

## News

## ● What's on today .... ●

**Annual conference:** The annual conference and general meeting of Foundation for Research on Educational Planning and Development (FREPD) will be held. Venue: FREPD auditorium, Sonargaon Road. Time: 10:00 am.

**Film show:** *Pedar Buzurg* and *Bacchera-e-Aseman*, two Iranian films will be screened on the last day of a special screening for children and young adults. Venue: Iranian Cultural Centre auditorium, Rd No 7/A, Dhanmondi. Time: 4:45 pm-8:30 pm.

**CESTI seminar:** Centre for Scientific and Technological Information (CESTI) of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka will hold a seminar on "The role of the sacred and the religious in intercultural negotiations: The case of Arab states." Venue: Alliance Francaise premises. Time: 8:00 pm.

**Film show:** Two German comedies *Rossini* and *No more Mister Nice Guy* will be screened. Venue: Goethe Institut, House No. 10, Road No 9, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 5:30 pm.

**DUPDAA election:** The election and general meeting at Dhaka University Political Science Department Alumni Association (DUPDAA) will be held. Venue: Jatiya Press Club auditorium. Time: 2:00 pm.

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

**Exhibition:** A three-day long exhibition of pictures of Islamic and Iranian architecture will begin on occasion of International Cultural Heritage and Archaeological Day. Venue: Iranian Cultural Centre, Road No 8/A, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 10:00 am-10:00 pm and 3:00 pm-7:00 pm.

**Folk art exhibition:** A month-long exhibition on traditional and folk art and crafts will be inaugurated. Chief guest: State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed. Venue: National Museum, Shahbagh. Time: 5:30 pm.

**Iranian film show:** Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen *The Suitors* by Ghasssem Ibrahimian and *The children of Heaven* by Majid Majidi on the fourth day of the special film screening session. Venue: Goethe Institut, House No 10, Road No 9, Dhanmondi R/A. Time 5:00 pm and 6:30 pm.

**CESTI seminar:** Centre for Scientific Technological Information (CESTI) of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka will hold a seminar on "The French Cultural Perception: Between Universalism and Globalism". Venue: Alliance Francaise premises, 26 Mirpur Road. Time: 8:00 pm.

## Weather

## Rain likely

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

The day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country. Met office said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 36.7 degree Celsius was recorded at Jessor and the lowest of 20.5 degree Celsius at Mymensingh.

**The sun sets in the capital today at 6.37 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.13 am.**

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity percentage
Dhaka	29.0	75
Chittagong	32.2	78
Rajshahi	33.4	76
Khulna	35.5	87
Barisal	32.4	83
Sylhet	27.8	91
Cox's Bazar	33.2	83

## HERE and THERE

## Muktijoddha Smriti Songrakkhan Sangsad

Bangladesh Muktijoddha Smriti Songrakkhan Sangsad (BMSSS) yesterday expressed its firm determination to maintain people's unity against the four-party anti-liberation alliance, reports BSS.

They took the vow while speaking at a discussion to observe the fourth death anniversary of freedom fighter Fakru Islam Chowdhury.

Held in the auditorium of Dhanmondi Library in the capital, the meeting was presided over by senior Vice-President of the Sangsads Shashanka Bhushan Majumder.

The speakers recalled the contribution of Chowdhury who was the founding chairman of the Sangsads for the freedom fighters.

They excoriated Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer Ghulam Azam for raising slogans for the revival

of the spirit of the two-nation theory, saying people have long buried the two-nation theory of 1947 and embraced secularism as a state principle after earning independence from Pakistan in 1971 through a nine-month war.

They demanded of the concerned authorities to expedite the trial process in the Bangabandhu killing case.

They also urged the government to bring to justice those who had killed three million people and inflicted blinding torture and sufferings on scores of peace-loving people during the Liberation War as local agents and collaborators of the Pakistani occupation forces.

Among others, Shamsuddin Selim, Ibne Aziz Chowdhury, Mohammad Anis Ahmed, Advocate Mahtab Uddin Ahmed, Miyan Shahjahan Sarkar, Alsu Miyan Chowdhury and Ariful Haque Chowdhury also spoke on the occasion.



Police nabbed two young men from Kakrail area in the city yesterday and recovered bombs from their possession.

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## Bangladesh-EU accord on trade, investment on Monday

Commerce Minister M Abdul Jalil left Dhaka yesterday for Brussels to sign an agreement between Bangladesh and European Union, reports UNB.

The cooperation agreement will be signed on Monday (May 22) to increase trade and investment between Bangladesh and EU.

The minister is leading a three-member Bangladesh team. Other members of the team are: Bangladesh Ambassador in Brussels and Joint Secretary of the Economic Relations Division.

The Commerce Minister will also meet the EU Trade Commissioner and Development Affairs Commissioner and urge them to expand preferential market access for Bangladesh to increase its export.

Jalil is expected to return home on May 27.

## BDR protests intrusion of Indians into enclave

KURIRAM, May 19: Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) today officially protested intrusion of Indian citizens backed by Border Security Force (BSF) of India into the Bangladesh enclave — Mashaldanga — here yesterday, reports BSS.

"We are waiting for the positive reply to the second letter that we sent today to BSF proposing holding of a flag meeting," BDR Rangpur Sector Commander Colonel Shikil told the news agency this evening. He also expressed the hope that the situation would come normal by next two or three days.

Several hundreds Indians, backed by BSF personnel, invaded the Bangladeshi enclave of Mashaldanga under Burungamari of the district yesterday. They abducted four Bangladeshi nations, set fire to 55 houses and looted valuable goods and cattle. More than 10 women and children were injured during the attack, officials said.

## Shantu Larma

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This will be the first open rally in the city to be addressed by the chief of the Jana Sanghati Samity, the political wing of the former guerrilla outfit Shantibhagini.

During his stay in Dhaka, Larma is also scheduled to have discussion with the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on the progress of the implementation of the peace accord that both sides signed over two years ago, ending two decades of insurgency at Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT).

Larma will formally inaugurate that 11th founding anniversary programme and the 9th council of the Pahari Chhatra Parishad (PCP) or Hill Students Council in front of Arapajeyo Bangla on the Dhaka University campus at 10 this morning.

The 5th central council session of the PCP will be held May 21-23 at Teachers-Students Centre (TSC) of Dhaka University.

A PCP press release issued yesterday said, its council would highlight the burning issues like withdrawal of army camp from the CHT, resettlement of refugees and internally displaced persons and full implementation of the CHT peace accord.

PCP will hold a discussion in the afternoon at ICMA Auditorium and a cultural evening to be presented by tribal artists.

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Gano Forum leader Dr Kamal Hossain addressing a press conference held at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday to mark the launching of 'Nagrik Samaj', a civil rights group.

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Barrister Mainul Hussain presented a crest to litterateur Prof Shahed Ali at reception ceremony held at the National Press Club yesterday. Prof Shahed was accorded a reception for his contribution in the field of Bangla literature.

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## Govt to plant CEC

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deep rooted conspiracy centring the voters' list.

He called upon the people and opposition activists to guard against the ruling Awami League's 'evil move to include fake voters and drop eligible voters from the list.'

Alleging that the government is out to break unity of the opposition alliance, he said:

"It is unity of the people or it exists now, it will continue during the national elections and also after that. This unity will last even if any one deserts the party."

The BNP secretary general said the government has borrowed over Tk 5000 crore from different commercial banks to give salary to public servants and the banks are now facing liquidity crisis. The government will have to declare itself 'defaulter' if drawing of loans from banks continues, he added.

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## Training workshop on astronomy

Bangladesh Astronomical Association in cooperation with CESTI of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka will hold a 10-day long primary astronomy training workshop starting from May 22, says a press release.

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"You (AL) should renovate the prisons because you are to go there on charges of murder, corruption and other criminal offences," he said.

BNP Standing Committee member Abdul Matin Chowdhury in his speech apprehended that AL leaders and activists would quit the country and take shelter in a neighbouring country as soon as a caretaker government over.

The boy died of assault injury," said a source quoting the autopsy report.

Bayazid was the son of Abu Jafar M Saleh of Billu village at Agaljhara in Barisal district.

The body was sent to DMCH for autopsy on Thursday. A case was filed with Rama police.

"The boy died of assault injury," said a source quoting the autopsy report.

When Rakibul Islam, the victim's uncle, came to the DMCH morgue, he came to know that beating by students caused Bayazid's death.

Rama police said the boy died early morning Thursday but teachers of the institution informed police at about 4 pm on that day.

Joyal Abedin, a teacher of the institution filed an unnatural death case in this regard.

In the FIR it was stated that Bayazid was suffering from nasal problem for about one and half years and oozing of blood caused his death.

Police said they are waiting for the autopsy report. If the report says the death is from torture, a murder case will be filed, police said.

A case has been filed against the arrested persons.

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