

## News

## What's on today . . .

**Seminar:** Mass-Line Media Centre (MMC) organises a seminar on 'Life and struggle of the sea-bound fishermen'. Venue: MMC office, Mohammadpur. Time: 3:00 pm.

**Drama:** Bangla Theatre presents 'Manush' as part of Mamunur Rashid Retrospective. The drama will follow a reception to dramatist and actor Mamunur Rashid. Venue: Mohila Samity auditorium. Time: 5:00 pm.

**Book publication ceremony:** The Society for Environment and Human Development (SEHD) will launch its book 'Leather Industry: Environmental Pollution and Mitigation Measures'. It will be followed by a seminar on environmental pollution in leather industry. Venue: Women's Voluntary Association, Dhanmondi. Time: 2:30 pm.

**Workshop:** A two-day national workshop on 'Impact of Globalisation on Bangladesh' will begin. BISS has organised the workshop in collaboration with Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung (FNS), Germany. Venue: BISS auditorium, 1/46 Elephant Road. Time: 9:30 am.

**Film show:** Zahir Raihan Film Society organises contemporary Indian Film Session. Film: Kichhu Sanglap Kichhu Pralap (Dialogue and Delirium). Venue: Indian High Commission Auditorium, House 25, Road 2, Dhanmondi. Time: 6:00 pm.

**Reunion:** Central Women's University will hold a reunion for teachers, guardians and students. Venue: University campus. Time: 4:00 pm.

**Publication ceremony:** Two books, 'Jananetri Sheikh Hasina' and 'Sheikh Hasina — Prime Minister of Bangladesh', by Sirajuddin Ahmed will be launched. Chief guest: Food Minister Amir Hossain Amu. National professor Kabir Chowdhury will preside. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 4 pm.

**Seminar:** Jatiya Granthakendra will hold a seminar on 'International Mother Language Day: our gain and our responsibility'. Venue: Conference room of Jatiya Granthakendra. Time: 10:00 am.

**Exhibition:** The concluding ceremony of the exhibition of a sculpture titled 'Right of Mother Tongue: From Ekushey to the World' will be held. Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. Time: 5:00 pm.

**Roundtable discussion:** Working for Better Life (WBL) with financial assistance from Norwegian government will hold a roundtable discussion on 'Prevention of Drug Addiction'. Venue: Menartek High School.

## ..... and tomorrow .....

**Drama:** Subachan Natya Sangsads presents 'Rastra Banam' as part of Mamunur Rashid Retrospective. Venue: Mohila Samity Auditorium. Time: 7:00 pm.

**Discussion:** BISS organises a discussion on 'Assessing the Development of Democracy'. Key speaker: Prof Dr De' id Beetham, Director, Centre for Democratisation Studies, University of Leeds, UK. Prof Shamsul Huda Harun, Department of Political Science, Dhaka University, will preside. Venue: BISS Auditorium, 1/46 Elephant Road. Time: 3:00 pm

## Weather

## Temperature may rise

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

Night temperature may rise over the country during the period, Met Office predicted.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 30.6 degree Celsius was recorded at Cox's Bazar and the lowest of 9.3 degree Celsius at Srimangal.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:01 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:21 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	27.8	53
Chittagong	29.0	46
Rajshahi	28.0	46
Khulna	30.0	63
Barisal	29.2	63
Sylhet	27.8	35
Cox's Bazar	30.6	56

## HERE and THERE

## BCL

By DU Correspondent  
The three-day-long extended meeting of Bangladeshi Chhatra League (BCL), student wing of party, ended yesterday.

The meeting decided to set up schools at every thanas to eradicate illiteracy and to strengthen BCL activities in thanas, union, village, ward, school, college and madrasa units.

The meeting was presided over by Bahadur Bepari while the members of different BCL executive body participated the meeting.

Meanwhile, the BCL yesterday brought out a procession on the Dhaka University campus, observing 'Shaheed Salim-Delwar Day'.

To mark the day, they placed wreath at the martyrs' monument to pay homage to the martyrs, who were killed in anti-autocratic movement during Ershad regime.

## SSA

By Staff Correspondent  
Sammlito Samajik Andolan (SSA), submitted a memorandum to the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) on Sunday for holding of free and fair election.

A group of SSA leaders including Tareq Ali, Pankaj Bhattacharya, Rawshan Jahan

## Anti-hartal processions in city

Leaders and workers of Bangladesh Awami League and its front organisations marched through different city streets yesterday protesting the dawn-to-dusk hartal, called by the four-party opposition alliance, reports BSS.

The marchers called upon the people to become more active against the anti-development activities like hartal.

Dhaka City Awami League brought out a procession from the central office of Bangladesh Awami League which terminated at the same venue after parading the main streets of the city including Topkhana Road.

At a post-procession rally at Muktangon here, the city Awami League leaders described the opposition alliance as the unity of evil forces and said that the four parties have joined hands just to grab the power by any means.

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## Tributes paid to language martyrs

CALCUTTA, Feb 28: Eminent litterateur Annada Shankar Roy has said UNESCO's recognition of February 21 as the International Mother Language Day is a great honour to all Bangla-speaking people both in Bangladesh and India, reports BSS.

Bangla has reached all the corners of the globe after UNESCO's recognition, he said, adding that all the Bangla-speaking people have got international significance. 48 years after the heroic sons of the soil embraced martyrdom for the cause of their mother tongue.

Roy was speaking at a discussion in the auditorium of West Bengal Bangla Academy here yesterday. Bangladesh Sammilito Sangskriti Jote in cooperation with Bangladesh Mission in Calcutta and Bangladeshi students studying in West Bengal organised the discussion in observance of the International Mother Language Day.

Joint President Ramendu Majumder, Bangladesh Deputy High Commissioner in Calcutta Humayun Kabir, West Bengal MLA and noted singer Ajit Pundey, Mission official Sarwar Alam and Jote leaders Hasan Arif, Afzal Hussain, Akham Ullah and Manjurul Islam took part in the discussion.

Vice-Chairman of West Bengal Education State Council and Former Vice-Chancellor of Rabindra Bharati University Dr Pabitra Sarkar presided over the discussion while Jote leader Shahdat Hossain Nipu conducted it.

A large number of Bangladeshi students participated in the programme.

## Four bridges to be built on Barisal-Kuakata road

PATUAHKHALI, Feb 28: The government plans to construct four bridges on Barisal-Patua Khali-Kuakata road to make road communication to southern region, particularly the Kuakata sea beach, easier, reports UNB.

Officials said a feasibility study was being conducted to construct the bridges over Lebukhali Paira, Andamanik, Sonatoli and Khaprabhangi rivers.

The study is expected to be completed by March next.

Upon construction of the proposed bridges, it will take only two hours to reach Kuakata from Barisal by road.



## Obituary

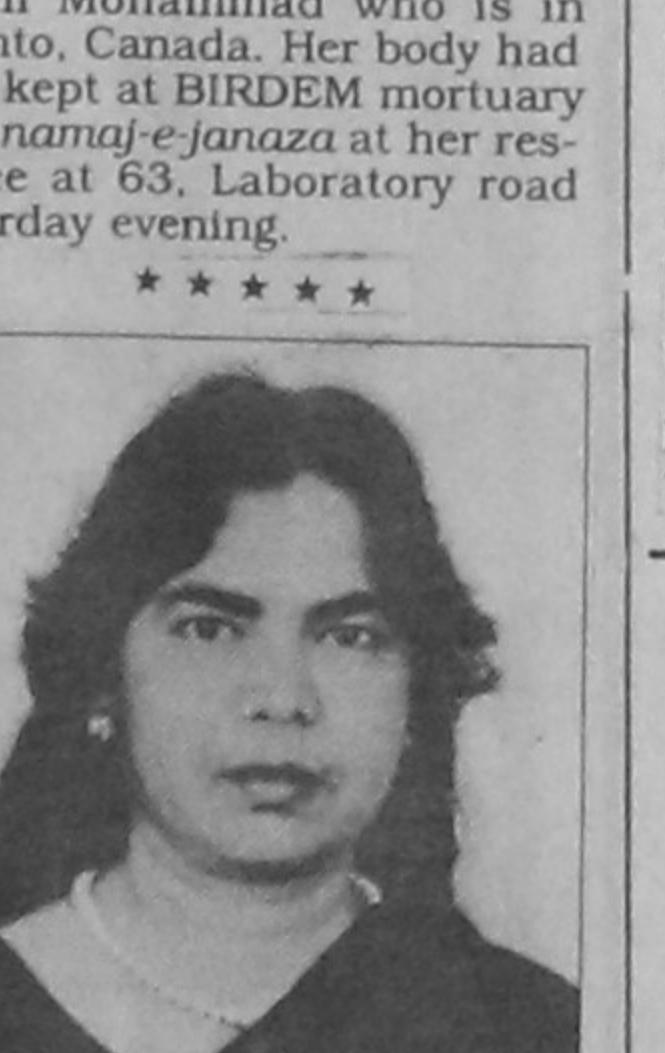
By Staff Correspondent

Rokeya Firoj, widow of A M Firoj, former Chief Engineer of PDB, died of cardiac failure at Subhrawardi Hospital on Monday afternoon. She was 55.

Elder sister of Shehab Ahmed, Chief Reporter of The Daily Star, she left behind one son and a daughter, four brothers, mother and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her death.

She will be buried after arrival of her son Abu Rafat Fahim, Mohamad who is in Toronto, Canada. Her body had been kept at BIRDEM mortuary after *namaj-e-janaza* at her residence at 63, Laboratory road yesterday evening.

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She was the second daughter of late Shamsuzzaman of village Mautail in Dhaka district. She left behind her husband, mother, brothers and sisters. Rehana was the second of the seven brothers and sisters.

Her body will arrive in Dhaka on March 2 by a Bangladesh Biman flight from New York and will be taken to her parents' residence at House No: 26, Road No: 14, Sector 3, Uttara Model Town.

She will be buried at the family graveyard at Mautail in the afternoon.

Reports from Washington said a pall of gloom descended in the Bangladesh mission and also among the Bangladeshi community there on the sudden demise of Rehana Ahmed.

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