

What's on today....

National students confce 2000: Chhatra Jogajog Prokriya will hold the national students conference 2000. Venue: Engineers Institute auditorium, Ramna. Time: 10:00 am.

Workshop: Bangladesh Mahila Parishad will hold a workshop on "Draft Bill 2000 for direct election to and extension of women's reserve seats in parliament." Chief guest: Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Abdul Matin Khasru. Venue: CIRDAP auditorium, Chameli House, Topkhana Road. Time: 3:00 pm.

Confce 2000: The conference 2000 of Dhaka unit of Jatiyatabadi Lawyers Forum, will be held. Chief guest: Leader of opposition and BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia. Venue: Supreme Court auditorium. Time: 4:00 pm.

Weather

Temperature may rise

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

Day temperature may rise by 1 to 2 degree Celsius over the country during the period. Met office said.

The country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 35.0 degree Celsius at Khulna and the lowest 24.0 degree Celsius at Cox's Bazar.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6.50 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
	Max	Min	
Dhaka	33.8	26.0	76
Chittagong	32.5	25.4	71
Rajshahi	34.3	24.8	71
Khulna	35.0	25.4	71
Barisal	33.2	25.5	79
Sylhet	31.2	24.0	98
Cox's Bazar	33.0	24.0	73

HERE and THERE

Banglacratt

SU Haider, Chairman of Radiant Group of Industries, has been elected President of Bangladesh Handicrafts Manufacturer's and Exporter's Association (Banglacratt) at its annual general meeting held at RAOVA Club on Monday, says a press release.

Other elected office-bearers are: ABM RQ Shahnewaz and Ashrafur Rahman Faruq (Vice-

President) and Ibrahim Hossain (Treasurer).

The members of the executive committee are: Fauzia Amin Neena, Syed Moazzem Hossain, Selim Ahmed, Hosne Ara Begum, Maqsood Ali, Md Zakirul Islam, Hossain A Sikder (Khokh), Captain Mahabubul Matin (Rtd), Md Shaheen Ahmed, Md Tofazzal Hossain, Ruby Ali Damal, Parvez Amer, Tourem Robin and Sohaly Alam.



A fashion show was held at Sheraton Hotel on the first day of the 5-day Uzbek Food & Cultural Festival yesterday. Dhaka Sheraton Hotel and Airspan Ltd, GSA of Uzbekistan Airways, jointly organised the festival. —Star photo

Ground water

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Another expert of the city's water supply sector said that it might be possible that within the next five years most of the city's 300 water pumps would have to be sealed off due to contamination.

According to the National Policy for Safe Water Supply and Sanitation 1998, only few years back, the rural areas of Bangladesh with thousands of tube-wells enjoyed one of the best water coverage in South-east Asia. But due to arsenic contamination of ground water, more than 40 per cent of these tube-wells had to be sealed within months, the expert said preferring anonymity.

They said, it will not be possible to find an alternative to ground water in the city so easily. So, a better management of ground water is urgently needed.

They also said that in some countries where there are similar problems, artificial recharging of the ground water is being done. To maintain the ground water at a healthy level, prospects of artificial recharge of ground water may be emphasised as an option. Prof Hoque said.

'UZ polls should precede Zila Parishad polls'

The Prime Minister said Parliament yesterday that elections to upazila parishad should be held before the zila parishad polls since each upazila chairman would be a member of the electoral college for electing the zila parishad, reports UNB.

Sheikh Hasina made the observation in response to a question by Kazi Keramat Ali of Awami League tabled in Parliament.

She said Zila Parishad Bill, 2000 has been introduced in Parliament. The Bill was sent to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the LGD Ministry for scrutiny and submission of its report to Parliament.

The Prime Minister said union parishad has been declared as an administrative unit under the Local Government (Union Parishad) (Second Amendment) Act, 1992.

A proposal has been made for preparing an organogram to make the union parishad a complete administrative unit.

Armed attack on house in Barisal: Two injured

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, June 27: A gang of armed terrorists launched an attack on a house at Amanatganj in the town in the early hours of today, leaving two of the inmates injured.

The incident was a sequel to previous enmity over a land dispute, police said. The gang broke into the house of Anwar Hossain Khondoker, an officer of National Bank Ltd, and beat up his brothers — Lokman Hossain and Harun.

The armed hoodlums also exploded 8 to 10 bombs, ransacked the house and damaged the furniture during the attack.

A case was filed with Kotwali thana in this connection. However, none was arrested till filing of this report tonight.

Housewife arrested for torturing maid

By Staff Correspondent

A house wife was arrested under Women and Children Repression Act 2000 from her house at Elephant Road in the city on Monday for torturing a teenage maid.

She was sent to jail yesterday. Dhamondipolice said. The woman also allegedly shaved off the hair of the maid. The victim fled the house where she worked as maid on June 24. She came to the police station with her aunt and lodged an FIR against the housewife on Monday.

The victim bore marks of burn and assault injuries in different parts of her body.

Biman postpones training of 10 cadet pilots

By Staff Correspondent

Biman management has decided to postpone training of 10 cadet pilots following a High Court rule on Sunday, asking it to explain within two weeks why the results of their examinations and further steps in this regard shall not be declared unlawful.

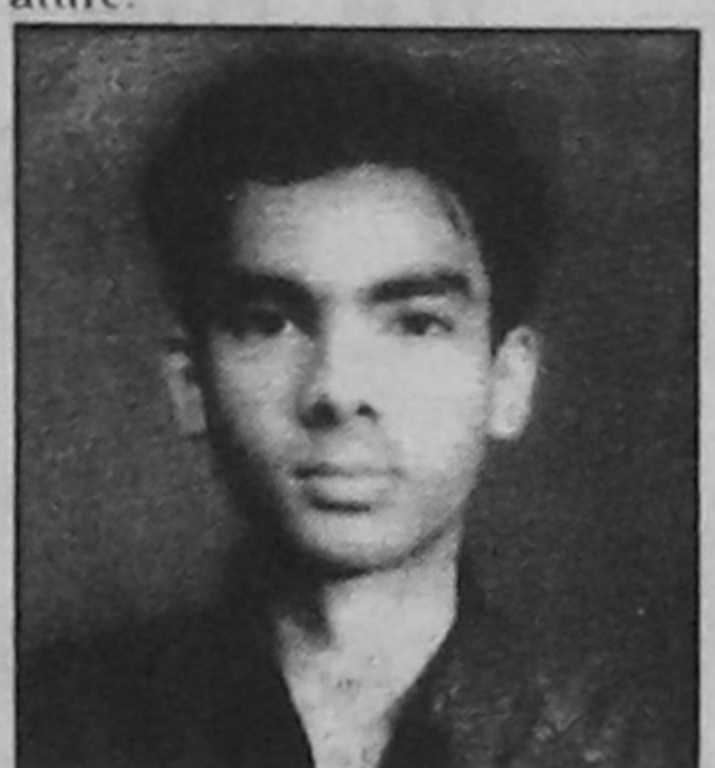
The High Court also stayed all process of giving effect to their appointment until disposal of the rule issued by the Court after a writ petition filed by the unsuccessful candidates.

Congratulations



She is the eldest daughter of Md Mahub-ul-Alam, Assistant Vice-President of Islami Bank Bangladesh Ltd, Paltan branch and Zaman Ara Begum, a teacher of Viharunissa Noon School.

Mahseen wants to pursue higher studies in English Literature.



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Rashid Rizwana has stood 13th in the SSC merit list of Humanities Group under Dhaka Board this year. She appeared from the Rifles Public School and College.

Daughter of Harun-ur-Rashid chairman of Desh Dosh Group and Shahana Rashid, Rizwana wants to pursue her studies in business administration.



BNP chairperson and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Khaleda Zia speaking at a discussion at Islampur in the city yesterday. Islampur Cloth Traders' Association organised the event to mark the 19th death anniversary of President Ziaur Rahman. —Star photo

Stolen car

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Six BCL activists led by Shafig, also a contractor, went to Shikha Bhaban at about 11:00 a.m. Monday. Shafig hit the gatekeeper with the pistol butt when the latter told him not to park his car in front of the garage. The beating triggered a clash between BCL activists and the staff, leaving three employees of Shikha Bhaban injured with bullet.

Shafig and three other BCL activists were severely beaten during the clash. Later police rescued and sent them to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Rama police, however, failed to arrest two of the six BCL activists who fled from the spot after the mass beating.

The employees of Shikha Bhaban brought out a procession and held a token work stoppage yesterday to protest the incident, sources said.

Atunu wins Shaheed Rumi scholarship

Atunu Rabbani of the Economics Department was awarded the "Shaheed Rumi Memorial Scholarship", established earlier at Dhaka University by Shaheed Janani Jahanara Imam, for his brilliant result in BA (Hons) examinations, reports BSS.

Pro-Vice-Chancellor Professor Shahadat Ali yesterday formally handed over the certificate of the scholarship and a copy of "Ekattorer Dinguli" by Jahanara Imam to Atunu at a simple ceremony at the Dean's office of Social Science faculty.

Atunu obtained highest marks in the BA examination of 1997 under the Social Science faculty.

KMCH

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as required. They said they even do not get proper treatment due to crises of drugs and doctors.

The contractors have threatened movement if their dues were not paid by June 30.

Dr Saifuddin Mondol, Superintendent of KMCH said, "how can we run the hospital without money? We have no funds to provide diet and medicines even to patients who need those to save their lives".

"I have no alternative but to quit the KMCH," said Mondol.

The KMCH is burdened with a loan of Tk 40 lakh, he said. Besides, doctors do not treat outdoor and indoor patients properly. Nurses, both male and female, have been extremely delinquent. Ward boys and sweepers are seldom found doing their duties, he said, terming the situation grave.



Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal brought out a procession on the Dhaka University campus yesterday to celebrate Bangladesh cricket's elevation to Test match status. —Star photo

Khaleda

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various institutions like the Election Commission.

She said the nation cannot expect any fair and neutral election in the country now that the ruling party has appointed "controversial, incompetent" people in key posts at the Election Commission.

No election can be held free, fair and neutral under the present Election Commission. The government appointed its own party men because it does not believe in fair polls and want to rig future polls to return to power," she added.

Khaleda Zia said the government has ruined Bangladesh's economy, trade and business, industry, agriculture, education, medicare and other sectors to protect the interest of India.

The BNP chief said the budget is not aimed to protect the interest of the common people. Instead it was prepared in line with the suggestion of foreigners to protect the interest of other countries.

She said the government has enhanced the price of newspaper artificially to control the newspaper industry and curb press freedom.

She called upon the countrymen to launch a massive movement to topple the government from power to protect the country, its people, democracy and future generation.

The meeting was addressed, among others, by Prof. AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury, M Saifur Rahman, Abdul Matin Chowdhury, M Shamsul Islam, Gayeshwar Chandra Roy, Amanullah Aman, Abdul Hye, Mizanur Rahman Sinha and Sayeed Iskandar.

Rajuk

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28 and 35 on road-46 a week's time to clear out of the land since the houses were rented out to foreign diplomats.

The month-long Rajuk drive aims to recover about 25 bighas of land from 105 residents along the Gulshan Lake. The market price of encroached land is estimated at Tk 125 crore.

Rajuk intends to build a walkway along Gulshan-Baridhara-Banani lake after the recovery drive is over, Rajuk sources said.

They also said the illegal occupiers have ignored several Rajuk notices served upon them over the last one year although many of them have applied to Rajuk for allocation of the encroached land.

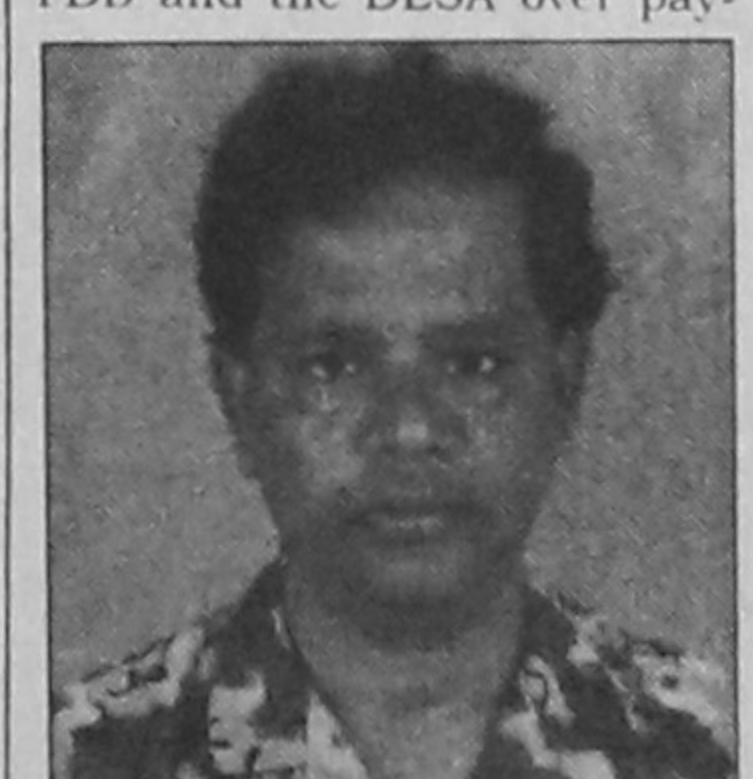
PDB in deep trouble

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The PDB has been arguing with the Energy Ministry that while private power companies are charging tariffs much lower than the PDB's power generation cost per unit, why it should buy the RPC power at a higher rate and then sell the same to the REB at a rate lower than that of all other clients. It suggested the RPC sell the power directly to the REB clients.

However, PDB has been asked to sign the PPA as per the RPC proposal, which was supposed to be signed in the first week of this month. The signing has been delayed as the RPC chief went abroad.

The difference between the PDB and the DESA over pay-



However, an inter-ministerial committee was formed recently to resolve this matter, which is scheduled to submit its report on Wednesday. It has been primarily decided that the PDB would waive the DESA arrears and look forward to the payment of current monthly bills, an Energy Ministry official said.

"It looks like everyone is getting their attention excepting the PDB. While nobody addresses the financial mess in the PDB, the PDB must take the responsibility to make PGCBL, RPC, DESA, DESCO or REB financially viable by paying for everything from its pocket," observed a PDB source.

Journalist dead

NARAYANGANJ, June 27: Bangshi Saha, former president of Narayanjan Press Club and local correspondent of The Daily Mukhtakantha, died of cardiac arrest in Calcutta on Monday. He was 47, reports UNB.

His body, expected to arrive here on Tuesday night, will be kept in front of Narayanjan Press Club from 10 am to 11 am on Wednesday. He will be cremated at Masdar crematorium. Narayanjan Press Club declared a week-long period of mourning at the death of Bangshi Saha who was involved in journalism for long 18 years. A condolence meeting will be held at the Press Club on Friday.

Obituary

Sufia Begum, wife of late Samsul Huda, died of old age complications on June 23. She was 73, says a press release.

She is survived by five daughters and four sons. Her gulkhwani was held on June 26 at her Banani residence in the city.

National tree fair

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flower and ornamental plants. Three 'elite bonsais' were seen at the stalls of Barisal Nursery, Krishibid Upakaran Nursery and Rangban Nursery. But their prices are too much.

An eight-year-old 'bonsai' of 'ficus benjamina' from Japan can be seen at the stall of Barisal Nursery with a Tk. 3,50,000 price tag hanging around its neck. "Someone offered Tk. 1,50,000 but we did not sell it," said Farid Hossain.

Salesman Khandakar Shariful Alam Rana at the stall of Krishibid Upakaran Nursery said proudly, "Our own special bonsai of Banyan tree that you see on display is priced at Tk. 3,00,000. One visitor offered Tk. 2,10,000 but we didn't sell."

Minhazuddin Ahmed, one of the proprietors of 'Plant & Planters' said they have a nursery at Uttara in Dhaka. When this correspondent pointed out display of such a wide variety of foreign cactus and ornamental plants at his stall, Ahmed admitted, "It would be better if we could produce the stuffs locally. We're importing those from Thailand and Kalimpong, India."

Small but colorful (pink and yellow) cactuses from Thailand displayed at Ahmed's stall are priced between Tk. 350 to Tk.500 each while homegrown green cactuses, equally good, are on sale for Tk. 50 each.

Death ref

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curator Anisul Haq tried to mention the death reference in the Bangabandhu murder case in four separate benches. But the benches turned it down on different grounds.

Kazi Golam Rasul, District and Sessions Judge, Dhaka, in his verdict in the Bangabandhu murder case on November 8, 1998 ordered that the 15 persons involved in the incident be executed in an open firing squad, if the execution is not possible by hanging the convicts.

Rasul passed the judgement after 149 days of hearing in a court set up at Nazimuddin Road in front of Dhaka Central Jail.

Of the 15 convicts, four who are now detained in Dhaka central jail appealed against the death penalty on November 15, 1998. The rest is absconding.

The case was lodged on October 2, 1996, 21 years after the then President Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and most of his family members were killed by a group of disgruntled military officers on August 15, 1975.

The CID started investigating the case on October 3, 1996 and the trial began on April 8, 1997.

PM

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take time as many countries took 20-27 years to win the World Cup. "In case of Bangladesh, it may not take so long. Our boys should start their journey with that spirit to reach the ultimate goal."

The Prime Minister congratulated ICC Chairman Jagmohan Dalmiya for his all-out cooperation in helping Bangladesh win the Test status. "He gave me the word and he did it before his term is over."

She also expressed her gratitude to State Minister for Sports Obaidul Qader, BCB President and Deputy Minister for LGDR Saber Hossain Chowdhury, cricket organisers and players.

Power

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which reduced soon after resumption of power generation in Ghorashal-3 unit.

The rest 14 units that remained shut yesterday are: Rajan-2, Sylhet Gas, Shajibazur 3 and 7, Fenchuganj Gas Turbine 1 and 2, Fenchuganj Steam, Khulna Barge Mounted Power Plant 1, Baghabari Gas, Ghorashal-2, Rangpur Gas Turbine, Ashuganj-2, CCP Steam in Ashuganj and Sikalbaha Steam.

PDB allocated 930 MW of power for DESA against its requirement of around 1100 MW, sources added.

The capital city experienced power disruption through out the day yesterday.

Jail Killing

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Murder Case.

Of the charge-sheeted accused, eight are now at the Dhaka Central Jail, two are dead and the rest 13 — all former military personnel — have been absconding.

The two dead are former president Khandaker Mustaque Ahmed and former secretary Mahabubul Alam Chashi.

Special public prosecutor Anisul Haq and Metropolitan public prosecutor Quamrul Islam appeared for the state while Advocates Abdul Majid Munshi, Sharfuddin Mukul, Haji Nazrul Islam and Mahabub Rahman for the accused.



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Service Valve	US\$ 40.00 or Tk 2,000.00	17.8.2000 at 11.00 hrs.	17.8.2000 at 11.15 hrs.
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