

## News

## What's on today....

**Amra Kuri rally:** National child and youth organisation "Amra Kuri" will hold a rally to mark World Environment Day 2000. Venue: Shishu Academy. Time: 10:00 am.

**FEJB rally:** Forum of Environmental Journalists of Bangladesh (FEJB) will hold day-long programmes on occasion of World Environment Day. It will bring out a rally in the morning and hold a discussion meeting in the afternoon. Venue: Rally — from Press Club to Osmani Udyan, discussion meet — Osmani Smriti auditorium. Time: Rally: 9:00 am, discussion: 10:30 am.

**IFCAB seminar:** International Film Critics Association of Bangladesh (IFCAB) will hold a seminar. Satyajit Ray's *Ashani Sanket* will be screened at the end of the seminar. Venue: Goethe Institut, House No-10, Rd-No. 9, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 5:30 pm.

**BIBM lecture:** Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management (BIBM) will hold the third Nurul Matin Memorial Lecture on "Ethics in Banking". Chief guest: Finance Minister Shah A M S Kibria. Venue: BIBM premises. Time: 6:00 pm.

**Art competition:** The Youth and Social Development Organisation will hold the 'Colgate Bright Smile Art Competition to mark World Environment Day. Chief guest: Minister for Food Amir Hossain Amu. Venue: Shishu Academy premises. Time: 3:30 pm.

**Discussion meeting:** Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy will hold a discussion meeting in memory of Shaheed Munir Chowdhury. The meeting will be followed by a cultural programme. Venue: Academy's Gallery Bhaban. Time: 5:00 pm.

**Exhibition:** The 1st solo painting exhibition of Dr Mahmudul Hasan titled "Places and People of the North and the South" will begin. Chief guest: Commerce Minister M A Jalil. Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26 Mirpur Road. Time: 6:00 pm.

**UNAB symposium:** United Nations Association of Bangladesh (UNAB) will hold a symposium on occasion of World Environment Day. Chief guest: Syed Margub Morshed, Secretary of Ministry of Environment and Forest. Venue: Hotel Purbani International. Time: 5:30 pm.

## Weather

## Rain forecast

Light to moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over Dhaka, Rajshahi, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Khulna division till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met office said that moderately heavy falls are also likely at places over Chittagong division during the period.

Slight fall in day temperature is expected over Sylhet, Chittagong and Barisal divisions and it may remain nearly unchanged elsewhere over the country.

In its outlook for next two days, the office said south-west monsoon is likely to sweep over central part of the country during this period.

The country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 36.8 degree Celsius at Dinajpur and the lowest 26.4 degree Celsius at Rangamati.

**The sun sets in the capital today at 6:44 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:11 am.**

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius			Humidity in percentage
	Max	Min	Morning	
Dhaka	35.1	28.7	81	59
Chittagong	33.5	27.0	80	74
Rajshahi	36.3	26.6	74	98
Khulna	34.7	26.5	77	-
Barisal	33.4	26.8	90	80
Sylhet	35.5	26.6	72	64
Cox's Bazar	35.2	26.9	81	100

## HERE and THERE

## BNP, Bogra unit

By Staff Correspondent  
Councilors at the Bogra district BNP conference yesterday elected Advocate Mahabubur Rahman as the president of the district unit. Rezaul Karim Badsha was elected uncontested as the general secretary.

Four other office-bearers were also elected uncontested after membership of five candidates were suspended for violating party discipline, said a press release of the BNP yesterday.

BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, joint secretary general Ashraf Hossain and other central leaders were present during the election held at the Bogra Zila Parishad Auditorium. The other elected office-bearers are Belal (organising secretary), Mokhlesur Rahman (publicity secretary), Jafir Ali (Office secretary) and Monjurul Huq (treasurer).

**Jatiya Chhatra Dal**  
A 27-member committee left-leaving Jatiya Chhatra Dal was formed with Ruhul Kuddus Arif as president and Prokash Dutta as general secretary in its 10th Council on Saturday, reported UNB.

M A Karim, president of Jatiya Ganatantrik Front (JGF) inaugurated the council at the Dhaka University TSC. Later, a discussion meeting was held there with SM Shamimul Huq in the chair, said a press release yesterday.

**ADAB**  
Canadian High Commissioner to Bangladesh David Preston visited the Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB) office in Lalmoni on Thursday, says a press release.

He was received by Khushi Kabir, chairperson of ADAB. Abdul Matin treasurer and other senior officials were also present.

Preston exchanged views with ADAB leaders on developmental issues and various matters of mutual interest. He appreciated ADAB's effective coordination and advocacy role. Khushi Kabir thanked the Canadian High Commissioner for taking interest in ADAB and NGO activities. She also expressed hope that his visit to ADAB will further consolidate their relations.

**Naripakkha**  
By Staff Correspondent

A planning meeting to prevent repression and violence against women held at Naripakkha office Saturday, decided to take number of steps to protect women and their rights.

It called for enforcing provision for taking of testimony and trial in rape cases under women and children repression prevention act, 2000, arrangement of hearing of the victims of sexual repression at closed door, inclusion of forensic medicine in the main curriculum of medical science. It also decided to carry out extensive campaign to encourage women to join the police.

**Obituary**

Khondkar Badruddin Ahmed of Halibatnagar in Kishoreganj died of kidney failure and other complications at the BIRDEN Hospital on Saturday evening. He was 77, reported BSS.

He was buried at the Shaheed Muktijoddha Graveyard at Mirpur on Saturday night.

A devoted educationist Badruddin served as a teacher at Dhaka College and Tejgaon Technical College, as principal of Begumganj Technical College and Tejgaon Technical College. He retired as Deputy Assistant Director of Public Instruction in 1980.

He left behind three daughters, two sons, and a host of relations and admirers to mourn his death.

His *qulkuwani* will be held at his Elephant Road residence today after Asr prayers.

**Unnayan Samannay**  
By Staff Correspondent

NGO has published three posters containing environmental messages. These posters are being sent to schools, colleges, NGOs and clubs throughout the country. It has also opened a stall at the fair at Osmani Auditorium.

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The Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB) also has organised a seminar on "Arsenic contamination of ground water in Bangladesh: Its causes, impact and prevention" at 2 p.m. at the Osmani Auditorium today.

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Bangladesh Environment Journalists Association will arrange a discussion meeting at Jatiya Press Club at 3 p.m. today.

**City AL extended meet tomorrow**  
By Staff Correspondent

A special extended meeting of the Awami League's city unit will be held tomorrow at 6:30 pm at the party's Bangabandhu Avenue central office in the city.

Fake NSI  
By Director  
arrested

Police arrested one Nurul Islam yesterday for his alleged attempt to exploit the Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Dhaka, identifying himself as a Deputy Director of National Security Intelligence (NSI), reports BSS.

Police sources said, the fake NSI man was taken to the custody and a case was filed against him.

They said, Nurul Islam, identifying himself as Deputy Director of NSI went to the office of the Deputy Commissioner and wanted to know his permanent address.

Islam told the staff officer of Deputy Commissioner that he came from the Bangladesh Mukti Joddha Sangsads and has been entrusted with the task of preparing the list of freedom fighter officers working at the government level.

The DC then contacted the Chairman of Mukti Joddha Sangsads, Ahad Chowdhury and Vice Chairman, Kabir Chowdhury, to know the identity of Nurul Islam. Both Ahad Chowdhury and Kabir Chowdhury denied the claim of Nurul Islam and said they did not send any such person for preparing list of the government freedom fighters.

At this stage, the DC Abdus Sattar contacted the Director General of NSI to verify the identity of Nurul Islam. After suspecting Nurul Islam, the DG of NSI asked the DC to arrest the fake NSI man and sent two fake NSI officials to the DC's office.

**New Tdh-I chief appointed**

Alexander Von Braumuhl has been appointed the new country representative of Terre des hommes Foundation (Tdh-I), says a press release.

Braumuhl has worked in several African countries for United Nations and for a number of European development agencies, prior to his appointment with Tdh-I.



## Mahbubul Haq's death anniversary today

The 26th death anniversary of noted parliamentarian and journalist Mahbubul Haq will be observed today, says a press release.

Mahbubul Haq Smriti Sangsads will hold a discussion meeting at the VIP lounge of the Jatiya Press Club tomorrow at 3:00 pm to mark the occasion.

Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, secretary general of BNP, will be chief guest on the occasion. The release added. Other discussants will include Enayetullah Khan, Reazuddin Ahmed, Khondkar Monirul Alam, Ehsanul Majumdar and Amanul Kabir.

A *milad* and *doa* *milad* will be held at his Mohammadpur residence after Asr prayers today. Besides *Qurankhwanai*, *milad* and *doa* *milad*, will also be held at his village home in Feni to mark the occasion.

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**Nobel laureate**  
By Staff Correspondent

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Miller was the author of eight books and served as a public director on the Chicago Board of Trade from 1983 to 1985 and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange from 1990 until his death.

Born in Boston and educated at Harvard University and at Johns Hopkins University, Miller's first academic appointment was at the London School of Economics in 1952.

From there, and after a stint at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh in 1961, he joined University of Chicago's business school. He continued teaching there even after his official retirement in 1993.



Anjumane Rahmania Moina Maizbhandaria (ARMM), a representative organisation of Maizbhandar Darbar Sharif, yesterday brought out a procession in the city in celebration of first day of Rabiu'l Awal, the month on which Prophet (S M) was born. The procession was led by president of Ahle Sunna Wal Jamaat and chief patron of ARMM Moulana Syed Moinuddin Ahmed Maizbhandari. The procession started from the Engineers' Institute and dispersed at National Press Club.

— Star photo

## We were not able to visit any polluted sites' Participants disappointed as regional workshop on water management ends

By Staff Correspondent

A South Asian workshop on water concluded in the city yesterday with participants expressing disappointment over not having had any practical exposure to water pollution in Dhaka.

Saiful Islam, a participant from Bangladesh, said, "what's the use of observing the water of Buriganga at Pagla point, where there is minimum pollution?"

Sasanka Perrera, who teaches anthropology at University of Colombo said, expressing his disappointment "I thought we would be taken to a place where we can have a closer look at water pollution. But this is not the ideal place, I guess."

Organisers of the two-day 'South Asian Children' workshop on Alternative Water Management, earlier had said that they would take the participants to Buriganga to have a closer look at its polluted water.

They all pointed out that organisers could have made better use of time if they had taken the participants to Sadarghat or

other nearby points of Buriganga instead of arranging the river-cruise at Pagla.

Earlier, in the morning, the workshop at the BISS auditorium, reiterated its urge for bringing in reforms in educational curricula so that children take lessons on water issues at school level.

Children from India, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, teachers, scholars and fellows of the organising institutions took part at the 2-day workshop. Prof Imtiaz Ahmed, Executive Director of Centre for Alternatives, facilitated the last session.

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