What's on today....

Workshop: Rapport Bangladesh Limited organises a day long workshop on "Management Strategy and Implementation in the 21st Century." Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 9:00 am.

Dialogue: Community Development Library (CDL) in association with Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (New Delhi) and Coalition for Environment and Development (Finland) will hold a dialogue on "Voluntarism in Bangladesh: Experience and Reflections." Venue: CDL auditorium, House no 39, Rd no 14/A, Dhanmondi. Time: 10.00 am.

Discussion meeting: Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee unit of Tejgaon University College will hold a discussion meeting on "The Language Movement and Bangabandhu." Venue: College premises. Time: 10.30 am.

Dialogue: Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) will hold an in house dialogue on "Fertility Behaviour in Bangladesh and West Bengal: A Comparative Study." Venue: CPD office, 6/A, Eskaton Garden, Ramna. Time: 3:00 pm-6:00 pm.

Dress exhibition: Designer Shafi Babu of Roop begins a show of fashion apparels for men and women. Venue: Cafeteria of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka. Time: 5.00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Catalogue show: A business delegation from Gujarat will hold a catalogue show of 200 industrial and consumer products. Venue : Chitra Hall, Sonargaon Hotel. Time : 10 am to 6 pm.
Global Network has organised the show.

Discussion meeting: Holy Drugs Laboratories will hold a seminar on "Role of indigenous medicine in treatment". Venue: Rupsha Community Centre, 228 Green Road. Time : 6.00 pm.

..... and tomorrow

National roundtable: A national roundtable will be held on "Bangladesh's Participation in International Economy: Barriers and Strategic Actions." Organisers: Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs (BILIA), The Institute of Business Administration (IBA) of DU and the Embassy of the United States of America. Venue: CIRDAP auditorium. Time: 10:15 am.

Foundation laying ceremony: The foundation laying ceremony of an 8-storey building and inauguration of a newly constructed auditorium of the press institute of Bangladesh (PIB) will be held. Chief guest: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Venue: PIB, 3 Circuit House Road. Time: 3:00 pm.

Weather

Moderate rain likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers may occur at a few places over Rajshahi, Dhaka, Khulna and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Barisal and Chittagong divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Thick fog may occur over the river basins and light to moderate fog may occur elsewhere over the country during night and morning, Met office said.

The country's highest temperature 30.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Cox's Bazar and the lowest 14.7 degree Celsius at Rangpur.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5.48 pm and rises on Tuesday at 6.37 am.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in Percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	22.7	17.3	95	75
Chittagong	28.5	18.0	84	72
Rajshahi	23.1	16.4	98	91
Khulna	24.2	18.0	78	-
Barisal	25.0	17.0	85	85
Sylhet	20.6	18.0	98	85
Cox's Bazar	30.4	18.5	87	77

HERE and THERE

Bangladesh Bar Council

The British High Commis- [illegible] course at the Legal Education and Training Institute in Dhaka yesterday, says a press release.

The course, which was fully funded by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, was developed by the British Council and the Bar Council in order to update the English language teaching techniques of the Bar Council's trainers. Dr Carter also presented certificates to the latest participants of the Bar Council's "English for Law" course.

In presenting the certificates, Dr Carter stressed the importance of English in the legal profession and hoped that the training would help to improve the access of future Bangladeshi lawyers to legal texts in English.

Dhaka Ahsania Mission

By Staff Correspondent

[illegible] sumption — one of the leading causes of cancer worldwide.

"Tobacco gradually causes serious damage to health and ultimately leads to early death in many instances," said one of the speakers.

The Dhaka Ahsania Mission took an initiative for drugs prevention and control programme in association with anti tobacco alliances.

Speakers welcomed the South East Asian Anti Tobacco Flame (SEAAT Flame) which would stay in the country for eight weeks and said that united efforts are needed to prevent tobacco consumption.

Speaking as the chief guest, the acting State Minister for Women and Childrens Affairs Dr Zinatunnessa Talukdar said, "Human life is very precious. We deliberately cause harm to our health."

Dr Zinatunnessa urged upon mothers to play a leading role in anti-tobacco campaigns.

DCC: Waste

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'some 135 private initiatives' in the city for door-to-door garbage collection.

These initiatives have greatly reduced the problem of garbage disposal in many areas. But an unhygienic and unhealthy atmosphere is now prevailing at the numerous sites from where DCC trucks carry the garbage to Matuail dumping ground.

"At the 410 roadside containers and 2,500 concrete dumping sites the mess is mainly created by the door-to-door collectors and *tokais* who scatter garbage all around", the official said.

A number of Ward Commissioners and consevancy officials stressed the need for a massive public awareness campaign and stricter implementation of municipal laws to ensure proper disposal of garbage.

"We have to change the entire system and follow the example in Calcutta to solve our problem," suggested one official.

"I think we are left with no option other than giving the responsibility of garbage management in the city to private hands. For this we need efficient people to come forward," he added.

But, some sources alleged, several initiatives by private entrepreneurs in respect of city's garbage recycling have not seen daylight due to lack of 'interest' of the authorities concerned.

DCC officials however denied that private initiatives were 'suppressed'. They said they were yet to receive any [illegible] proposal from the private sector for garbage management.

ICMH

A day-long workshop on development of Manual for training courses for THC and UHFWC doctors on Essential Newborn Care was held yesterday at the Institute of Child and Mother Health (ICMH) at Matuail, says a press release.

Fifty participants and health professionals attended the day-long workshop.

The topics of the workshop were Needs Assessment for Essential New-born Care (ENC), Background of ENC & relationship to Health and Population Sector Programme (HPSP), WHO document on neonatal resuscitation and WHO document on ENC.

CWRY

A two-day training workshop on 'Equal Rights of Women Working in the Garment Industry and their Safety' began on Friday in the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Milton auditorium, says a press release.

The Child, Women Relief & You (CWRY) organised the workshop. Nearly 80 women garments worker took part in it. Ali Asgar Sabri acted as the trainer in the workshop. Advocate Fahima Nasrin, the Project Director of CWRY addressed the workshop.

ILO Representative Anmery, Jesica Hanter from USAID, Dr Rokeya Khatun of Canadian CIDA, UNICEF Representative Gopalan Balagopal and representatives of various trade union among others attended the training workshop.

Hasina to open Nat'l Herbarium Bhaban today

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to inaugurate the newly constructed Bangladesh National Herbarium Bhaban today, reports BSS.

The Taka 12.35 crore National Herbarium at the Mirpur Botanical Garden premises will have about five lakh species of different plants, a modern herbarium hall, a laboratory with the latest equipment, a library and an auditorium.

Minister for Forest and Environment Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury and State Minister for Forest and Environment H N Ashikur Rahman will attend the inaugural function as special guests.

The new herbarium will be one of the biggest and ideal herbariums of South Asia from the structural point of view.

British Department for International Development has provided financial assistance for the construction of the herbarium bhaban and the procurement of transport, equipment and books for the library.

Bangladesh National Herbarium has so far collected and preserved about one lakh species of plants for the research by scientists of various disciplines.

It conducts research on plants and trees.

BUET wins Prothom Alo-ANZ Bank general knowledge competition

By DU Correspondent

Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) has won the championship title of the Prothom Alo-ANZ Grindlays Bank General Knowledge Competition.

Institution of Business Administration (IBA) of Dhaka University obtained second position in the competition.

A total of six teams — two each from the BUET and Dhaka University — participated in the competition. Rest two teams were from Khulna University and Dhaka Medical College.

BUET Debating Club (BDC) organised the competition held at the university central auditorium yesterday evening.

Vice Chancellor of BUET Prof Nuruddin attended the function as chief guest while editor of Prothom Alo Motiur Rahman and senior marketing officer of ANZ Grindlays Bank Shafkat Chowdhury were present on the occasion as special guest.

Later, Prof Nuruddin handed over the trophy to the champion and runner up teams.

Classes resume at QU today

By Staff Correspondent

Classes of Queens University will resume today following a successful meeting between students and university authorities, a press release said yesterday.

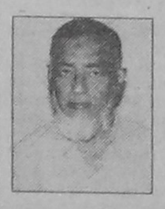
A 25-member team comprising students, teachers, guardians and luminaries held a four hour-long closed-door meeting with chairman of the [illegible] accepted the major demands of the students during the meeting, according to the release of Queens University Chhatra Sangram Parishad (QUCSP).

The agitating students expressed satisfaction over the outcome of the meeting and brought out a cheerful procession on the campus.

Activities of the university were in a deadlock for 20 days after students organised a movement against the authorities to realise various demands.

Obituary

By Staff Correspondent



An employee of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) died yesterday at his residence in the campus.

Late Nur Ahmed Khan, a foreman of BUET's automobile shop had been suffering from diabetes for quite sometime and died at 12 noon. He was 60.

He left behind his wife, a son, two daughters and relatives to mourn his death. His *namaj-e-janaza* was held at 3 in the afternoon yesterday.

Supreme Court Bar Association bade farewell to outgoing Chief Justice Justice Mostafa Kamal and accorded a reception to newly-appointed Chief Justice Justice Latifur Rahman at the auditorium of the association in the city yesterday. — Star photo

'Signing of CTBT won't affect N-status: Pak FM

ISLAMABAD, Feb 6 : Pakistan's foreign minister said today signing the global Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty would not affect his country's status as a nuclear power, reports AFP.

Signing up to the treaty would not stop Islamabad building up its nuclear arsenal, Abdul Sattar said.

Pakistan's military regime has come under increasing pressure from the international community, led by the United States, to sign the treaty. Both Pakistan and India tested nuclear weapons in 1998.

"Whether Pakistan and India become parties to the Comprehensive Test Ban treaty or not, that will not affect the nuclear status of either country or their right to maintain and even develop their nuclear arsenals," the minister told the state-run Associated Press of Pakistan.

The south Asian neighbours since their 1947 independence from Britain have fought three wars, two of them over the control of the Himalayan state of Kashmir.

Pakistan's ruler General Pervez Musharraf, who took power in a coup in October, has said he wants to form a "national consensus" before deciding whether to sign the treaty.

It is not clear how this consensus would be measured.

Sattar insisted Pakistan would continue with its nuclear policy.

"Let me state that maintenance of credible nuclear deterrence capability is indispensable for Pakistan's security," he said.

"Pakistan continues to pursue the nuclear option with determination and no pressures and sanctions have been allowed to deter us from that path," he said.

Vajpayee

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and has repeatedly sought a referendum to decide its ownership.

"We do not accept the Muslim majority state argument," UNI quoted Vajpayee as saying in the northern town of Jalandhar.

"India has more Muslims than Pakistan's population," the Hindu nationalist prime minister said. "India belongs to all and we will not allow another partition of the country."

Vajpayee said he had also stated this to deposed Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif when they met in the Pakistani city of Lahore last year following a historic bus ride by the Indian prime minister.

Vajpayee said New Delhi did not agree to the 1947 British-sponsored partition of the subcontinent into India and Pakistan on sectarian grounds.

"Muslims are spread all over India though they may be more in (the state of) Jammu and Kashmir."

EC's cash aid

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[illegible] chasing power.

The meeting also noted that many people who work in projects under Food for Work Programme in the country get their remuneration in cash.

The EC intends to use food aid as an instrument only when it is more cost effective or adapted to specific project conditions, the delegation told the meeting.

Clinton's stay

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ton's visit are yet to be finalised. Dhaka is awaiting the arrival of a US State Department official sometime in the middle of this month to finalise the programme.

The tentative programme now being prepared includes a visit to Savar, bilateral official talks between President Clinton and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, a luncheon by President Shahabuddin Ahmed and visit to projects of Grameen Bank and BRAC. The government has also suggested holding of a public rally at the national parade ground to be jointly addressed by Clinton and Hasina.

Several US teams are scheduled to arrive in Bangladesh for ground work for the visit and work out security details. The first advance team, a security detail, is due to arrive on Tuesday. It will stay for at least five days.

Third death anniversary of Khairul Kabir today

The third death anniversary of journalists, banker and politician, Khairul Kabir, will be observed today, says a press release.

Khairul Kabir was the founder editor of The Daily Sangbad and the founder and first life member of the Jatiya Press Club.

Kabir was also one of the authors of the Historic 6-Point programme which was the basis of the demand for autonomy for East Pakistan and subsequently the Liberation War.

In his lifetime Kabir was the President of the then Pakistan Basket Ball Federation, Member of the Football Federation, Cricket Control Board and also member of the Construction Committee of the Dhaka Stadium. He was also a founder member of the East Pakistan Flying Club and the Dhaka University Officers Club.

He hails from the Kabir family of Ghorasal. A *milad mahfil* has been organised at his ancestral home on the occasion.

Child, Women Relief & You (CWRY) held a two-day training workshop at the Milton auditorium of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University beginning Friday.

Death anniversary

35th death anniversary of eminent artist Ruby Rahman will be observed today in a befitting manner, says a press release.

Expert in classical Chinese paintings and writer Ruby Rahman was killed in a road accident on this day in 1965 at the boarder of Lebanon and Syria while living with her diplomat husband M Rahman in Damascus.

Out of her 25 paintings, 10 are preserved in the National Museum in Dhaka. Her books entitled "Chinese Fairy Tales" and "Bichittrita" earned enormous popularity. A book on "Ruby Rahman's classical Chinese paintings" has been published in January this year.

She was the eldest daughter of late Abdul Majid, first Bengali Secretary of erstwhile East Pakistan (Bangladesh) & late Najman Nessa Majid, a social worker.

Indian troops kill 9 miilitants, Pakistan shells Kashmir

SRINAGAR, India, Feb 6 : Indian security troops gunned down nine Muslim separatist rebels including a guerrilla leader in separate overnight clashes in Kashmir, police said today, reports AFP.

Indian army sources, meanwhile, reported mortar and artillery shelling by Pakistani troops into the Indian zone of Kashmir.

A police spokesman in Srinagar said a commander of the Pakistan-based Harkat-e-Jehad-i-Islami guerrilla group was killed late Saturday in southern Kashmir's Doda district.

"The killing is a major blow to the outfit in particular and militancy in general," he said, adding a cache of arms and ammunition was recovered from the scene.

Another six Muslim guerrillas were shot dead in three separate gunbattles in Kashmir during the past 24 hours, the official said, adding that one of them was a guerrilla fighter from neighbouring Pakistan.

An Afghan militant died at the hands of Indian paramilitary guards near Srinagar on Friday night, but his two comrades ran away and later lobbed a hand grenade into a house of a Muslim who refused to shelter them.

The blast seriously injured five people including two of the residents' grandsons, the spokesman said in Srinagar.

Indian border guards also killed a Muslim guerrilla from Pakistan in Kashmir's frontier district of Udhampur on Friday night.

The army sources, meanwhile, said Pakistani soldiers fired mortar and artillery shells in frontier Kashmir districts but said the attack which began Saturday night did not cause any damage or casualties.

NY mayor accuses Hillary of misusing taxpayers' money

WASHINGTON, Feb 6 : Hours before US First Lady Hillary Clinton was to announce her candidacy for the US Senate from New York state, her presumptive Republican rival accused her today of using taxpayer money to cover campaign expenses, reports AFP.

"You are looking at maybe 200,000 -- 300,000 dollars in taxpayer money that went to pay for travel expenses all over the state and over the country, actually," New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani told the Fox television channel.

Although Giuliani stopped short of formally announcing his candidacy, he gave the First Lady a taste of what their race would look like after campaigning begins in earnest.

"The reality is I took 14 trips over the last six months. I paid 153,000 dollars for those," argued Giuliani.

"Mrs Clinton took something like 50 or 60 trips. She paid only 34,000 dollars for it," he continued. "That's like a couple of hundred thousand dollars missing in terms of allocations."

According to Giuliani, it cost Vice President Al Gore, who is seeking the Democratic presidential nomination, about 330,000 dollars to make about the same number of trips during his campaign as the First Lady did.

Costly courtesy!

From Our Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Feb 6: Four dacoits of a well-organised gang were arrested from Chittagong District Jail building premises here today.

The alleged dacoits identified as Monjurul Islam alias Monju, 26, Zakir Hossain alias Zagir, 25, Md Didarul Alam, 21 and Md Hossain alias Bachaya, 25, were arrested by the Detective Branch police of the city when they came to visit some of their accomplices in the jail. They were arrested in connection with a dacoity that took place on Ctg-Rangamati road at Dhalermukh under Rauzan thana on February 2.

The associates of the arrested who were in the jail identified as Md Aziz, Md. Mostafa and Md. Selim were arrested with three firearms and 13 rounds of cartridges in connection with the same street dacoity incident.

Tehran to consider Dhaka's candidature for OIC Secy Gen

TEHRAN, Feb 6: Iranian President Mohammad Khatami today assured Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad that Tehran would actively consider Bangladesh's candidature for the post of OIC Secretary General, reports BSS.

Azad handed over two letters of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to President Mohammad Khatami yesterday.

Joint rally

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lam MP chaired the meeting.

The alliance had earlier planned a "blockade hartal" on February 9 -10. It is now considering either a 36-hour hartal on February 16-17 or a 60-hour "blockade hartal" on February 15-17.

The mass rally and procession programme has been shifted due to inclement weather, BNP leader Anwar Zahid told newsmen after the liaison committee meeting.

But leaders of other component parties said the programme has been shifted on request from BNP to facilitate "massive preparations" for the "grand" rally.

A Jatiya Party Presidium member, who attended the liaison committee meeting, told The Daily Star that preparations by three other parties were complete.

"We agreed to shift the programme as BNP is the largest party in the alliance. Moreover, we will also get more time for adequate preparations," he said seeking anonymity.

BNP leaders said that they are planning to organise the "biggest ever gathering in the city in recent memory". This needs massive preparations, they said.

As per the alliance's earlier plan, BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, JP Chairman HM Ershad, Jamaat Ameer Golam Azam and IOJ chief Azizul Haq will now address the mass rally at Paltan Maidan on February 13 from the same dais and lead a joint "mass procession".

Activists of JCD protested the opening of the Ekushey Boi Mela by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina by wearing black ribons and scarves at the Bangla Academy premises yesterday. — Star photo

শাখা স্থানান্তর

সম্মানিত গ্রাহকবৃন্দের সুবিধার্থে জামালপুর জেলাস্থ সোনালী ব্যাংক জামালপুর শাখাটি আগামী ১৩ ফেব্রুয়ারী, ২০০০ রবিবার পুরাতন অবস্থান থেকে জামালপুর শহরস্থ ঢাকাই পল্লিতে ব্যাংকের নিজস্ব নবনির্মিত ভবনে স্থানান্তর করা হবে এবং ঐ দিন থেকে নতুন ঠিকানায় ব্যাংকিং কার্যক্রম শুরু করবে।

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