraf Hossain, the rally was also attended, among others, by Civil Aviation and Tourism officials. Bangladesh Youth Tourist Club also took part in the rally.

Starting from National Museum the rally ended at the National Press Club parading along TSC, Bangla Academy, Doel Chattar and Curzon Hall of Dhaka University.

Various other organisations also observed the day in a befitting manner.

NSU

The annual fellowship meeting of board and faculty members of North South University was held yesterday, says a press release.

The Chairman of North South University Foundation, M A Kashem, presided over the meeting. He expressed strong conviction that NSU will continue to march forward and urged NSU faculty members to make constructive suggestions for improvement of academic atmosphere and use their education, acumen and expertise for the upliftment of the country.

The other members of the NSU Foundation present in the meeting were Masihur Rahman, Vice Chairman of the Foundation; M A Awal, the immediate Past Chairman of the Foundation; Md Shahjahan and Prof S A Ahad. Also present at this gathering were core and part-time faculty members and upper echelon NSU administrators.

Prokrichi-BCS
Coordination Council
By Staff Correspondent

Prokrichi-BCS Coordination Council, an association of civil servants and professionals, in a meeting on Sunday night requested the parliamentary standing committee on Establishment Ministry to reconsider the pay scale upgrading of 321 posts under BCS (Admn) cadre.

It noted that the BCS (Admn) cadre was already enjoying many advantages in the government as officials under this cadre held most of the senior positions comparing to the other cadres of BCS.

A press release issued last night said that the meeting had, however, welcomed the stand-

BCF demands formation of complaint cell at DU

By DU Correspondent

Bangladesh Chhatra Federation (BCF) yesterday brought out a procession on the Dhaka University campus demanding formation of a complaint cell and a code of conduct regarding sexual harassment at the university.

Following the procession, DU unit of the left leaning student organisation held a rally in front of the Arts Building (Kala Bhaban) of the university at noon.

Addressing the rally, BCF leaders demanded trial and punishment of the teachers who have been accused of harassing female students of the university including accused Sahiduzzaman.

They also demanded a fair probe into the recent allegation of sexual harassment against Kamaluddin of Psychology Department.

Among others, Yasin Mukul, Abeda Gulruk and Mohiuddin Mohammad Tariq addressed the rally.

Meanwhile, in a statement issued by DU unit president Abeda Gulruk and general secretary Iftekhar Aliab, BCF condemned the attack on Chhatra Union leader Kamrul Hasan Kamal at Salimullah Hall of the university recently and demanded trial and exemplary punishment of the attackers.

Blaming the activists of ruling party backed Chhatra League for unleashing terrorist activities on the campus, the statement also urged the university authorities to make a list of the terrorists and take stern action against them.

Telephone bills for Aug to be paid by Oct 7

Analog telephone bills for the month of August issued by Bangladesh T&T Board are to be paid by October 7, reports UNB.

A T&T press release yesterday said subscribers, who have not received the bills yet, sent by post, must collect duplicate ones and make the payment by the stipulated time.

Subscribers may contact Senior Accounts Officer Telephone Revenue (South) over Phone No 9550402 and Senior Accounts Officer Telephone Revenue (North) over Phone No 814802 to collect the duplicate bills.

Payment may be made to the specified branches of Agrani, Krishi, Janata, Rupali, National Credit and Commerce Bank, Bank of Small Industries, Prime Bank, City Bank and United Commercial Bank Ltd, the release added.

JS clarification on establishment ministry

Bangladesh Jatiya Sangsad Secretariat yesterday gave a clarification on a news item published in a section of newspapers on September 16 about the meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Establishment, reports BSS.

As the newspapers have published partial recommendations of the said meeting, there is scope for confusion, the clarification said and mentioned the following decisions taken at the meeting.

The next meeting of the standing committee should be informed about the steps taken according to the decisions of the committee at a meeting on May 26 about removing the intra-cadre salary discrimination. Proper steps have to be taken to upgrade the provision of promotion up to 12 per cent in the cadre services where its percentage is below 12. The ministry should submit a report to the committee on fixing intra-cadre seniority in case of promotion of secretariat posts. Steps should be taken for giving promotion on merit basis considering deputy secretary level as the entry point. Ministry of Establishment will take adequate measures after consulting the Public Service Commission.

The upgrade of salary scale of deputy secretary post from Taka 7100-8700 (old) will remain suspended. Necessary steps should be taken for giving selection grade in the 50 per cent posts (scale Taka 6300-8050/- (old) of all senior cadres. Necessary steps might be taken for promotion of 267 posts in the administration cadre out of 321 as per approval of the prime minister. Promotion in the core posts, including the posts of district administrators, will be brought under special consideration. The next meeting of the committee should be informed of the progress of making transparent service rule. The ministry of establishment should place a fresh working paper after identifying the remaining problems of other cadres under Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS).

JAHR

In collaboration with Journalist Association for Human Rights and Welfare (JAHR) and Department of Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Ministry, a 15-day long Mobile Boutique Training Course for women began on Sunday at Royer Bazar area under Mohammedpur thana in city, says a press release.

Dulal Biswas, Secretary General of National Federation of Youth Organisations in Bangladesh (NFYOB) inaugurated the training course while Hemayet Hossain, Vice Chairman of JAHR and Chairman of JAHR-Residential Project Affairs Sub-committee attended as chief guest.

Turkey thanks Bangladesh

The Turkish government has thanked the government and people of Bangladesh for the moral and material support extended by Bangladesh in the aftermath of the disaster of August last, says a press release.

In an open letter of gratitude the Turkish government lauded the generous and humane gesture of the government and people of Bangladesh in the most difficult days of Turkey, which would always be remembered.

Liberation War documents stolen

A large number of Liberation War documents were stolen from Commander Mohammad Zahirul Haque Munshi, Bir Protik, early this morning at Kamalapur Railway Station in the city, reports BSS.

The Liberation War veteran said the documents, in a handbag, were stolen at about 4:30 am while he was waiting to get transport.

He arrived at the station from Jamalpur by a train last night in order to submit the documents and some certificates of freedom fighters to the Mukti joddha Central Command Council office.

Munshi was one of the key commanders during the Liberation War in his Jamalpur.

A General Diary (GD) has been lodged with Dhaka Government Railway Police (GRP) thana in this connection.

CU likely to shorten Durga Puja vacation

By CU Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Sept 27: The upcoming Durga Puja vacation at Chittagong University (CU) is likely to be shortened to make up for academic losses caused by unscheduled vacation recently.

The decision may be taken in an academic committee meeting on the first week of next month, said CU Vice-Chancellor Professor Abdul Mannan talking to The Daily Star today. The committee will also decide whether to reduce the vacation of Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Azha in the meeting, source said.

The vacation of Durga Puja, Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Azha will be shortened from 14 days to six, 26 to 8 and 14 to nine respectively.

The classes of the university were suspended for 200 days in the last nine months.

Two rooms of Habibullah Bahar College ransacked

By Staff Correspondent

At least two rooms of city's Habibullah Bahar College at Shantinagar were ransacked following a chase and counter chase between two groups of students on the college premises yesterday afternoon.

According to sources, one Mizan was assaulted by members of Sohel group in the college Sunday. Protesting the incident a group of students yesterday brought out a procession inside the college at about 1:30 pm.

Members of Sohel group then appeared on the scene and both the groups chased each other. The rooms were ransacked during the chase and counter chase.

The incident could neither be confirmed by police nor by college authorities till filing this report.

Road mishap Police constable killed in Jessore

SESSORE, Sept 27: A police constable was killed and three others were injured when their pickup van hit a roadside tree at Ayeapur on Jessore-Narail road, this morning, reports BSS.

The tragic accident took place at 5:45 am as the driver lost control over the steering.

Constable Abu Hanif (40) died on the spot. Constable Sattar (42), Minhal (45), constable Sawpan (driver-35) were rushed to Jessore General Hospital.

The Bagerpara patrol police team was returning to the thana after night duty in Khajura and Shinakhal on Jessore-Magura road.

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Post and Telecommunications Minister Mohammad Nasim formally released the stamp in a simple ceremony.

The stamp and first day cover will be sold simultaneously from all Head Post Offices including GPOs. The stamp will subsequently be sold from all post offices, including the extra-departmental ones.

JP to contest Tangail, Faridpur by-polls

Jatiya Party (Mizan-Monju) has decided to contest the forthcoming by-elections to the vacant seats of Jatiya Sangsad under Tangail-8 and Faridpur-4 constituencies, reports BSS.

According to a party press release, persons interested to contest with the party ticket have been requested to apply in a prescribed form to be supplied from the party's central Service.

The last date for submitting the application for nomination has been fixed on September 30 till 9 am. The parliamentary board of the party will interview the intending candidates on the same day.

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Magurjhara blast MPs demand compensation for losses

Parliament Members from greater Sylhet today demanded speedy measures to realise compensation from the concerned company for the damage caused by the explosion at Magurjhara gas field, reports BSS.

The compensation should be realised without further delay for the huge losses caused due to the fire at Magurjhara gas field, the MPs said at a meeting held here with Speaker Huayun Rasheed Chowdhury in the chair.

They also expressed strong indignation over the recent remarks as irrelevant, indecent, insulting and uncalled for, they urged him to refrain from making such remarks.

HC rejects writ of Rangamati pry school teachers

RANGAMATI, Sept 27: The vacation bench of the High Court has rejected a writ petition that challenged recruitment of primary school teachers by the Rangamati District Council.

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The verdict of the Court on September 21 cleared the way for appointment of primary school teachers in the hill districts.