

## ● What's on today.... ●

**Seminar:** A day-long life seminar and live surgery on Phacoemulsification, a modern technique of cataract surgery organised by the Retina Foundation and Eye Centre will be held. Venue: BIAM, 63 New Eskaton. Time: 8:30 am.

**Int'l conference:** Bangladesh Geographical Society inaugurates an international conference on "Disaster: Issues and Gender Perspectives." Venue: Bangladesh Institute of Administration and Management (BIAM) hall. Time: 9:25 am.

**Bangla Academy workshop:** Bangla Academy begins a 3-day long writer and researcher workshop on "The Liberation War of Bangladesh: Documents and History-related Book Publication." Project. Venue: Seminar room of the Academy. Time: 9:00 am.

**Discussion meeting:** Chetana '71 will hold a discussion on "Awami's Four Years of Misrule, and There Is Alternative to The Unity of Nationalist Power to Protect the Sovereignty of the Country. Venue: VIP lounge of Jatiya Press Club. Time: 3:30 pm.

**BUP meeting:** Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad (BUP) will hold a meeting. Venue: BUP seminar room, House No 33, Road No 4, Dhammudi R/A. Time: 4:00 pm.

**Exhibition:** The solo photography exhibition of Bayazid Akbar titled "Unity and Diversity" will be inaugurated. Venue: Conference room of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka. Time: 5:00 pm.

**Satyajit Ray retrospective:** Zahir Raheen Film Society will screen Ray's *Uttaran* on the 2nd last day of the third session of the retrospective on the late filmmaker. Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium, Road No 2, Dhammudi R/A. Time: 6:15 pm.

**Discussion meeting:** Plassey Udjapan Committee will hold a discussion meeting to mark the 243rd anniversary of the Plassey tragedy. Venue: Jatiya Press Club auditorium. Time: 4:00 pm.

**Founding anniversary:** Theatre Centre will hold a day long programme to mark its 18th founding anniversary. Venue: Theatre Centre auditorium, 4 Green Square, Green Corner, Green Road. Time: 11:00 am-9:00 pm.

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

**Democracy Watch dialogue:** Democracy Watch will hold a dialogue on "Impediment freedom and impartiality of the mass media and its prevention." Venue: Democracy Watch hall, 7 Circuit House Road. Time: 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm.

**ADAB discussion meeting:** Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh will hold a discussion meeting on poetess Begum Sufia Kamal. The discussion will be followed by a cultural programme. Venue: Main auditorium of National Museum. Time: 5:00 pm.

**Children's exhibition:** A children's painting exhibition will be inaugurated. This will be followed by a cultural programme by children. Venue: Goethe Institut, House No 10, Road No 9, Dhammudi R/A. Time: 5:00 pm.

**Exhibition:** The 1st solo art exhibition of Rashidul Islam Khan will be inaugurated. Chief guest: Mohammad Nasim, Home and Telecommunications Minister. Venue: Drift Gallery, House No 58, Dhammudi R/A. Time: 5:30 pm.

## Weather

## Thundershowers likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at most places over the country with moderately heavy to heavy falls at places over Rajshahi, Chittagong, Barisal and Sylhet divisions till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

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

The country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 33.1 degree Celsius recorded at Sathkira and the lowest 24.8 degree Celsius at Cox's Bazar and Khulna today.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6.49 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:12 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	Evening	
Dhaka	31.8	25.5	78	90
Chittagong	31.5	25.0	92	75
Rajshahi	31.7	25.4	82	87
Khulna	31.8	24.8	80	93
Barisal	31.2	25.6	87	87
Sylhet	31.7	24.9	78	100
Cox's Bazar	31.5	24.8	80	82

## Habib accuses 4 including MP's son of killing Shipu

By Staff Correspondent

Joy Habib, one of the two arrested accused in Shipu Habib Case yesterday gave a judicial statement accusing four persons, including a son of ruling party MP of killing the businessnessman.

Iftekhar Ahmed Shipu, 38, a cellular phone trader was gunned down at UAE market at Banani in the city on May 21.

Joy Habib, in his judicial statement before the court of M Shahidul Islam, a metropolitan magistrate, said he came to know about involvement of four persons — Shafail Alam,

**BCL activist stabbed to death in Ctg**

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, June 22: An activist of Bangladesh Chhatra League Bakalia unit was stabbed to death by his rivals at DC road here this morning, police said.

Shahidul Islam, 25, came under attack while taking tea at a tea shop there at 9 am today.

The attackers beat him seriously and at one stage stabbed him, police said.

He was immediately taken to Chittagong Medical College Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

**CEPZ**

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## Suicide

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The Institute of Democratic Rights, a human rights organisation, in its report termed Sodlets' death 'mysterious'. It conducted a spot investigation.

What police could do to provide security to somebody if he wanted to commit suicide?" the SP said.

Asked why police showed Solet arrested in a case in which he was not even an FIR listed accused, one source requesting anonymity said, "We thought this would be the best since he was also accused of theft."

Some people of Tongi who had handed Solet over to police did not file any specific case against him but filed a general (GD) case.

On June 13, those people accused Solet of theft, assaulted him and then handed him over to police. He spent the night in their custody.

Next morning, Solet was produced in court being shown as arrested in a theft case and was placed on a two-day remand. His body was found hanging the same day in the evening.

A magistrate gave the 'inquest report' on June 15, officials said yesterday.

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## Major reshuffle in administration

In a major administrative reshuffle more than a dozen secretaries have been given new assignment and job contract of some is extended, said an official hand out yesterday, reports UNB.

Secretary of Statistics Division Mamun-ur-Rashid has been made Secretary of the Election Commission, Additional Secretary of Industries Ministry K M Elisanul Huq Acting Secretary of the Statistics Division, Member Secretary of Public Administration Reforms Commission Al Amin Chowdhury takes over as Acting Secretary of the Industries Ministry, Environment and Forest Secretary Sayed Marghub Morshed takes over as Secretary of Fisheries and Livestock Secretary replacing Ayub Kadri who goes to Food Ministry as Secretary.

Morshed has been replaced by Jute Secretary Mahfuzul Islam. A Q M Kamrul Huda, transferred as the Additional Secretary of the Home Ministry, has been made Acting Secretary of the Jute Ministry.

Food Secretary Mahbub Kabir has been made OSD at Establishment Ministry.

Quamrul Islam Siddique, who was removed from PDB, has been appointed Additional Secretary on deputation under

the President's 10 per cent quota and made Acting Secretary of Jamuna Bridge Division.

The contract of PARC Member Aminul Islam has been extended by six months from June 30.

The LPR of Captain Abdul Halim, Commander of DC 10-30 of Bangladesh Biman, has been cancelled and his appointment extended by one year on contract subject to his physical fitness.

Chairman of Petrobangla Mosarrab Hossain has been appointed to the same post on one-year contract.

IGP A Y B Siddiqui has been appointed as Chairman of the Tariff Commission on deputation.

Acting Joint Secretary Mohammad Abdul Haye has been promoted as Joint Secretary.

Joint Secretary of Election Commission Dr Omar Faruk Khan has been made OSD in Establishment Ministry while Joint Secretary of Commerce Ministry M A Kamal sent on deputation to National Nutrition Project as Executive Director.

OSD (Jt Secy) of Establishment Ministry Kazi Nasirul Islam has been made Joint Secretary of Power Division, CMM of Dhaka A K M Abdullah appointed as Joint Secretary of

Fisheries and Livestock Min-

istry and Joint Secretary of the ministry Syed Golam Kibria transferred to Finance Division with the same rank.

Joint Secretary M Abu Zafar who is under transfer order as Additional Divisional Commissioner of Chittagong has been appointed Director, Export Promotion Bureau, on deputation. His transfer order has been cancelled.

Murari Mohon Dutta has been transferred to BTMC, A K M Delwar Hossain to Primary and Mass Education Division, Tazul Islam Khan to Forest Industries Corporation, Joint Secretary Shamsul Huq to National Handicapped Development Foundation.

Despite being an agricultural economy, Bangladesh suffers from lack of human resource base as more and more experts tend to migrate to developed nations due to insufficient incentives back home."

Siddique felt sorry for Bangladesh's low investment in agricultural research. "In India the agriculture GDP is allocated for research. We're trying to raise the allocation up to one per cent."

A recent publication of the International Food Policy Research Institute argued that increased spending on agricultural research appears necessary to the future of Bangladesh, given the importance of agriculture to rural income growth and poverty alleviation. Where will the resources come from — this is a question of priority in resource allocation. The government needs to weigh the relative merits of subsidies involved in fertilizer marketing, public output marketing, and agricultural research spending."

Acting Joint Secretary

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power.

Some 2,500 councillors, each representing 50,000 people, are expected to attend the council from 72 organisational districts of the party. Besides, AL representatives from the Upazillas will also join in. Nominees of the party branches in the USA and the UK are also likely to participate.

Politicians, diplomats, intellectuals and professionals have been invited to the opening ceremony.

Aspirants especially younger ones are least bothered about the special council since it is highly unlikely that there will be changes in the party's top executive body styled the central working committee.

The council has also failed

to inspire workers low in the ladder. For there will be the same councillors as elections to most of the districts were not held during the last three years.

Preparations for the council started only a few days back although it was announced about a month ago.

Ruling party's internecine conflicts, strategies to combat the combined opposition and preparations for the next general elections are the issues on the table.

The party constitution empowers the central committee to extend the tenure of all committees, subject to approval of the following council. A working committee meeting on Wednesday decided to extend its tenure by another three years, which the council is expected to endorse today.

Presided over by Shahrir Kabir, the programme was also addressed, among others, by Advocate Gaziul Haq, Prof Muntasir Mamun, Syed Hasan Imam, Hashem Khan, Shamony Nasrin Chowdhury, Ayesha Khanom, Kazi Mukul and Sadiqur Rahman Porag.

Earlier, the *Nirmul Committee* also brought out an anti-fascism and anti-communism procession and paraded on the some city streets.

The programme was followed by a cultural show in the evening.



Ekatarrer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee (Committee for Annihilation of the Collaborators of '71) brought out a procession in the city yesterday on occasion of their 3rd metropolitan conference.

—Star photo

## Housewife

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I asked my younger son to open the door when policemen knocked the door at about 1:30 am on June 17," she said.

The team led by Sis Anwar and Shahid entered my bed room and wanted to know about my elder son Liton, who lives in his uncle's house nearby", she said.

Some of them asked me to take them to that house. I took them there although they could not show any warrant or charge against Liton," she said.

"On return to my house, I found my son Rubel and daughter Sheuly lying on the floor and some policemen beating them" she alleged.

"Failing to find Liton, the policemen abused all the family members and then took me and my husband to the thana", she said.

During confinement in the thana, policemen did not allow them to meet their relatives, she alleged.

The OC of Sabujbagh thana asked me to give a statement that my son and daughters tried to snatch arms from the policemen at my house. As I refused, they beat me and my husband" Julekha alleged.

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Death anniversary

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At least 10 people were killed and 50 others injured in road accidents in different parts of the country yesterday, reports UNB.

Three of the killed were reported from Chandpur while two each from Gazipur, Sherpur and Munshiganj districts and one from Jamalpur.

In Chandpur three people, including a minor boy, were killed and 20 others injured when a bus fell into a roadside ditch at Sajipur in Kachua thana on Kachua-Chandpur road.

Police said the accident occurred at about 11 am when the driver of the Chandpur-bound bus from Kachua tried to save some ducks on the road and lost control over the steering.

Three passengers whose identity could not be known died on the spot.

Two of the injured were admitted to Comilla General Hospital, 10 to Kachua thana Health Complex and eight to Gouripur Thana Health Complex.

In Gazipur two people were killed and eight others injured in separate traffic mishaps here yesterday. The dead were identified as Hafiz Uddin, 70, and Mamun, 8.</p