

What's on today....

BHRC discussion: On 'Social Responsibility in Protecting Human Rights', organised by Bangladesh Human Rights Commission (BHRC). Venue: Khilgaon Model College. Time: 3:30 pm.

Seminar: On Total quality and excellence in Education: Role of students quality control circles', organised by Bangladesh Society for Total Quality Management. Venue: BETS Centre, House 55, Road-4A, Dhanmondi. Time: 9 am.

View exchanges meet: Students-Youth Movement to Resist Export of Oil-Gas will hold a view exchanges meet. Venue: DUCSU cafeteria, DU campus. Time: 5:00 pm.

Cultural programme: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka presents a cultural programme featuring Rabindra Sangeet by Ilma and folk songs by Kanak. Venue: Auditorium of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26 Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi. Time: 7:00 pm.

Exhibition: Iranian Cultural Centre begins a 3-day long exhibition on Iranian leader Imam Khomeini (R). The exhibition will feature photos, posters, paintings, books, audio, video and CDs on the leader. Venue: Iranian Cultural Centre, Road No 8/A, Dhanmondi, R/A. Time: 9:00 am-12:00 pm, 3:00 pm-7:00 pm.

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IUB convocation: The Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) will hold its fourth convocation. Chief guest: Education Minister ASHK Sadeque. Venue: Hossain Shaheed Suhrawardi Indoor Stadium, Mirpur. Time: 10:00 am.

Weather

Moderate rain likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Khulna, Barisal, Dhaka and Chittagong Divisions till 6 pm tomorrow today, reports BUNB.

No appreciable change in day temperature is expected over the country during the period. Met office said.

The country's highest temperature 36.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Ishurdi and Jessor and the lowest 23.0 degree Celsius at Rangpur and Khulna.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6.43 pm and rises on Saturday at 5.11 am.

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

City/Town	Temperature		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	34.8	24.8	82	60
Chittagong	33.6	26.7	82	81
Rajshahi	35.5	25.0	73	78
Khulna	35.6	23.0	76	73
Barisal	34.4	24.5	84	70
Sylhet	30.8	24.9	100	83
Cox's Bazar	34.5	25.2	79	83

HERE and THERE

DEBTEC

By Staff Correspondent Scientific Secretary of the International Council for Science and Technology in Developing Countries, Dr G Thyagarajan visited country's leading non-government biotechnology research organisation, DEBTEC, on May 30, says a press release.

Secretary of the Science and Technology M Fazlur Rahman was present during the visit. DEBTEC Executive Director Dr Ferdousi Begum explained different research activities of the organisation to the visitor.

DEBTEC has undertaken mass propagation of orchid, banana, potato, bamboo, neem, hijol and many other ornamental and medicinal plants. Dr Thyagarajan praised the organisation's works and assured of all cooperation.

Others present during Dr Thyagarajan's visit included Chairman of BCSIR M Moshiuzzaman, Member Director of BARC, Dr Fariduzzaman Ahmed and ex-member of Atomic Energy Commission M Serajul Islam.

Prokrichi-BCS Coordination Council

By Staff Correspondent Prokrichi-BCS Central Coordination Council has reiterated its urge for meeting its eight-point demand and stop the process of mass promotion in the Secretariat.

The Council, a joint body of 26 government cadre services and professionals held a meeting on Wednesday to express its concern about the government's indifference over its demands, says a press release.

It urged all professionals and council members to join the planned protest rally to be organised at the Engineers Institution auditorium on June 12.

BCS (Taxation) Association

By Staff Correspondent BCS (Taxation) Association has demanded that the govern-

ment refrain from giving any contractual appointment in taxation service.

In a meeting held in the city yesterday the association expressed deep concern and anguish at the news of contractual appointment of a tax commissioner recently.

With association president KM Shahakat Hossain in the chair, the meeting also reminded the government of such incidents in the past when the association had taken tough line against all contractual appointments and reappointments.

Zonta Club IV

The newly elected executive members of the Zonta Club IV, Dhaka assumed their offices yesterday, says a press release.

The installation ceremony of the new committee was held on May 27. They were elected at the annual general meeting on April 29.

Najma Hasin was elected president of the club with Afrose Hafiz as first Vice-President. Najma Islam as second Vice-President, Dolly Rahman as Treasurer, Munira Nooruddin as Recording Secretary and Saver Ahmed as Correspondence Secretary.

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Rotaract club of Wari Dhaka

Rotaract Club of Wari Dhaka and Rotary Club of City Central jointly administered a Polio Vaccination and Vitamin A capsule feeding drive in the city at the Rahmatganj Community Centre to make the second phase of the 7th National Immunisation Day programmes a success, says a press release.

Iftekhar Uddin Naoshad, owner of the Modhuma Cunema Hall, Rtn Sohel Kashem, Rtn Lt Col (Retd) Mahtab Uddin, M Salahuddin, founder of Rahmatganj sports organisation were present, among others, at the programme.

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PM condoles death

Prime Minister Hasina yesterday deeply condoled the death of Umme Kabir Afia Begum, mother of National Professor Kabir Chowdhury and widow of late Khan Bahadur Abdul Hallim Chowdhury, died in the city yesterday afternoon at her 20 Circular Road residence at age 94, reports BSS.

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He was elected Member of Parliament for four times in 1970, 1973, 1979 and 1986 from Panchagarh and Thakurgaon.

Marking the day, Advocate Sirajul Islam *Smriti Sangsod* will arrange *Shab-e-Mahfil* at his residence at 192-B, Khilgaon Chowdhurypara in the city.

The third death anniversary of former MP and freedom fighter Advocate Sirajul Islam will be observed today, reports BSS.

A *midnat mahfil* and *Qurankhwan* will be held at late Ahmed's residence at Suhrawardy Sarak in Sirajganj and at 192-B, Khilgaon Chowdhurypara in the city.

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She said the government had reduced duties on medical equipment and waived on several medical items for the convenience of the people.

Employees of T&T Board are alleged to be indulged in corruption while converting telephones into digital in the old city area, residents alleged, reports BSS.

A new digital exchange was opened on May 3 to convert the existing analogue telephones, which have been out of order for a few months now into digital ones. But T&T officials have slowed down the process of giving new connections and are alleged to be extracting money from subscribers.

In Ganderia, subscribers complained that those able to resort to 'other' means are getting the telephones while many are yet to get their lines as they did not 'satisfy' the T and T men.

Dr Mamoon, lawyer Nooruzzaman, journalist Al-Amin and Shakhat Hossain said their telephone connection has not restored despite repeated requests.

IG Gate telephone camp in charge was not available for comments but Supervisor Abdul Hakim said that about 1600 telephones out of 1850 under the camp have already been converted into digital.

Hakim said that he was not aware of any kind of corruption in settling the new connections.

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During the meeting they exchanged views on bilateral issues and matters of mutual interest particularly the rural poverty alleviation.

Inaugurating the exhibition, which will run till June 21, Justice Latifur Rahman said fine arts would not only be described as a mere form of art but be considered as an integral part of the country's rich culture and life.

Responding to another letter from the finance minister, the BR authorities informed ERD that the matter was under ac-



BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia distributing food among poor and destitutes in city's Nawabpur area yesterday as part of a programme marking former president Ziaur Rahman's 19th death anniversary.

— Star photo

Lawyers greet Justice Nazmun Ara Sultana

Scores of women lawyers of Bangladesh Supreme Court yesterday felicitated Nazmun Ara Sultana as she was appointed the first woman judge in the country's highest-tier of judiciary, reports BSS.

The lawyers called on Justice Nazmun Ara Sultana to convey their greetings and shared some happy moments. Justice Mohammad Golam Rabbani was present on the occasion.

The Justice thanked the lawyers and stressed the need for meaningful cooperation between the Bar and the Bench.

Meanwhile, Jatiya Mahila Sangstha has congratulated Justice Nazmun Ara Sultana, the first woman judge of the Supreme Court.

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Beyond the Boundary

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the Sri Lankans managed only 275 odd was more an aberration than any credit to the bowling faced.

Once again, it was left to Sachin Tendulkar, to be the Dirty Harry for the Indian team. He dismissed the obdurate but classy Atapattu, in what was certainly the turning point of the match at that stage. Then, bowling a totally different type of ball to Russel Arnold, he had the batsman dragged all out of shape before he was made to edge a very good catch to the stand-in keeper. Which really begs the question, why is Nayan Mongia made to spend most of his time in airplanes flying around in style without actually being part of the action? This is the second time such an instance has taken place. Is there a method to this particular form of selectivity? For India, inscrutability is the name of the game their selectors play.

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having to farm the strike, the Indians needed some robust hitting at the other end to overhaul this total. The bowling was sharp, the fielding excellent, something that was non-existent in the earlier part of the day. All the Indian bowlers had suffered at the hands of the later order Sri Lankans. The Indian bowling has to come to terms with the fact that Anil Kumble is now making a tragic transition from being a strike bowler to being a stock bowler. The cricketing equivalent of a combination of middle-age blues and the male menopause. The team suffered and Vaas & Co. made merry. Could the Indian batting match this mayhem of the end overs?

Obviously not on present form. Tendulkar embarked on a monumental journey all by himself. Out of the 220-odd balls bowled when he eventually got out, Tendulkar had managed to face only 97. But, in that time he had scored 93 runs, which under normal circumstances would have been priceless. Yesterday it mattered and meant nothing at all. All the time he was there his partners were neither able to rotate the strike nor hit the odd boundary or two. With his back to the wall he decided to shoot from the hip, but the gun did not blaze one