

## What's on today....

### Rotary News

**Film show:** Alliance Francaise de Dhaka will screen three films — 'Coup de Torchon' (Clean State), 'Ai No Bori' (Empire of Passion) and 'Chez ma Tante' — will be screened. Venue: Alliance Francaise auditorium. Time: 11 am, 4 pm and 6 pm respectively.

**Film festival:** Four documentaries will be screened on the second day of 'Focus on South Asia.' 'Skin Deep' (India), 'A Letter to Samen' (India) will be screened in the 1st session while 'Three Women and a Camera' (India) and 'Pure Chutney' (Trinidad & Tobago) will be screened in the 2nd session. Venue: Goethe Institut, Rd No 9 (New), Dhamondi R/A. Time: 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm.

**Annual district convention:** Lions Clubs International, Dist 315 B3 will hold the inaugural session of its 4th annual district convention. Chief guest: Minister for Home Affairs, Post and Telecommunications Mohammad Nasim. Venue: Ballroom of Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 9:30 am.

**Meeting:** An extended meeting of the central committee of Bangladesh Democratic Lawyers Association will be held. Venue: Supreme Court Lawyers Samity Bhawan's Hall No 1. Time: 10:00 am.

**Exhibition:** Alliance Francaise de Dhaka presents the 3rd solo mixed media exhibition of artist Baisi Kadir titled 'Virtual Reality in Life'. Chief guest: Minister for Foreign Affairs Abdus Samad Azad. Venue: Gallery of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26 Mirpur Road. Time: 4:00 pm. The exhibition will remain open from 9 am-12 noon and 4:00 pm-8:00 pm everyday till May 25.

**Meeting:** Friends and political comrades of late Kazi Akram Hussain, a peasant leader will hold a meeting. Venue: Data Soft premises, 73/D, Airport Road. Time: 4:00 pm.

**Art exhibition:** Gallery 21 presents a solo exhibition of contemporary artist Showkatuzzaman. Chief guest: DU VC Prof A K Azad Chowdhury. Venue: Gallery-21, 765 Satmasjid Road, Dhamondi. Time: 5:00 pm. The exhibition will remain open from 10:00 am-8:00 pm till May 22.

**Satyajit Ray retrospective:** Zahir Raihan Film Society presents 'Agantuk' (the stranger) by Ray. Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium, Road No 2, Dhamondi R/A. Time: 6:00 pm.

**Drama:** Philips Club will stage Kalyan Mitra's 'Shagor Shicha Manik.' Venue: Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University auditorium, Shahbagh. Time: 6:30 pm.

**JU reunion:** The first reunion of the 19th batch of Jangirnagar University will be held. Programmes include a tour of the campus, tree plantation, cultural programme, concert etc. Venue: JU campus. Time 8:00 am-8:00 pm.

**Reception:** City Universal Puja Committee will accord a reception to Maj Gen (Retd) C R Dutta, Bir Uttam. Venue: National Museum auditorium.

**Lawyers' meet:** The extended meeting of Bangladesh Democratic Lawyers Association Central Committee will be held. Venue: Hall No 1 of Supreme Court Bar Council Building. Time: 10:00 am.

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**Int'l arsenic confce:** A two-day 3rd International Arsenic Conference, organised by Dhaka Community Hospital, will begin. Venue: Dhaka Community Hospital auditorium, 190/1, Bara Moghbazar. Time: 9 am.

**Film festival:** Four documentaries will be screened on the concluding day of 'Focus South Asia,' a festival of documentary films. 'Listening to Shadows' (India), 'Don't Pass Me By' (Nepal), 'Thin Air' (India) and 'Muktir Kohla' (Bangladesh) will be screened in two sessions. Venue: Goethe Institut, Road No. 9 (New), Dhamondi. Time: 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm respectively.

**Rabindra Sangeet mela:** Abbudoy Music Associates has organised the second Rabindra Sangeet Mela (Tagore Song Fair). Prof Anisuzzaman will inaugurate the fair. Venue: Bangladesh Shishu Academy. Time: 8:01 am.

**Teachers' rally:** Bangladesh Teachers' Association has organised a grand rally of non-government teachers and employees to press for their 14-point charter of demands. Venue: Central Shaheed Minar premises. Time: 10 am.

**EPAB conference:** The third annual conference of Editing and Publication Association of Bangladesh will be held. The theme of the conference is 'Electronic Publishing in Bangladesh: A New Horizon.' BUET VC Prof Dr Nooruddin Ahmed will inaugurate the conference as chief guest. Venue: BUET central auditorium. Time: 9 am.

**Film show:** As part of the Satyajit Ray retrospective, 'Agantuk' (The Stranger) and 'Kanchanjunga' will be screened. Organizer: Zahir Raihan Film Society. Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium, Road No. 2, Dhamondi. Time: 4 pm and 6:30 pm respectively.

**Weather**

### Temperature may rise

Rain or thunderstorms accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over Khulna division and at one or two places over Dhaka, Barisal, Sylhet and Rajshahi divisions till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country and day temperature is likely to rise by 1-2 degree Celsius over the country, Met office said.

The country's highest temperature 36.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Patuakhali and the lowest 22.6 degree Celsius at Jessor.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:33 pm and rises on Saturday at 5:17 am.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity percentage
Dhaka	35.2	52
Chittagong	33.8	71
Rajshahi	35.7	57
Khulna	35.6	64
Barisal	34.8	57
Sylhet	34.5	67
Cox's Bazar	34.3	72
Max	24.3	54
Min	27.0	66
Morning	23.2	70
Evening	23.0	75

**Jubo League leader shot dead in Ctg**

CHITTAGONG, May 11: One young man was shot dead by unidentified miscreants at Pukuria under Banskhali thana here last night, reports BSS.

The youth was identified as Abul Kashem, 37, Vice-President of Jubo League, Pukuria Union and an aide to local parishad chairman, police said.

The miscreants entered the house of Abul Kashem and shot him dead on the spot.

The motive behind the killing could not be known immediately. Kashem's brother filed a case with Banskhali thana in this connection.

**Arrest of killers of UP chairman demanded**

By Staff Correspondent

Relatives of late Salamatul Islam Maznu, chairman of Baghul Union Parishad (UP) under sadar thana of Tangail district demanded immediate arrest and punishment to the killers.

Maznu was allegedly killed at broad daylight by the members of an outlawed party on May 5 last. He was a member of national volleyball and kabaddi team and was an instructor of Ansar Academy. He was also a member of Arms Wrestling Federation.

Family members of the deceased said that Maznu had been elected UP chairman twice for his honesty, simplicity.

They alleged that the killers are not unknown to the district administration. But the administration is yet to take effective action against the killers.

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### North West Meeting

Regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held tomorrow (Saturday) at the Dhaka Club Ltd, Ramna, Dhaka (Guest House Restaurant) at 5:30 pm, says a press release.

Members have been requested to attend on time.

**Police patronises terrorism at Savar, alleges BNP MP**

By Staff Correspondent

BNP lawmaker Dr Dewan Mohammad Salauddin of Savar (Savar) in a press conference yesterday alleged that police were patronising terrorism and drug trading in Savar and people of his constituency were deprived of least security of life and property.

Referring to the incident of dacoity at his Savar resident at the night on May 6, the opposition MP painted a gloomy picture of law and order in Savar in the press conference at the National Press Club yesterday afternoon.

The lawmaker said that he had informed the Home Minister, Inspector General of Police and the concerned Superintendent of Police of the robbery at his residence and expressed frustration over negligence of police.

Even the ruling party leaders of Savar has expressed their concern over the law and order situation of Savar, Dewan Salauddin said, adding, those leaders have also demanded arrest of terrorists. But Savar police has taken no initiative so far to arrest the terrorists.

Though in most cases police fail to arrest the culprits, four people has been arrested so far in connection with the dacoity. But police failed to get any information about the robbery or recover the robbed valuables.

**Gang involved in theft of vehicles arrested**

By Staff Correspondent

The DB police yesterday arrested an organised gang involved in theft of vehicles, said police sources.

Abdul Baten, 22, driver of a stolen vehicle was chased from near Muktijoddha Market at Mirpur and later arrested from near Gabtali early yesterday along with the vehicle, police said.

The DB later arrested Abus Salam and his wife Khodja Begum from a house at Mirpur Section 1, on a tip off from Baten, police said.

The gang members confessed to the police that they used to steal vehicles and later sell them off.

According to them vehicles used to be hired from different towns they visited. During their visits in those towns they used to stay in hotels and hire vehicles prior to leaving the town for their next destination.

On their way they used to give some intoxicant to the driver and flee the area driving the vehicle and later sell it.

**PSC selection for Scientific Officer**

Bangladesh Public Service Commission (PSC) selected 10 candidates for the post of Scientific Officer of Soil Resources Development Institute, reports UNB.

The registration numbers of the selected candidates are: 000038, 000691, 000491, 000506, 000664, 000692, 000157, 001032, 000288 and 000396.

**Advani's remark**

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the Indian army's victory in Bangladesh and in Kargil. He said the liberation of Bangladesh was a 'spectacular victory' which Atal Behari Vajpeyi as the then leader of Jan Sangh had extolled.

But in 1971, the United States had sent its Seventh Fleet to India's neighbourhood. Kargil was perhaps the first occasion when India could secure the backing of the entire world in its favour, Advani added.

The Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mainamoham Singh (Congress) protested Advani's purported comparison and said the Home Minister need not enter into polemics while dealing with such a serious issue as militancy in Jammu and Kashmir.

Congress members were on their feet demanding withdrawal of Advani's purported comparison while members belonging to BJP rose in defence of the Home minister.

According to ADB analysis, such projects were very effective in reducing poverty through growth.

These infrastructure projects would now be targeted more towards high-poverty areas and instead of financing only national highways the plan would include regional and feeder road networks in those areas, Nag said.

He also said that power sector investment would focus on rural electrification in the poorer regions and water management projects on flood protection and irrigation for high-poverty areas exposed to frequent flood.

Two new areas are also being explored for future intervention and these are child nutrition and Information Technology (IT), including e-commerce, Nag said.

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### Mannan Bhuiyan at 4-party alliance meeting

## AL conspiring to appoint CEC without discussion with parties

By Staff Correspondent

and threatened them.

"The ruling party has committed a serious crime by showing stick to the judges ... this offence can be compared with barbarism of the mediaeval era," he said and added that the government is yet to take any action against the "hoodlum" ministers who showed stick.

Whereas the BNP leaders and activists are being arrested and victim of false cases under the Public Safety Act even they take part in peace march, he added.

Referring to the recent killing of two brothers, Bhuiyan said the law and order situation has completely collapsed and there is no security of life and property of any citizen in the country.

He said police could not be able to take punitive measure or to arrest the killers, terrorists and illegal occupiers because majority of them are either members of the AL or close relatives of the Prime Minister and ministers.

The BNP Secretary General said the AL is not only a failure and incompetent government, but it is also a "commitment betrayer and law breaker" one because it held stick procession against the honourable judges

This government has not only failed to provide security

to the citizens, but also failed to ensure security of the country because the Indian BSF and robbers are making frequent attacks in the bordering areas and killing BDR jawans and innocent people.

The Indians, he alleged, are even also forcible grabbing Bangladesh's lands, taking away standing corps and cattle heads, but the government kept silent and is not lodging complaints of those occurrences.

The AL government is now conspiring to hand over the gas resources to the India.

Bhuiyan said the nation is united against the 'misrule and anti-state' activities of the government and asked the AL to quit power immediately. He urged the city dwellers to make the May 16 mass procession by the Four-party Alliance a grand success.

BNP leader said over by Mohamad thana unit APAC convenor Afzal Haq. It was addressed, among others, by BNP leaders Khandaker Mahabubdin Ahmed, Sadeq Hossain Khoka and Abdus Samad, JP leaders Saifur Rahmat, Jamaat leader Ali Ahsan Mujahid and IOJ leader ARM Abdul Matin.

BNP leader said officer-in-charge of police stations are even filing general diary for their own security in the face of threat of the AL activists.

This government has not

### Former civil servant

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Suranjit Sengupta, however, ruled out the first option.

"Constitutionally, the essential component of the Election Commission is the Chief Election Commissioner. There is no scope for a Commission without the chief."

Asked what background he would like the next man to come from, Sengupta said the prime minister has to find a very dynamic person with a deep sense of integrity."

"Not necessarily that the commission has to be a club of former judges," said Sengupta, pointing to former Indian CEC T. N. Seshan. "A retired bureaucrat, Seshan created a lot of sensation in terms of fighting evils inherent in the electoral process. He combined in himself good administrative ability and legal knowledge he earned during his service as an ICS official."

He believes that "whoever becomes the CEC, he would barely be able to effectively contribute to further growth of democracy unless electoral laws are reformed."

Meanwhile, a representative of Prime Minister's Office communicated to President Shahabuddin Ahmed on Wednesday on the developments on the government's efforts to have a dialogue with the

**ADB loans**

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Bangladesh," said ADB Resident Representative Suphithiphat.

Rajat Nag said that the Bank recognised the need for more power generation, but emphasised better demand management and reduction of systems loss.

He also said, "The focus is also on coordinated effort and to initiate urgent action. We also like to