

News

● What's on today ●

ICC workshop: The two day-long ICC workshop on "Incoterms 2000 and Transport Documents" will be inaugurated. Chief guest: Minister for Industries Tofail Ahmed. Venue: Ball room of Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 9:45 am.

Seminar: Centre for Advanced Research in Social sciences of Dhaka University will hold a seminar on "The Rajshahi-5 Parliamentary by-election: An analysis". Keynote speaker: Arun Kumar. Venue: Centre premises at 401, Lecture Theatre, DU campus. Time: 10:00 am.

Computer Education Week: A week-long Computer Education Week will be inaugurated. Venue: BCS Computer City, IDB Bhaban, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar. Time: 11:30 am.

NMST lecture: National Museum of Science and Technology (NMST) will hold a lecture as part of its Lectures on Popular Science Series. Speaker: Prof Md Mujib Rahman of Microbiology dept of DU will speak on "Role of Microbial Biotechnology in Industry." Venue: NMST auditorium, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar. Time: 4:00 pm.

Uttam Kumar Retrospective: Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen Antony Firingi starring Uttam Kumar and Tanuja. Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium, Road No 2, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 6:15 pm.

● and tomorrow ●

IER function: Institute of Education and Research (IER) of Dhaka University will hold a function to mark the 40th anniversary of the institute. Chief guest: Education Minister A S H K Sadique. Venue: IER auditorium. Time: 10:00 am.

ICCSA assembly: An assembly of the friends and patrons of International Centre for Study of Bengal Art (ICCSA) will be held to mark its 5th founding anniversary. Chief guest: A S H K Sadique, Minister for Education. Venue: Sufia Kamal auditorium of National Museum, Shahbag. Time: 5:00 pm.

Seminar: The IBM Advanced Career Education (ACE) Centre will hold a seminar on "Computer Career: Choosing Specialised Education". Venue: ACE centre, 69/1, Panthapath. Time: 5:30 pm.

Uttam Kumar Retrospective: Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen Chourangi starring Uttam Kumar and Supriya. Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium, Rd No 2, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 6:15 pm.

Weather

Moderate rain likely

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

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country during this period, Met Office said.

The country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 35.0 degrees Celsius at Chaudanga and the lowest 24.0 degrees Celsius at Barisal.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6.41 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.28 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
Dhaka	32.21	26.22
Chittagong	34.30	27.04
Rajshahi	33.30	27.04
Khulna	32.2	25.8
Barisal	31.5	24.0
Sylhet	32.0	24.5
Cox's Bazar	32.5	26.2
		Evening

Tk 100 Prize Bond draw held

The 20th draw of the Taka 100 prize bond was held at the conference room of the Dhaka Commissioner's office yesterday, says a press release.

Following are the results of the draw:

ব্যক্তি পুরস্কার - টা: ৫,০০,০০০/-	০২৬১৯১
বিদ্যুৎ পুরস্কার - টা: ৩,২৫,০০০/-	০২০২২০
স্কোর পুরস্কার পার্টি - ১,০০,০০০/- টাকার মতো ৩০ পুরস্কার	০২১০২১৮
০২১০২১৮	০১৫১০১৭
বিদ্যুৎ পুরস্কার পার্টি - ২০,০০০/- টাকার মতো ১০ পুরস্কার	০১০২২৭
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Radio Metrowave begins evening transmission today

By Staff Correspondent
Radio Metrowave, the first private radio will start transmission of its evening session from today, says a press release of Metrowave Limited yesterday.

The evening session will begin from 6.00 pm and continue till 9.00 pm.

Programmes will include information on evening entertainment of Dhaka city, roundtable, chat shows and musical soiree.

The programmes will be transmitted on Medium Wave 25641 metre and 1170 hertz.

OCAB condoles Shamsur Rahman's death

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Overseas Correspondents Association, Bangladesh (OCAB) was held yesterday at the National Press Club in the city, reports BSS.

The meeting condoled the death of Shamsur Rahman, a special correspondent of the Daily Janakantha and BBC's correspondent in Jassore.

The meeting, attended among others, by its President Farid Hossain and General Secretary Nadeem Qadir, said Rahman's killing was a threat to the freedom of press.

Journalist murder

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Magistrate M Shahidul Islam recorded statements of Jahanir for about three hours. Then the court ordered that he be sent to the jail custody.

The eyewitness in his statement said that he was having a cup of tea at a nearby tea stall when he heard gun shots and saw Pagla Selim and Abdur Shukur running away from the Jassore office of the daily Janakantha holding firearms in their hands.

Later, he came to know that journalist Shamsur Rahman was shot dead at his office. The eyewitness denied his involvement in the killing.

Shamsur Rahman, Special Correspondent of Janakantha, was gunned down at his office on July 16. At least nine people have been arrested on charge of killing the journalist.

Lions Club of Dhaka Orchid Dist 315 A2 held a tree plantation programme at Motijheel Govt High School recently. It also carried out a cleaning programme as part of its anti-dengue activities.



Asian Development Bank (ADB) has allocated Tk 2500 each for shifting of slum-dwellers from the Greater Dhaka Flood Prevention Embankment as per requests made by the concerned personnel of Water Development Board. Approximately, 2500 families from Ghatoli to Basila area seen queuing up for collecting token.

—Star photo

Killings, terrorism result of religious fanaticism

Speakers at a seminar say

By Staff Correspondent

Speakers at a seminar yesterday said the recent incidents of killing and terrorism in the country are the result of emergence of religious fanaticism in the country.

They called upon the people to begin a mass movement for resisting the fundamental forces. They also criticised the government for failure to arrest those involved in recent killing and terrorism incidents.

Kibria said it is apparent that the religious fanatics are emerging politically.

He sought suggestions and recommendations from the conscious section of the society on how to resist these forces and save the country.

Barrister Amirul Islam alleged that Pakistan intelligence agency ISI is directly involved with terrorism activities in this part of subcontinent.

He observed that the terror-

ism was spreading rapidly due to lack of co-ordinated efforts by government agencies. The fanatics are trying to destabilise the eastern part of Indian sub-continent, he said.

Their main goal is to defeat India and establish a separate fundamental state in Bangladesh. He felt the necessity of declaring an emergency to resist these forces.

Hasan Imam said that although it had been proved that Islami Chhatra Shibir was involved with the killing of eight persons in Chittagong, a section was trying to divert the attention saying it as an outcome of intra-party conflict in the Chhatra League.

He also alleged that many fanatics were also incorporated in the army and police forces during previous regimes.

"We can not progress in any effort because they are all working against us," he said. These religious fanatics should be identified and eliminated from all important positions, Imam said.

—An applicant must be a native of a qualifying country.

—If a person was born in an ineligible country but his or her spouse was born in an eligible country, such a person can claim the spouse's country of birth, provided both the applicant and spouse are issued visas and enter the US simultaneously. If a person was born in an ineligible country, but neither of his parents was born or resided there at the time of the birth, such a person may be able to claim one of the parent's countries of birth.

—The applicant must also have either a higher secondary education (HSC) certificate or its equivalent, or within the past five years have two years of work experience in an occupation that requires at least two years of training or experience.

—There is no initial application fee or special application form to enter.

—The entry must be typed or clearly printed in the English alphabet on a sheet of plain paper.

For Bangladeshi citizens:

DV-2002 Program
Kentucky Consular Center
Lexington, KY 41092, U.S.A.

Only successful registrants

will be notified by mail at the address listed on their entry. The notifications will be sent to the winners between April and July 2001, along with instructions on how to apply for an immigrant visa.

—The World Bank in 1998 gave

views in favour of appointment of a qualified accountant to the post, they argued. World Bank funds the Agriculture Research Management Programme (ARM) under BARC.

The ministry sources further argued that late last year, the Public Accounts Committee also favoured appointment of "more qualified persons" in posts involving financial management in autonomous bodies.

The Committee had observed that incidents of financial irregularities were rising in autonomous bodies as the officials concerned failed to give proper advice to institutional heads.

Talking to this correspondent, leaders of Krishlibidh institution, a body of agriculture scientists, and BARC Officers' Welfare Association argued that BARC was a research-oriented body and a person without agricultural background would not be able to lead the Wing.

They expressed deep anguish at the showcase notice on the BARC Executive Chairman and warned against any "punishment transfer". Already, a senior scientific officer of BARC, Sadiqur Rahman Selim, has been transferred to the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE), they said.

They also refuted the ministry's claim that at the 12th meeting of BARC Governing Body, a decision was taken for filling up the vacant post of Member Director (Finance and Administration).

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