

What's on today....

Painting exhibition: A three-week long painting exhibition on Rickshaw and Baby-taxi will be inaugurated. Some 500 paintings will be on display at the show. Venue: Alliance Francaise. Time: 5.00 pm.
Film show: The British Council organises a three-day film show 'British films in Dhaka'. Today's film: A Letter to Brezhnev. Venue: British Council auditorium. Time: 4.00 pm.
CDC seminar: A three-day seminar on 'Communication, New Technology and Development' is being held under the auspices of Centre for Development Communication. Two sessions will be held today. Venue: CIRDAP auditorium. Time: 9.30 am and 3.00 pm.
Film show: Three French movies will be screened - Wages of Fear, Familyless and Elisa. Venue: Alliance Francaise. Time: 11.00 am, 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm respectively.
Discussion: Iranian Cultural Centre has organised a discussion meeting on the occasion of birth centennial of Imam Khomeini. Venue: Cultural Centre auditorium. Time: 4.00 pm.
Seminar on AIDS: Lions Club International District 315 B1 has organised a participatory seminar on AIDS Prevention. Response by Civil Society. State Minister for Health Prof M Amanullah will be present as chief guest. Venue: Seminar room, BCIC Bhaban, Dilkusha. Time: 4.00 pm.
Musical soiree: The launching ceremony of noted artist Shimul Yusuf's CDs on Lalou Geeti (Aasha Shindhur Treyn) and Nazrul Geeti (Alo Andhar Adho Andhar) will be held. A solo musical programme by the artist will follow the ceremony. Venue: National Museum auditorium. Time: 6.30 pm.
Discussion meeting: Naripakha will hold a discussion meeting as part of their programme to observe October as a month to create awareness against breast cancer. The discussion will be followed by a cultural programme. Venue: Save the Children (UK) House no 28, Road no 16 (New) 27 (Old), Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 4.00 pm.

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Musical soiree: Rabi Rashmi, a cultural organisation will hold an evening of Rabindra Sangeet to celebrate its 1st anniversary. Venue: Public Library auditorium. Time: 6.30 pm.
CDC seminar: Two sessions of a three-day seminar on Communication, New Technology and Development, organised by Centre for Development Communication, will be held on the last day. Venue: CIRDAP auditorium. Time: 10.00 am and 3.00 pm.
Seminar: The British Council has organised a day-long seminar on 'Women, Careers and Leadership'. Venue: British Council auditorium.
Workshop: Institute of Training and Development Education (ITDE) will hold a day-long workshop on 'Executive Development: Key Factors for Success'. Venue: WVA auditorium. Time: 9.30 am.
Conference: The Regional Conference: SAARC NGO Women for Peace will be inaugurated, jointly organised by Women for Women: A Research and Study Group and UNIFEM. Venue: BRAC Centre, Mohakhali. Time: 10.00 am.
Clinical meeting: Z H Sikder Cardiac Care & Research Centre organises a clinical meeting on 'Exercise Tolerant Test'. Venue: Conference Hall of the Research Centre, Monica Estate, West Dhanmondi. Time: From 9.00 am to 10.00 am.
Meeting: An extended meeting of the Social Welfare Alumni Association will be held. Venue: TSC premises on DU campus. Time: 4.00 pm.

Weather

No change in temperature

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers with temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over Barisal, Khulna and Chittagong divisions and at one or two places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

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

Yesterday's highest temperature of 34.5 degree Celsius was recorded at Srimangal and the lowest of 22.9 degrees at Chandpur.

The sun sets today at 5.46 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.50 am. Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

Table with 4 columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning, Evening). Rows include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet, Cox's Bazar.

HERE and THERE

BMC A regular meeting of the guardians advisory committee of Bangladesh Medical College (BMC) was held on Tuesday at the college conference hall, reports BSS.

BMC co-chairman M M Zaman presided over the meeting, said a press release.

The meeting reviewed the academic environment, results of examinations and other relevant subjects.

A number of suggestions made by the guardians were accepted by the college authorities.

BIBM A 3-day workshop on Treasury Management in Banks concluded at the Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management (BIBM) yesterday, reports UNB.

A total of 27 senior executives of banks and financial institutions participated in the workshop.

The workshop was designed to develop knowledge and skills for effective handling of treasury management functions of banks and financial institutions.

Transshipment talk

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The planning minister also made it clear that the government would consider giving land transshipment facility to India only after being sure about its economic benefit.

He said the government would act on the advice of the Task Force, which is now assessing the economic impact of the proposed transshipment.

Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) arranged the roundtable to get views of politicians, economists and journalists on the contentious transshipment issue.

Dr Alamgir observed Bangladesh's advantageous geographic location leaves a scope for her to bargain for transit or transshipment with India. An accord signed in 1980 during BNP regime agreed to give India transit and it can be amended to maximise economic benefit from transshipment.

He ruled out the security concerns as ventilated in the roundtable by most of the speakers, saying that there is no such instance of security hazard caused by railway and waterway transit already existing with India for last 50 years.

Speakers advised security reasons should be given serious consideration before giving transshipment facility to India under a bilateral agreement. They suggested a multilateral arrangement rather would reduce the security concerns.

Workers Party leader Rashed Khan Menon said border troubles and Indian military buildups along Bangladesh border left enough reasons for Bangladesh to be cautious about security.

Quoting an article he said India took 20 years to give Bangladesh a 300-year corridor to Dahanu-Angarapota enclave only because of security reasons.

Security aspect seriously arises if India is given land transit through Bangladesh. The security threat will reduce if a multilateral arrangement can be made, he felt.

Former vice-chancellor of Dhaka University Prof Moniruzzaman Mia said security would remain protected if there was multilateral interdependence. He favoured the transit should have a multilateral character to reduce the security threat.

He criticised India for using bilateral deal as a means to bilateralise. He said India on various fronts tried to press Bangladesh to give transit on bilateral basis.

The Weekly Holiday editor Enaytulh Khan also criticised India's attitude of pursuing the tactic of bilateral negotiations by passing the multilateralism under the umbrella of SAARC.

Adviser to the Task Force on Transshipment M Saifuddin Khan, director general Abu Abdullah, senior research fellow Dr Sajjad Jahir and research director of the Institute Dr KAS Morshed were, among other speakers.



FBCCI president Abdul Awal Minto giving away the best area manager award yesterday during the relaunching of Johnson's pH 5.5 shampoo at a local hotel yesterday.

10 hurt as BCL factions clash in Chittagong

From Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG, Sept 30: At least ten people were injured in a gunfight between two rival factions of BCL at Agrabad commerce college today, witnesses said. The injured were admitted to private clinics in the city. Police arrested four BCL activists from the spot. Police and witnesses said, the trouble started at around 12 noon. The activists of two rival factions (Nasir and Kader) exchanged fire and exploded crackers during an hour-long clash. Later, a large contingent of police rushed to the spot and chased the clashing groups.



Khairul Bashar new Secy-Gen of PFA

Khairul Bashar has been appointed Secretary-General of the Press Foundation of Asia (PFA), based in Manila, Philippines, says a press release. His appointment came following a board resolution adopted by PFA directors and trustees' meeting in New Delhi in February and he has taken over the charge recently. Bashar is the second Bangladeshi media-personality after renowned journalist late S M Ali, Founder-Editor of the Daily Star, to serve the PFA as its chief executive. Bashar has been working as Executive Director of Asian Institute for Development Communication (Aidcom) based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia since 1986. Prior to that, he served UNESCO and other international organisations. His journalistic career began in the late 50's and he worked for a number of national dailies published from Dhaka. Bashar obtained masters degree and post-graduate diploma in Mass Communication and Journalism in the USA and Sweden. Founded in 1967, PFA is a 150-member regional association of publishers and editors. In 1991, PFA won the Ramon Magsaysay Award for International Understanding for its standards in upgrading the press in the Asian press.

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Johnson's pH 5.5 shampoo relaunch in new pack

To mark the relaunching ceremony of Johnson's pH 5.5 Shampoo and Facial Wash in a new pack, Johnson and Johnson hosted a function at Winter Garden, Dhaka Sheraton Hotel on Wednesday. This is the first time Johnson and Johnson arranged a product launching ceremony in Bangladesh, says a press release. As the special guest of honor FBCCI President, Abdul Awal Minto made a brief speech and formally inaugurated the product. Nasreen Awal MD, MF Consumers Ltd (Importer of Johnson and Johnson products in Bangladesh) delivered the welcome speech while DM Khan, Advisor of MFCL and Mr Prasenjit Chatterjee also spoke on the occasion. Beautician Keya Shelly explained the usage of Johnson's pH 5.5 Shampoo and Facial Wash to the audience. During the programme special awards were given to the best sales persons of different zones of the country. The relaunching ceremony was followed by live music from Tapan Chowdhury and Jhumu Khan.

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Disorder

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BMC. With unchecked growth of many other business establishments and apartment complexes, Dhanmondi seems to have a bleak future unless the authorities take up immediate measures to trash out a solution, residents fear.

They said at least some roads had to be made one-way to avert the chaos during school hours. Encroachers have to be penalised and their materials removed from the public roads, they also said.

While authorities of some schools have written to parents, local Ward Commissioner and even to the students' drivers, most of the schools have remained oblivious to the problem they are partially responsible for.

Noorjahan Begum, Vice-principal of Junior Section of Scholastica School, said her school not only wrote to the parents and drivers in Bangla, but also sent copies of the letters to other schools in the vicinity urging them to follow suit.

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