

## What's on today....

**CARE reception:** CARE-Bangladesh will hold a reception and discussion session to honour Bangladesh Alumni members of the Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC), Bangkok, Thailand. Venue: Hotel Purbani International, Dilkusha C/A. Time: 2:30 pm.

**BCU reception:** Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) will accord a reception to meritorious students of the SSC examination 2000. It will be followed by a cultural programme. Venue: Liberation War Museum, Segun Bagicha. Time: 4:00 pm.

**ORCA freshers reception:** Old Rajshahi Cadets Association (ORCA) will hold a reception for the freshers of the 31st batch of the organisation. Venue: Planning and Development Academy auditorium, Nilkhel. Time: 5:00 pm.

**WEST workshop:** The seventh workshop of the "Workshop on Environment Science and Technology" (WEST) will be held. This session will involve children. Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Road. Time: 9:30 am.

**Cultural evening:** Alliance Francaise de Dhaka presents Nazrul Geeti by Luna Saeed and Rabindra Sangeet by Pijush. Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Road. Time: 7:00 pm.

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

**Rally:** Rotary International District 3280 Bangladesh will hold a rally to create awareness on "Environment and Literacy". It will also hold children's painting competition. Venue: Rally — National Museum, Shahbagh, art competition — Hotel Sonargaon. Time: Rally: 7:30 am, art competition: 10:00 am.

**DRU talk:** Minister for Industries Tofail Ahmed will deliver a talk on "Industrial Development and Investment in Bangladesh". He will also face the reporters at a question-answer session following the talk. Venue: Dhaka Reporters Unity (DRU) auditorium, 8/4-A Topkhana Road, Segun Bagicha. Time: 10:55 am.

## Weather

### Light rain forecast

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Rajshahi, Sylhet, Barisal and Khulna divisions and at a few places over Dhaka and Chittagong divisions in the next 12 hours 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 35.0 degree Celsius at Jessore and the lowest 24.0 degree Celsius at Sylhet and Cox's Bazar.

**The sun sets in the capital today at 6.50 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.15 am.**

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

City/Town	Max	Min	humidity in Celsius	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	32.4	26.4	72	67	
Chittagong	33.4	24.8	66	78	
Rajshahi	33.8	26.5	79	74	
Khulna	34.0	25.4	81	76	
Barisal	32.0	25.5	75	74	
Sylhet	30.7	24.0	97	80	
Cox's Bazar	33.5	24.0	73	78	

## HERE and THERE

### Asiatic Society of Bangladesh

The extended Bangladeshi workshop 2000 of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh was held at the society auditorium yesterday, says a press release.

Sixty specialists and project personnel took part in the workshop. The workshop was designed to finalise the stylesheets and other technical aspects of the compilation of the Bangladeshi.

Prof Abdul Momin Chowdhury, president of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh, presided over the workshop.

Bangladeshi is joint venture of the Ministry of Education and the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh. The project will be completed in December, 2002.

### PIB

Minister Councillor of the Danish Embassy Ove Fritz Larsen called on Director General of PIB Dr Sheikh Abdus Salam at his office on Wednesday and discussed different aspects of the project assistance for PIB, says a press release.

A facts finding team of the

Danish embassy visited Bangladesh last year and submitted a report, recommending ways to strengthen the activities of Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB). Other officials of PIB were present at the meeting.

### GIS

A two-month-long training course on "Application of Geographic Information System (GIS) in Agricultural Planning" ended yesterday with a certificate awarding ceremony held at BARC premises, says a press release.

Anwar Iqbal presided over the ceremony. Chief guest M Moniruzzaman, member-director of BARC, distributed certificates among the participants. A total of 15 participants from 12 organisations were awarded the GIS certificates.

Mahbub Ahmed, Director of BARC Computer Centre and trainees Fazlul Karim, Associate Professor, Bangladesh Agricultural Institute, Dhaka and Sharmin Ali, SSO of Bangladesh Sugarcane Research Institute, spoke on the occasion.

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## Two beaten up by mob in city

By Staff Correspondent

Two persons were beaten up by a mob while they were allegedly making an attempt to snatch away valuables from passersby, according to police and hospital sources.

One of the alleged muggers was identified as Siraj, 28, and the other Selim, 25, hospital sources said adding both of them were admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital with marks of injuries in different parts of their bodies.

Siraj, 28, was caught by people at Bangla Motor crossing at about 8:30 pm the very moment he was allegedly trying to snatch away valuables of a passerby, hospital sources said quoting the police. He was later rescued by police and brought to the DMCH.

Selim, 25, was caught and beaten up by people at Paltan on charges of making an attempt of mugging. Motijheel police rescued and sent him to the DMCH at about 8:15 pm, hospital sources said.

## President assents to 3 bills

President Shahabuddin Ahmed yesterday assented to three bills which were passed by the Jatiya Sangsad in the current budget session, a Parliament Secretariat press release said in the city, reports BSS.

The bills are: The Finance Bill, 2000, The Appropriation Bill, 2000 and The Insurance (Amendment) Bill, 2000, the release added.

## Indian woman Taslim gets bail

From Our Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, June 29: Indian woman Taslim was granted bail today by the Metropolitan Magistrate Atahar Ali of CMM's court, Chittagong.

She got bail against a bond of Tk 50,000 and under the responsibility of her husband and a lawyer.

Taslim was arrested near Chittagong Passport Office on June 26 and later was placed under 7 days remand.

As nothing was found regarding her involvement in any subversive activity, she was brought back to Chittagong and produced before the CMM's court today.

Taslim's lawyer said in the court that she got married with a permanent resident of Bangladesh and came here to live with her husband. She had already made a affidavit to cancel her Indian citizenship and sought Bangladeshi citizenship.

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