

● What's on today.... ●

Rally: Bangladeshi Muktijoddha Sangsad will hold a rally to protest the attempt on the Prime Minister's life and the killing of a journalist in Jessor. Venue: Central Shaheed Minar. Time: 3.00 pm.

Discussion on dengue: Voluntary Health Services Society (VHSS) has organised a discussion on 'Prevention and Control of Dengue fever'. Venue: VHSS auditorium, 273, Baitul Aman Housing Society, Road No 1, Adabar, Shyamoli. Time: 3 pm.

Meeting: An emergency meeting of the Peace Movement Against Terrorism (Sontrash Birodhi Shanti Andoloni) will be held. Venue: CIRDAP auditorium, Chameli House, Topkhana Road. Time: 4.30 pm.

Uttam Kumar Retrospective: Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen 'Khokababar Pratyabartan' (starring Uttam Kumar and Sumita Sanyal). Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium, Road No 2, Dhamondi R/A. Time: 6.15 pm.

Seminar: Health For All (Shobar Jonnya Shasthya) will hold a seminar on 'Tonsillitis: Remedy and Prevention'. Speaker: Dr Md Badru Haq. Venue: Ganoshasthya Nagar Hospital, House No 14/E, Road No 6, Dhamondi R/A. Time: 5.30 pm.

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Uttam Kumar Retrospective: Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen 'Jhinder Bandi' starring Uttam Kumar and Arundhati Devi. Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium, Road No 2, Dhamondi R/A. Time: 6.15 pm.

Weather

Light rain likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind may occur at many places over Rajshahi, Dhaka, Sylhet and Chittagong divisions and at a few places over Barisal and Khulna 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 34.2 degrees Celsius at Ishwardi and the lowest 24.5 degree Celsius at Sylhet and Rangamati.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6.43 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.27 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	33.7	27.3
Chittagong	32.6	24.7
Rajshahi	34.0	27.2
Khulna	33.8	25.5
Barisal	32.0	25.5
Sylhet	31.8	24.5
Cox's Bazar	32.0	25.3

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National Youth Council

The National Youth Council of Bangladesh has been formed at a meeting of the representatives of youth organisation recently, says a press release.

Hold at the auditorium of Sena Kalyan Bhaban, the meeting also formed a 101-member convening committee with Faruk Ahmed as its convenor.

Lion Magsood Ahmed Chowdhury has been elected secretary general of the Council.

CJFD executives

The annual general meeting and election of the executive committee of Chittagong Journalists' Forum-Dhaka (CJFD) was held in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

The meeting was held at Chittagong Samity Bhaban.

with CJFD convenor Enamul Hoque Chowdhury in the chair.

An 11-member executive committee for the year 2000-2001 was formed in the meeting with Enamul Hoque Chowdhury (BSS) Shahen Islam Chowdhury daily Matrihumi as its president and general secretary respectively.

The other office-bearers are: Vice president — M Wahidullah (Daily Azadi), treasurer — Mostafa Kamal (UNB), joint secretary — Saiful Islam Dilal (Prothom Alo), office and publicity secretary — Quazi Azam (Sonali Barta), and members — Shaymol Dutta (Bhorer Kagoj), Anis Alamgir (Ajker Kagoj), Probir Dasgupta (Janakantha), Milton Rahman (Rupali) and A M Borhanuddin (Weekly Khejar Asar).

A five-member advisory committee was also formed with Managing Editor of UNB Mohiuddin Ahmed as Chair-

man.

The meeting was held at Chittagong Samity Bhaban.

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Different schools and colleges in the city have completed cleanliness drive yesterday as a precaution to prevent further spread of dengue virus, reports BSS.

The 3-day drive that ended yesterday with the end of the government declared holiday to clean up the premises.

After the cleaning operation, many schools and colleges informed Dhaka City Corporation for fogging and larvaciding of their premises.

Although many schools and colleges were not closed during this time due to on-going exams, the call for cleaning drive received favourable response among general people as well as students.

Talking to UNB, headmasters and principals of different schools and colleges in the capital appreciated the role of stu-

dents and authorities in the cleaning operation.

Father Benjamin Costa, Principal of Notre Dame College said, "If each and every person spontaneously cleans his or her premises regularly, possibly of many infectious diseases spreading will be reduced."

Shaymol Nasreen Chowdhury, Principal of Udayan High School said she got a huge response from her students. DCC Mayor Mohammad Hanif has meanwhile said, "I hope everything will be alright within a week and the mosquito menace will be brought under control if the city dwellers continue their help."

Chief Health Officer of DCC Dr Ashraf Uddin said they are getting phone calls from the schools and colleges for collection of garbage from their

premises and larvaciding.

BSS adds: A massive anti-dengue awareness campaign was launched on the Dhaka University (DU) campus yesterday through bringing out of a procession by the vice-chancellor, faculty members and students.

They drive was initiated to motivate the students to keep the campus clean and lower the risk of spread of the virus.

The procession, organised by the Pharmacy Department and Bangladesh Pharmacists Association, paraded the campus.

Alongside the awareness drive, voluntary blood donation programmes for dengue patients also began on the campus with the Department of Library Studies and Information Science holding blood donation camp under the historic banyan tree on the campus.

The signatories include Abdul Qader Bhuiya, president of Rajshahi University Teachers Association, Mokhslesur Rahman, Dean of Arts Faculty, Rabiul Hossain, Dean of Law Faculty, former VC Yusuf Ali, former Pro-VC Altaf Hossain, and K M Shahadat Hossain Mondal.

The Mayor said these heinous forces being envious of the success of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina both at national and international levels and also to save the killers of Bangabandhu finally resolved to kill her to grab state power from the back door, a press release of the committee said.

State Minister for Shipping Mofazzal Hussain Chowdhury Maya said the patriotic citizens of the country including the followers of Father of the Nation would give a befitting reply to the conspirators as they did during the War of Liberation. "We will no more tolerate the heinous activities of the identified conspirators as they have long been engaged in activities subversive to the country's interest," he said.

"We are ready to talk simultaneously to New Delhi and Islamabad," said Bhat, who heads the All Party Hurriyat Conference. He said he had held unofficial discussions with some Indian bureaucrats, confirming reports that backdoor meetings have been taken place to end the 11-year-old insurgency in the Himalayan region.

"Our proposal is that four of our representatives can talk to New Delhi and three to Pakistan simultaneously, so that a propitious political climate generates and we are able to achieve peace and stability," Bhat told The Associated Press in an interview at his home.

Bhat said the cease-fire call was a "hasty step" and the separatist groups would try to reach a common position.

"It has to be a collective effort... we will sort it out," he said.

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