What's on today

Film festival: Dost by Sadhu Meher will be screened on the 3rd day of the "Children Film Festival." Organiser: Indian High Commission, Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, Satmasjid Road. Time: 5:00 pm.

Birth anniversary programme: Noren Biswas Smriti Parishad will hold a day-long programme to celebrate the birth anniversary of Noren Biswas. The programme includes recitation and musical presentations. Venue: Bakul Tola of Fine Arts Institute, DU campus.



Opening ceremony: The opening ceremony of New Horizons CLC of Dhaka, a unit of Independent Computers Learning Centres, will be held. Chief guest: Tofail Ahmed, Minister for Commerce and Industries. Venue: Conference Hall of New Horizons CLC of Dhaka, Momtaz Plaza, Rd No 4, House No 7. Time: 2:30 pm.

Film festival: Satyajit Ray's Sonar Kella is scheduled to be screened on the concluding day of the 'Children Film Festival'. Organiser: Indian High Commission. Venue: Indian Cultural

Night temperature may rise

The country's highest temperature 32.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sitakunda and the lowest 15.1 degrees at Satkhira. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:13 pm and rises tomorrow

Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded

in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/ Town	in celsius		Humidity in percentage	
Wester No.	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	30.6	18.3	65	73
Chittagong	30.5	20.0	78	73
Rajshahi	30.2	16.6	<i>7</i> 5	77
Khulna	31.2	18.8	77	70
Barisal	30.4	17.2	74	81
Sylhet	30.6	19.0	78	68
Cox's Bazar	31.5	19.8	60	76



(Left to right) Bob Bryan, Valerie Taylor (OBE) and Mogsud Khan are seen in the picture.

Pounds 2000 raised for CRP bangladesn

Sunninghill, Ascot in England has recently raised 2000 Sterling pounds for the Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (CRP) Bangladesh, says a press release.

coordination with Bob Bryan, President of the Sunninghill Friends of CRP and Moqsud Khan, proprietor of Rajvoog Restaurant. Valerie Taylor (OBE), founder of CRP was pre-

functions and fundraising events being held in England for celebration of the 20 anniversary of CRP.

Four held with arms in Patuakhali

PATUAKHALI, Nov 15: The police arrested four young men with a pipe gun, a toy pistol and looted goods from two trawlers at Kalikapur ferry ghat today, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip-off, police raided a two-storied tin-shed house near the ferry ghat and arrested Yunus, 18, Nasir, 22, Jamal, 18 and Fazlu, 17, who hail from Barisal.

Police also recovered some lethal arms from their possession and seized the trawlers anchored the ferry ghat.

The arrested confessed their link with some terrorists of Patuakhali district. Investigation was continuing.

AL leaders exchange views with labour leaders

Central leaders of Bangladesh Awami League yesterday exchanged views with the leaders of the labour organisa-

tions, reports BSS. Chaired by acting president of Bangladesh Awami League Amir Hossain Amu, the central leaders of the party - Labour and Employment Minister M A Mannan, relief and social welfare secretary Mukul Bose, assistant office secretary Siddiqur Rouf Khan, central leader Habibur Rahman Khan and Krishak League leader M A Karim were, among others, present on

the occasion. Among the labour leaders, Abul Bashar, Iqbal Majumdar, Fazlul Huq Mantu, Sukkur Mahmud, İsrafil Alam, ZM Qamrul Anam, Lutfar Rahman. Wajedul Islam Khan and Nurul

Islam were present. Amu said the working class is against the destructive politics of the opposition parties which are resorting to strikes and violence without any issue.

Centre, Satmasjid Road. Time: 5:00 pm.

Weather

Weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over the country during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB. Night temperature may rise slightly by 1-2 degree Celsius over the country during the period, Met Office said.



The 28th death anniversary of martyrs Dr Azharul Haq and

A charity dinner in

The dinner was organised in

sent at the fund raising event. The dinner was part of the

BCL wins top

Rahman Shaon of Bangladesh Chhatra League have been elected the vice president (VP) and general secretary (GS) of the Dhaka Medical College Central Students' Union (DMCCSU) re-

Earlier, the other office bearers of DMCCSU were declared elected after the BNPbacked Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) refrained from contesting this year's election despite filing of nomination pa-

The new office bearers of the DMCCSU are: Jubayer Ashraf Suvra (social welfare secretary) Eftekher Uddin Sujan (common room), Eftekherul Haq Munim(sports). Kamrul Hasan (literary secretary). Mahbub Elahi (athletics) and Iqbal Ashrah Mahmud (entertain-

Members are Juwel, Sohel, Raisul, Samar, Appolo, Sharif. Riad, Riaz, Jumana, Sawpon,

One killed in Jessore road

JESSORE, Nov 15: A youth was killed and another sustained injury in a road mishap near Malanchi under Kotwali thana here today, reports UNB. Witnesses said, a Jessorebound bus from Benapole hit a paddy-laden rickshaw van

side to a truck. Tarigul, 16, son of Rawsan Ali of village Dhopakhola, was killed on the spot and Giasuddin. 15, of the same village was injured critically in the acci-

sore General Hospital.

Examinations postponed

Different universities of the country yesterday postponed today's examinations and other academic schedules due to opposition-called hartal, reports

Dhaka University authorities, in a press release last night said all course final examinations of the university, scheduled for today at Kalabhaban and Curzon Hall centres, have been postponed due to unavoidable circumstances.

All examinations of the Home Economics College under the university have also been postponed, the release added. Fresh schedule of the examinations will be announced later.

The National University postponed today examinations of BBA Part 2 and Part 3 of 1999

Term 2 examinations for the students of third year of BBA Discipline of Khulna University will be held on November 17, instead of today, a univer-

exams will remain unchanged.

Hartal in Ramadan Khaleda's

Eminent Islamic thinkers (ulema) of the country yesterday condemned the speech of Begum Khaleda Zia, who on Sunday compared hartal call during Ramadan to the divine Battle of

Would she like to act as a Kafer (non-believer) uttering such a statement, which violate religious sentiments of thousands of pious Muslims," they questioned, added that. "The battle of Badr was held because Kafers imposed the war upon Muslims and indiscriminately

In a statement, the eleven ulema observed Khaleda Zia's statement as a heinous attack on the religious belief of Mus-

Terming hartal as anti-Islam activity, the ulema urged the opposition alliance, now agitating against the government, not to call hartals during the

holy month of Ramadan. The signatories to the statement were Moulana Ruhul Amin Khan. Moulana Wahiduzzaman, Shaikhul Hadis Moulana Abdur Rahim, Moulana Abdul Ali, Moulana Abdul Zolil, Moulana Abu Sufian, Moulana Abul Kashem Borkoti, Moulana Abdur Rahman, Moulana Abdul Hamio, Moulana Delwar Hussain and Moulana Nursi Haque (100)

for Land Rashed Mosharraf and general secretary Harun-ur-Rashid Howladar have criticised the statement of the opposition leader Begum Khaleda Zia on the possibility of calling hartals in the month of Ramadan and also during the examinations, reports BSS.

In a statement they said the opposition accustomed to the "hartal culture" is not hesitating to ignore the sanctity of the holy month of Ramadan and importance of the annual examinations of the students and added that it is too much of a height of audacity.

DU teachers to need prior permission to work outside

By DU Correspondent Teachers of Dhaka University will now be required to obtain prior permission from the university for consultation work or service in other university or college.

A joint meeting of departmental heads and teachers of the university took the decision. DU Vice-chancellor Prof. AK Azad Chowdhury, pro-VC Prof. M Shahadat Ali and Treasurer Prof. Abul Hashem attended the meeting presided over by Business Studies Faculty Dean Prof. Durgadas Bhattachariya.

The meeting discussed and accepted the I0-point recommendations made by the DU Academic Council with an aim to strengthen the academic activities of the university, a DU press release said.

Other recommendations included monitoring the activities of teachers, probing into allegations that some teachers do not take classes properly, teacher-student discussions thrice a week, strengthening role of student advisers and effective steps to ensure publication of results within a month of holding exams.

The DU authorities are for holding of regular meetings with the teachers, deans and chairmen of all faculties to bring back academic discipline at DU and to make teachers more accountable to their academic duties.

Three alleged

terrorists held

in Faridpur FARIDPUR, Nov 15: Three alleged terrorists were arrested with a firearm from the baby taxi stand in the town early to-

day, reports UNB. Kamal, Sheikh Zarif and Mostafa Kamal were nabbed by the police. They are known to be close associates of top terror of the town Afzal Hossain Shaheen alias 'kabjikata Shaheen'.

Court sent them to jail.

Asion Institute for D Annual Commercial Sciences SEAFILO (CIDA) and INITE

Speaker Humayun Rasheed Chowdhury addressing the inaugural session of a three-day regional seminar on Media, Human Rights and Child Abuse at a city hotel yesterday. - Star photo



Students of Rokeya Hall (batch 1996-97) brought out a procession on the occasion of their farewell reception on the Dhaka University campus yesterday. - Star photo

Enrolment of children at primary schools close to target'

The current net enrolment of children at primary schools stands at 82 per cent and completion of their education at 60 per cent which is close to the target set for the year 2000.

The government has resolved to increase net enrolment in primary schools and completion of education from 60 per cent and 43 per cent in 1990 to 95 per cent and 70 per cent respectively by the year 2000. The country's primaryschool aged children, stands at 19.6 million, according to the "Basic Education for Hard to Reach Urban Children's Project

(BEHTRUC)". The project, a joint initiative of Bangladesh government and the UNICEF, with support from Sweden and the United Kingdom, aims at providing non-formal basic education to 351,000 working children in six urban areas - Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal and Sylhet — to protect them from exploitative and

hazardous working conditions. According to the project profile, the schools numbering 4,200 till January this year with a total 1,26,00 children enrolled, are being managed by about 150 NGOs who have been participating in this project through the Directorate of Non-Formal Education.

. "More than 50 per cent of the enrolled children in these schools are girls," UNICEF officials told BSS adding that local government bodies as well as city and municipal corporation authorities have been extending cooperation towards effective management of the project ac-

The project has been especially designed to meet the educational needs of the working children living in urban slums. Over one-fifth of the country's population now live in urban areas and the government estimates this number will be nearly 30 per cent by the year

UNICEF officials said this project with a long-term investment for developing educa-

tion for all children in Bangladesh, was providing an opportunity for childrenfriendly learning environment along with access to information, interactive learning, lifeskills, awareness about a torins of explonation and scop to build children self-esteemed

and self-confident. As part of the project, teachers from participating NGOs receive initial and follow-up training in the curriculum and also visit homes of children to monitor their progress and

communicate with their guardians. Children account for about 56 per cent of urban slum inhabitants with most of them working to help support their families. In some families, the project profile said, child labour accounts for one-third of the family's income coming from brick-breaking, food or flower sale, domestic work rickshaw-pulling, welding, auto

troops begin in Philippines

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines Nov 15: Armed Muslim separatists today shut down a major highway in the southern island of Mindanao, provoking a clash with government forces, military officials and rebel leaders

There were no immediate reports of casualties in the fighting in the North Cotabato-Bukidnon highway, they said. In Manila, Defense Secretary Orlando Mercado said disaster officials have been sent to the area to help thousands of civilians displaced by the earlier fighting last week.

Hundreds of Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) guerrillas have set up blockades along the highway linking the provinces of North Cotabato and Bukidnon to head off advancing soldiers.

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Global alliance aims to eradicate leprosy by 2005

GENEVA, Nov 15: The World Health Organisation (WHO) announced today the creation of a worldwide partnership aimed at eradicating leprosy by 2005 in the 12 countries where 90 per cent of leprosy cases thrive, reports AFP

The task force will consist of a dozen countries, 19 non-governmental agencies (NGO) and a pharmaceutical group. The countries are Angola,

Brazil, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Madagascar, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Niger, the Central African Republic, and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The campaign will cost 100 million dollars over a six-year period. So far, the Nippon Foundation has contributed 24 million dollars and the Sasakawa Foundation has offered 30 million dollars.

Bangladesh Anti-Drug Federation broug'it out a procession protesting the tobacco

advertisements on television in the city yesterday.

Lesotho to bestow highest order on Chief Anyaoku

mechanics and many other odd

DURBAN, South Africa, Nov 15: The Kingdom of Lesotho will Tuesday bestow its highest order on outgoing Commonwealth Secretary General Chief Emeka Anyaoku, Foreign Minister Tom Thabane said in South Africa today, reports AFP.

"The bestowal will be to honour Chief Anyaoku for his sterling service to Lesotho during his tenure at the Commonwealth secretariat," Thabane told the South African Press Assocation. He said King Letsie III would confer on Anyaoku the king-

dom's Knight Commander of the Most Courteous Order of Lesotho at the royal palace in the capital Maseru. Thabane was in the eastern Commonwealth Heads of

port city of Durban for the Government Meeting, where New Zealand Foreign Minister Don McKinnon was unanimously elected to take over.

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- Star photo

different parts of the country. All the arrested were produced before the CMM's court in the late afternoon. DU Marketing Deptt silver jubilee By DU Correspondent The Department of Marketing of Dhaka University is celebrating its silver jubilee through various programmes, says a press release. The programmes include sports, cultural events and

blood donation programme.

The prize giving ceremony

and cultural programme will be

held at TSC auditorium on

November 19. All present and

former students have been re-

quested to attend the pro-

grammes, the press release

noon.

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MAG's role as "a custodian of domestic trade policy institutions and building their capacithe Harare Principles" which ties for negotiations. set out the core Commonwealth ideals of democracy, human rights and rule of law. But it de-

CHOGM concludes

ferred a decision to arm C-MAG

with more powers till the High

Level Group reports in 2001.

"The C-MAG should con-

tinue to address the serious or

persistent violations of those

Principles and that its future

mandate should be further con-

sidered by the Commonwealth

High-Level Group," the com-

In a pre-CHOGM briefing. Chief Anyaoku had indicated

that the C-MAG would be a

stronger mandate by the sum-

miteers. "C-MAG will go beyond

military regimes ... determine

which member country needs

attention (in terms of human

rights/democracy/freedom of media)," he had said. "It will be

identifying them, naming them, and bringing collective

Commonwealth pressure to

Pakistan

The communiqué incorpo-

"It does not mean an unlim-

ited time frame," Chief

the secretary-general said.

democracy is not made speed-

They also called for release

"Heads of government con-

demned the unconstitutional

out delay," said the commu-

Economic,

financial issues

joint Commonwealth position

in multilateral trade negotia-

tions and asked the Secretariat

"to increase its contribution" to

general "to consult Common-

wealth governments" about

convening a meeting of

Commonwealth trade minis-

ters "at an appropriate time to

promote progress in WTO nego-

should continue to help devel-

oping countries in updating

their legislation, strengthening

Nasım meets

T&T Union

leaders

Nasim yesterday called upon

the leaders of Bangladesh T and

T officers and employees Fed-

eral Union to refrain from in-

volving in anti-organisational

members of the union, the min-

ister said the goodwill of the

union leaders must be upheld

and there should not be any

complaints to corruption and

over a memorandum that con-

tained 13 point demand of the

cooperation of the government

to fulfil the justified demands

met the minister included the

union president Mostafa Ja-

maluddin Ahmed and secretary

general Mohammad Mahbubul

Countrywide drive

90 held for

travelling without

tickets on train

By Staff Correspondent

while 171 were fined on charges

of travelling without ticket at

city's Cantonment railway sta-

tion yesterday in a joint opera-

tion by army, police and Rail-

way Nirapatta Bahini (RNB)

that started in the early morn-

ing and continued till after-

sources said that all of the ar-

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Government Railway police

Ninety people were arrested

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misconduct against them.

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Addressing the newly elected

activities, reports BSS.

Home Minister Mohammad

They said the Secretariat

The heads told the secretary-

The CHOGM called for a

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muniqué said.

bear on them."

"If the benefits of globalisation are to be shared more widely, there must be greater equity for countries in global markets." said the Fancourt Declaration, struck yesterday and endorsed by the heads to-

The greatest challenge facing us today is how to channel the forces of globalisation for the elimination of poverty and empowerment of human beings to lead fulfilling lives." the Declaration said.

The heads called for "swift" implementation of recent international agreements to provide "deeper, wider and faster debt relief, with an overreaching aim of reducing poverty" in Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC). "They emphasised the need

for adequate debt relief and technical assistance from the international community to reinforce poverty reduction strategies in debtor countries and help them achieve internationally agreed poverty reduc-tion and development targets by 2015," the communiqué said. The heads also spoke of "the.

right of member countries to compete in the international financial markets through provision of both onshore and offshore financial services.

"They also recognised the "The question of democracy need for improvements in the featured high on the agenda ... existing framework to regulate there were constructive and rointernational financial transbust discussions (reflecting) the actions and markets, given heads' determination to keep their increasing volume, size the Commonwealth position of and complexity occasioned by a community of democracies." globalisation," it said. They also asked the Secreta-The heads decided to con-

riat to help member countries in improving their operating practices and regulatory mechanism to prevent financial crime, notably money laun-

Terrorism, small arms

The heads pledged to *promote international and regional co-operation and to strengthen the international legal framework to ensure that terrorists do not find safe haven in any part of the world." They said accumulation and

proliferation of small arms. ammunition and light weapons were largely responsible for "the intensity and duration of armed conflicts as well as for international terrorism" "They believed that the chal-

lenge posed by the proliferation of small arms involved security, humanitarian and development dimensions," the coinmuniqué said. The heads' concern came in

the wake of a report - Over A Barrel: Light Weapons and Human Rights in the Commonwealth - submitted to the CHOGM by the New Delhi-based Commonwealth Human Rights intrative non soluni on

Civil society

The significance of civil society was a major issue at the summit as the leaders promised to aid the "capacity-building ef forts" of local and regional

"They noted the significance of civil society in empowering people to benefit from globalisation, in contributing towards our goal of poverty elimination. equal opportunity and fair distribution of resources and in helping to deal more effectively with ethnic, racial and religious conflicts," the commu-

niqué said. "The issue of poverty should not merely be addressed by dispensing aid," President Mbeki told journalists after the concluding CHOGM session today. referring to other factors such as the role of civil society.

Leaders missing This year, the CHOGM saw the highest attendance of the heads of government - 47 of them came. In all, there were 52 national delegations. Malavsian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohammed, Sri Lankan President Chandrika Kumaratunga and New Zealand Prime

the notable absentees. Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who skipped the two-day retreat in George and stayed back in Durban to do some sightseeing, caught attention at the November 12 opening ceremony being the only woman other than the Queen Elizabeth II. The 'sari-clad Hasina" also drew some local media publicity.

Minister Jenny Shipley were

She flew to Johannesburg this morning to meet Nelson Mandela, the legendary South African leader. She also missed most of the concluding ceremony leaving it all to her foreign minister, Abdus Samad

British Prime Minister Tony Blair also left South Africa Sunday night without holding a scheduled bilateral meeting with host President Mbeki during the traditional Commonwealth retreat.

Blair also quarrelled through the media with President Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe who commented at a press briefing that Britain was run by

"a bunch of gay gangsters". Mugabe was manhandled by a group of gay activists in London recently. In the end these sort of

think that is what is important," Blair said in an inter-

comments come and go, I don't

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celled, said a source at the Khulna office of Bangladesh Frozen Food Exporters' Association (BFFEA).
The price will fall by at least

15 per cent after Christmas

causing huge financial loss to

exporters, the source said. A source at Port Harbour said two ships have already left the port with imported cargo

which could not be unloaded due to the strike.

Death anniversaries

Dr Humayun Kabir will be observed in the city today, reports The two physicians were picked up by the infamous Al-Badr on November 15, 1971 during the Liberation War. Their bodies were found near Notre

Dame College the following day On the occasion, Ekaturer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee has taken up elaborate programmes, including laying of wreaths on the memorial plaque and discus-

The Nirmul Committee has built the memorial plaque in Motijheel area, right at the spot where their bodies were found.

DMCSU posts By DU Correspondent Biddut Barua and Jahedur

spectively. The election for the two vital posts of the 20-member body of DMCCSU was held at the college from 9 am to 2 pm yesterday. A total of 417 voters cast their votes to elect the new executives.

ment secretary).

Chypon, Pavel. accident

from behind at 9 am on Jessore-Benapole highway while giving

dent. He was rushed to the Jes-The driver, however, flee the scene with the vehicle.

and today's scheduled meeting of the Academic Council. The meeting of the council will be held on November 18 at the University's Institute Building at House 113, Road 9 (new), Dhanmondi.

sity press release said. The venue and time of the the release added.

Ulemas blast comments

Badr, reports BSS.

attacked them."

lims.

Bangladesh Krishak League (BKL) President State Minister

Muslim rebels, fresh fighting

said, reports AFP.