

News

What's on today....

CSYO rally: Commonwealth Student and Youth Organisation (CSYO) will hold a rally on occasion of the National Youth Festival starting tomorrow. It will also distribute educational equipment among students living in slums. Venue: Science Laboratory to the old airport. Time: 6.00 am.

Launching ceremony: Shatadru Systems (Computer Sales and Service centre) will be launched. Venue: 54: Kemal Ataturk Avenue, Banani. Time: 4.00 pm.

Inauguration: Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Bangladesh (ICMAB) will inaugurate a 5-day long Professional Course on VAT. Venue: ICMAB auditorium. Time: 4.00 pm.

Premiere: Three documentary films *Kalighar*, *Shei Dhaka*, *shei Buriganga* and *Uttarer Adibashi* produced by Steps Towards Development, will be screened. Venue: Auditorium of Planning Development Academy. Time: 5.00 pm.

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Procession: Padakhep, a Non Government Organisation (NGO), will bring out a procession to mark World AIDS Day. Venue: From Padakhep office premises at Ka-58 Pisciculture Housing Society, Shyamoli. Time: 8.30 am.

Seminar: World Bank Office in collaboration with Economic Relations Division (ERD) will hold a seminar on "Loan Administration Change Initiative (LACI) and Financial Accountability". Chief guest: Abdul Matin Khasru, Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 10.00 am.

Weather

Dry weather likely

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

Night temperature may rise slightly over the country during the period but it may fall in the next two days, Met Office forecast.

The country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 30.8 degree Celsius at Cox's Bazar and the lowest 12.6 degrees at Satkhira.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5.10 pm and rises tomorrow at 6.25 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	
Dhaka	28.5	16.6	62	75
Chittagong	29.5	17.6	86	73
Rajshahi	28.0	17.0	78	78
Khulna	29.4	15.2	75	72
Barisal	29.0	14.8	87	85
Sylhet	29.1	17.0	71	71
Cox's Bazar	30.8	18.4	75	82

HERE and THERE

Workshop

A three-day training workshop on "Implementation of Chemical Weapon Convention" began yesterday in the city, reports UNB.

Three experts from the Netherlands have been conducting the workshop, said a handout.

Jointly organised by the Hague based Organisation of Prohibition of Chemical Weapon and Bangladesh Armed Forces Division, some 24 participants from Home, Foreign, Law, Defence, Information, Agriculture, Commerce, Industry, Science and Technology ministries and Armed forces are attending the workshop.

Certificates will be awarded to the participants on the concluding day of the workshop on Friday.

Bangladesh ratified the Chemical Weapon Convention in April 1997.

PLAGE meeting

The first meeting of the Implementation and Monitoring Committee on WID was held at the CIRDAP auditorium recently, says a press release.

The meeting was chaired by the Professor Zinnatun Nessa Talukdar, State Minister for Women and Children Affairs. It was conducted by Professor (Dr) Thamina Chowdhury, secretary of the ministry.

The implementation and monitoring committee of WID is one of the recommendation of National Action Plan and the National Policy also lays emphasis on it. The committee discussed the implementation status of the National Action Plan by different ministries.

In her inaugural speech the Secretary welcomed saying that this meeting is the implementation of one of the article of the National Policy and also the National Action Plan which is the result of Beijing Platform for Action. She said that the committee is formed with the combination of representative from the Civil Society NGOs and concern govt officials.

The Committee will guide, monitor and follow up the implementation status of the National Action Plan by the different ministries.

In her speech the chairperson, Professor Zinnatun Nessa

Talukdar said that the meeting brings together different stakeholders of the society in a forum for establish gender equality in the society. It is also the implementation of government commitment towards gender equality.

The meeting also discussed the implementation of the NAP by different ministry such as Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, Primary and Mass Education Department, Ministry of Industry, Ministry of Social Welfare, Ministry of Youth and Culture, Ministry of Home Ministry. Among others Dr Nazma Chowdhury, Salma Sobhan, Aysha Begum Mahin Sultan were present at the meeting.

Muktir Katha

Muktir Katha (Words of Freedom), an 85-minute documentary on the oral history of the Liberation War, was screened yesterday for hundreds of viewers in the Shishu Academy auditorium in the early hours on Tuesday. He was 72.

A proud father of four and a very good soul to the poor, Mahbubul Haque lost his long battle with the deadly disease at his sons' Lalmatia residence in the capital. The body of the deceased was taken to Magura, where he was laid to rest at the local graveyard after *namaz-e-Janaza* after the Asr prayers.

Left behind his wife Anwara Mahbub, three sons Syed Anwarul Haque, Syed Ashraful Haque and Syed Ashfaqul Haque — and only daughter, who lives in Melbourne, to mourn his death.

The film narrates mass resistance and exodus of 1971. The makers of Muktir Katha in their documentary ventures to narrate another film on Liberation War and how it inspired millions to speak of their hopes and aspirations for their motherland, not without pains though.

It seeks to document how an unarmed people fought the well-equipped occupation forces braving genocide and untold atrocities," said Catherine Masud.

Muktir Katha shows how a film, Muktir Gaan, inspired the people to fight so that the village people could live in dignity changing traditional outlook.

The film ends on a sad tone depicting how even after risking everything in the war the poor continue to struggle while the fortunate few are reaping the harvest of war.

Website launched

The Children Trust, a development charity for Children of Bangladesh has launched a web site containing information on health and education of children in Bangladesh, child-to-child approach and the Trust's programmes, says a press release.

The Web address is: www.childrenstrust.com.

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Rahman -- also attended the meeting although they were not scheduled to join.

The top leaders' meeting with aides began at 6.35 pm, 35 minutes behind schedule as the IOJ chief was half an hour late.

Liaison Committee members from the all four parties who attended the meeting were Shamsul Islam, Tarique Islam and Anwar Zahid of BNP, Dr T M Fazle Rabbi, Feru Rashid and ABM Golam Mostafa of JP, Quamaruzzaman, Azhar Ali and Abdul Kader Molla of Jamaat and principal Masud Khan, ARM Matin and Mosleuddin Abu Taib of IOJ.

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They will perform at the army stadium Dhaka on December 3 and 4, the release added.

2 degree examinees held for cheating!

FENI, Nov 30: Two examinees were arrested and 14 others were expelled from the Feni Govt College centre today on the second day of the DA examinations under the National University, reports UNB.

According to the officials, Mohammad Ibrahim and Mostafijur Rahman were arrested while they were adding additional answer scripts supplied from outside with their main scripts. Others were expelled for adopting unfair means in the examination.

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Boy beaten to death in city

By Staff Correspondent

A 12-year-old boy was beaten to death allegedly by a jewelry shop owner and his employee in the city's at B block of sector 11 under Pallabi police station yesterday morning, police and witnesses said.

The identity of the boy could not be confirmed till late last night, police said.

According to police, the boy went to New Dolly Jewelry to buy gold ornaments yesterday morning. The owner of the shop, Guddu, allegedly detained him suspecting him to be a thief. The boy was beaten up mercilessly by Guddu and his employee.

The boy was taken to a house belonging to Guddu when he fell unconscious. As the boy's condition deteriorated he was taken to the Hospital. The boy, however, died on way to the hospital.

The owner of the shop then left the body near his house.

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