

## What's on today

**CESA cultural programme:** Civil Engineering Students' Association (CESA) of BUET will hold a cultural programme followed by a reception to newcomers and farewell to graduating batches of BUET. Venue: BUET auditorium. Time: 5.00 pm.

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**Workshop:** A day-long workshop on Laparoscopic Surgery will be held as part of the 13th Asia Pacific Federation being held by International College of Surgeons (ICS). Venue: BIRDEM auditorium. Time: 8.30 am-4.30 pm.

**Film show:** A special screening of "Muktir Kotha" a documentary on the experience and suffering of ordinary people in 1971 by Tareque and Catherine Masud, will be held. Venue: Shishu Academy auditorium. Time: 3.30 pm.

**Discussion meeting:** Bangladesh Girls Guide Association will hold a discussion on "World AIDS Day". Venue: Guide House premises, Bailey Road. Time: 6.15 pm.

## Weather

## Dry weather likely

Dry weather is likely to prevail over the country during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Slight fall in night temperature is expected over Rajshahi and Khulna divisions and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged elsewhere across the country during the period, Met Office said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 30 degree Celsius was recorded at Cox's Bazar and Srimongal and the lowest of 12.5 degrees at Sathkira.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5.10 pm and rises tomorrow at 6.23 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	29.7	16.5	54	75
Chittagong	29.8	18.8	62	82
Rajshahi	28.0	14.0	74	82
Khulna	28.5	16.4	72	72
Barisal	29.2	16.3	76	87
Sylhet	29.8	16.4	73	75
Cox's Bazar	30.0	20.0	76	75

## HERE and THERE

## FOCUS

From CU Correspondent: CHITTAGONG, Nov 28: The Forum for Development Journalism and Communication Studies (FOCUS) yesterday organised a film show at the Alliance Francaise auditorium here on the occasion of its certificate distribution ceremony of the Basic Photography workshop.

About sixty amateur photographers, most of them students of Chittagong University Journalism Department, who took part at the Basic photography workshop at the Chittagong CARPAS auditorium last year, received certificates at the programme.

The ceremony was presided over by Sahidullah Lipon, coordinator of FOCUS and Chairman of Chittagong University Journalism Department. CU Pro-Vice Professor Abu Yousuf was present at the programme as chief guest while Abul Momen, residential editor of the Prothom Alo and Professor Kazi Mustain Billah, former

dean of Arts faculty of Chittagong University were present as special guests.

## News Network

A three-day workshop titled "In-depth Reporting on Democracy and Human Rights Issues" concluded in Bandarban district on Friday, reports UNB.

Twenty-five journalists and freelance writers from local and national dailies participated in the workshop.

News Network editor Shahiduzzaman, special correspondent of daily Ittefaq Hassan Shahriar and special correspondent of BSS Zaglul Ahmed Chowdhury conducted the workshop organised by News Network, said a press release yesterday.

## CWRY

The first meeting of Child, Women Relief and You (CWRY), a human rights project of Mukti Lawrence Foundation was held at a city restaurant recently, says a press release.

The meeting was presided over by Md Anwar Hossain, President of the foundation.

## Raushan gets

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Chairperson Khaleda Zia said that she was annoyed at Roushan's statement. She also expressed her anguish at the news report that the draft of the joint declaration to be issued after the planned meeting of chiefs of the four parties is now on the table of the Prime Minister.

A number of senior BNP leaders believe that Roushan made the statement deliberately and Ershad might know it. "I had no confidence in Ershad in the past and still I believe that he will desert the opposition alliance when the one-point movement gets further momentum," said a top BNP leader.

JP city unit, Juba Sanghati and other front organisations of JP held separate meetings at the party central office and other places last night. Leaders and activists attending the meetings expressed their resentment and said Roushan's statement might affect the party and increase suspicion about JP and Ershad, according to meeting sources.

Some of them said Ershad might leave the alliance and return to the government side.

The sources said that the meetings unanimously decided to continue the current movement for protecting the entity of JP.

Speakers at the meetings said the party leadership should press Roushan to seek unconditional apology to the party and withdraw her remarks through press statement.

Meanwhile, BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan has said the statement made by Roushan Ershad will not make any dent in the alliance or harm the opposition movement.



Sammilito Nari Samaj (SNS) brought out a mourning procession in the city yesterday in memory of poet Begum Sufia Kamal.

## Transport workers threaten strike from Jan 23

Bangladesh Sarak Paribahan Samik Federation has threatened to enforce an indefinite transport strike across the country from January 23 if the agreement signed with the government is not implemented, reports UNB.

Ending a two-day extended meeting of its central committee yesterday, the federation urged the government to implement the 11-point agreement.

Federation president Shahjahan Khan MP presided over the meeting. It was attended by Sirajul Haq, Habibur Rahman Khan, Shimul Biswas, Kazi Motahar Hossain, A Mannan, Wahiduzzaman, Akhter Hossain Badal and A Qudus.



## Death anniversary of Mustafizur Rahman tomorrow

By Staff Correspondent

The third death anniversary of former foreign minister and secretary general of BNP ASM Mustafizur Rahman will be observed tomorrow.

BNP and its front organisations have chalked out elaborate programmes to mark the day. It will hold a discussion meeting today at 4.00 pm at the Jatiya Press Club auditorium.

Mustafizur Rahman died at the Combined Military Hospital (CMH) on November 30 in 1996.

A milad mahfil will be held at his residence tomorrow.

## La Bamba employees' appeal

By Staff Correspondent

More than 60 employees of the La Bamba kebab house have appealed to the authorities to allow rebuilding of the business house to save them from the miseries of unemployment.

They said they have been rendered jobless after the demolition of the popular food joint on Satmasjid road in Dhanmondi.

On Saturday, Rajuk demolished two structures on the premises of the kebab house after serving a notice on its owners saying that it was an unauthorised structure. A large contingent of police, along with Rajuk officials moved into the premises of the business house and demolished a garage, the boundary wall and a tin-shed structure.

## Obituary

Saifunnesa Begum, mother of artist Shahabuddin Ahmed, died of cardiac arrest yesterday morning at her residence at Kalabagan. She was 77, reports BSS.

Her body was taken to her village home at Bhairab of Kishoreganj district for burial. Her *gukhuani* will be held at her 46, First Lane, Kalabagan residence after Asr prayers on Wednesday.

## PM condolences

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has expressed deep shock and sorrow at the death of Saifunnesa Begum.

In a message yesterday, she said Saifunnesa, wife of Awami League leader Tarek Rahman, was an active worker during the freedom struggle.

Al-haj Kazi Abdul Rahman of Elachipur, Manikganj breathed his last at his 10 Weyer Street residence at 4.45 yesterday afternoon. He was 78, says a press release.

A renowned businessman, he is survived by his wife, four daughters, two sons, grandchildren and a host of relatives. He will be buried today at his family graveyard at Kaliganj, across the Buriganga, after his *namaz-e-janaza* at Wari Jame Mosque after Zohr prayers.

## Pre-planned act

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holding rally in front of party central office at Naya Paltan when the bomb was thrown and the truck was burnt. Proper investigation into the incident may unveil how the incident took place and who were behind it, he added.

He said the government has totally failed in its attempt to 'destroy' the BNP by arresting and filing false cases against the leaders and activists.

The government is pushing the country towards a conflict by destroying democratic atmosphere. Bhuiyan alleged and asked the government to stop all its repressive activities.

Speaking at the conference, Mirza Abbas said the government filed cases against 28 people, of whom eight were members of his family. Of the eight, three have been in jail for a long time, one has been living abroad while another was in hospital when the incident happened.

He denied the charge and said none from his family or the BNP was involved in the incident and blamed the government for the murder. "It was a pre-planned murder and the crime was committed by the ruling party men," he added.

Replying to a question, Mirza Abbas said the crime was definitely committed by the Awami League men, but he does not know who was involved.

He said the government has filed 29 'false' cases against him, 56 against his younger



Kazyoshi Urabe, Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh, formally handed over polio vaccines to Salah Uddin Yusuf, Minister for Health and Family Welfare, in the city yesterday.

## Arsenic mitigation Field-level drive launched to raise awareness

The government has launched field-level campaign in a bid to create awareness about arsenic, reports UNB.

The programme has been taken up under Bangladesh Arsenic Mitigation Water Supply Project, said a press release. LGED Ministry is implementing the project with financial assistance from World Bank and Swiss Development Corporation.

Some 300 villages in six thanas — Sadar of Gopalganj district, Bheramara of Kushtia, Ishwardi of Pabna, Uzirpur of Barisal, Haziganj of Chandpur and Golapganj of Sylhet district — have been brought under the programme.

## BDR personnel asked to check smuggling

JOYPURHAT, Nov 28: Director General of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) Major General Md Azizur Rahman today asked the BDR personnel to keep constant vigilance against cross-border smuggling, reports UNB.

Laying foundation stone of the headquarters of 5-Rifles battalion at Parulla village, two kilometres from the district town, the BDR chief said the smuggling has increased manifold along the border and it must be checked.

He said battalion headquarters is being set up to protect the lands and curb smuggling. The battalion headquarters is being constructed on 75 bighas of land at a cost of about Tk five crore near Joypurhat-Hilly Road, 10 kilometres from Indian border.

## HC: Show cause

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is headed by a Minister, who is a member of the ruling party, managed to exclude the names of the judicial officers whose names were announced on 17.11.1999 by Election Commission and submitted a list of six other officers by adopting the principle of 'pick and choose' thereby interfering with and undermining the independent choice made by the Election Commission, the petition contended.

The new committee was announced with three members namely Shahinur Islam, Additional District Judge, Dhaka, Abul Saleh SK Mohammad Zahurul Islam, Senior Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Law, and Shafiqur Rahman, Senior Assistant Judge, Dhaka.

Dr Kamal Hossain with the assistance of Advocate Ramzan Ali Sikder moved the petition, while Deputy Attorney General Obaidur Rahman Mustafa opposed the same on behalf of the government.

## Malaysian polls

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Islamic opposition party today of using mosques to preach politics and of trying to divide the ethnic Malays.

"This division becomes more obvious every time an election is held," the premier said as he laid the foundation stone for a 1.7 million ringgit (447,000 dollar) mosque in his Kubang Pasu constituency.

Analysts believe many Malays are sympathetic towards Anwar, who was sacked by Mahathir in September last year and subsequently beaten by police and jailed for abuse of power, but it is not known whether the sympathy will translate into votes.

Anwar's wife Wan Azizah, who is leading the opposition campaign, has accused the ruling coalition of slandering her. She has denied reports in some newspapers that she had previously tried to divorce Anwar over his conduct.

"Is this their way of fishing for votes? It's all slander to blacken my image," she said, adding that her eldest daughter Nurul Izzah was receiving anonymous phone calls that she (Wan Azizah) was seeing another man.

The National Front won 65 per cent of the popular vote in the last elections in 1995 — its best showing ever, up from 53 per cent in 1990 and 57 per cent in 1986.

## Raushan

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overall situation in the country with many senior journalists present there. At one stage, Khandaker Manirul Alam requested me to have a tea at the club canteen, where there was some conversation with journalists. It was not at all a formal press conference of the party," she added.

The Daily Star on Sunday published a UNB news item on her conversation with journalists at the press club where she "called for discarding politics of vengeance and animosity and changing the trend of opposition movement in the greater interest of the nation."

"The opposition parties always got united to fight against the government. This trend of movement should be stopped for the welfare of the country as it obstructed development," the UNB report quoting her as saying.

## Special combing operation in city soon: Nasim

Home, Post and Telecommunications Minister Mohammad Nasim yesterday said special combing operation would be launched in the capital soon to root out terrorism, reports BSS.

"The terrorists will be destroyed at any cost, even if it costs my life," he said while addressing an 'anti-terrorism rally' at the Shaheed Park of Mohammadpur in the city.

Mohammad Nasim said temporary and permanent police camps would be set up in every thana and ward of the city and if the people desire, the proposed 'public security bill' would be enacted to stamp out terrorism.

City Mayor Mohammad Hanif also spoke on the occasion while Moqbil Hossain, MP, chaired the rally attended by academicians, cultural activists, social workers and political leaders irrespective of party affiliation.

Mohammad Nasim called upon all to cooperate with the government in its anti-terrorism drive.

"If you really want to live in an atmosphere with proper law and order, help the law enforcing agencies, ensure it for you," the home minister said, adding that negligence of the law en-

forcers would not be tolerated.

He said the trial of all killings including murder of Ziaur Rahman, Colonel Taher, Major Manzoor, and Kazi Aref, would take place as the government believes in equal rights of all and wants to establish rule of law in the country.

The home minister asked the members of law enforcing agencies to put in their best efforts in curbing terrorism and prove them selves real friends of the people.

Mohammad Nasim, who is also the Organising Secretary of Awami League, said culprits and killers would not be spared in any way under the present government as Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina had already set an example by bringing one of her party lawmakers to book.

"If the prime minister dared to take action against her own man why the leader of the opposition should hesitate to follow her?" Mohammad Nasim asked.

Mohammad Hanif said co-operation of all political parties and social leaders are imperative to curb terrorism from society. He said the existing laws are not enough to try the killers as there are loopholes in the laws.

## Prof Razzak dead

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BIRDEM. According to a press release, his body would be taken to Aparajeyo Bangla in front of DU Arts Faculty this morning and kept there for about an hour.

His body would then be taken to the Dhaka University Central Mosque premises to enable people to pay their last respects. His *namaz-e-janaza* would be held after Zohr prayers. Later, he would be laid to rest at the city's Banani graveyard.

His *gukhuani* will be held at his nephew's residence at house no. 6, road no. 69, Gushan-2 at 4pm tomorrow.

Meanwhile, President Shahabuddin Ahmed, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Leader of the Opposition Khaleda Zia have expressed profound shock at the death of Prof Razzak, reports UNB.

In a message of condolence yesterday, President Shahabuddin recalled the valuable contribution of professor Abdur Razzak in the field of education and said that his thoughtful deliberations on various topics were acclaimed by the students, educationists, intellectuals and politicians alike.

The president said that with his death the country has lost a versatile genius, a teacher of teachers, a free thinker and an outspoken personality.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in a message yesterday said the nation has lost an eminent educationist at the death of Prof Razzak.

She expressed deep sympathy to the members of the bereaved family and prayed for the peace of the departed soul.

Opposition Leader Khaleda Zia in a message said the nation lost a great scholar at the death of Prof Razzak. The loss is irreparable. The nation will remember his contribution in the field of education.

Professor Razzak, a lifelong bachelor, was born in 1914 in Paragram of Nawabganj in Dhaka. His father was a police officer. He spent his childhood in Rangpur and in Hoogli of

West Bengal. He went to Government Muslim High School in Dhaka.

He had his higher secondary education at Dhaka College. Having completed his master's degree in Economics and Political Science from Dhaka University in 1936, Razzak taught economics and political science at the university.

He was involved in teaching until he retired in 1974. After 1945 he conducted research in political science at the London School of Economics under the supervision of celebrated political scientist Prof Harold Laski.

In 1956, he was appointed as a member of Planning Board of the then East Pakistan.

During his long academic career, Prof Razzak worked as a fellow of Harvard University in 1959 and a visiting scholar at Oxford University in 1970.

The Dhaka University published his "State of Nation" in 1983.

After the independence, he contributed to the framing of the country's Constitution in 1972. He served as chairman of political science department and a member of Dhaka University Syndicate.

In 1973, the Delhi University conferred on him honorary doctorate of philosophy and the government appointed him as a national professor the following year.

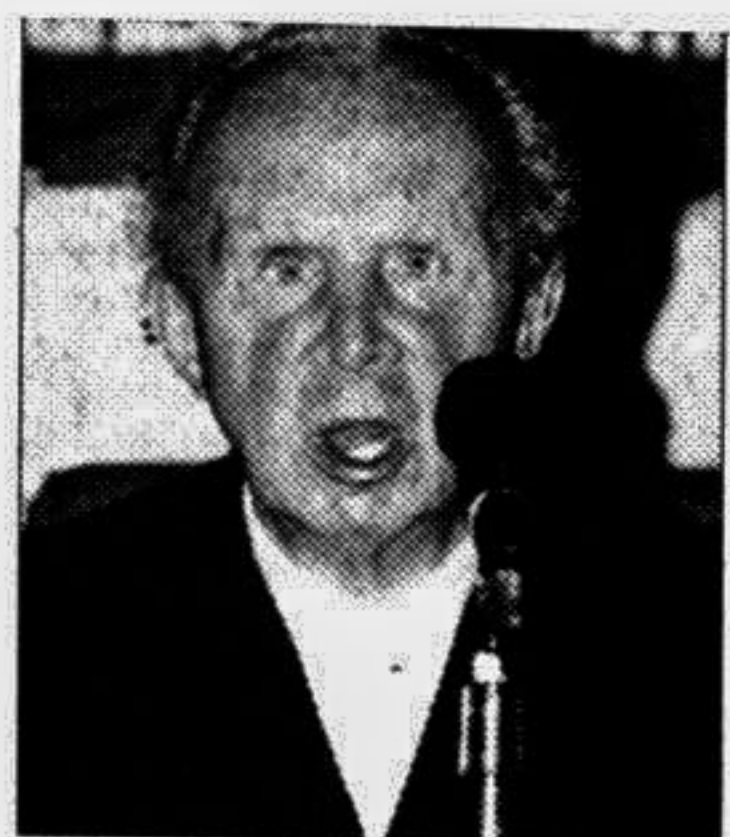
## 4 parties

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Mayor and Joint Secretary General of BNP Mirza Abbas in connection with the killing of truck driver Nasu Miah.

The liaison committee in a statement termed the case a deep rooted conspiracy of the government and demanded arrest and trial of the culprits responsible for the killing of Nasu Miah.

Leaders and activists of the opposition parties were neither involved in the killing of Nasu Miah nor any opposition workers were in the area during the incident, the statement said.



## Founder of Global IMPACT dead

Sir John Wilson, founder of the Global IMPACT Programme, died of heart attack in Brighton, England, on November 24. He was 80, says a press release.

With Sir John's active support and encouragement, Impact Foundation Bangladesh (IFB) was created in 1993, and IFB's flag-ship project 'Jibon Tari', the floating hospital, was launched in Bangladesh in 1999 for prevention and cure of disability.

Blinded at the age of 12, Sir John was re-educated in Braille and obtained degrees in Law and Sociology from Oxford University.

At Sir John's initiative, the International Agency for Prevention of Blindness was created in 1974 and he was the founder President.

In 1981, Sir John presented the strategy for prevention of disability at the UN General Assembly. This led to the establishment of International Initiative Against Avoidable Disability in 1983, subsequently known as the Global IMPACT Programme.



Rtn Ahmed Farooq speaking at "Towards Observance of World AIDS Day — A Time for Commitment" at the regular club meeting of Lions Club of Dhaka South recently. District Governor Ln Rashed Maksud Khan was present as chief guest.

## সুদিনের ক্ষুদ্র সংকট দুদিনে নেই ভয়

ফাষ্ট সিকিউরিটি ব্যাংক দিচ্ছে ক্ষুদ্র ব্যক্তিগত সংকটের সুবর্ণ সুযোগ!

## অগ্রিম সংকট প্রকল্প

সহজ মাসিক কিস্তিতে বড় অংকের সংকট গড়ে তোলার জন্য অগ্রিম সংকট প্রকল্প এক চমৎকার পন্থা। ফাষ্ট সিকিউরিটি ব্যাংকে মেয়াদী সংকটী আমানত গড়ে তোলা এবং এ ব্যাংকের মাধ্যমে জাতীয় সংকটপত্র ক্রয় এ দু'ভাবেই এ সংকট গড়ে তোলা যায়।

## মাসিক সংকট প্রকল্প

মাসিক আয় থেকে একটি অংশ সংকটের উদ্দেশ্যে আলাদা করে রাখার ব্যবস্থা মাসিক সংকট প্রকল্পের এক ব্যতিক্রমধর্মী বৈশিষ্ট্য। মেয়াদ শেষে গ্রাহক পাবেন আকর্ষণীয় মুনাফা সহ বড় অংকের সংকট।

## মাসিক মুনাফা ভিত্তিক সংকট প্রকল্প

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