

What's on today....

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 Topkhana 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: Shatnagorik 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.

Lalon songs: Narigrantha Prabartana will present an evening of "Sajid Danya" songs (a form of Lalon's folk songs) by Nabopran Andolon. Venue: Narigrantha Prabartana, premises 2/8 Sir Syed Road, Mohammadpur. Time: 5:00 pm.

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Annual conference: The annual conference of Bangladesh Water and Electricity Engineers Association will be held. Chief guest: Minister for Water Resources Abdur Razzak. Venue: Engineers Institution auditorium. Time: 10:00 am.

Cultural competition: The selection round of the inter-university cultural competition 2000 to be held at Rajshahi University will be held. Venue: TSC auditorium, Dhaka University. Time: 10:00 am-1:00 pm, 3:30 pm-6:00 pm.

Seminar: Shabar Jonnyo Shasthya (Health for All) of Gonoshasthya Nagar Hospital will hold a seminar on "Prospects of Spirulina". Venue: Gonoshasthya Nagar Hospital, Rd No 6, Dhanmondi R/A.

Cultural show: SHEBA presents a solo cultural programme by Farida Parveen to raise funds. Venue: Public Library auditorium, Shabbag. Time: 7:00 pm.

Weather

Light rain likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at most places over Chittagong, Barisal and Sylhet divisions and at many places over Khulna, Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions till 6 pm today, reports UNB. Moderately heavy to heavy falls at places over Chittagong and Barisal divisions is also expected during the period, the Met Office said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 33.6 degree Celsius was recorded at Rajshahi and the lowest 23.6 degree Celsius at Chittagong.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:49 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:21 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	30.1	26.4
Chittagong	31.3	23.6
Rajshahi	33.6	25.8
Khulna	32.4	25.5
Barisal	31.2	25.0
Sylhet	32.2	24.8
Cox's Bazar	28.2	24.5

HERE and THERE

Colonel Taher Sangshad

A painting competition for children and juveniles was held at the Institute of Fine Arts of Dhaka University Friday marking the 24th anniversary of death of Shaheed Col Abu Taher Biruttam, reports UNB.

Colonel Taher Sangshad organised the competition.

More than one hundred children and juveniles, splitting into four groups, took part in the competition. Lutfa Taher, wife of Col Taher, distributed certificates among the participants.

Aspia Binte Habib became first among four groups. The prizes will be distributed among the winners on July 21 at the TSC auditorium.

Ankurak

State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed yesterday appealed to the young people, particularly the students, to nurture freedom of expression for ensuring optimum growth of democratic institutions and the rule of law in the country, reports BSS.

The state minister also urged them to brush aside all sorts of frustration and dedicate their talents, ingenuity and efforts to uphold the rich cultural heritage of Bangladesh.

He made the appeal while inaugurating a cultural function organised by teenagers under the banner of "Ankurak". The Daily Jugantor sponsored the day-long celebration at Os-

mani Memorial Auditorium that included parliamentary style of debate, star debate, music 'Antakshary', rock n' roll, fashion show and band show.

Chief Editor of the Daily Jugantor Golam Sarwar, Prof Salek Siraj of BUET and Ankurak coordinators Kazi Moimul Hoque (Sumit) and Sheikh Sabab Ahmed addressed the inaugural session.

Narrating kaleidoscopic beauty of our land, the state minister advised the teens to visit every nook and corner of the country to develop symbiotic bondages with Bangladesh.

Prof Sayeed said in foggy winter morning the mighty Himalayas would invite you from the farthest if you visit Dahagram and Angorpota in Northern Bangladesh and the Kuakata beach in the south will present you a picturesque sunrise and sunset in the Bay of Bengal.

The mangrove forest in the Sundarbans has created options of exploring biodiversity through eco-tourism and those who are afraid of big hills should visit Sylhet to trek small hills, he added.

Journalist Golam Sarwar said the country is passing through a difficult time. The mainstream Opposition political parties have already forgotten Parliament's role as a mediator of dissenting opinions on key national issues.

"Freedom of expression with all its manifestations should be promoted at any cost to ensure a healthy cultural atmosphere in the country," he said.

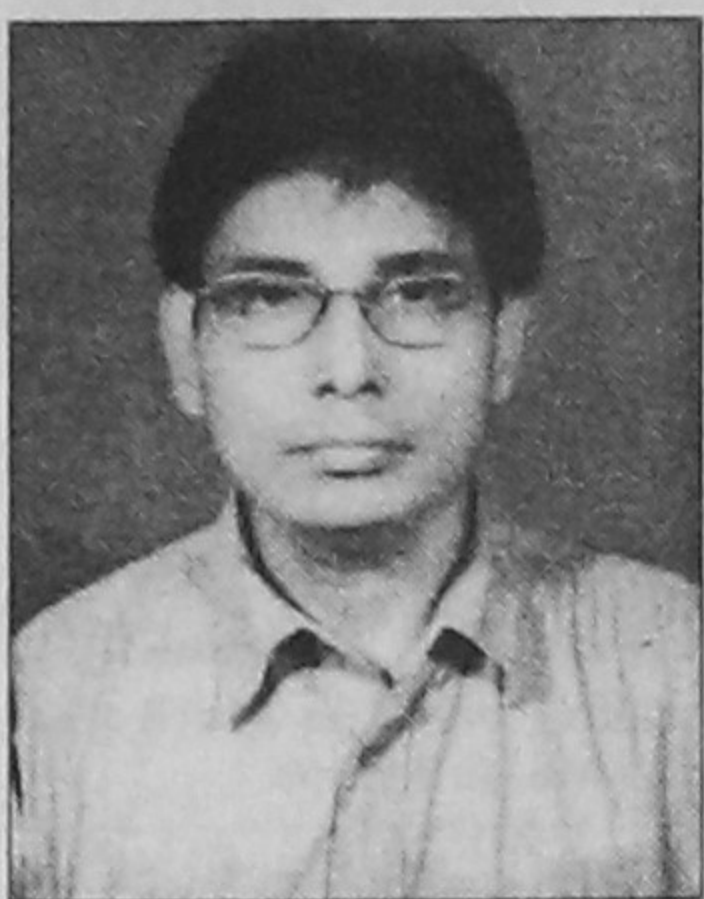


Shamsuzzaman Khan, Director General of National Museum speaking at the inaugural programme of the 1st Inter College Cultural Festival 2000 at the Notre Dame College auditorium yesterday. — Star photo



Students of Surtuli Sangeet Bidyaniketon present a chorus number at a cultural evening they held at the Russian Cultural Centre auditorium in the city yesterday. — Star photo

Congratulations



Kalyanee University of West Bengal, India has conferred a Ph D degree on Md Monsur Rahman for his thesis on "Synthesis and Reactivity of Transition Metal Complexes: A study on Multinuclear and Other Complexes," says a press release.

Rahman is a Scientific Officer of Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR).



Dhaka University has recently conferred the M Phil degree on Advocate Syed Javed Md Salahuddin under the Political Science Department, says a press release.

Md Salahuddin was awarded the degree for his thesis "The Role of Rural Local self-government with Special Reference to the Union Parishad in the Economic Development of Bangladesh."

He is the only son of late Barrister Syed Qumrul Islam Md Salah Uddin, a former member of Parliament.

Bangladesh Academy of Sciences has elected 5 national scientists as fellows of the Academy, says a press release.

Those elected are Prof Arun Kumar Basak (Physical Sciences) of University of Rajshahi, Prof ZN Tahmina Begum (Biological Sciences) of Dhaka University, Dr Muhammad Abdul Hamid Miah (Agricultural Sciences) of Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BRRI), Prof Jamilur Reza Chowdhury (Engineering and Technology) of BUET and Prof Dr Hajera Mahtab (Medical Sciences) of BIRDEM.

Old man run over by train

An old man was run over by a train near Cantonment Rail Station early yesterday morning. Railway Police and hospital sources said, reports BSS.

The victim was identified as Ismail Hossain Mridha aged about 65 of 166 Kafrul in the city.

The accident occurred at about 5 am while he was crossing the rail tracks near the station. The body was sent to the morgue of Dhaka Medical College Hospital for autopsy.

BMA threatens tough programme

By Staff Correspondent Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) yesterday said it will go for tougher programme if the government action taken against some doctors of National Institute of Cardio Vascular Disease (NICVD) is not withdrawn.

Three doctors of NICVD were suspended recently for alleged negligence of duty, which reportedly led to the death of parliament member Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

BMA leaders in a statement termed the action discriminatory and incorrect and demanded its immediate withdrawal. The statement was issued after a meeting of BMA yesterday.

Mannan Bhuiyan condemns Ctg killings

By Staff Correspondent BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday condemned the July 12 killings in Chittagong and demanded trial of the killers.

Issuing a statement last night the BNP leader also urged the government not to 'police' the gruesome murders.

Mannan Bhuiyan observed that there were a series of killings one after another, going on in the country as the government itself was patronising the terrorists and not arresting the real culprits for party interests.

BNP Secretary General also urged the government not to harass the opposition activists for more political vengeance.

Turning kitchen waste into fertiliser

By Staff Correspondent A voluntary organisation has set up a project in the city to turn kitchen waste into organic fertiliser.

The project -- Barrel Type Garbage Composting Project (BTGCP) -- is located at Bhasantek in Mirpur area of the city. The BTGCP has been set up by the initiative for People's Development (IPD), a financial help from Bangladesh Environment Network (BEN), an organisation of overseas Bangladeshis, an IPD press release said.

Half of the sale proceeds from the organic fertiliser would be given to slum dwellers of Bhasantek and the rest would be used for maintenance of the project, it mentioned.

The slum people would dump kitchen waste in a specially fabricated barrel and they would be trained to do so. The waste would turn into fertiliser in three months.

The project has been initiated to help clear garbage in the city and put it into productive use, IPD said.

Some 3500 tonnes of garbage are accumulated in the city per day. But the Dhaka City Corporation is unable to clear all of those. The slums are not covered by its conservancy programme.

The project was inaugurated yesterday. Dr Nazrul Islam, coordinator of BEN and a professor at Emory University in the US, was the chief guest at the inaugural function chaired by Prof Nasiruddin Ahmed of Grumblin University, US. It was addressed by Abu Naser Khan of environmental group POROSH and UP Chairman Mohammad Nagar Mia and Dr Mahmudur Rahman.

Two held with fake passports in Rajshahi

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAH, July 14: Immigration officials arrested two persons with fake passports at Godagari Immigration Office yesterday.

The arrested persons are Ashrafur Islam, son of Mokhelesur Rahman of Basantapur village in Sylhet district and Abdul Wadood, son of Abdul Rahim of Bishwamvarpur village in Sunamganj district.

They were going to Azmir Sharif in India.

The arrested were handed over to Godagari police and a case was filed in this connection.

Books donated to USTC

AKM Kafiluddin, Professor of Emeritus, NIPSOM, Mohakhali, has donated a large number of books on social and preventive medicines worth Tk 50,000 to the University of Science and Technology, Chittagong (USTC), reports UNB.

The donation will add to the strength of present stock position of the central library of the university with over 600 books and 4,000 journal titles.

The library, which is equipped with a 500-seat with projector facilities, has about 100 audio and videocassettes, and strength of reference resources and around 200.

Ctg killing: Uneasy calm in Khulna

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, July 14: A tense situation is prevailing in the city apprehending violence in retaliation against killing of eight people including six BCL activists in Chittagong on Wednesday.

Panic has gripped city-dwellers, business community, students of all colleges and the university.

Students, both male and female, of residential halls of all academic institutions have got scared in such security of their lives.

Charge and counter charge against each other through press statements and street demonstrations by BCL and Shibir are refuelling the prevailing tension in the city.

Most of the business houses keep shutters down in the afternoon fearing fierce clashes. Attendance in Jamaat and Shibir offices in the city was thin today.

Uneasy calm was found in the tension-ridden office of the ruling party where leaders and activists assembled in large number discussing modus operandi of swinging into action against what they termed as an act of brutality by anti-liberation forces.

On Thursday noon, five Shibir leaders were severely injured in an armed attack by BCL activists on Bagerhat College and Shibir office.

The injured were admitted to different clinics in critical condition. Police refused to record cases, Shibir leaders alleged.

Meanwhile security measures have been tightened in Khulna city to avert any untoward incident. Police patrols have been beefed up.

Speakers call for raising number of women's seats in JS

Speakers at a discussion in the city yesterday called for raising the number of women's reserved seats in Jatiya Sangsad with the provision of direct vote to elect representatives for these seats, reports UNB.

The government and opposition parties should sit in the Parliament to bring an amendment to the Constitution in this regard, they said at the discussion on "Women's Seats in Parliament" organised by Dainik Matribhumi at its office.

Jamaat refutes

From page 1 has launched a motivated propaganda against Jamaat-Shibir to hide its 'intra-party' conflicts.

He said the incident in Chittagong took place in broad daylight and within 200 yards of a police box. But the law enforcers kept silent and this proved that the killings resulted from internal feud of the BCL.

Nizami further said three people were killed at Fatikchhari in Chittagong on Tuesday in a gun battle between two BCL factions. Police were present near the spot but they didn't take any action. Later, they recovered three bodies, two motor cycles and a number of weapons, he added.

The Jamaat leader listed the killings and terrorist activities in Chittagong during the last four years rule of AL rule and said those killed included a good number of BCL leaders and activists.

Besides, he said, more than 50 BCL activists were killed due to their internal feud at Dhaka University, Tejgaon Polytechnic Institute and in Sherpur, Shariatpur, Comilla and Narail recently.

Nizami alleged that the government, state-run media and a section of newspapers have launched a "misleading and irresponsible" propaganda against Jamaat-Shibir and this resulted in a number of attacks on them by the ruling party in Barisal, Narayanganj, Bagerhat, Pirojpur, Mathbaria, Pabna and Gaibandha.

A number of Jamaat-Shibir activists were wounded in those attacks and the attackers also looted property and set fire to houses and business establishments, he added.

Jamaat assistant secretary general Mohammad Kamaruzzaman and city unit Amir ATM Azharul Islam were also present on the occasion.

Solo cultural show by Farida Parveen tomorrow

Students Humanitarian Effort in Bangladesh (SHEBA) will hold a cultural evening by folk singer Farida Parveen at the Public Library auditorium tomorrow evening, says a press release.

SHEBA is an organisation of students from different educational institutions who work on humanitarian projects and missions.

Media can play

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The workshop jointly organised by Pakistan Press Foundation, Commonwealth Press Union (CPU) and the World Bank was also participated by human rights activists, NGO leaders, senior officials from the host country and WB officials.

Lindsay Ross, CPU Director of Press Freedom, said that a copy of the recommendations would be sent to the World Bank head office, which is also drafting a policy to combat corruption.

A similar workshop of three East African countries was earlier held in Tanzania in which Kenya and Uganda participated, she said. Such a workshop for West African countries would be held shortly.

The CPU would then formulate a code of ethics for journalists in the light of recommendations from these workshops, she said.

High time

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Sweating, sudden fall of body temperature (cold extremities), restlessness, spots of blood on the skin, large patches of blood under the skin, bleeding from minor injuries are symptoms at the acute stage of infection.

At this stage, death can occur within minutes or hours. Physical examination may show enlarged liver, low blood pressure and a weak pulse.

Treatment is based on symptoms. The treatment includes injecting intravenous fluid to correct electrolyte imbalances, fresh blood or platelets to correct bleeding problems and oxygen therapy to correct low blood oxygen.

Under intensive care, patients are expected to recover and go home in 24 hours. Untreated or neglected patients suffer convulsion and may die.

The best preventive measure is to keep areas mosquito free as much as possible and to use protective measures such as cloth, mosquito net and mosquito repellent. Doctors must be consulted on the slightest suspicion, as Dengue haemorrhage is a medical emergency.

Dengue infection is caused by bite of *Aedes Aegypti*, a female mosquito. This mosquito is found in plenty in Dhaka city now, according to experts. Earlier, it was found in forests and hills.

Newsprint prices

From page 1 at the beginning of the year when KNM started faltering in production.

As the state owned KNM counted its bank interest and other dues, a section of its workers last month ransacked the residences of its Managing Director and some trade union leaders and looted valuables for not getting salary since April.

The mill is closed since July 1 after producing 20-22 tonnes of low grade newsprint against its normal production of 100 tonnes per day earlier.

KNM sources said they were unable to continue production due to non-availability of pulp. The mill, not overhauled for long, was already limping with huge burdens of bank loans and electricity bills.

Officials of the Industries Ministry and the BCIC were not available for comment.

The situation led to an exodus of trained and skilled manpower from the mill to a private paper mill being set up in Bhola.

KNM however imported 90 tonnes of pulp, which arrived at Mongla port on Thursday.

So long, its authorities tried to keep the mill running somehow by using locally procured Gewa tree, resulting in production of poor quality newsprint.

To pay the workers and the cost of imported pulp, KNM authorities recently released some of its stock. A few truckloads of newsprint reached Dhaka from Khulna on Wednesday.

But the scanty supply failed to make any impact on prices. Market sources said, unless there is more supply from KNM, the market will remain unstable.

They said prices have gone up in the Scandinavian countries from where bulk of the newsprint comes. Besides, there has been less supply from South Korea, Asia's biggest newsprint producer, contributing to price rise in the international market.

They said prices of imported newsprint will not come down unless the government reduces duties. There are 15 per cent import duty, five per cent sup-

Five ISPs

From page 1 have access to information in any computer in the world connected with the worldwide web.

The ISP officials further said that cancellation of the five-year contracts, which were mostly signed after 1996-1997, was done as per a provision.

"The contract says that it could be cancelled any time as per laws of the country," said an ISP official. "We cancelled our contract three months ago."

But BTB configures to send monthly bills to the ISPs without acknowledging the cancellation. "We will have to settle this issue soon. Like other ISPs, we have given three months' security deposit to BTB. I believe BTB would encash this deposit for cancelling the contract for a settlement."

Top JP leaders

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agreed with them and said BNP would be benefited if supported by JP. He expressed the optimism that his party might do better if it contests the polls alone.

A Presidium member said Ershad was surprised that senior leaders strongly opposed his move. "It would be suicidal for the party if Ershad fails to understand the reality".

Meanwhile, sources concerned said BNP is closely watching the developments in JP. It would welcome other opposition parties in the alliance and also bid farewell if any one wants to quit it.

A policy maker of the BNP quoting party Chairperson Khaleda Zia said she is interested to contest the next polls under a coalition to face the Awami League. "We will not take the responsibility of a rift in the alliance and we will try to bring in other parties to form a broad-based unity", he quoted Khaleda as saying.

Jamaat

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Minister for Labour and Employment M A Mannan also spoke at the rally.

Our Staff Correspondent further reports: The home minister held a meeting with police officials at Chittagong Circuit House to review law and order.

When contacted, ASP of CID Abdul Kader Khan said that the case was handed over to CID for investigation.

Security was however, tightened in the port city with deployment of a large number of police at all important points to foil any attempt of fresh violence.

Police so far arrested 34 activists of Chhatra Shibir after raiding different places in the city in the last two days.

Meanwhile, supporters of BCL staged demonstrations at different places in the city demanding immediate arrest of the killers of eight people.



Bangladesh Primary Teachers Association brought out a procession in the city yesterday in support of their various demands including 100 per cent dearness allowance. — Star photo



Visitors admire an exotic creation by artist Kazi Rokib at his exhibition on Porcelain and Glass pieces ongoing at Alliance Francaise de Dhaka in the city. — Star photo