

News

● What's on today.... ●

Seminar: Forum of Environmental Journalists of Bangladesh (FEJB) will hold a seminar titled "Climatic Changes: Steps to face it" on the occasion of Earth Day. Venue: VIP Lounge of Jatiya Press Club. Time: 9:00 am.

Annual convention: The 11th annual convention and scientific sessions of Association of Physicians of Bangladesh will be inaugurated. Chief guest: Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad. Venue: Winter Garden, Hotel Sheraton. Time: 9:00 am.

Procession: A children's rally will be held by Friends of the Earth Bangladesh and Institute For Environment and Development Studies on occasion of Earth Day. Venue: From Shishu Academy to Jatiya Press Club. Time: 11:00 am.

BUP roundtable: Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad (BUP) will organise a roundtable discussion on Foreign Aid and Development in Bangladesh. Venue: BUP auditorium, House No 33, Rd No 4, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 4:00 pm.

BELA seminar: Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA) will hold a seminar on "Advancing the cause of Environment: The Indian Experience". Keynote speaker: Justice G B Pataiak, Justice of Indian Supreme Court. Time: 9:30 am-5:30 pm.

Memorial meet: Chalachitram Film Society will hold a memorial meet on Film personality and former curator of Bangladesh Film Archive A K M Abdur Rouf. Venue: Indian Embassy auditorium, Rd No 2, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 6:00 pm.

Graduation: The graduation ceremony of the 104th batch of Quantum Meditation Method will be held. Venue: Quantum Meditation Hall, 1/1 Pioneer Road, Kakaif. Time: 6:00 pm.

Discussion meeting: A discussion meeting will be held on occasion of the 4th death anniversary of social worker and writer M A Haq. Chief guest: LGED and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman. Venue: Kabi Sufia Kamal auditorium, National Museum. Time: 7:00 pm.

● and tomorrow ●

Satyajit Ray Retrospective: Zahir Raihan Film Society in association with High Commission of India organises Satyajit Ray Retrospective. On the 1st day of the retrospective *kanchenjunga* will be screened a seminar on "Women in Satyajit Ray's Films: A Feminist Reading" will also be held. Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium. Time: 5:00 pm.

National workshop: Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB) in cooperation with Ministry of Land, Ministry of Environment and Forest and UNDP will hold a national workshop on "National Land Use Policy (Draft)". Chief guest: State Minister for Land Rashed Mosharraf. Venue: IDB Bhaban, E18-A, Begum Rokeya Sarani, Sher-e-Banglanagar. Time: 9:30 am.

Weather

Rain likely

Rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty/squally wind is likely at many places over Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Khulna and Barisal division during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met office said day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period. Yesterday's highest temperature of 34.9 degree Celsius was recorded at Chittagong and the lowest of 19.0 degree Celsius at Rangpur.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6.23 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.31 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	29.7	68
Chittagong	34.9	86
Rajshahi	30.0	71
Khulna	33.5	78
Barisal	33.5	70
Sylhet	29.3	97
Cox's Bazar	34.8	73
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HERE and THERE

Bangladesh Computer Samity

Dr Karen L Casper, Representative of The Asia Foundation, Dhaka, handed over a cheque to the president of Bangladesh Computer Samity (BCS) Abdul Hafiz at a simple ceremony at The Asia Foundation office on Thursday, says a press release.

Assistant Representative of the Asia Foundation Karan E

Swami and general secretary of the Samity Md Atiqul Ahsan were also present on the occasion.

Bangladesh Computer Samity (BCS) will carry out a detail survey on IT companies to collect information about the rapid pace of development of this sector with the assistance of The Asia Foundation. Such survey will help BCS to work closely with their members to understand the most critical constraints to IT development.

AL govt respectful to Judiciary, says Nasim

MURADNAGAR (Comilla), April 21: Home Minister Mohammad Nasim today congratulated the Chief Justice for realocating the death reference of Bangabandhu Murder Case to another criminal division bench saying, "we are respectful to the judiciary," reports UNB.

"We are ready to accept any verdict given by the court", the Home Minister said while addressing a reception accorded to Awami League Finance and Planning Secretary Yusuf Abdullah Harun at Muradnagar High School ground this afternoon.

He said the trial of Bangabandhu Murder Case could be held in special tribunal like Zia Murder Case. "But we are holding the trial in another criminal division bench as we are not vindictive,"

All the previous governments had patronized terrorism during last 21 years," Nasim said adding that the Awami League government has taken stern action against the terrorists and who patronize them.

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Tashat, Abul, 40, of Pirogachha, Sahanara, 32, of Haridepur Union, Aleya, 25, and Babu, 3, of Taraganj.

All the five were killed in house collapse, local administration sources said.

He gave directives to the local police administration to take stern action against the terrorists and who patronize them.

Mass on Sunday

By Staff Correspondent

The Christian Community will hold a mass at the south plaza of the Jatiya Sangsads to mark the Easter sunrise at 5:30 pm on Sunday.

Obituary

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Ramesh Ray, a sub-Assistant Engineer of Faridpur Roads and Highway Department and Secretary General of Sarak-O-Jana-path Diplo-

ma Prakawshali Samity died of a brain haemorrhage in a city clinic yesterday noon. He was 47, says a press release.

He is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter.

Sheikh Abdur Rahim, a senior officer of Uttara Bank, died of cardiac arrest yesterday morning, says a press release.

He is survived by his wife, 2 sons and a host of relatives.

Rahim was one of the founders of Prabin Sangha and Prabhabar Kira Chakra.

The storm accompanied by

hail and heavy shower swept the areas with a speed of 100 km per hour. It started at about 10 pm and lasted over an hour, witnesses said.

Power supply was disrupted in many areas as a large number of electric poles were damaged. About 500 telephone connections were snapped due to damage of poles.

Requesting the opposition parties to shun the path of un-

democratic activities and ter-

rorism, he said election would be held on time.

"If people cast vote for us we will be in power again otherwise go in opposition." There is no reason for anxiety as the democracy has been given an institutional shape, the minister said.

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