

News

● What's on today ●

Opening ceremony: A new building of Social Marketing Company (SMC) will be inaugurated. Venue: SMC Building at 33, Banani C/A. Time: 4:30 pm.

Discussion meeting: Renowned journalist Arnold Jaittee will deliver a lecture on his experiences during the Liberation War. Arnold was situated in Bangladesh as a correspondent of AP during the war. He is the director of Freedom Forum based in Hong Kong. Venue: Liberation War Museum, Segun Bagicha. Time: 5:00 pm.

Music and dance festival: The second-day of festival of Indian classical music and dance festival organised by the High Commission of India will be held. An Odissi dance performance by Sharmin Biswas and troupe and Samprerna, a dance drama on temple dances will be presented. Venue: National Museum auditorium. Time: 7:00 pm.

Seminar: A seminar will be held on Family Planning Programmes in the 21st century. Organisers: International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSPP), ICDDR,B: Centre for Health and Population Research and Partners in Population Development. Venue: Sasakawa auditorium of ICDDR,B. Time: 8:00 am.

● and tomorrow ●

Global Tiger Forum assembly: The inaugural session of the first general assembly meeting of the Global Tiger Forum will be held. Chief guest: Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury, Minister for Environment and Forest. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 10:00 am.

Music and Dance festival: Dhrupad (vocal) recital by Umakantha and Ramakantha Gundecha will be presented on the 3rd day of the Indian Classical Music and Dance Festival today. Venue: National Museum auditorium. Time: 7:00 pm.

Seminar: Chalachitra Film Society will hold a seminar on 'Films in Bangladesh: In Search of Origin.' Jago Huwa Savaera (Day Shall Dawn) will be screened at the end of the seminar. Venue: Goethe Institut, House No 10, Rd No 9, Dhamondi R/A. Time: 5:30 pm.

Weather

Moderate fog likely

Weather is likely to remain dry over the country with partly cloudy sky over Sylhet division in the next 12 hours till 6pm today, reports UNB.

Light fog may occur over the river basins of the country and moderate fog may occur elsewhere over the country during the morning.

Night temperature may fall by 1-3 degree Celsius over the country. Met office said.

The country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 31.7 degree Celsius at Cox's Bazar and the lowest 11.0 degrees at Bogra and Syedpur.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5:34 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:43 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	25.8	17.5	63	54
Chittagong	29.4	16.5	79	72
Rajshahi	21.8	15.1	84	79
Khulna	27.8	18.2	82	68
Barisal	27.5	17.0	82	72
Sylhet	25.5	16.3	84	77
Cox's Bazar	31.7	17.5	74	69

HERE and THERE

BLIA installation ceremony

CHITTAGONG, Jan 16: Vice-Chancellor of Chittagong University Prof Abdul Mannan has underscored the importance of strict adherence to the essence of all religions for building up an abode of peace, reports BSS.

Prof Mannan was addressing as chief guest the installation ceremony of the newly elected office-bearers of Bangladesh chapter of Buddha's Light International Association (BLIA) at Swarajika Community Centre here on Friday, a press release of the BLIA said today.

He emphatically said that there is no alternative to practising the true essence of religions for transition from the way the world is being visited with the conflict, war and hatred in the name of religion.

The ceremony was presided over by outgoing president of BLIA, Dr Bikiran Prashad Barua.

The Vice-Chancellor gave away prizes among the winners of the painting and essay competitions and presented crest to Nun Chu Men and Dr Bikiran Prashad Barua who were con-

firmed with the title of Ambassador of Peace, the press release said.

BSEHR

By Staff Correspondent Secretary General of the Bangladesh Society for the Enforcement of the Human Rights (BSEHR) Advocate Sigma Huda demanded withdrawal of the case filed against human rights activist Advocate Zia Habib.

In a statement Sunday, she said the case was filed by a sub-inspector of Chittagong Kotwala Thana police Abdul Quader as advocate Habib was involved in protecting human rights and laws.

Referring to Habib's bold roles against the rape incident of Seema at Chittagong, advocate Sigma Huda alleged that a section of dishonest police officers and vested quarters was harassing him through filing of cases and conspiratorial cases.

The BSEHR leader urged the concerned authorities for taking necessary legal actions against the culprits through a proper investigation and said the BSEHR has decided to take legal measures after carrying out an investigation into the matter.

French envoy calls on CCC Mayor

CHITTAGONG, Jan 16: French Ambassador to Bangladesh Allen Brown Brewster called on Chittagong City Corporation Mayor A B M Mohiuddin Chowdhury here today, reports BSS.

During the meeting the mayor apprised the ambassador of various development and service projects of the city corporation including turning Chittagong city into a mega city and building up a 17-kilometre deep sea port from Patenga to Faujdarhat.

They also discussed matters of mutual interests.

The ambassador commended Mayor Mohiuddin Chowdhury for overall development of Chittagong City.

Road mishap: 25 injured in Lalmonirhat

LALMONIRHAT, Jan 16: About 25 people were injured in a road accident at Ratipur on Lalmonirhat-Rangpur Highway today, reports BSS.

The mishap took place as the driver of a Rangpur-bound minibus coming from Patgram lost control over the steering and fell into a road side ditch at 11am.

Of the victims, 8 were rushed to the Rangpur Medical College Hospital and 5 others to the district Sadar Hospital.

Rangpur Medical College Hospital sources said condition of two unidentified injured was critical.

Obituary

Kazi Golam Gaus of Gaus Nagar in New Eskaton Road died in the city yesterday morning. He was 87, says a press release.

Gaus was the Chief Scout Commissioner of the then East Pakistan. He also worked with FAO as an expert.

He left behind two sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death.

His quirkiness will be held at his 4 New Eskaton Road residence on January 19 at 4 pm.

