

## What's on today....

**Seminar:** Allama Iqbal Sangsad will hold a seminar 'Iqbal's Thoughts on Pan Islamism' to celebrate the 122nd birth anniversary of the poet. Venue: Hotel Sundarban. Time: 5:00 pm.

**Premiere:** Morshedul Islam's *Brishti* will be premiered. Venue: Goethe Institut, House No 10, Rd No 9. Time: 7:15 pm.

## ..... and tomorrow

**BCPS lecture:** Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons will hold two lectures on "Benign breast diseases" and "Quality assurance in undergraduate medical education and its organisational framework." Venue: BCPS auditorium, Mohakhali. Time: 11:00 am and 12:10 pm.

## Weather

### Night temperature may rise

Weather may remain mainly dry over the country in next 24 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Night temperature may rise slightly across the country during the period, according to the Met Office.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 33.5 degree Celsius was recorded at Hatia and the lowest 18.4 degrees at Sakhrina.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5:15 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:09 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	32.4	20.7
Chittagong	32.0	22.6
Rajshahi	31.6	19.6
Khulna	33.0	21.4
Barisal	32.4	21.0
Sylhet	31.8	21.5
Cox's Bazar	32.3	23.0

## HERE and THERE

### Chartered Accountancy Chhatra Parishad

The silver jubilee and reunion '99 of Bangladesh Chartered Accountancy Chhatra Parishad was celebrated at a discussion programme at Engineers Institution auditorium recently, says a press release.

Deputy Speaker of Jatiya Sangsad Abdul Hamid was the chief guest at the programme.

The day's programmes also included blood donation and cultural programmes.

### Zia Shishu Academy

Zia Shishu Academy announced its Kamal Kuri Top Ten '99 awards on occasion of National Solidarity Day, says a press release.

The recipients of the different prizes are Begum Mobina Khatun (Education), Helena Khan (Literature), Khalid Hosain (Music), Rowshan Jamil (Acting), Rahija Khanam Jhunu (Dance), Humayun Rashid Khan (Munna, MP (Social Service), Abdul Hai Sarkar (Indus-trialism), Kazi Siraj (Journalism), Dr Mir N Anwar (Medicine) and Lutfur Nahar (Ideal Mother).

The prizes will be distributed among the recipients on January 19, 2000, the release added.

### Daulatpur Thana Kalyan Samity

The annual general meeting of Daulatpur Thana Kalyan Samity (Dist. Mankganj) was held on Friday at 4:00 pm at National Sports Council auditorium, says a press release.

Industrialist, social worker and member of the parliament Haroon-Ar Rashid Khan Moonnun were present as the chief guest. Director of the National Cardiovascular (Heart) Disease Institute and President of the Association Prof Dr MA Zaman presided over the function.

The overall activities of the organisation during the last year was reviewed and programmes of the association of the current year was also discussed at the function.

Moonnun in his inaugural speech urged all members of the association to come forward with a positive outlook to extend their programme to common people of Daulatpur Thana. He urged upon all to work hard and contribute to the growth and overall improvement of the association.

A cultural programme also held.

### 'Bone Collector' tops US box office

LOS ANGELES, Nov 8: 'The Bone Collector', a thriller starring Denzel Washington and Angelina Jolie, topped the US box office during its weekend debut, with receipts totalling some 17.2 million dollars, reports AFP.

Exhibitor Relations announced the industry figures Sunday, which nudged the romantic comedy 'The Bachelor' in number two position, with earnings of 8.0 million dollars. In third place was followed by 'House on Haunted Hill' with 7.8 million dollars in receipts. That film was the top earner during Halloween weekend, raking in 15.9 million dollars.

### Arafat to meet Blair, sign gas deal

LONDON, Nov 8: Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat is expected to arrive Tuesday in London for a two-day visit including talks with Prime Minister Tony Blair and the signing of a gas exploration deal, reports AFP.

He talks Tuesday with Blair who will focus on the state of the Middle East peace process, the Palestinian diplomatic delegation here said.

Before that, he is due to sign an off-shore exploration contract with the British firm BG. No other details on the deal were immediately available.

On Wednesday, Arafat will meet former premier John Major and the leader of the opposition Conservative Party, William Hague.

British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook met Arafat last month during a visit to Israel and the Palestinian territories.

### Pope arrives in Georgia

TBILISI, Nov 8: John Paul II arrived here today for a historic visit to Georgia, the first by a pope to an Orthodox Christian nation in the former Soviet Union, reports AFP.

He was greeted at Tbilisi's airport by President Eduard Shevardnadze, Georgian Catholics Ilya II and other top Georgian officials, as well as members from the country's 100,000-strong Roman Catholic community.

The pope made his way gingerly down his aircraft steps with the aid of a walking stick, as a wintry wind blew.

Georgian girls presented him with flowers and a military band played.

### Muslims exhume 800 bodies this year in Bosnia

SARAJEVO, Nov 8: Muslim forensic teams have this year exhumed more than 800 bodies of mainly Muslim civilians believed to have been executed by Bosnian Serb forces in the 1992-95 war, an official said today, reports AFP.

The victims were exhumed from 40 mass graves and many individual sites at several locations in the Bosnian Serb entity, Republika Srpska, said Amir Masovic, head of the Commission for Missing People.

"Preliminary analysis showed that 99 percent of the victims, including more than 90 women and 16 children, were civilians killed in 1992," Masovic said.

## Washington has no plan to intervene in Chechnya

BUCHAREST, Nov 8: The United States is keeping a watchful eye on developments in Chechnya but has no plan to intervene, the highest ranking US military official said today, reports AFP.

"We are quite concerned about what is going on in Chechnya," General Hugh Shelton, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said during an official visit to Bucharest.

"We are concerned for the innocent civilians and the displaced persons, but we have no plan and no military consideration at this time," Shelton said.

"It is a concern dealt with by the Russian government," he added.

Shelton's comments were in response to a plea made Sunday by Chechen President Aslan

Maskhadov to US President Bill Clinton to put pressure on the Russian government, according to the Russian news agency Interfax.

"The Chechen people hope that the US will use its influence as a defender of human rights," Maskhadov said.

Last month the Russian government launched an all-out offensive against Chechen rebels in the breakaway republic.

Shelton, who arrived here Sunday, also applauded Romania's restructuring of its military.

"It is important that Romania pursue the defence reform allowing it to develop modern, flexible and NATO-compatible armed forces, which will have a major contribution to regional security," the general said.

## Indian Church hails success of papal visit

NEW DELHI, Nov 8: Indian Church leaders today hailed the visit of John Paul II as a great success, having laid the ground for inter-religious dialogue and reaffirmed the secular credentials of the government, reports AFP.

The pope left India Monday after a two-day visit, during which he issued a call for conversion aimed at expanding the Catholic Church's reach in Asia in the next millennium.

"We had looked forward in anticipation to this visit and our hopes were more than satisfied," said New Delhi Archbishop Alan de Lastic.

It has been a very successful visit, and many have contributed to its success," he said, adding a special thanks to the government of Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee, who was re-elected three weeks before the papal visit.

The Indian Church had criticised Vajpayee's previous administration for failing to curb attacks on the Christian community here, but De Lastic sounded a conciliatory note in the wake of reassurances given to the pontiff by government leaders regarding religious freedom in India.

"The secular nature of our government stood out very clearly," De Lastic said, adding that the pope had witnessed the "freedom of religion in all its splendour that we practise in India."

President K.R. Narayanan, who left for Austria after meet-

ing with the pope, said in Vienna on Monday that the Catholic leader "did not express anxiety about the future of Christians in India."

He was satisfied with our tradition of tolerance," Narayanan said.

The pope's two-day visit, which had been the subject of protests by right-wing Hindus prior to his arrival, passed off peacefully, including a public mass in New Delhi on Sunday attended by 50,000 people.

Despite regional sensitivity over the issue, the pope outlined angelical guidelines that unequivocally laid down conversion as the cornerstone of the Church's future activity in Asia.

"Just as the first millennium saw the Cross firmly planted in the soil of Europe, and the second, so may the third Christian millennium witness a great harvest of faith on this vast and vital continent," the pope said.

During the visit, the pontiff also handed church representatives from across the region copies of the concluding document from last year's Asian Synod held in the Vatican.

The document, which will serve as a blueprint for the regional expansion of Catholicism, specifically included "a call to conversion, so that the Church in Asia might become even more worthy of the graces continually being offered by God."

### Pak politician slams Russia for killings in Chechnya

LAHORE, Pakistan, Nov 8: Pakistani cricket hero-turned-politician Imran Khan today strongly condemned what he called the "genocide" of Muslims by Russian forces in Chechnya and urged the UN to take action to stop the bloodshed, reports AFP.

"This is an incredible genocide of Muslims by Russians in Chechnya. It is a pity that the world Muslim community has failed to take notice of it," he said.

"We condemn this and ask the United Nations to immediately intervene to stop this bloodshed," said Khan who heads his Movement for Justice party.

He said the Russians were carrying out the "massacre" of Chechen Muslims purely for commercial reasons.

### Belgian anti-trust body sees action against Microsoft

BRUSSELS, Nov 8: The head of the Belgian anti-trust body said today that a US court ruling against Microsoft would justify "exemplary" sanctions, notably because of damage done to small and powerless users, reports AFP.

The president of the Belgian competition council, Christine Schurmans, said: "In my view the fact that Microsoft is a company which aims at a very big number of small customers, who, despite their number, do not represent a counter-weight."

"That will doubtless justify exemplary sanctions," she told the newspaper Le Soir.

"Protection of the consumer, which is one of the objects of competition law, amounts to a fundamental element here."

"In addition to pecuniary sanctions, the break-up of the company would amount to the most serious sanction...the exemplary sanction," she said.

A US federal judge, in a preliminary judgement on alleged restrictive practices by Microsoft, said on Friday that Microsoft held a monopolistic position through its computer operating system Windows.

## Sharif wanted to jail my wife: Imran Khan

LAHORE, Pakistan, Nov 8: Pakistan's cricket hero-turned-politician Imran Khan today said he wanted to pressure the judiciary to put his wife Jemima in jail.

"I did not have the confidence of the courts under Nawaz Sharif because I knew that he would put my wife and kids behind bars by pressuring the judiciary," Khan told AFP.

He flew back into Pakistan on Sunday with his wife Jemima, daughter of the late British-French tycoon James Goldsmith, and their two young sons.

Khan, who heads his Movement for Justice party, was a staunch opponent of Sharif who was ousted in a military coup by army chief General Pervez Musharraf on October 12.

The Sharif government had implicated Jemima in a case of smuggling hundreds of antique tiles in December last year.

She ended her 11-month ex-

ile after the ouster of the former premier who is now in army custody and being probed for bank loan defaults and tax evasion.

"I would take anything from these political rivals but my family should be spared," Khan said.

Jemima, who married the former cricket hero four years ago, has denied the accusation, and the couple claim the tiles were not antique and the case has been trumped up.

"I am confident that justice will be done now and the fabricated and politically motivated charges against my wife will be dismissed on merit," Khan said.

He vowed to take Pakistani customs department and archaeological officials to court for "harassing my family for political gains." He said he would file a suit for damages once the current court case was settled.

Jemima's case is likely to come up for hearing in Lahore next month.

## British MP blasts sanctions on Iraq as 'crime of century'

BAGHDAD, Nov 8: British MP George Galloway slammed the UN sanctions against Iraq as one of the greatest crimes of the 20th century, in an address to the Iraqi parliament today, reports AFP.

"You know better than me the gravity of this great crime, one of the great crimes of the 20th century that has been committed against Iraq," he said, apologising for Britain's key role in keeping the sanctions in place.

Galloway likened the high death toll under the sanctions regime to the genocide in Cambodia under Pol Pot.

"Genocide means killing someone not for what he has done but because of who and what he is. Every one of the one million dead in Iraq under the embargo was killed...because they are Iraqis. This is genocide," he said.

The MP of Britain's ruling Labour Party dismissed the Iraqi opposition as nothing more than "a few hundred paid slaves sitting in London and Washington."

The United States and Britain were "trying to break this country because they want to install a slave government in Baghdad," but the Iraqi people with its ancient culture will never accept, he said.

Galloway and a team of volunteers arrived in Baghdad on Saturday at the end of a two-month trek on a red London double-decker bus, campaigning through several European and Arab countries for a lifting of sanctions.

The sanctions have remained in force ever since Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait, which was rolled back seven months later in the Gulf War.

The London double-decker used for Galloway's campaign, a 1963 model, is to be left behind as a gift, having travelled 15,000 km to reach Baghdad.

"We hope this bus will become a historical reminder, a museum of international solidarity," Galloway, who has been greeted as a hero in Baghdad, told Iraqi MPs.

## Pakistan to study implications of UN sanctions against Taliban

ISLAMABAD, Nov 8: Pakistan's new foreign minister said today he would study the implications of the UN decision to impose sanctions against Afghanistan's ruling Taliban, reports AFP.

Abdus Sattar told reporters the government would "carefully" study the matter, but stopped short of saying it would abide by the sanctions.

The United Nations Security Council last month unanimously decided to impose sanctions on Afghanistan if the ruling Taliban militia did not expel indicted terrorist Osama bin Laden by November 14.

"We will have to see what

Pakistan can contribute to the realisation of the objectives," of the resolution, Sattar said.

Bin Laden, a Saudi-born multi-millionaire has been indicted in the US over the twin bombings of American embassies in East Africa on August 7, 1998 in which more than 200 people were killed.

The Taliban has refused US demands to expel bin Laden.

Sattar said as a sovereign state it was up to the Afghan government to deal with the bin Laden issue.

The US has urged Pakistan, considered a principal backer of the Taliban, to use its influence with the militia to per-

sue it to expel bin Laden.

The Taliban government, which controls about two-thirds of Afghanistan, has so far been recognised only by Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. The anti-Taliban alliance retains the Afghan UN seat.

"Pakistan desires peace and unity in war-ravaged Afghanistan," Sattar said.

"Ground realities recommend more intense dialogue and engagement with the Afghan government and observance of international norms by all including Afghanistan," he said.



Pakistan's military ruler General Pervez Musharraf (2nd R) is welcomed to Turkey yesterday by Turkish Premier Bulent Ecevit — his first visit to a NATO member country as part of a tour of three Muslim states. The visit comes nearly a month after the October 12 coup.

— AFP photo

## TV Guide

Tuesday 9th November

(All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme)

### BBC WORLD

6:00 World News  
Headlines 6:05 Urdu Direct  
6:30 HARDtalk 7:00 BBC World News Inc. World Business Report/Asia Today /24 Hours 9:30 Asia Today 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 HARDtalk 11:30 HARDtalk 12:00 BBC World News 12:30 Mastermind India 1:30 HARDtalk 2:00 World News 2:30 World Focus: Science World 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 HARDtalk 4:00 BBC World Today 4:30 World Focus: Earth Report-Second Nature 6:30 World Focus: Science World 7:15 World Business Report 7:30 BBC The World Today 8:30 World Focus: Holiday 9:00 BBC World News 9:30 HARDtalk 10:00 World News 10:30 Wheels 11:00 BBC World News 11:30 World Living: Clockwatch 12:00 The World Today 1:30 Hard Talk 2:00 BBC News 2:30 World Focus: Reporters 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 World Living: Talking Movies 4:30 Europe Direct 5:00 BBC Newsdesk Inc. World Business Report/24 Hours

### CHANNEL [V]

7:30 Tea With [V] 8:00 Virtual [V] 8:30 Tea With [V] 9:00 Lunched Pad VJ Sophia 9:30 Tea With [V] 10:00 [V] Line Lagao 10:30 Video Preview 11:00 [V] Hit Machine 1:00 [V] First Day First Show 1:15 Weekender Bheja Fry 1:30 [V] Hit Machine 2:30 [V] Cross Word 3:00 [V] Hit Machine 4:30 Tea With [V]

5:00 Virtual [V] 5:30 Tea With [V] 6:00 [V] Job Shop 6:15 Tea With [V] 7:00 [V] Line Lagao 7:30 [V] Hit Machine 8:30 [V] Saba 9:00 [V] Hit Machine 9:30 First Day First Show 10:00 [V] Hit Machine 10:30 Late Night [V] VJ Laila [11:00] Top of the Pops 11:30 Late Night [V] 12:30 [V] Hit Machine 1:30 Late Night [V] 2:00 [V] Cool Mail 2:30 Late Night [V] 3:00 [V] Hit Machine

### STAR PLUS

6:30 Ninaad 7:30 Good Morning India 9:15 The Trial Show 9:30 TVC Shopping 10:00 Good Morning India 12:00 The Week That Year 12:30 TVC Shopping 1:00 Film Based Prog: Hit Ya Fit 1:30 Sansar 2:00 Pat Chhin 2:30 Swabhiman 3:00 Choti Si Baat 3:30 2-1 4:00 Srmati Sharma Na Kehti Thi 4:30 Animal Adventure 5:00 WFF Superstars 6:00 Small Wonder 6:30 Maad Hal Taal Hai 7:00 Film Based Programme: Hit Ya Fit 7:25 The Trial Show-Film Trailer 7:30 Star News India 8:00 I Love My India 8:30 Hera Pheri 9:00 Kora Kagaz 9:30 Star News 10:00 Rendezvous 10:30 Bombay Blue 11:00 Aaj Ki Baat 11:30 India Business Week 12:00 Star News 12:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 1:00 Newhart 1:30 Class Act 2:30 Manuhar 3:30 Tropical Heat 4:30 Fashion TV 5:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 5:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show

### STAR WORLD

6:30 Hollywood Squares 7:00 Brittas Empire 7:30 Animal Adventure 8:00 Sorry! 8:30 Happy Days 9:00 Series: That 70's Show 9:30 Series: Dharma

And Greg 10:00 Series: Chicago Hope 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 12:00 Series: Everybody Loves Remond 12:30 Series: Frasier 1:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 1:30 The Things People Do 2:00 Second Noah 3:00 Animal Adventure 3:30 Happy Days 4:00 Hollywood Squares 4:30 Sky World News 5:00 Asia News Update 5:05 Fox World Business Report 6:00 Series: 7:00 Live Special Event-Opening of Fox Studio Australia 9:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 9:30 Series: Home Improvement 10:00 Series: Jag 11:00 Special Event-Opening of Fox Studio Australia 1:00 Series: Home Improvement 1:30 Series: Jag 2:30 Series: NYPD Blue 3:30 Kenneth Copland Ministries 4:00 Life In The World With Joyce Meyer 4:30 Sky World News 5:00 Sorry! 6:30 Hollywood Squares

### STAR MOVIES

7:30 Comedy: The Mask (15) 9:30 Comedy: Stakeout 11:30 Western: Kill And Pray (15) 1:30 Comedy: Fray (15) 3:30 Drama: Quest For Justice 5:15 Comedy: Skin Deep 7:15 Drama: Romeo Is Bleeding 9:30 Extreme Cu 10:00 Action: Newhart 1:30 Class Act 2:30 Manuhar 3:30 Tropical Heat 4:30 Fashion TV 5:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 5:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show

### PTV-2

8:00 Tilawat Aur Tarjuma/Ham/Naat 8:30 Cartoon 8:30 Khairan 8:45 Beauty Care 8:50 Fun Katha 9:10 Dhanak 9:15 10:05 Har Taan Hey Deepak 10:30

English Film: Home Improvement 10:55 Milli Naghma 11:00 Khairan 11:10 Serial 12:00 Sports Hour 12:55 Quran-e-Hakeem 1:02 Bismillah 1:15 The Science Show 2:00 Yeh Jahan (Music Video) 2:25 Animated Classics 3:15 Geography & Sammar School 4:20 Mitti Sona 5:00 Allah Huma Labbaik 5:25 Serial 6:25 Aion Courses 7:00 Serial 7:45 English News 7:50 Saach Much 8:15 UN Quiz 8:45 Serial 9:00 Break for Headline News 10:00 Khabarnama & Commercial News & Khushal Pakistan 11:20 Do Sitare 12:30 Dr Quin: Medicine Women (Jean Saylor) 1:35 Khas Khas Khabrain/Close Down

### ZEE INDIA TV

7:00 Jagran 7:30 to 10:30 Every Half Hour - Zee News Hindi 11:00 Campaign Trail/Ru-Ba-Ru 11:30 News in Hindi 12:30 News in Hindi 12:57 News Headlines 1:00 Zee Sports Show 1:30 to 6:30 Every Half Hour - Zee News Hindi

### MTV INDIA

7:00 Non-Stop Hits 8:00 MTV Hanging Out VJ Rahul/Sonia 9:00 Classic MTV VJ Sarah/Rahul 10:00 Non-Stop Hits 10:30 MTV Most Wanted VJ Nadya 11:30 MTV Chill Out VJ Shehnaz/Amrita/Nikhil 12:30 MTV Hit Film Music 1:00 MTV Housefull V Nafisa 1:30 Made in India VJ Cyrus 2:00 MTV Hipshakers 2:30 MTV Select VJ Nikhil 3:00 Love Line VJ Malaika 4:00 Non-Stop Hits 4:30 Pepsi Dance Connection Special TV 5:30 MTV Most Wanted VJ Nadya 6:30 MTV Chill Out VJ Shehnaz/Amrita/Nikhil

7:30 MTV- Chitto Chat VJ Amrita/Cyru 8:30 MTV Hit In Control 9:30 MTV Hit Film Music 10:00 Housefull VJ Nafisa 10:30 Non-Stop Hits 11:30 The Grind (Beach Show) 12:00 Non-Stop Hits 12:00 Chill Out Non-Stop Hits Continue

### MUSIC ASIA

7:30 Aalaap 8:00 B&W Gems 8:30 Tea Time Game 9:00 All Time Romantic Hits 9:30 Total Recall 9:45 Brake Fail 10:30 Hit 11:00 Colgate Zig Zag Best of The Day 11:30 Bajaj Music Box 12:00 B&W Gems 12:30 Dekho Kya Fark Hai 1:00 Jharokha 1:30 Stars Day Out 2:00 Pop Re Pop 2:15 Top Notch 2:30 Music Zone 3:00 Mood Mood Ke Dekh 3:30 Sizzlers 4:00 Tea Time Game 4:30 Bajaj Music Box 5:00 Dial M 5:30 Hit Mix 6:00 Brake Fail 6:45 Top Notch 7:00 Ponds All Time Romantic Hits 7:30 The Pop Parade Show 8:00 Hit Parade 8:30 Music Quiz 9:00 Super Vasmol 33 Keshkaha Old Is Gold 9:30 Bajaj Music Box 10:00 Sizzlers 10:30 Jharokha 11:00 Brake Fail 11:45 Shabab 12:30 Old Tavern Sizzlers 1:00 Best of The Day 1:30 Jharokha 2:00 Bajaj Music Box 2:30 Top Notch 2:45 Pop Re Pop 3:00 Geeton Ki Bahar

### DD CHANNEL-1

5:55 Vande Mataram & Thought of The Day 6:30 Aradhana 7:00 For The Universities UGC Prog 7:30 Samachar 7:45 Suba Sabera 8:45 The News 8:50 'This Morning's Business' 9:00 Suba Sabera 9:30 Palsha 10:00 UGC Prog 10:30 Tarang 11:30 Young 12:30 Kamyab 1:00 Tulsi 1:30 Intezar Aur Sahi 2:00 Waqt Ki Raftar 2:30 News in Hindi 2:40 News in English 2:50 Rood Suhane/Deewar 3:00 Aap Ki Shanti 3:30 Sunehra Pal 4:00 Tea Time Monoranjana 4: