

What's on today

Film show: Inv. 'Hokammel's Chitra Nadir Parey will be screened. Venue: Public Library auditorium. Time: 10:00 am, 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

Film show: *Muktir Kotha*, a documentary on the struggles and sufferings of ordinary people in '71, by Fareque and Catherine Masud will be screened at two places. 1st Venue: Shishu Academy auditorium. Time: 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm. 2nd Venue: National Museum auditorium. Time: 11:00 am and 3:00 pm.

Musical evening: Bangla Academy will hold an evening of music on occasion of Victory Day. Venue: Seminar room of academy.

Computer fair: IMART Children Computer Club inaugurates a 3-day long Children Computer Fair '99. Venue: Office premises at House No 60/C (1st floor), Road No 16 (New), 27 (Old), Dhanmondi, R/A. Time: 10:00 am.

Rally: Liberation War Museum will hold a rally. Artists from Chhayanaut will present patriotic songs at the rally. Venue: Museum premises. Time: 10:00 am.

Discussion meeting: Bangladesh Krishak Sramik Awami League (BAKSAL) will hold a discussion meeting on "Programmes of Bangabandhu's 2nd Revolution." Venue: BAKSAL offices at 27/8/1-A, Purana Paltan. Time: 3:00 pm.

Discussion meeting: Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh will hold a discussion meeting on Victory Day. Venue: Jamaat-e-Islami premises. Time: 3:00 pm.

Dress exhibition: Charu Chattagram's dress exhibition is ongoing. Venue: Cafeteria of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka. Time: 3:00 pm-8:00 pm.

Discussion meeting: Jatlo Shromik Jote-Bangladesh will hold a discussion meeting on the occasion of Victory Day. Venue: Jote office premises at 35/36 Bangabandhu Avenue. Time: 4:00 pm.

Discussion meeting: Centre for Rehabilitation of Paralyzed (CRP) will hold a discussion meeting on the last Victory Day of the century. Venue: CRP office premises. Time: 6:00 pm.

Discussion meeting: Rajapur Thana Samity Dhaka will hold a discussion meeting on "Rajapur during Liberation War." Venue: Samity premises at 2 Purana Paltan. Time: 6:00 pm.

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Film show: Three Movies *Paradis Perdu (France)*, *Gabbah (Iran)* and *Presume innocent* will be screened. Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka auditorium. Time: 11:00 am, 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm.

Bangladesh Fisheries Development Corporation
24-25, Dilkusha Commercial Area
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Appointment of Legal Advisor

Applications in prescribed forms in duplicate are invited for appointment of a part time Legal Advisor for the Bangladesh Fisheries Development Corporation. Applicants must be Bangladeshi nationals and have at least ten years experience in legal practice of which seven years in the High Court and Supreme Court. The retainer fees will be Tk. 1,000/- (One thousand) only per month. In addition to this fees for Hazira, Affidavit, Hearing, Preparation of brief etc will be paid as per approved rate of the corporation.

The prescribed application forms may be obtained from the office of the undersigned on all working days. Pay Order/Bank Draft for Tk 100/- (One hundred) only in favour of Bangladesh Fisheries Development Corporation from any scheduled bank will have to be enclosed with the application. The applications must reach the undersigned on or before 27.12.99.

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Weather

Temperature may fall

Weather will remain dry over the country during next 24 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Night temperature may fall by 1 to 2 degree Celsius over the country during the period, the Met Office said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 29.0 degree Celsius was recorded at Chittagong and Mymensingh and the lowest 10.4 degrees at Satkhira.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5.14 pm and rises tomorrow at 6.35 am.

Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in Percentage
Dhaka	Max 25.5 Min 15.2	59 71
Chittagong	29.0 17.2	83 63
Rajshahi	26.3 11.8	73 77
Khulna	27.4 12.5	73 81
Barisal	27.5 12.0	86 85
Sylhet	27.4 16.3	96 78
Cox's Bazar	28.5 18.0	74 --

HERE and THERE

Shishu Academy
Environment and Forest Minister Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury yesterday called upon all to imbibe the children and juveniles with the spirit of the War of Liberation, reports BSS.

Addressing a discussion meeting on observance of the Victory Day, organised by the Shishu Academy, the Minister said the subsequent governments during past 21 years had distorted the history of our struggle for independence and War of Liberation.

Sajeda Chowdhury said anti-liberation forces those who snatched away the effigy of the hated Pakistani General Niazi and the attack of Jaamat-Shibir cadres on the meeting of women will have to be resisted unitedly.

The meeting was presided over by one of the members of the board of Management of the Academy Hashem Khan. Director of the Academy Golam Kibria also spoke on the occasion.

PCP CU unit
From CU Correspondent
CHITTAGONG, Dec 15: The eighth conference of Pahari Chhatra Parishad (PCP) of Chittagong University (CU) unit was held at the Pahari students hostel yesterday.

Presided over by Trivedy Chakma, president of PCP CU unit, a 17-member new executive committee of the organisation was formed after the conference. Bidhayak Chakma, Udbhason Chakma and Shuvramoy Chakma have been made president, general secretary and organising secretary respectively at the new committee.

Homeopathic assoc elections held
By Staff Correspondent
The elections of the Bangladesh Homeopathic Medicine Manufacturer's Association was held on December 14 at its office premises.

A 21-member Executive Committee was elected. Following are the office bearers; President - Dr S M Nurul Haq, Senior Vice President - Dr. Md Mosharrar Hossain, Vice Presidents: Dr Aminul Haq, Dr Md Muslemuddin, Dr Nuruz-zoha, Secretary General: Dr M A Mansur- Asst Secretary General Dr S A M Rezaur Rahman, Treasurer - Dr Ali Hussain.

The stayed elections of Dec 12, 99 was held by virtue of writ

PM assures
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planation said the death of Ashfaq is a case of suicide, the report of the inquiry committee is yet to be submitted.

The BNP Chairperson said the death has raised a lot of questions in people's mind. The suspicion centring the death has further deepened following press reports, description of the place of occurrence, information provided by the family of Ashfaq and statements of different sources.

She said Sabab Ashfaq was a brilliant, competent and professional army officer who successfully discharged his duties at home and abroad, specially in UN missions.

Traffic jam
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trying to manage chaotic traffic at about 2 pm. When he tried to control the flow from the northern side of Mirpur Road, traffic from the south got messed up with those from eastern and western sides.

There was an unusual traffic jam at the Science Laboratory crossing and at many other normally busy points.

Vendors selling a wide range of items virtually forced the pedestrians off the pavements of many major roads like New Elephant Road, Elephant Road, Mirpur Road and those in Purana Paltan, GPO and Gulistan areas, adding to the traffic mess. Police patrols were seen but they did not bother the vendors or the buyers.

Indian FM
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40 people accused by federal investigators of conspiring in bringing about the demolition.

Vajpayee on Tuesday denied that the Uttar Pradesh chief minister, who belongs to the BJP, had pledged to build the temple and said he hoped the controversy in the parliament would end.

He said the government would abide by the agenda adopted by the federal ruling multi-party alliance, in which the temple issue figures nowhere.

Obituary
Nurjahan Begum, mother of Jafaruddin Ahmed Mazumder Dulul, ex-vice president of Dhaka City JSD and ex-president of Dhaka City Chhatra League, died at her Uttar Bashabo residence in the city on Tuesday night, says a press release.

She left behind her husband, only son, relatives and a host of admirers to mourn her death.

Her *qukhvani* will be held today at her city residence and at her village home at Choudogram of Comilla on Friday.

Mohammed Abdul Awal, father of journalist Salam Rana father-in-law of Fahima Khaton, district correspondent of Daily Matribhumi Narsingdi, died of cancer at his residence at West Brahmondi in Narsingdi Tuesday. He was 62, reports BSS.

He left behind his wife, four sons, two daughters and a number of relatives to mourn his death.

He was buried at Gabtoll Graveyard in the town.

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Child artistes of the Bangladesh Shishu Academy presenting songs at the Central Shaheed Minar to mark the Victory Day yesterday. —Star photo

Victory Day today

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in golden letters in our national history.

"I recall the contribution of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, organisers of the independence movement and Mujibnagar Government and the freedom fighters and pray for the peace of the departed souls of martyrs of Liberation war."

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, in her message called for taking a vow on the Victory Day to build a poverty and illiteracy free Bangladesh facing the challenges of the 21st century.

"Our War of Liberation was the greatest event in the history of the Bangladeshes. It was the

culmination of the long cherished desire for independence," she said.

Hasina recalled the sacrifices of the liberation war martyrs.

Leader of the Opposition Khaleda Zia called upon all who believed in nationalism and democracy to turn the ongoing mass movement into a mass upsurge to remove the ruling Awami League government to protest country's independence.

"It should be our pledge on this day to remove the fascist and plunderer Awami League government for safeguarding the country's independence, sovereignty and democracy," she said.

The Day is a public holiday. The celebrations on the day will begin with a 31-gun salute at dawn.

2 murdered
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strangled Akbar between 1 a.m. and 4 a.m. yesterday.

In a separate incident, bullet-ridden body of a young man was found near the door of Sarkari Matrisadan Hospital at about 9 last night.

Kalam Hossain Jewel, 22, was a resident of Rayerbhel in city's Demra area.

Police said they suspect killers shot Hossain, the son of Tofazzal Hossain, nearby and dumped him outside the hospital.

Separate murder cases were filed in connection with the killings.

Police said the motives for the killings remain unclear, and no arrests have been made.

National dailies will bring out special supplements and the Radio and Television will air special programmes highlighting significance of the Day.

The President will take salute at a march-past by contingents of the army, navy, air



Dhaka City Corporation Mayor Md Hanif seen with the participants of a boat race organised by Dhaka Reporters Unity (DRU) on the river Buriganga yesterday. The race, with a slogan "Save the Buriganga," was held to raise awareness about illegal encroachment and pollution of the famous river. —Star photo

DU convocation
Clock ticking for a grand gala

By DU Correspondent
The students are waiting with much excitement to enjoy the long cherished convocation ceremony.

The DU authorities are now completely prepared to hold the convocation ceremony on Saturday despite a half-day hartal called by some opposition student organisations.

A section of DU teachers is also demanding withdrawal of the decision terming it a politically motivated one.

The 40th general convocation, which is going to be held after 30 years, is a significant one for the presence of President and DU Chancellor Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Nobel laureate Prof. Amartya Sen. The last general convocation of DU was held in 1970.

The convocation ceremony will be divided into two sessions.

The morning session will begin at 10 am in which Doctor of Laws degree will be conferred on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for her contribution in regional and world peace, poverty alleviation, women empowerment and democratisation of the country.

Doctor of Science degree will also be conferred on Nobel laureate and noted economist Prof. Amartya Sen for his outstanding contribution to human knowledge in general and to the discipline of economics in particular.



Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) held a discussion at the auditorium of Engineers' Institute in the city yesterday on the occasion of Victory Day. —Star photo

Add police forces to be deployed in city before Eid

The government would deploy additional police forces to check extortion and other crimes at different city markets, shopping complexes and roads on the occasion of coming Eid. UJ FIR reports ESS.

It was decided at a meeting yesterday with Home Minister Mohammad Nasim in the chair at his secretariat office in the office.

Twenty special mobile teams will patrol round the clock in the city side by side regular forces.

Besides plainclothed policemen will also be deployed at different points of the city to check mugging and hijacking.

Our Staff Correspondent adds: Earlier, Bangladesh Dokan Malik Samity urged the government to deploy additional police force in the markets and shopping centres during the Eid shopping.

PARC

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ommendations will be placed before the Cabinet in phases for consideration.

The three PARC recommendations approved by the Cabinet are: Certain measures for improving accountability and service standard of government organisations, a system of receipt of letters in Secretariat and disposal of files within a given time frame and one stop utility bill payment system.

The cabinet has instructed relevant ministries and agencies to take necessary steps to implement them as early as possible.

The PARC chairman said pilot implementation of the one-stop utility bill payment system, 11th ad-hoc recommendation in the PARC list, will start from January 1.

Opposition

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Akhteruzzaman MP said the Opposition was now in a state of confrontation with the party in power.

One point movement has been intensified, so question of joining the parliament session does not arise at the moment, they said.

However, some young MPs from the opposition side, on condition of anonymity, said that it is contradictory to be present in meetings of parliamentary committees or district development committees and remain absent from the session of Parliament.

MPs who requested not to be quoted said standing committee meetings were helping BNP in exposing the government and easing their annoyance about boycott of parliament session.

"We are losing our votes... we are frustrated," they said in an identical and unequivocal voice.

DRU: Buriganga

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encroachment upon and pollution in the ailing Buriganga on whose banks the capital has grown through time.

The race started from the Steel Bridge point of the river and ended at Pontoon No 4 at Waizghat near the Sadarghat launch terminal.

Later, a function at the end of the race was addressed among others by Dhaka City Mayor Mohammad Hanif as chief guest and Editor of The Daily Star Mahfuz Anam as special guest. Local MP Haji Selim and President of Rowing Federation SM Akram MP also spoke on the occasion, pledging to save the river from encroachment. DRU President M. Anwarul Haq presided over the function.

Mayor Hanif expressed his firm determination in extending all cooperation to save the dying river.

"I shall convey your message to the prime minister so that she consider it as top agenda and the government machinery could be put into motion for saving the Buriganga."

Mahfuz Anam called upon journalists to play a pro-active role and raise their voice against all sorts of corruption and unfair means in the society. The press and the reporters, he said, must take the opportunity to focus on issues of social concern.

DRU President M Anwarul Haq termed the river Buriganga as the lifeline of capital Dhaka. He said, "We all have to work together to protect the river for our own sake, and for the sake of posterity."

Earlier, nine boats with nine professional boatmen and several dozen reporters of different national dailies took part in the colourful boat race. Thousands of people on both sides of the riverbank cheered the participants of the "Save Buriganga Boat Race."

Later, City Mayor Mohammad Hanif and Star Editor Mahfuz Anam distributed prizes among the winners. The occasion was conducted by DRU General Secretary Monwarul Islam and Sports Secretary Monwarul Haq. Md. Saheed Ali Khan, Programme Chairman, was also present.

Meanwhile, a delegation of Co-ordinating Council for Human Rights in Bangladesh (CCHRB) led by its President AHM Noman and Director Muhammad Helaluddin went to the race venue at Waizghat and expressed solidarity with the programmes of DRU.

They also hailed the officials of DRU for organising the boat race.

Over the years, the river Buriganga has been subjected to massive pollution and indiscriminate encroachment. At places, the river has been narrowed considerably due to illegal settlement. Several newspapers including The Daily Star have run a concerted campaign to highlight the plight of the river.

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বিজয়ের এই মহান দিনে বাঙ্গালী জাতির সাথে আমরাও গর্বিত

* পানির অপচয় রোধে কাজ শেষে কলের মুখ বন্ধ করুন। পানি ব্যবহারে মিতব্যয়ী হউন।

* সূর্য পয়ঃনিষ্কাশনের স্বার্থে ম্যানহোলের ভিতর পলিথিন, গৃহস্থালীর বর্জ্য পদার্থ, আবর্জনা নিক্ষেপ করবেন না। ম্যানহোলের ঢাকনা চুরি রোধে সক্রিয়ভাবে সহযোগিতা করুন।

* পানির দূষণ রোধে আপনার বাড়ির জলাধার স্বাস্থ্যসম্মতভাবে ব্রিচিং পাউডারের সাহায্যে নিয়মিত পরিষ্কার করুন। জলাধারের মুখে অবশ্যই ঢাকনা লাগান।

* সেবার মান উন্নয়নের স্বার্থে সময়মত পানি ও পয়ঃবিল দিন। উন্নত গ্রাহকসেবা প্রাপ্তি নিশ্চিত করুন।

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