

## What's on today....

**Oncology symposium:** A symposium on "Advances in the Management of Lung Cancer" will be held. Organisers: Chest and Heart Association of Bangladesh and Rhone-Poulenc. Venue: Seral Restaurant. Time: 12:45 pm.

**Certificate giving ceremony:** The "100 Students Celebration and Certificate Giving Ceremony" of APTECH Eskaton Center, will be held. Venue: APTECH Eskaton Center, 17 New Eskaton Road, Maghbazar. Time: 5:30 pm.

**DRU Talk:** John C Holzman, Ambassador of the United States, will deliver a talk on "Bangladesh-US Relations". Organiser: Dhaka Reporters' Unity. Venue: DRU auditorium. Time: 10:55 am.

**UGC lecture:** University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh presents a lecture on Arsenic problem on Bangladesh by Professor Dr Hiroaki Ashiga from Shiamane University, Japan. Venue: UGC Bhaban, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar. Time: 11:00 am.

**Discussion meeting:** Dhaka Mahanagar Sramik League will hold a discussion meeting. Chief guest: Food Minister Amir Hossain Amu. Venue: Rajuk Bhaban. Time: 4:00 pm.

**Film show:** Cultural Centre of the Islamic Republic of Iran will screen *Dabiristan* and *Shahar-e-Mushha* as part of a film show for children and young adults. Venue: auditorium of the centre, Dhanmondi R/A Road No 8/A. Time: 4:45 pm-8:30 pm.

**Contemporary Iranian Film Festival:** On the 3rd day of the festival, Zahir Ralhan Film Society will screen *The White Balloon* by Zafar Panahi, *The Key* by Ebrahim Forouzesh and *Zinat* by Ebrahim Mokhtari. Venue: Goethe Institut, Dhanmondi, Road No 9. Time: 4:30 pm-6:00 pm and 7:15 pm.

**Seminar:** Centre for Advanced Research in Social Sciences in Social Sciences Dept of Dhaka University will hold a seminar on "Indo-Iranian Relation During the Vedic and Avestic Periods". Venue: Seminar room of Centre for Advanced Research, DU campus.

..... and tomorrow .....

**Annual national conference:** The annual national conference of the Fourth Class Employees Association of Bangladesh Election Commission Secretariat will be held. Venue: Commission secretariat premises. Time: 10:00 am.

**Film show:** Three films *Les Amants* (The Lovers), *Al No Bori* (Empire of Passion) and *Les Chiens ne font pas des chats* will be screened. Venue: Auditorium of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka. Time: 11:00 am, 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm.

**Exhibition:** A solo exhibition of etchings by Rashid Amin will begin. Venue: Goethe Institut's exhibition hall. House No 10, Rd No 9, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 2:00 pm-8:00 pm everyday till June 1, except Friday and Saturday.

**Reception:** Karika (BHSF) will accord a reception to pottery artist Moron Chand Pal for his life long contribution to the field of Terracota and Ceramic pottery. Venue: 27, Paribagh Super Market. Time: 3:00 pm.

**Seminar:** Shotongorik Committee will hold a seminar on "Independence of the Judiciary and the rule of law". Venue: VIP lounge of Jatiya Press Club. Time: 4:00 pm.

**Milad mahfil:** Bangladesh Law Association will hold a *milad mahfil* in memory of late Advocate Syed Babar Elahi. Venue: DU Science Annex Building. Time: 4:30 pm.

**Exhibition:** A graphical painting exhibition by Indian artist Debasis Samajpati titled "Through Black" will be inaugurated. Venue: Conference room of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka. Time: 5:00 pm.

**Cultural programme:** Nirapod Sharak Chai will hold a cultural programme to raise funds for the treatment of road accident victims. Venue: Engineers Institute auditorium. Time: 5:30 pm.

**Seminar:** International Centre for Study of Bengal Art (ICSBA) will hold its 19th seminar. Prof Henry Glassie of Indiana University, Bloomington will present a talk on "The dilemma of the modern for the traditional artists in Bangladesh". Venue: Library Hall of the Centre, House No 32E, Road No 17-A, Banani. Time: 5:30 pm.

**Rally:** Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote will hold a rally to mark the birth anniversary of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam. Venue: From Ramma Park gate to Press Club.

**Weather**

## Rain likely

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

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged during the period over the country, Met office said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 36.5 degree Celsius was recorded at Khulna and the lowest of 22.8 degree Celsius at Sitakunda.

**The sun sets in the capital today at 6:36 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:14 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	33.1	73
Chittagong	33.0	75
Rajshahi	35.0	75
Khulna	36.5	77
Barisal	34.1	74
Sylhet	33.9	80
Cox's Bazar	33.6	72

## HERE and THERE

## Barristers' Assoc of Bangladesh

Barrister M Zahir has been elected the president of The Barristers' Association of Bangladesh while Barrister Akhter Imam elected as the vice-president, says a press release.

The elections took place at the annual dinner of the association at the Ball Room of Hotel Sonargaon on Tuesday.

Barrister M Mahbub Uddin Khokan was elected as secretary while Barrister M Badruddoza Badal as treasurer of the association, the release added.

## Muktijoddha Sanghati Parishad

By DU Correspondent

The Annual General Meeting of Muktijoddha Sanghati Parishad (MSP) was held yesterday at the Sena Kalyan Bhawan in the city.

The meeting demanded immediate execution of verdict of Bangabandhu Murder Case and also hailed the initiative of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in appointing the CEC.

The meeting also demanded trial of killing Maj. Gen Khaled Mosharraf, Col. Huda and Col.

Haider in 1975.

Presided over by Col. (retd) Swakat Ali, MP and chairman of the MSP, the programme was addressed, among others, by Nawshir Ali Nasu, Rezaul Karim Reza, Hasan-uz-Zaman Hasan, Habibur Rahman Habib and Abdus Samad Pintu.

## BRCT

Bangladesh Rehabilitation Centre for Trauma Victims (BRCT) held a discussion on formulation of measures for the prevention of torture at national and international level recently, says a press release.

Abbas Faiz, Asia Regional Programme-South Asia Region and leaders from different human rights organisations attended the discussion.

## Obituary

Obaidur Rahman (Bhola Mia) of village Noorpur in Bhola under Faridpur district died of old age complications on Monday. He was 90, says a press release.

He left behind his wife, a son and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death.

His *namaz-e-Janaza* was held at the Maghbazar Mosque and he was buried at his family graveyard in Noorpur.

## Indiscriminate use of PSA by govt denounced

By Staff Correspondent

Some 34 politicians, teachers, newsmen and other professionals issued a joint statement yesterday denouncing indiscriminate enforcement of the Public Safety Act (PSA) by the government.

They cited some recent violent incidents involving ruling party men and noted that not a single case was filed against any of them under the PSA.

They referred to the incidents of road barricades raised by ruling party lawmakers Haji Selim, damaging of 150 vehicles at Karwan Bazar as a fallout of violence involving two groups of Juba League workers, and grabbing of houses by son of a ruling party politician.

They also demanded withdrawal of warrant and 'false' case against assistant general secretary of Dhaka city unit of BNP, Mosarrat Hossain Moshu.

The signatories include, among others, former minister Sirajul Hossain Khan, Democratic League chairperson Oli Ahad, journalists Sadek Khan, Amanullah Kabir, BFUJ leaders Abdul Aziz and Mhamud Shafiq, DUJ leader Ruhul Amin Gazi, professors Dr Mahbub Ullah, Dr Attaf Ahmed, film director Chashi Nazrul Islam.

## BCL meeting at Ganobhaban today

By DU Correspondent

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), the student wing of ruling Awami League, will hold an extended meeting at Ganobhaban at 11 am today.

Prime Minister and Awami League Chief Sheikh Hasina will attend the meeting as chief guest while different district unit president and general secretary of BCL will attend it.

## M A Hassan new Dist Governor of Lions Clubs

**Ln. M A Hassan, MJF has been elected District Governor of Lions Clubs International, District-315A2, Bangladesh for the year 2000-2001 at the 5th Annual District Convention held on May 12 and 13 at a city hotel, says a press release.**

An organiser and advisor of Lions Club of Dhaka Rose Garden, Hassan is the Chairman and Managing Director of Aristopharma Ltd and also a member of executive committee of Bangladesh Aushad Shilpa Samity.

A renowned social worker of Keraniganj, Hassan is a Melvin Jones Fellow, a Life Member, Patron and Major Donor of Bangladesh Lions Foundation (BLF). He served the District-315A2 as Vice District Governor during 1999-2000 period.

**Dainik Janata**  
Journalists, employees demand payment of arrear salaries

By Staff Correspondent

Journalists and employees of the 'Dainik Janata', a Bangla daily, have demanded that the newspaper authority clear their arrear salaries for the months of March and April and give appointment letters as per Fifth Wage Board rules.

The demand was raised at a meeting of the journalists and employees of the paper held in the city on Monday. The meeting also formed a 51-member movement council with Shamshus Salehin as its convenor, says a press release.

They warned the newspaper authority of dire consequences if their dues are not cleared immediately.

## DRU concerned over assault on newsmen

Shakha Reporters' Unity (DRU) has expressed concern at the assault and threat against some reporters and DRU members by an identified group of terrorists and Naga Bhaban, reports UNB.

In a statement yesterday, DRU President Anwarul Haq and General Secretary Monwarul Islam termed such threat to and attack on journalists as heinous and audacious.

"It's also a threat to the freedom of press and democracy," the statement said demanding immediate investigation into the incident and action against those involved in it.

They alleged that the terrorists had called in some journalists or a false tip that a dead body found in a room at Nagar Bhaban had been kept in another room on the 13th floor Tuesday.

## FEMA

From page 12

FEMA also recommended amendments to certain other election laws relating to code of conduct, campaigning, administration and its behaviour during election, settlement of disputes, delimitation of constituencies, number of seats in the parliament and voter list.

He left behind his wife, a son and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death.

His *namaz-e-Janaza* was held at the Maghbazar Mosque and he was buried at his family graveyard in Noorpur.

## News



Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria (L) and former Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman, both from Sylhet and staunch political rivals, closer together at the installation ceremony of Jalalabad Association held at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday. — Star photo

## William Pace suggests

## Produce evidences to Int'l Court of Law to try war criminals

William R Pace, Convenor of the Coalition for International Criminal Court, yesterday suggested that Bangladesh should produce evidences and testimonies of the atrocities committed by Pakistani occupation forces in 1971 to the International Court of Law and bring official charges to try the war criminals.

In an exclusive interview with BSS, William, who is now in the city in connection with a national seminar, described the atrocities as barbaric and a heinous act against humanity. He said the war criminals, both in Bangladesh and Pakistan, should be tried even after a long period.

"Yes, I do believe persons involved in genocide should be tried," William said.

William lauded the role of Bangladesh and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for efforts to uphold the democratic norms and values and to establish rule of law globally. He referred Bangladesh's role to become the first among the Asian countries to sign the Rome Statute and expressed the hope that by September this year it would be ratified by Bangladesh. He said another 20 to 40 countries are on pipeline to ratify the treaty and said "I do hope that the ICC would start functioning by year 2003."

Earlier, at a press conference held at the National Press Club, William explained the objectives of a two-day national seminar on ICC that concluded yesterday. He said Rome Statute and ICC are the most important documentation to protect human rights.

Unlike the International Court of Justice, ICC is a proposed international permanent court that will investigate and bring to justice individuals who commit most serious violations of international humanitarian law.

William, who is on a massive campaign to create public opinion in favour of ratification of Rome Statute being adopted to forge the International Criminal Court (ICC), said countries and individuals who believe in rule of law and democracy should sign the Rome Statute and ratify the treaty as early as possible.

Unlike the International Court of Justice, ICC is a proposed international permanent court that will investigate and bring to justice individuals who commit most serious violations of international humanitarian law.

William R Pace, Convenor of the International Criminal Court, addressing a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday morning. — Star photo

## Hasina: Present govt

From page 12

in last 19 years, I had to struggle every moment to rebuild the party on the one hand and rear my children with proper education on the other," she told her partymen.

Hasina said she had completed two important tasks as president of Awami League. First, she has been able to steer the party back to power through a democratic and electoral process and secondly hold trial of the killers of Bangabandhu.

Making a dig at the opposition movement to oust her government by creating different issues, Hasina said all their attempts failed one after another. She said BNP and its allies want to destabilise the political atmosphere in a bid to protect the killers of Bangabandhu. The verdict in Bangabandhu murder case would be implemented.

"The killings will not be stopped unless the verdict is implemented," she said while addressing the leaders and workers of Awami League who gathered at her official residence to greet her on the occasion of her Home-Coming Day this morning.

Hasina said if the killing are spared then the killings will continue and there will be no peace in the society. She said the killers will be encouraged if they are not brought to book and punished.

Amidst protest, the Prime Minister said she would leave Awami League presidency for new leadership. She will also retire from active politics at the age of 57. "But I will keep myself engaged in the task of bringing smile on the faces of hapless people of this country."

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad saw him off at the airport.

**Bhutanese FM leaves**  
Bhutanese Foreign Minister Lyonpo Jigmi Y Thinley left Dhaka for home yesterday ending his five-day official visit which he described as "fruitful and satisfactory", reports BSS.

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad saw him off at the airport.

## President hosts reception for Buddhists

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed yesterday hosted a reception for the Buddhist community at Bangabhaban on the occasion of Buddha Purnima, reports UNB.

CHT Affairs Minister Kalpa Ranjan Chakma, State Minister for Religious Affairs Moulana Nurul Islam, members of parliament Dipankar Talukder and Ethin Rakha, Swami Akharkaranda of Ramakrishna Mission and Math, Chairman of Hindu-Buddha-Christian Community Maj Gen (retd) C R Datta and leaders of Buddhist community and other professionals attended the reception.

William lauded the role of