

What's on today . . .

Graduation ceremony: English Language Teaching Improvement Project (ELTIP) will hold the graduation ceremony of its 1st batch. Venue: Dhaka RRC (2nd floor), Science Building, Dhaka Teachers Training College. Time: 11.00 am.

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.

ICSBA assembly: An assembly of the friends and patrons of International Centre for Study of Bengal Art (ICSBA) 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 *Chourangee* starring Uttam Kumar and Supriya. Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium, Rd No 2, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 6.15 pm.

Drawing competition: Proshika Manobik Umman Kendra has organised a drawing competition for the children to mark the World Breast-feeding Week 2000. The topic of the drawing is: Breast-feeding: Your right. Venue: Shishu Academy, Old High Court area. Time: 3 pm. Drawing sheet will be supplied. Other materials will have to be brought.

Dainik Arthaniti marks its founding anniversary

By Staff Correspondent
The Dainik Arthaniti, the first financial Bangla national daily, yesterday held a *milad mahfil* at its office to mark the first founding anniversary of the daily.
Chairman of Bangladesh Media Services Limited Zafar Ahmed Chowdhury, Editor of the daily Zahiduzzaman Faruq, Executive Editor Iqbal Chowdhury, journalists and officials of the daily were present at the programme.

Congratulation



Nimat Sharmeen Ahmed of Kings' College London (University of London) has been awarded the "Most Meritorious Student Award" of the university as first year student of B.Sc. Joint Honours in Mathematics and Management. She is the daughter of Mahmood Ahmed FCA and Nasreen Ahmed.

Diplomat dead

Kamrul Hasan Sheikh, consul general of Bangladesh Consulate, General in New York, died of protracted kidney ailments at a New York hospital on Monday. He was 51, reports UNB.

Hasan, son of founder president of Gopalganj Awami League Dr Fariduddin Ahmed, left behind his wife, one daughter, one son and a host of admirers and relatives to mourn his death.

The body of Hasan will reach the city by a Biman flight at 6 am Thursday. His *najajanaza* will be held at the Foreign Ministry premises at 9.30 am.

Hasan will be buried at his family graveyard in Gopalganj. Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad has expressed deep shock at the sudden demise of Kamrul Hasan Sheikh.

In a condolence message, the foreign minister said that he had lost a diligent and dedicated officer with his death.

A condolence meeting was also held at the Foreign Ministry yesterday in memory of late Hasan.

DCAB demands punishment to killers of Shamsur Rahman

Diplomatic Correspondents Association of Bangladesh (DCAB) yesterday demanded proper trial of the killers of renowned journalist Shamsur Rahman, special correspondent of daily Janakantha based at Jessore, reports UNB.

The DCAB also demanded exemplary punishment to the killers.
The association at a meeting at the Jatiya Press Club with organisation president Alamgir Hossain in the chair expressed sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.
Earlier Mostafa Kamal, secretary of DCAB, gave resume of association's activities.

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Two extempore parliamentary debates were held on "War is an in-road to peace" in English and "Student Politics is our main obstacle to higher studies" in Bangla.

AIUB defeated the DDU team in the English debate while DDU team won the Bangla event.

Dr Anwarul Abedin, chairman of AIUB inaugurated the event which was followed by a general get-together.

Ex-Chief Justice Mahmud Husain's death anniversary today

The 18th death anniversary of former Chief Justice of Bangladesh Syed A B Mahmud Husain will be observed today, says a press release.

He died on this day in 1982 at the age of 85. He was the Chief Justice of Bangladesh from 1973 to 1978.
To mark the day, chief Justice Syed A B Mahmud Husain Smriti Sangsad will hold a discussion meeting on Friday at the National Press Club VIP lounge at 4-00 pm.

The Chief Justice of Bangladesh Justice Latifur Rahman will attend the programme as chief guest. Prof Mobashsher Ali will present a paper on life and work of Mahmud Husain.
Judges of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh and eminent lawyers will participate in the discussion. Friends, relatives and admirers have been invited to attend the programme.



Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote brought out a procession yesterday on the occasion of National Mourning Day on August 15.

Bangabandhu Murder Case Cultural activists demand execution of killers Human chain formed in city

Politicians, ministers and cultural activists yesterday pleaded for quick execution of the verdict of Bangabandhu Murder Case and demanded exemplary punishment to those involved in plots to destabilise the country, reports BSS.
Addressing a rally of cultural activists, organised by Joy Bangla Sangskritik Oikya Jote at Faltan Maidan, they observed that the execution of the verdict is a national demand.

Execution of the verdict is a must for establishing the rule of law and bringing an end to the process of capturing state power through coups and killings, they said.

The rally was held as a part of the month-long national mourning programme to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the martyrdom of the Bangabandhu, which was chaired by president of the Jote Salahuddin Badal.

Convener of the Sammlito MuktiJoddha Front and Political Advisor to the Prime Minister Dr S A Malek addressed the rally as the chief guest. Among others, City Mayor Mohammad Hanif and State Minister for Shipping Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury, Maya also addressed it.

People from all walks of life wearing black badges attended the rally.

Dr Malek said the enemies of democracy, autocrats and the killers of 1971 and 1975 have united to destabilise the country and disrupt the execution of the verdict of the Bangabandhu Murder Case.

The killing of eight persons including six Chhatra League leaders, journalist Shamsur Rahman and attempt on the life of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina by planting bombs are the parts of that design, he said.
Meanwhile, thousands of people in a spontaneous gesture

look part in a human chain formed in the city yesterday demanding hanging of the killers of Bangabandhu and banning politics of the anti-liberation Jamaat-Shibir clique.
Stern action against those who plotted to kill Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and the culprits responsible for killing of Chhatra League workers in Chittagong were the other demands of the human chain organised by Bangladesh Awami Sechchhashebok League.

Awami League General Secretary and Local Government Minister Zillur Rahman, Political Advisor to the Prime Minister Dr SA Malek, Awami League Health Affairs Secretary and BMA Secretary General Dr Mostafa Jalal Moliuddin, central leader of the Sechchhashebok League SM Mannan Kanchi, former Chhatra League leader SM Kamal Hossain and Convener of Dhaka Mohanagar unit of the League Motiur Rahman spoke on the occasion. The organisation's joint convener AFM Bahauddin Nasim presided over the rally held prior to the formation of the human chain.

Speaking on the occasion Zillur Rahman said the Golam Azam, who opposed the War of Liberation, was brought back to the country by BNP founder Ziaur Rahman by sending special envoy after the tragic assassination of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. BNP leader Begum Zia urged him citizenship and at present conspiring to protect the killers of Bangabandhu.

Referring to the attempt on the life of Sheikh Hasina by planting powerful bombs, Zillur Rahman demanded trial in special court of those responsible for such heinous conspiracy.

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By DU Correspondent

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Hasina visits MDC of Cyberjaya

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 1: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina today visited the Multimedia Development Corporation of Cyberjaya to have an idea about the wonder multimedia super corridor is working in expansion of information technology reports UNB.

Senior Vice President of MDC Dato V Danapalan, Vice President Haji Mohd Selah Masduki and Manager Flagship Coordination Unit Cik Najat Ahmad Marjuki briefed the Prime Minister about the activities of the corporation at the cyber village.

The vision of the multimedia super-corridor (MSC) is to create the ideal multimedia environment in Malaysia to attract world class companies to use it as a hub of information Technology.
Labour and Employment Minister M A Maman, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury, PM's Principal Secretary Dr S A Samad, Sheikh Rehana, Sajib Wazed Joy and members of the Prime Minister's entourage attended the briefing session and enquired about the fast-flourishing IT industry.

The MDC officials displayed a video-show to give her an idea about the operations of the corporation in the world's fastest-growing industry and their future plans.
They are conducting e-governance, e-commerce and operating some activities of the airport through this corporation in Malaysia's computer heartland.

They termed MSC (multimedia super corridor) "the engine of growth" and narrated the activities of their smart school, multimedia and university.

Human chain formed on Dhaka-Aricha highway

Jahangirnagar University (JU) unit of pro-Awami Chhatra League formed a 30-minute human chain on the Dhaka-Aricha highway yesterday morning demanding execution of the killers of Bangabandhu, reports UNB.

The BCL also held a rally in front of university Kalababhan and announced a 10-day programme to observe the 25th anniversary of Bangabandhu killing.
The programmes include stick procession, burning effigies of the killers of Bangabandhu, hunger strike at National Mausoleum, discussion meeting, tree plantation, mourning procession, destitute feeding and *milad mahfil*.

Bangabandhu

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for it," he said alluding to the witnesses' statements.
The lawyer argued before the HC bench, hearing death reference and convictions appeals in the historic case, if one group is honest, others are not. "So the statements of neither should be accepted."

He said PW-50 DSP Nurul Islam had been discharging President's security duty since October 1974 while Farook till August 2, 1975. "Obviously the DSP knew Farook and he told the trial court that he could identify the officers, but he didn't mention Farook's name."
The DSP's statement is corroborated by Sheikh Yunus Ali, who had statements before the magistrate but was not made witness, had been standing in front of the main gate of Bangabandhu's house along with three others. They were perfect person to identify who went to that house," Khan Saifur Rahman submitted.

He found loopholes in the charge sheet submitted by the investigation officer. "The IO mentioned names in three groups went to three places. But he said nothing as to who had gone to Bangabandhu's residence. Had they been identified, the faces of real culprits would be unmasked."
The defence lawyer told the HC bench that the IO talked to the plaintiff four times after the FIR was lodged. "For the sake of justice we had applied to the trial court to supply the four statements of the plaintiff. But judgement was given without disposing of the matter."

Mig, frigate purchase

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levelled charges of corruption against relevant bodies. During the discussion it was observed that although a Navy team is sending periodical reports about the progress of the construction of the frigate, it is still unclear whether these reports are authentic.
The committee later resolved that the government would arrange visit of the entire standing committee members including five members of the

press to South Korea. They will inspect the progress of the frigate construction.
The meeting also discussed the defence ministry's decision to purchase Leyland trucks reportedly from India. The opposition parliamentarians opposed the purchase of trucks from India on strategic grounds.
However, the Army Chief Lt Gen. Mostafizur Rahman said the Leyland trucks would not be purchased from India.
"These are not Akhok-Leyland as manufactured in India, but these will be Bangladesh Leyland," the army chief was quoted as saying.
He reasoned that the trucks would be brought from the UK and assembled at the Machine Tools Factory at Gazipur. Three years down the line, the trucks would be fully indigenous.
The army chief also said the decision to buy Leyland trucks may be reconsidered on public demand.
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He touched on social and political issues and was jailed twice in 1940 and 1941 for criticizing British colonial rule.

Poet Ali Sardar Jafri dead

BOMBAY, Aug 1: Ali Sardar Jafri, an Urdu poet who championed peace between India and Pakistan and worked on a poetry collection until a few days ago died today at age 86 of brain cancer, his family said, reports AP.
He is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter.
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Ctg: Dengue

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ing a survey in Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) in 1996-97.
Dr Shahadat Hossain, president of BMA, Chittagong Unit, said that people should not be scared as dengue fever has very poor mortality rate.
Meanwhile, CMCH sources said that 12 people with dengue fever were admitted here in the past 24 hours.
Earlier, five dengue cases were detected in CMCH.

Another terrorist, Rafique, arrested few days ago in this connection, has also been shown arrested under Section 54. But CID is yet to take him on remand for interrogation.
Rafique, an armed cadre of Litu was one of those who threatened to kill Shamsur Rahman last year, police sources said.
Meanwhile, our Staff Correspondent in Dhaka adds: A special squad of CID left for Khulna yesterday to interrogate three arrested in connection with the case. They are Akhter, Rafiq and Hosne Ara Parul, mother of Shahid.
Besides, three CID teams also left Dhaka yesterday for different destinations to arrest other suspects in the case, CID sources said.
Dr Samsuddoha, Special Superintendent of CID informed that for the first time CID is using modern investigation process to secure confessional statement from the accused.
In the modern process, an accused is not physically tortured during interrogation, he said.
Khandaker said it was possible to secure statements from two of the arrested by using the modern process. He mentioned that they were not physically tortured.
Three of the arrested — Banzir Khan, Jahir and Monir Uddin Monir — are being interrogated at the CID headquarters.
Stunning
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Amu, now the food minister, was nowhere near the winners in the electoral races.
However, he seems to have turned the table this time around to average all his humiliating defeats. The influential ruling party leader has defeated his nearest rival by a staggering margin of 68,793, according to unofficial results with the Election Commission.
Malaysia
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all these will be removed as democracy is working.
"We are in a transition, we need some more times and all problems including bureaucratic delay will be removed," she said calling upon the businessmen to explore the prospective areas of investment and facilities available in Bangladesh.
About the export of gas, Hasina said after meeting the domestic demand and keeping a reserve of 50 years, the government will export gas.
She said there is a huge reserve of gas in Bangladesh. A survey jointly with USA is being conducted to find out the gas reserves.
Jubo Dal leader
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His body was found near old airport in the morning.
On receipt of information, police rushed to the spot and recovered the body. They sent it to Feni hospital for autopsy.
There were marks of injury in his body, police said.
A case was filed with sadar thana in this connection but none was arrested till filing of this report at 7 pm today.
In a BNP president Mosharraff Hossain MP and Jubo Dal president Syed Mizanur Rahman blamed the ruling party activists for the killing. They demanded immediate arrest of those responsible.

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BCS Software Expo 2000: The Bangladesh Computer Society (BCS) inaugurates its 3-day long BCS Software Expo 2000. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 10.30 am.

Publication ceremony: The publication ceremony of the monthly bulletin of Bangladesh Book Club will be held. Chief guest: Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed, Founder president of Bishwa Shahitya Kendra. Venue: VIP lounge of Jatiya Press Club. Time: 5.30 pm.

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Weather

Thundershowers likely
Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at most places over Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions and at many places over Barisal and Khulna divisions till 6 pm today, reports UNB.
Moderately heavy falls is expected at places over Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions during the period. Met Office said forecasting slight fall of day temperature over the country.
The country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 32.8 degree Celsius was recorded today at Faridpur and Madaripur and the lowest 23.8 degree Celsius at Kutubdia.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6.41 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.29 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 | 32.0 | 27.2 | 84 | 98 |
| Chittagong | 30.7 | 24.2 | 96 | 92 |
| Rajshahi | 31.6 | 24.5 | 90 | 92 |
| Kutubdia | 32.6 | 25.0 | 86 | 78 |
| Barisal | 31.0 | 25.6 | 86 | 85 |
| Sylhet | 29.0 | 24.5 | 88 | 100 |
| Cox's Bazar | 31.2 | 25.4 | 81 | 86 |

HERE and THERE



CARSS
By DU Correspondent
Speakers at a seminar yesterday stressed on the institutionalisation of democracy in Bangladesh saying the major political parties still do not practice democracy in the party.
Addressing the seminar on "The Rajshahi-5 Parliamentary By-election: An Analysis," the speakers unveiled that there is a gap between the central and local leadership and internal conflicts in the local leadership provokes central leaders to influence the local sentiment.
They also pointed out that there is a leadership crisis in the country.

Azimpur Estate Welfare Assoc
The election of the executive committee of Azimpur Estate Welfare Association was held on Friday. Mokbul Ahmed and A K M Iqbal Chowdhury were elected president and general secretary respectively, says a press release.
Other members of the committee are: Syed Mohiuddin -- senior vice president, Rezaul Hossain Kawser, Mohammad Ali Noor, Mir Golam Kabir -- vice presidents, Meer Sayeed Ahmed Nantu -- additional general secretary, B M Zunaid Ullah and A B M Mostafa Kamal Bablu -- joint secretary, A K M Mahabuddin -- treasurer, Masura Begum -- library secretary, Mohsena Chowdhury -- women affairs secretary, Ziauddin Ahmed Chowdhury -- social welfare secretary, Meer Humayun Kabir Sajed -- development secretary, A N M Hamidul Islam -- sports secretary, Dr M Abu Sayeed -- cultural secretary, and Mahfuzur Rahman Jallil, Mohammad Mala, Dr M Sabbir Hossain, a Khaleeda Begum and Sheikh Akhteruzzaman -- members.

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Minister for Science and Technology Lt General Mohammad Noor Uddin Khan (Red) PSC reviewed progress of development works of the Institute of Glass and Ceramic Research and Testing at a meeting held at the conference room of BCSIR yesterday. Dr Md Mosi-huzzaman, Chairman, members and directors of BCSIR were present.