

What's on today

Rally: The Directorate of Family Planning will hold a rally to mark Day of six billion. Chief guest: Salah Uddin Yusuf, Minister for Health and Family Welfare. Venue: From National Museum to Jatiya Press Club. Time: 7:00 am.

National workshop: USC Canada-Bangladesh in collaboration with Adolescent Development Forum-Bangladesh will hold the concluding day of its national workshop on 'Adolescent development and Gender'. Venue: VHS/USCC-B compound, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar. Time: 9:30 am.

Film show: Swaborni will screen five movies on the third day of its Millennium Films show. The movies are *The Great Expectation*, *Never Been Kissed*, *Runaway Bride*, *Species-2* and *Saving Private Ryan*. Venue: The Public Library auditorium. Time: 9:30 am, 12:00 noon, 2:30 pm, 5:15 pm and 7:00 pm.

Discussion meeting: Supreme Court Bar Association will hold a discussion meeting on 'Intellectual Property Rights Law'. Venue: Association auditorium. Time: 10:30 am.

Seminar: Centre for Scientific and Technological Information (CESTI) of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka will hold a seminar on 'Geotextiles, technical textiles and the new biotechnology used in the textile industries'. Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, Dhanmondi. Time: 11:00 am.

Seminar: UNICEF in collaboration with Alliance Francaise de Dhaka will present a photo exhibition followed by a seminar on 'Acid Violence'. The photographs are by MAP photo agency. Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka. Time: 2:00 pm.

Launching ceremony: The launching ceremony of a CD on Nazrul Geeti Pathohara Pakhi by Ferdous Ara will be held. Venue: Begum Sufia Kamal auditorium, National Museum. Time: 5:00 pm.

Reception: UCC will hold a reception to its 99 candidates. Chief guest: Rafiqul Islam, Minister. Venue: ICMA Bhaban auditorium. Time: 7:00 pm.

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Inauguration: The inauguration ceremony of International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction Day'99 (INDRD Day) will be held. Chief guest: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Venue: Osmani Memorial Hall auditorium. Time: 10:00 am.

Lecture: Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons (BCPS) will hold two lectures on 'Vesicovaginal Fistula' and 'Recent Changes in the Management of Lymphoma'. Venue: BCPS auditorium, Mohakhali. Time: 11:00 am and 12:10 pm.

Weather

No change in temperature

Light rain or thundershowers may occur at one or two places over Chittagong division and weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

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

The country's highest temperature yesterday at 34.4 degree Celsius was recorded at Jessore and the lowest 21.5 degree Celsius at Srirongal.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5:35 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:55 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	32.8	24.0
Chittagong	32.9	24.5
Rajshahi	32.9	25.0
Khulna	34.3	25.0
Barisal	33.5	24.2
Sylhet	32.7	23.0
Cox's Bazar	33.8	23.6

HERE and THERE

Kazi Aref Parishad

Kazi Aref Parishad, a socio-political organisation formed in memory of valiant freedom fighter Kazi Aref Ahmed yesterday launched its journey with the commitment to materialise the unfinished tasks of the freedom fighter, reports BSS.

Kazi Aref was brutally assassinated by unidentified gunmen on February 16 this year while he was addressing a public rally at his home district Kushtia.

The 103-member parishad, with Architect Mazharul Islam as the convener, was declared at a function held at the Jatiya Press Club here this afternoon.

Sandhani

CHITTAGONG, Oct 11: Vice-Chancellor of Chittagong University (CU) Prof Abdul Mannan today commended the role of blood donating organisation "Sandhani" in survival of the poor, helpless and dying patients and asked the students to integrate themselves in such social welfare and humane activities, reports BSS.

He said this while inaugurating a blood donation programme at the university Central Students Union canteen here. Rover Scouts, university unit and Sandhani, Chittagong Medical College unit jointly organised the programme.

Presided over by the Director of Physical Department of the university and leader trainer of Bangladesh Rover Scouts, ASM Zahur Hossain, the function was addressed, among others, by Rover Scouts leader of CU Mohammad Ruhul Amin, President of Chittagong Sandhani, Mohammad Khalidur Rahman and Zahidul Islam.

1390 tonnes of rice for hill districts for FEP

BANDBARAN, Oct 11: The government has allocated 857 metric tons of rice and 533 metric tons of wheat for distribution among students of 50 primary schools in 25 thanas of three hill districts — Rangamati, Khagrachhari and Bandarban — during the current year, reports BSS.

The rice and wheat have been allocated by the government under the Food for Education Programme (FEP).

The district-wise allocation of rice and wheat are as follows: Bandarban — seven thanas and 14 unions — 151 mt rice and 99 mt wheat, Rangamati — 10 thanas and 20 unions — 343 mt rice and 214 mt wheat and Khagrachhari — eight thanas and 16 unions — 355 mt rice and 222 mt wheat.

Rusell Jatiya Shishu Kishore Parishad

Mayor of Dhaka Mohammad Hanif yesterday demanded immediate execution of the verdict of the trial of murder of Bangabandhu, Sheikh Russel and others, reports BSS.

Inaugrating a rally in observance of the 35th birth anniversary of Sheikh Russel, the youngest son of the Bangabandhu, Mayor Hanif said the countrymen are united to demand the implementation of the verdict.

The rally, organised by the Russel Jatiya Shishu Kishore Parishad, started from the Shishu Academy and rounded off at the Jatiya Press Club.

Mayor Hanif gave a detailed account of the steps being taken by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to ensure that no child in future suffer the same fate as that of Russel, starve to death or dies due lack of treatment.

Akhtarzamman, MP, City Awami League leader Monir Hussain Khan, MA Mannan Kachi, Motiur Rahman Moti, Jubo League leader Jahangir Kabir Nanok, president of Russel Smriti Parishad KM

Kibria returns

Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria returned home yesterday after attending the Board of Governors' annual meeting of World Bank and IMF in Washington, reports UNB.

Kibria also attended a number of seminars in New York and Boston and had meetings with expatriate Bangladeshis and the investors of the USA during his visit.

Khaleda, Ershad out to protect Bangabandhu's killers: Hanif

President of city unit of Awami League and Mayor of Dhaka Mohammad Hanif yesterday said the Khaleda-Ershad duo and its clique were now frantically trying to protect the killers of Bangabandhu through their ill-devised conspiracies and by creating terror and anarchy throughout the country, reports BSS.

"They have already been rejected by the people and now they are devising a blue-print against the nation with the help of their collaborators, the anti-liberation forces," he said, adding the bomb attacks in Khulna as well as in Janakantha office, Mirpur and Bakshibazar in Dhaka have links with that blue-print.

Presiding over the executive committee meeting of the city Awami League at its office, Mohammad Hanif strongly condemned the heinous bomb attacks and said such anti-people designs of creating unstable situation in the peaceful atmosphere in the country would never help them.

He rather asked the opposition to join the politics of consensus by responding positively to the call of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, and helping her government to build Bangladesh a peaceful and prosperous country as being cherished by the nation.

The meeting was addressed, among others, by the city AL leaders Rezuddin Ahmed, Monir Hussain Khan, Abdul Awal Siddiqi, Fazlur Rahman Mallick, Dr Iskander Mirza, Aktarul Alam, Advocate Kamrul Islam, Foyez Uddin Mia, Shaikh Bazlur Rahman, Mahmudunnabi, Abdul Huq Sabuj, M A Quader, Dr Abdus Salam, Abdul Gaffar and Kazi Abdul Hye.

Monazatuddin Memorial Prize handed over

Chairman of the Law Commission Justice Kemaluddin Hussain yesterday handed over the "Charon Sangbadik Monazatuddin Memorial Prize '98" to Rafiqul Islam Montu, roving correspondent of The Daily Manojamin, at a simple ceremony at the National Press Club, reports BSS.

For his series report on the life of coastal people of Patuakhali, Montu was awarded the prize after the name of noted roving journalist Monazatuddin Ahmed, who died on December 29, 1995 in a tragic ferry accident while collecting information for a news item.

Presided over by President of the Sangsad and noted journalist Santosh Gupta, the function was addressed by Chairman of the Board of Directors of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) Prof Rafiqul Siddique, Editor of The Daily Manojamin Motiur Rahman Chowdhury, Associate Professor of Bangladesh Open University Moly Bhomik and the prize recipient Rafiqul Islam Montu.

2 robbers held in Jhenidah

JHENIDAH, Oct 11: Two robbers were arrested and arms and ammunitions were recovered from their possession at village Kumrobaria in Sadar thana of the district on Thursday, reports BSS.

According to police sources, a contingent of police led by SP Khan Sayeed Hasan and OC Jhenidah thana Abdul Gaffar raided an abandoned quarry of a family welfare clinic at village Kumrobaria on Thursday night and arrested alleged dacoits Mansur Ali and Srikrishna. Other dacoits managed to escape.

Police recovered three local guns, one foreign gun, one slinger gun, seven rounds of bullets and a Chinese axe from their possession.

Newspaper office attacked in Khulna

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Oct 11: The office of Dainik Janmabhumii came under attack by a group of unidentified miscreants this evening.

The miscreants exploded hand bombs and fired shots during the attack. They also caused extensive damage to the newspaper office.

Dainik Janmabhumii is one of the local dailies playing a vital role in covering series of stories on Ershad Shikdar.

Robbers loot bus passengers

MYMENSINGH, Oct 11: Robbers looted money and valuables from a Dhaka bound bus passengers, including an ASP, at gunpoint and then managed to escape at Habirbari under Bhalka thana Sunday night, reports UNB.

The uniform in a brief case of ASP Abdul Malek taken away by the robbers was later recovered by the police but the witless set was still missing.

One killed in Narsingdi

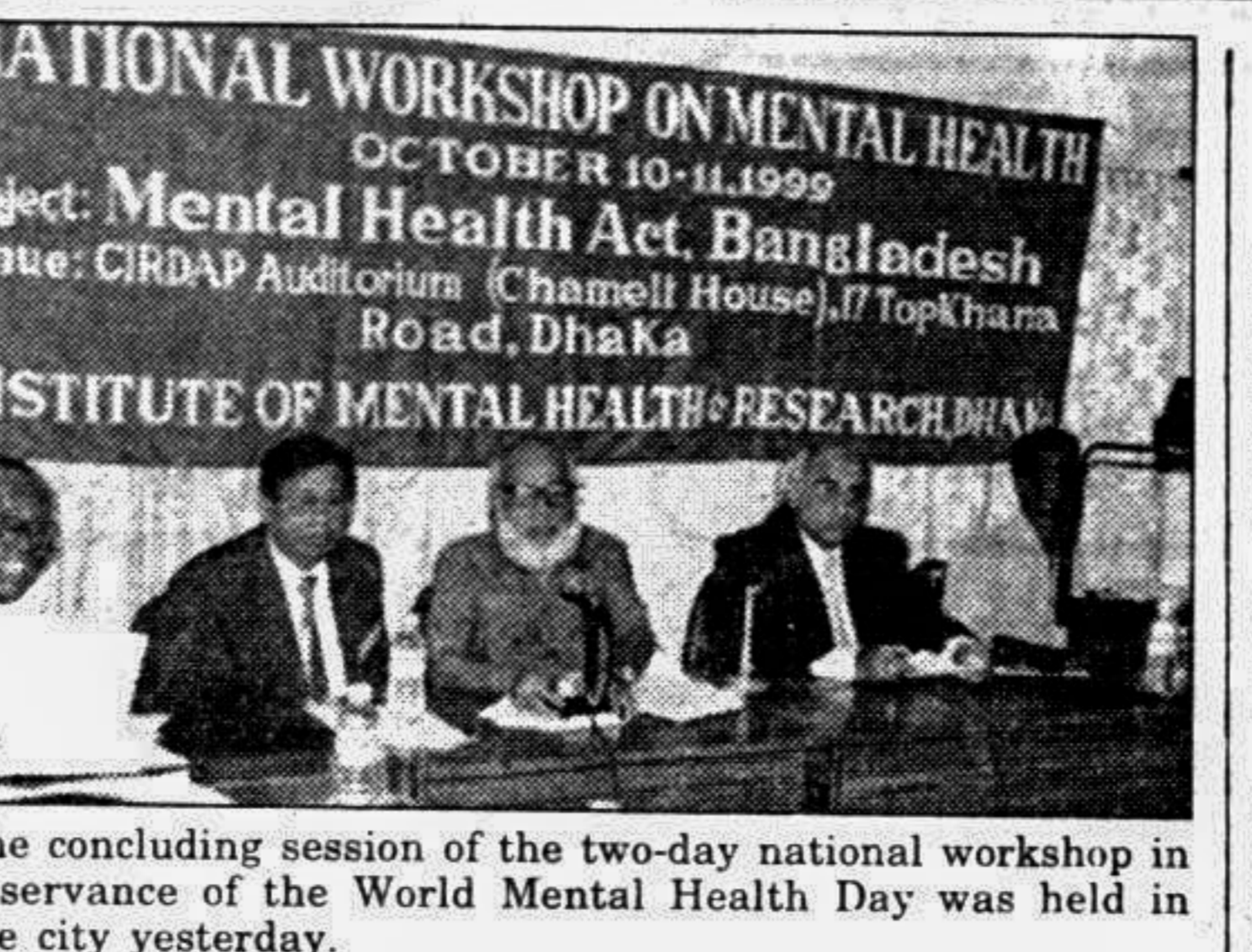
NARSINGDI, Oct 11: A man in a newspaper carrier from Dhaka died when the vehicle banged on a standing truck at Batldhoo, Belabo, early this morning, reports UNB.

Abdul Hye, 45, of village Bhati Krishnanagar who was sitting on the front seat died on the spot. The injured driver of the pickup van bound for Bhairab managed to escape.

The police said the body of Hye was sent to the morgue for autopsy and the van seized.



Minister of State for Women and Children Affairs Professor Zinnatun Nessa Talukder inaugurated the newly constructed floor of the Bangladesh Police Nari Kalyan Samity at the city's Baro Maghbazar area yesterday. Acting Secretary of the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs Dr Tahmina Hossain and Inspector General of Police A Y B I Siddiqui were present as the special guests at the function. President of the Samity Rehana Siddique presided.



The concluding session of the two-day national workshop in observance of the World Mental Health Day was held in the city yesterday.

'Quader Siddiqui betrayed ideals of Bangabandhu'

BASHAIL (Tangail), Oct 11: Home Minister Mohammad Nasim yesterday said that Quader Siddiqui had not only betrayed with the ideals of Bangabandhu and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina but also betrayed to the people of Sakhipur and Bashail, reports BSS.

"Ideology is the best asset in the life of a political leader," he said while addressing a meeting at Kauljani Nawsheria High School premises here.

Presided over by local Awami League leader S M Suhrwardy, the meeting was addressed, among others, by the general secretary of Krishak League Harun-or-Rashid Hawlader, eminent freedom fighter and local Awami League leader Shawkot Momen Shajahan, Bhaul thana Awami League president Abdul Kahleque, local union parishad chairman Mohammad Shahjhan, district Krishak League president Harmuji Ali, BSC and vice president of Shahdat Karotia College, Shohel Hazeri.

Mohammad Nasim said the people of this constituency had elected Quader Siddiqui as a member of parliament in 1996 by voting the Awami League. He said they also expressed their solidarity with the ideals of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the able leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina during the elections. But now, Siddiqui is attacking the Prime Minister personally, he added.

The AL organising secretary said Siddiqui is talking to the same line of the beneficiaries of the killers of Bangabandhu.

"I was confined in the specific cell of Dhaka Central Jail for several times by the then General Zia, Ershad and Khaleda Zia, where four national leaders were killed on November 3, 1975 but did not leave the ideology of Bangabandhu and Awami League," Mohammad Nasim said.

Nasim said a leader cannot stay with the people by betraying with his party and leaders.

Referring to the upcoming election, the home minister said, if the Awami League candidate was defeated, the killers would win.

He urged the people of the constituency to reply the misdeeds of Quader Siddiqui by ballot in the coming elections.

Poetry Night at Alliance Francaise on Oct 15

The Alliance Francaise de Dhaka will hold the '5th Poetry Night' at its premises on October 15 at 7:00 pm in its auditorium, says a press release.

The objective of the Poetry Night at the Alliance Francaise is to encourage and allow the enhancement of poetry. The programme will have no limitations. Self-composed poems or pieces by famous poets can be recited and the poetry can be in Bangla, or in any other language. Poetics can be classical, folk, prose-like (Godyo-Kabala), or any other sort. The Poetry Night also includes music and dance. People will come to enjoy an evening with a difference, listening to or performing poetry. There will be free entrance to the evening.

Eager participants are requested to register at reception of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26 Mirpur Rd, Road 3 (corner house), Dhanmondi R/A.

50-bed private hospital opens in Chakaria

CHAKARIA, Oct 11: Zam Zam Hospital, constructed at an expenditure of about Taka one and a half crore under private initiative at Cheringa, headquarters of Chakaria thana under Cox's Bazar district, was inaugurated yesterday, reports BSS.

Khatib of Chittagong Shahi Jam-e-Masjid Maulana Sayyid Anwar Hossain Taher Jaberi Al-Madani inaugurated the 50-bed new hospital at a function held in the hospital premises with eminent physician Dr Mahubul Alam in the chair. Former MP Azizur Rahman Chowdhury was present at the function as the special guest.

The function was addressed, among others, by ex-MP Enamul Huq Manju, Dr S M Showkat Osman, journalist Nazir Ahmad, local Awami League leaders Anwar Hossain, Ziauddin Chowdhury, Maulana Abdul Hai and AR Aziz.

The 50-bed Zam Zam Hospital with outdoor treatment facilities is the first of its kind in Cox's Bazar district. The sponsors of the hospital have fixed minimum consulting fee and hospital charges with a view to helping the poorer people get medical treatment.

The hospital is equipped with almost all modern treatment facilities including X-Ray, Eco-Cardiography, computerised ECG, endoscopy etc it will be developed into a 100-bed hospital soon, said Enamul Huq Manju, vice chairman of the hospital managing committee.

Tribal girl abducted from Bagaichhari

RANGAMATI, Oct 11: A tribal girl was reportedly abducted from Adharmank in Bagaichhari thana on Friday last allegedly for refusal of a marriage proposal, reports BSS.

The girl was identified as Jeni Chakma, 16, daughter of Mirinal Kanti Chakma of Adharmank in Bagaichhari thana.

According to Bagaichhari thana police sources, one Sunil Kanti Chakma, 24, of same village proposed to marry Jeni. Being refused he allegedly kidnapped Jeni on Friday last while she was working in a Jhoom hut nearby her house.

15 killed in road accident in Azad Kashmir

MUZAFFARABAD, Pakistan-administered Kashmir, Oct 11: At least 15 people were killed and more than 50 injured today when a passenger bus plunged into a ravine in Pakistan-administered Kashmir, police said, reports AFP.

The overcrowded bus was heading for the state capital, Muzafrabad, from a nearby village when the driver lost control while negotiating a sharp turn on the mountainous road, they said.

The vehicle, belonging to a private transport company, went hurtling 150 metres (500 feet) into the ravine, about eight km east of here, the police said. The driver was among the injured.

The dead included an infant and five women, a police official said, adding 24 of the injured, some of them in critical condition, were admitted to a military hospital in Muzafrabad.

Diplomats

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Tofail told the meeting that the opposition leader was operating on a single agenda to dislodge the government by any means. "But it is not possible to unseat an elected government by putting up demands since there are accepted norms and constitutional means."

Moreover, he said, removal of any elected government before expiry of its term is tantamount to disregard for the popular verdict.

Tofail said as soon as the opposition leader announced the oust-government agitation, subversive acts were unleashed across the country. "There is a similarity between the opposition's oust-government movement and the acts of saboteurs."

He alleged that the opposition was out to create unrest in the country. But Awami League enjoys the support of the people at grassroots level, he said. "So, Awami League government cannot be removed through an undemocratic movement."

The Minister pressed his surmise before the diplomats as to how a democratic government elected by the people could be overthrown.

The opposition leader does not go to parliament. On the other hand, the Prime Minister is ensuring transparency and accountability of the government by participating in all activities in the parliament," he said.

He said all issues raised by the opposition to discuss in parliament were accepted and discussed on the floor of the House. "Even, four issues raised by the opposition were discussed on a single day."

Tofail told the diplomats that Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina implemented massive development programmes in the country in last three years and four months.

According to a UNCTAD report, the highest volume of foreign investments found destination in Bangladesh among the Asian countries last year, he said.

Tofail also cited observations by US Assistant Secretary of State that as per the present trend of advancement, Bangladesh would emerge as a middle-income country by year 2020.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury said the government wants to institutionalise the democracy earned with blood.

Will they continue?

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BNP expelled both of them as soon as news about their joining the government spread. The party said in public statements and the two had been expelled hours before they were sworn in.

The opposition party charged the two MPs with crossing the floor and therefore asked the Speaker to refer the matters to the Election Commission for vacating their seats. As the Speaker ruled against the BNP plea, the matter went to the Supreme Court which ordered the Speaker to refer it to EC for settling the dispute.

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Guenter Blobel

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signals work.

"A typical mammalian cell contains about a billion protein molecules. Some are building blocks for the cell, while other act as enzymes, encouraging chemical reactions. The proteins are continually being destroyed and replaced, so newly made proteins must find their way to their proper posts."

Ralf Pettersson, professor of molecular biology at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, dramatised the importance of the signals Blobel discovered by displaying an aerial picture of New York City.

"Without an address, anybody who lands in the mash-up of houses or streets would get lost," Pettersson said.

Klass Kaerre, another Karolinska professor, said Blobel's research laid the basis for using biotechnology to produce drugs like insulin, growth hormone and a substance used during chemotherapy that helps the production of bone marrow.

Winners of the Nobel Prize in physics and chemistry are to be announced tomorrow, followed by economics Wednesday and the peace prize Friday. All the prize announcements are in Stockholm, except for the peace prize, which is announced in Oslo, Norway.

King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden will present the literature, science and economic prizes, this year worth 7.9 million kronor (960,000 dollars) on Dec 10, the anniversary of Swedish industrialist Alfred Nobel's death in 1896. The peace prize will be presented on the same day in Oslo.

IRRI to extend cooperation

International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) will expand its cooperation in inventing High Yielding Variety (HYV) of rice in Bangladesh, reports UNB.

Deputy Director General of IRRI Dr William G Padolina gave the assurance when he met with Food and Agriculture Minister Motia Chowdhury at her office yesterday, said an official handout.

The minister sought the co-operation of IRRI in inventing new HYV paddy considering the climatic condition of different regions of Bangladesh, soil category, height of land, salinity and drought.

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Vajpayee

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India by scrapping dozens of cumbersome rules and privatising less-making government factories.

The changes were hailed by free market supporters but were blamed by leftists and socialists for pushing up prices of food and increasing unemployment and poverty. Subsequent governments were too short-lived to extend the reforms."

Several industrial associations and international lending institutions have urged the government to continue the liberalization process.

The president's letter to Vajpayee was a formality required before Vajpayee is sworn in as prime minister Wednesday and appoints a Cabinet. His alliance handed the main opposition Congress party its worst electoral defeat since independence 52 years ago in elections that ended a week ago.

Earlier, alliance coordinator George Fernandes, the defense minister in Vajpayee's caretaker government, gave the president a letter indicating the support of 274 legislators in the alliance. In addition, 29 lawmakers of the Telugu Desam Party have pledged support to the government.

Vajpayee's immediate task will be to persuade the Telugu Desam to join his government in order to ensure its stability.

Chandrababu Naidu, the Telugu Desam leader, has been noncommittal so far, although he gave Vajpayee a letter promising support in crucial parliamentary voting.

Vajpayee wants all his supporters to be part of the government in order to minimize chances of losing power on a no-confidence motion.

4 Cong leaders

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tion. To find out where we went wrong, what is to be done now."

New Delhi chief minister Sheila Dixit, considered a Sonia loyalist, spoke on similar lines.

"Sonia Gandhi is leader of the party."

The four leaders who resigned at the weekend included three of the prime minister's secretaries — Pranab Mukherjee, Ambika Sorcar and Oscar Fernandes — as well as Congress leader in the upper house of parliament, Manmohan Singh.

Mukherjee is considered a staunch Sonia supporter and a member of the small "coterie" which enjoys privileged access to the Congress president.

The election result was a major setback for Sonia, the widow of former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi who took to politics only last year and was widely seen as the party's only vote-catcher.

Sonia is also facing muted suggestions from some Congress MPs that she should nominate someone else as opposition leader in the house, as she lacks vital experience in parliamentary procedure.

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Besides, the Cabinet also approved in principle another draft bill setting up a national housing authority which, if established, will work for ensuring homes for people of all classes, especially of low and middle income groups.

Suspect held

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ered from the Bakshibazar mosque of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat on Sunday. On Friday, an explosive was recovered from a mosque at Mirpur and another from the Janakantha office.

Army explosive experts said the explosives recovered from the mosques were grenades and that recovered from the Janakantha office an anti-tank mine.

The two grenades recovered from the Bakshibazar mosque were demolished yesterday after keeping those under observation for 24 hours in the Alya Madrassah filed an ISPR press release said last night.

The explosives recovered from the Mirpur mosque and the Janakantha office were demolished on Saturday.

Illegal liquor

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liquor, said a committee source, referring to the preliminary findings of the investigation.

The special squad also arrested some men and women for their alleged illegal activities in the ghosesthouses, the sources said without giving further details.

The two other members of the three-member committee are police officers of SP rank.