

The Nation

What's on today....

Biennial confce : Mahanagar Sarbajain Puja Committee will hold its biennial conference 2000. Venue: Sri Sri Dhakeswari Jatiya Mandir premises. Time : 10.00 am.

Premiere show : Utsab Telefilms will hold the premiere show of its first telefilm 'Shel Diner Bhalobasha' by SM Solaiman. Venue: Sufia Kamal auditorium of National Museum, Shahabagh. Time : 4.00 pm.

Cultural evening : Surtuli Sangeet Bidyaniketon presents a cultural evening by its students. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, House no 510, Rd no 7, Dhamondir/A. Time : 6.00 pm.

Exhibition: Gallery 21 presents a solo exhibition on Porcelain and Glass by Artist Kazi Rakib. Venue: Gallery 21, 765, Satmasjid Road, Dhamondir. Time : 5.30 pm.

Cultural festival: Notre Dame College's Notre Dame Cultural Club presents a 3-day long close-up 1st Inter-College Cultural Festival 2000. Venue: Notre Dame College auditorium.

Meeting: Barisal Bibhag Prabashi Committee will hold an emergency meeting. Venue: Committee premises at 350/1, Dilu Road, New Eskaton.

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Ashari Purnima : Shakyamuni Bouddha Committee will hold a special prayer seeking world peace as part of its programmes for Ashari Purnima. Venue: Shakyamuni Bouddha Bihar, Mirpur. Time : 7.00 am.

Meeting : Bangladesh Trade Union Centre (TUC) will hold a meeting of its central committee. Venue : TUC premises, 23/2 Tophkhana Rd, (3rd floor). Time : 10.00 am.

CPD dialogue : Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) will hold a dialogue on 'Bangladesh Agriculture at the Crossroads: Current Challenges'. Chief guest: Begum Motia Chowdhury, Minister for Agriculture. Venue: Surma, Hotel Sonargaon. Time : 2.00 pm - 6.00 pm.

Review meeting: Shatanagorik Committee will hold a review meeting on the different angles of the 'Zilla Parishad Law 2000'. Venue: VIP lounge at Jatiya Press Club. Time : 4.30 pm.

Weather

Light rain forecast

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

Moderately heavy to heavy falls at places over Sylhet, Barisal and Chittagong divisions is also expected during the period. Met office said and added that slight fall in day temperature is expected over the country.

The country's highest temperature 33.87 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and the lowest 23.9 degree Celsius at Teknaf.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6.49 pm and rises on Saturday at 5.20 am.

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	30.8	26.0	83	80
Chittagong	30.4	24.5	82	81
Rajshahi	32.3	26.3	75	80
Khulna	31.0	25.6	75	82
Barisal	31.5	24.0	92	94
Sylhet	32.3	26.2	100	98
Cox's Bazar	30.0	26.0	90	98

HERE and THERE

CENCE

A six-day long CENCE business start-up workshop was held recently at the BASC training hall in the city, says a press release.

It was organised by Centre for Human Excellence (CENCE) in collaboration with the Promotion of the Private Sector, Component-B (PPS-B) Project, German Technical Cooperation (GTZ) and Business Advisory Services Centre (BASC).

Eighteen participants in this workshop included business and NGO executives, bankers, university students, and self-employed people. On the opening day, Alaaddin A Majid, Managing Director, Bank of Small Industries and Commerce (BASIC) inaugurated the workshop and on the concluding day, certificates were distributed by Dr M Musa, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, East West University.

Bangla Academy

By DU Correspondent
A discussion meeting on 'Question of State Language and Muhammad Shahidullah' was held at the seminar room of Bangla Academy yesterday marking the death anniversary of Dr Muhammad Shahidullah.

Prof Monsur Musa presented a keynote paper on the topic while Prof Jahangir Tarque, Prof Shabir Akhter and Prof Abdul Kashem Fazlul Haq took part in the discussion. Prof Mohammad Abdul Kaiyum presided over the function.

In his welcome speech, Director General of Bangla Academy Dr Syed Anwar Hossain said Dr Shahidullah led a very simple life. He called upon the people to learn from the life of the noted scholar Dr

Shahidullah.
Prof Abdul Kashem Fazlul Haq said Mohammad Shahidullah had immense contribution in flourishing and use of Bangla language.

Workshop on HRD

Lack of accountability and unwillingness of health professionals to work in rural areas are the major obstacles to implementation of the health policy, experts told a workshop in the city Wednesday, reports UNB.

They were exchanging views in the workshop on 'Human resource development policy research priorities in the context of Health and Population Sector Programme (HSPSP) at CIR-DAP auditorium.

Policy research unit of Health and Family Welfare Ministry organised the workshop in collaboration with the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).
HSPSP Line Directorate, representatives from DFID, CIDA, ICDDR,B, BIDS, BRAC, VHSS and South-South Centre attended the workshop as participants.

Chaired by Joint Secretary of the Health Ministry Mollah Golam Sarwar, the workshop addressed by Counselor and Deputy Head of Aid of Canadian High Commission Monique Anger.

Qulkhwan

The qulkhwan of Fataha Begum, a noted social worker of Kustia, will be held today after Asr prayers at her 4, Shukrabad residence, says a press release.
Fataha died on July 11 of old-age ailments in the city. She is the mother of noted heart specialist Dr Hasina Banu.



A Nagorik Samaj delegation led by its convenor Dr Kamal Hossain called on President Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday. —PID photo

Nagorik Samaj team calls on Shahabuddin

President Shahabuddin Ahmed has said all patriotic citizens should play their due role in ensuring a peaceful society where dignity of all is respected, reports UNB.

The President made the remarks when a six-member delegation of 'Nagorik Samaj', led by its convenor Dr Kamal Hossain, called on him at Bangabhaban yesterday.

The delegation members appreciated the President of the objectives of the Nagorik Samaj that include ventilation of public sentiment on various issues of public interest.

They said the civil society has a constructive role to play to influence the public authorities for taking proper action in solving the burning problems that matter the national interest.

Problems like terrorism in educational institutions and degraded student politics, intolerable law and order situation and degradation of democratic values could be solved if forceful public opinion is created, they said.

The delegation members told the President that they have started working for creating an enlightened society to raise voice against social injustice and undemocratic way of handling any situation.

Keeping this view in mind, they said, they have launched a signature campaign.

President Shahabuddin appreciated the good gesture of the delegation members in their efforts for creating a society based on reason, goodwill and tolerance.

The delegation members also include Sultanuzzaman, SKM Abdullah, Talea Rahman, Dr Abdul Latif Malik and Engineer Abdul Qasheem.

Chehlum

Chehlum of Begum Lutfunnessa Ibrahim, wife of late Justice Mohammad Ibrahim will be held today after Asr prayers at the residence of her only daughter, National Professor Dr Sufia Ahmed and son-in-law Barrister Ishiaq Ahmed, at House No 9, Road No 12, Gulshan-1 in the city, says a press release.

Death anniversary
The fourth death anniversary of noted social worker of Mathbaria Thana, Barisal AB Hemayet Uddin Ahmed will be observed today, says a press release.

To mark the day a *milad mahfil* will be held at his residence at 39/1, Naya Paltan (5, Engineers' Court) in the city after Asr prayers today.

Besides a *milad mahfil* and feeding of destitutes will be held at the Mathbaria residence of the deceased today.

The sixth death anniversary of Mohammad Qasim Uddin, father of Meraj Uddin, general secretary of Tongi Press Club and Bangladesh Human Rights Commission (Tongi chapter), will be held tomorrow, says a press release.

A *milad mahfil* will be held on Saturday at 12.30 pm at the Tongi residence of late Qasim Uddin.

NSU procures land at Bashundhara
North South University has procured land for building its main campus at Bashundhara, says a press release.

The members of the NSU Foundation, faculties and administration held a formal ceremony of taking possession of the land from Ahmed Akbar Sobhan, Chairman and Managing Director of Bashundhara Group on Wednesday on the basis of transfer of land to NSU by registered documents on July 9.

MA Kashem, Chairman, MA Hashem, Vice Chairman, Benazir Ahmed, Treasurer, Iftekharul Alam, Azimuddin Ahmed and Prof S A Ahmad members, NSU Foundation, Dr Hafiz G A Siddiqi, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Prof Ali Inayad Khan, Treasurer, Zafar Karim, Registrar, NSU, among others, were present at the programme.

Telwaat-e-Quran and Munaajat were offered for divine blessings for further growth and progress of the university.

Bangabandhu Murder Case

Hearing on IO's statements to conclude Sunday

The High Court yesterday continued hearing on the statements of the investigation officer in the Bangabandhu Murder Case, reports UNB.

The hearing on IO's statement will conclude on Sunday. Arguments will begin after completion of reading out from the paper book that further included statements of the accused under Section 164 and 342, arguments in trial court and its judgement.

Reading out by the defence counsel from the 42-page depositions and cross-examinations of IO Abdul Kahar Akand made before the trial court will conclude when the court resumes after weekend on Sunday.

With reading out of statements of Akand, an ASP of Criminal Investigation Department, on Sunday the court will complete hearing, depositions and cross-examinations of all the 61 prosecution witnesses in the historic case.

Defence lawyers Khan Saifur Rahman and Afzal Hossain yesterday read out from cross-examinations of PW-61 Akand from page 611 to 638. His statement is recorded from page 609 to 650 of the paper book.

Akand's statements showed that he talked to and questioned 450 people, including 33 civilians and the rest army officers, before submitting charge-sheet in the case.

The IO, who had told the Dhaka District and Sessions Judge during the trial that he could detect the real incidents of August 15 carnage, conducted his investigation for 108 days.

He elaborated on his visits to the place of occurrence at 32 Dhamondir five times after the case was filed on October 2, 1996 and his talks to all concerned people.

His lengthy statements read out in front of Justice Mohammad Ruhul Amin and Justice A B M Khairul Haque of the HC were mainly related to his investigation and the witnesses and others he talked to.

So far, the HC division bench has held 12 days of hearing on the death reference and appeals in Bangabandhu Murder Case. The verdict was given by district court on November 8, 1998 condemning 15 army officers on charge of killing Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on August 15, 1975.

One gets 12 yrs' RI under PSA for attacking policeman
CHITTAGONG, July 13: Special Tribunal and District Judge ANM Bashirullah today sentenced Muhammad Iqbal Hossain alias Sumon to 12 years rigorous imprisonment (RI) and fined Taka 8,000 in default to suffer RI for nine months more under the Public Safety Act, reports BSS.

The prosecution stated that Muhammad Iqbal Hossain alias Sumon, son of late Ali Akbar contractor of Chotopul under Halishahar thana here, attacked constable Habibur Rahman and damaged his motorcycle near Jamore field at Agrabad on April 9, 1998. Constable Habibur Rahman caught hold of Sumon with the help of patrol police.

A case was filed against Sumon and his Double Mooring thana. Police later submitted a charge sheet in this connection.

The judge examined nine witnesses in the case and found Sumon guilty.

Acting special PP Nurul Abzar Chowdhury appeared on behalf of the state.

ID check drive
Salimullah Hall relatively calm, peaceful
By DU Correspondent
A peaceful atmosphere prevailed at Salimullah Hall of Dhaka University yesterday following the 'identity checking drive' by the hall authorities.

The SM Hall authorities along with police forces began the drive on Wednesday morning with a view to free the halls from outsiders and terrorists. The drive will be continue till evening today.

Students who have ID cards and reasonable documents to identify themselves as students of the university are being allowed to enter and stay at the hall. Outsiders are barred at the hall gate.

Some residents of the hall said yesterday that they are now relatively relieved that some identified terrorists and outsiders who were making trouble at the hall are now not being permitted into the hall. They however, alleged some non-students are still staying at the hall.

When asked for the names of those outsiders, the students disclosed one, that of one Mollah Nazrul, a former student of Marketing Department. According to them, Mollah is an owner of a money exchange agency and has been staying at the hall for a long time now.

Rashedul Islam Dollar, a former student of DU and the general secretary of SM Hall unit of BCL was not seen at the hall till yesterday evening.

Dollar had been staying at the hall despite the university authorities declaring him *persona-non-grata* at the hall and its adjoining areas for cutting and selling out trees of the hall last month.

BFTA urges non-govt teachers to unite

By Staff Correspondent

The Bangladesh Federation of Teachers' Association (BFTA) yesterday called upon leaders of all non-government teachers' associations to be united on a single platform to press home demand for 100 per cent salaries from the government exchequer.

The call was made at a meeting of Bangladesh College Teachers' Association (BCTA) with BFTA leaders last night to have an overview of the ongoing movement.

The BFTA leaders and BCTA leaders also called not to place leadership above organisation and to work for the welfare of the teachers' community.

Meanwhile, the fourth day of the indefinite strike at the non-government educational institutions yesterday was observed partially owing to internal conflict between leaders of two factions of teachers, sources said.

The BFTA, a forum of teachers' associations, had called for the strike on Monday demanding 100 per cent salaries from the government exchequer, promotion and service condition of teachers and employees of non-government institutions.

The federation would review the status of the strike in a meeting today (Friday).

A meeting of the Bangladesh Teachers' Association (BTA), led by Azizul Islam and Md Shahidullah, will be held today.

BOU exams dates

The examination of Diploma in Youth Development programme under Bangladesh Open University (BOU) for January-June session will begin on July 28 and end on August 18, reports UNB.

The exam schedule has already been announced.

BOU has also announced the schedule for the examination of Bachelor in English Language Teaching (BELT) programme under School of Social Science, Humanities and Language.

The first semester exam of 992-term batch will begin on August 11 and continue till September 8.

Rajuk drive

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The team first called off a demolition drive at House-719 on Satmasjid Road belonging to Major Dalim, one of the absconding convicts of Bangabandhu murder case. Following the conviction, Dalim's house was confiscated by the CMM Court and its tenant, an ad firm, was asked to pay the rent to the Dhamondir police station.

A police officer said that the demolition was called off after a top police official requested the team to back off. As the matter quickly circulated among pressmen, another top official asked the Rajuk team to get back to the spot and demolish the unauthorised small shop belonging to the ad firm.

"Our drive will continue as long as there are unauthorised structures in the area," said a Rajuk official.

Death on

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The bodies were sent to Sirajganj hospital for autopsy. Police seized both the vehicles. A case was registered with Bangabandhu Bridge (West) thana in this connection.

2 killed in Bagerhat

UNB adds: Two people were killed and six others injured in a head-on collision between a truck and a tempo on Khulna-Bagerhat highway in Sadar upazila yesterday.

Witnesses said tempo driver Abdus Salam, 25, and passenger Farida Begum, 40, died on the spot when the Khulna-bound truck rammed the tempo coming from opposite direction at Mathabhangra bridge at 11 am.

Of the injured, Abdul Hamid was sent to Khulna Medical College Hospital and the rest to Sadar Hospital.

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Murders on rise

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hury Zahir, Selim and Russel — were gunned down at Rasulbagh in Gulshan thana on April 5.

A retired police man, Abdul Kader, 40, was shot dead in front of his Saterkul residence in Badda area on April 15.

Police constable Abdul Motaleb was gunned down by an armed gang at Keshab Banerjee Road in Sutrapur when he boarded a tempo on way to Gullistan on April 17.

A 12-year-old school student, Bayazid Mohammed Munit, was beaten to death allegedly by fellow students just on the plea that he had taken away some mangoes from their dormitory at Madhubagh in Ramna thana on May 18.

Itteker Ahmed Shipu, 38, owner of a mobile phone shop at UAE at Banani, was shot dead by three young men on May 24.

A pregnant housewife — Aklima Begum, 19, was strangled allegedly by her husband at their residence at East Goran in Khilgaon area on May 26.

Asaduzzaman Khan, 35, owner of a hotel at Fakirpool, was shot dead in front of a hotel at Tophkhana on June 5.

Two brothers — Ashfaq Hossain Jewel, 28 and Mohammed Ali Rebel, 24 — were shot dead allegedly by a professional killer, Kamal Pasha, in Mohammedpur area on May 5.

Three people — Kamal Hossain, 32, Tota Min, 35 and Faruq — were killed when an armed gang attacked a bus at Dayaganj on June 11.

A 13-year-old domestic help, Rashid, 13, was beaten to death by two boys after they suspected him of stealing Tk 600 from their house on June 22.

A Juba Dal leader was shot dead by a gang at East Goran in Khilgaon area on June 29.

CID to probe Ctg killing

CHITTAGONG, July 13:

Criminal Investigation Department (CID) has been given the charge of investigating Wednesday's killing of nine people in the violence in the port city, reports UNB.

Inspector General of Police (IGP) Nurul Huda who is now here gave the order at a meeting with senior police officials today.

CID ASP Abdul Kader was handed over all documents of the case to bring the culprits to book.

Earlier, Anwar Hossain, brother of victim Jahangir Hossain filed a case with Chaudhagan thana.

BCL demands
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Jamaat-Shibir will not be allowed to unleash their "heinous" activities and called upon activists of the student body to prepare for launching an all out movement against "anti-liberation forces".

Bepari said, "If necessary we will go for another liberation war. We can not forgive the killers and their collaborators".

BCL General Secretary Ajay Kar Khokon and other leaders including Aminul Islam, Miraz Hossain, Giasuddin Palash, Debasis Biswas and AKM Ajim also addressed the rally.

Later, BCL held a *gayebana janaja* of the six BCL activists at the DU central mosque.

A week-long programme was announced at the rally.

The programme includes demonstrations in different parts of the country tomorrow demanding ban on politics of Jamaat-Shibir, stick processes on Sunday protesting terrorism and killings allegedly by Jamaat-Shibir and their collaborators and submission of memorandum to the Home Minister on Monday for immediate arrest and punishment of the killers.

Meanwhile, BCL activists were seen looking for Shibir activists at the university and at different residential halls. But Shibir activists left the dormitories soon after the news of killings in Chittagong reached the campus on Wednesday.

Sammilita Sangskritik Jote (SSJ) also condemned the killings and urged people of all walks to unite to resist "religious fanatics". In a statement, SSJ President Ramendu Mojumder and General Secretary Golam Kuddus also demanded immediate arrest and punishment of the killers.

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Reception accorded to students of Viqarunnesa
State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed yesterday advised the students to prepare themselves by sticking to the path of truth and justice to help build a country free from terrorism and poverty, reports BSS.

Speaking as the chief guest at a reception accorded to the meritorious students of Viqarunnesa Noon School, Prof Sayeed asked them to use their talents and creativity to build 'Sonar Bangla' of Bangladesh.

The students securing positions in the merit lists of this year's SSC examinations from the school were accorded reception.

A total of 17 students secured positions in humanities, science and commerce groups this year. The first position in the humanities group was secured by Viqarunnesa Noon School.

Presided over by Chairman of Viqarunnesa Noon School and College Governing Body Dr H B M Iqbal MP, the function was also addressed by Principal Hamida Ali and member of the governing body Humayun Kabir Khan.

Principal Hamida Ali thanked the students, teachers and guardians for their endeavours for the students' brilliant academic feat.

"Today is a day of pride for us," she said.



Faces of the Future

Students of Viqarunnesa Noon School who fared exceptionally well at the SSC 2000 exams were accorded a reception by the school authority at its auditorium yesterday.

— Star photo



MA Kashem, Chairman of North South University (NSU) foundation, Dr Hafiz GA Siddiqui, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of NSU and other board members seen at the new site the foundation procured at Bashundhara to build its new campus building.