

What's on today....

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Publication ceremony: The publication ceremony of the weekly *Asia Spandan* will be held. Chief guest: Minister for Water Resources Abdur Razzak. Venue: VIP lounge of National Press Club. Time: 4 pm.

General meeting: A general meeting of the Dhaka University Political Science Department Ex-students' Association will be held on its reunion programme scheduled for March 3. Venue: Head office of Eastern Bank Ltd, Jibon Bima Tower, 10, Dilkusha C/A. Time: 5 pm.

5th Club Camporee inaugural ceremony: The inaugural ceremony of the 5th Bangladesh Club Camporee, organised by Bangladesh Scouts, will be held. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the Camporee. Venue: National Scouts Training Centre, Mouchak, Gazipur. Time: 10 am.

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Weather

Moderate rain likely

Light to moderate rain or temporary showers accompanied by temporary gusty wind may occur at few places over Khulna division and at one or two places over Chittagong, Barisal, Rajshahi, Sylhet and Dhaka divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The country's highest temperature 30.3 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Cox's Bazar and the lowest 12.2 degrees at Srimongal.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5:52 pm and rises on Monday at 6:33 am.

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

City/Town	Temperature		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	23.3	18.0	62	51
Chittagong	30.0	16.0	70	52
Rajshahi	22.5	16.6	96	78
Khulna	27.0	16.2	58	66
Barisal	26.2	14.5	58	76
Sylhet	23.3	13.6	55	73
Cox's Bazar	30.3	18.2	59	61

Reports BSS.

State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed condole the death of Tofail Ahmed.

In a message, he prayed for the eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed his deep sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

The *namaz-e-janaza* of Tofail Ahmed was held at the Baitul Mukarram National Mosque after *Asr* prayers. The *janaza* was attended by the members of BCS Information Association and members of the PID Employees Welfare Association. The body was sent to his village home at Hassan Ganjupur under Dagon Bhuian in Feni district for burial.

A condole meeting in memory of Tofail Ahmed will be held at the PID newsroom during lunch break today.

The BCS Information Association and PID Employees Welfare Association also condole the death of the Chief Photographer.

Actress Najma Hussain dead

Eminent radio and TV actress Najma Hussain died of cardiac arrest at her Rankin Street residence, Wari, in the city early yesterday morning. BTV sources said. She was 45. BSS.

She is survived by her husband, actor Nur Hussain Dilu, a son, a daughter and a large number of colleagues, admirers.

Her *namaz-e-janaza* was held at Jamnagar Jam-e-Masjid and Bangladesh Television after *Zohr* prayers yesterday before she was buried at Azimpur Graveyard.

The *qulkuant* of Najma Hussain will be held at 30/1 Rankin Street on February 15 after *Asr* prayers.

Asked about von Sponeck's expected departure, US State Department spokesman James Rubin said: "Good."

"I think an article in the Iraqi press praising his approach to his work is ample evidence of his unsuitability for this post," Rubin said.

"His job is to work on behalf of the Iraqi people and not the regime and we look forward to an able manager who will maximize the benefits of the oil-for-food programme," he added.

On Friday, the Iraqi newspaper *al-Tharwa* said von Sponeck's analysis was based on facts and figures. "He did not publish personal viewpoints irrelevant to his job when he talked about the deterioration of the health and food situation in Iraq," it said.

Von Sponeck had been told to curb his public statements last November. But he resumed interviews with German and US media this month, an indication he planned to leave his job.

In November, Secretary-

BNP leader Julmut Ali Khan dead

BNP leader Advocate Julmut Ali Khan died of old age complications yesterday. He was 71, reports UNB.

Khan, a founder member of BNP national executive committee, died at Combined Military Hospital at 1:05 pm, family sources said.

He left behind one daughter and a host of relatives and well-wishers to mourn his death.

His *namaz-e-janaza* will be held at Baitul Mukarram National Mosque after *Zohr* prayers today and he will be buried at Banani Graveyard.

Khan was a joint secretary general of BNP from 1979 to 1985. During the BNP rule, he was Bangladesh Ambassador to Bhutan and to Thailand.

In his student life, he was the first general secretary of Dhaka University Central Students Union (DUCSU).

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