

## What's on today....

**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:** Dhrupadi (vocal) recital by Umakant and Ramakant 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:** Chalachitram Film Society will hold a seminar on 'Films in Bangladesh: In Search of Origin.' Jago Huwa Savera (Day Shall Dawn) will be screened at the end of the seminar. Venue: Goethe Institut. House No 10, Rd No 9, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 5:30 pm

## Weather

## Dry weather likely

Weather is likely to remain dry over the country in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Moderate to thick fog may occur over Rajshahi division and the river basins of the country and light to moderate fog may occur elsewhere over the country during the morning.

Night temperature may fall by 1-2 degree Celsius over the country. Met office said.

The country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 29.8 degree Celsius at Teknaf and the lowest 9.8 degrees at Rangpur.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5:35 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	Max	Min	Humidity in percentage	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	23.8	16.3	51	47		
Chittagong	28.0	16.6	75	59		
Rajshahi	22.5	11.7	68	49		
Khulna	25.5	14.0	58	61		
Barisal	25.4	13.5	66	53		
Sylhet	25.6	13.0	84			
Cox's Bazar	28.5	18.4	78	71		

**Another PW in Rubel murder case cross-examined**

By Court Correspondent

The cross examination of Mosharraf Hussain, the fifth prosecution witness in the Shamim Reza Rubel murder case, ended at the Third Additional Metropolitan Session Judge's court yesterday.

Hussain was in detective branch custody when Rubel was brought there on the day of the incident, a witness told the court during yesterday's proceedings. The case was adjourned until 2:30 pm today.

Rubel, a 24-year-old BBA student at Independent University, was picked up by a police near his residence on July 23, 1998. He died in custody the same day.

The CID charged 14 people, including former AC Akram Hussain and Mukuli Begum, a local Awami League leader, with murder. Ten of the accused appeared in court yesterday.

Four other accused — Si Nurul Alam, Mong She Oen, Abdul Karim Azad and Zafir Hussain — are still at large.

**Two killed as train hits autorickshaw**

**NARAYANGANJ, Jan 17:** Two passengers of an autorickshaw were killed and another two critically injured when a train hit the vehicle at Pagla Delpara in Fatullah thana Sunday night, reports UNB.

The vehicle was smashed when the Narayanganj-bound train hit it on Pagla level crossing at about 8 pm.

Police said the injured, one is the autorickshaw driver, were rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

**44 arrested in Ctg on various charges**

**CHITTAGONG, Jan 17:** Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) rounded up 44 miscreants including two terrorists from different areas of the city during past 24 hours ending six pm today, reports BSS.

On a secret tip off, Chittagong police raided two houses at DC Road of Bakolia and arrested alleged terrorists Muhammad Deedar, 23, and Reza. Both were wanted in connection with shooting of one Arif on January 15.

CMP police also recovered 700 bottles of phenylid worth Taka 50,000 from Mohsin Colony of Hall Shahar. No one was arrested in this connection.

Other police stations of CMP rounded up 42 miscreants on various charges during the period.

**Case against Ctg Mayor, CMP commissioner dismissed**

**CHITTAGONG, Jan 17:** Metropolitan Magistrate Athar Ali today dismissed the case against Chittagong City Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury. Chittagong Metropolitan Police Commissioner ATM Ahmadul Huq and 18 others on the ground that the complainant was not ready to conduct the case filed under the relevant section, reports BSS.

The case was filed by Muhammad Selim, a student of Chittagong Government College on October 23, 1999 alleging that City Mayor Mohiuddin Chowdhury, Police Commissioner ATM Ahmadul Huq and 18 others were responsible for the death of Ahsan Ullah, who received bullet injury in front of Shahi Jame Masjid on October 21, 1999 and died later.

The Magistrate also ordered registration of the case under section 203.

Advocate Sheikh Iftekhar Saimum Chowdhury and Advocate Muhammad Sahidullah and others appeared on behalf of city Mayor and others. The advocates representing the complainant were also present at the court.

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