

News

What's on today

Lecture: EL Net-3L Academy will hold a lecture on "Electronically Networked Life Long Learning (EL Net-3L)" system. Keynote speaker: Prof A K Ray, Chairman of CEP-HT. Venue: EL Net-3L Study Centre, House No 69, Rd No 9/A, Dhamondi R/A. Timer: 11:30 am.

Memorial meeting: Bangladesh Mukti Joddha Sangsad will hold a discussion on Md Ibrahim Mia. Venue: Sangsad premises at Works Building, Segunbagicha. Time: 4:00 pm.

Certificate awarding ceremony: Democracy Watch will hold a certificate awarding ceremony for students of its different batches. Venue: Kendra Kochi Kanchar Mela, 37/A, Segunbagicha. Time: 4:00 pm.

Dialogue: Dainik Matrikumhi in association with Bangladesh Press Institute (PIB) will hold a dialogue on "Trial of war criminals: Pre-conditions for establishing democracy and rule of law. Chief guest: Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak. Venue: Seminar room of PIB. Time: 5:00 pm.

ITDG workshop: ITDG-Bangladesh in association with Disaster Forum will hold a workshop on "Livelihood Options for Risk Reduction Against Disasters". Venue: IDB Bhaban, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar.

Weather

Moderate rain likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over the country with moderately heavy to heavy falls at places over Sylhet, Chittagong and Barisal divisions till 6 pm today reports UNB.

No appreciable change in day temperature is expected over the country during the period, Met office said.

The country's highest temperature 33.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Syedpur and Dinajpur and the lowest 24.0 degree at Rangamati, Bhola and Khipupara.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6.33 pm and rises on Tuesday at 5.34 am.

Maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature		Humidity in	
	in Celsius	Percentage	Max	Min
Dhaka	28.6	87	25.3	99
Chittagong	31.7	92	24.8	81
Rajshahi	32.8	82	24.7	91
Khulna	30.8	98	24.5	90
Barisal	28.0	95	25.0	96
Sylhet	29.5	97	24.4	97
Cox's Bazar	30.5	95	24.6	87

HERE and THERE

NSU

Bangladesh International Business and Information Technology Symposium (BIBITS), the first of its kind in the country, was held at North South University (NSU) yesterday, says a press release.

A total of 22 papers incorporating and expounding on the latest developments in the fields of management, marketing, international business and economics, management information system, and information technology were presented at the event.

Dr Hafiz G A Siddiqi, NSU Vice Chancellor while inaugurating the symposium, expressed the hope that in addition to enhancing theoretical knowledge, the recommendations of the symposium will set tangible and realistic guidelines to deal with the challenges for Bangladesh in the 21st century.



A 5-day long 25th Commissioners' Course of Bangladesh Scouts began at its Shams Hall on Friday. 28 participants including national commissioner, deputy national commissioner, regional commissioner and trainers of Bangladesh scouts are taking part in the ongoing course.

JU employees refute news report, threaten agitation

By JU Correspondent
Employees Association of Jahangirnagar University has protested newspaper reports about involvement of its leaders in harassment of female employees at the university.

The association at a meeting held recently termed as "false and baseless" report published in the Bhoror Kagoj on August 6 and denied involvement of any of their leaders.

They also blamed journalists for damaging the image of the university through publication of such false reports and demanded that the daily terminate its correspondent.

Campus sources, seeking anonymity said that some employees' leaders are involved in anti-social activities on the campus and the university authorities, although aware of the situation, is indifferent to it.

This encourages the repetition of such incidents, they said.

An official of the university, also seeking anonymity, cited recent incidents that have occurred on the campus but have gone largely unpunished because of the authorities' silence in some cases regarding the same employee.

Foundation of hostel in Sheikh Hasina Youth Centre laid

State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader on Saturday laid the foundation stone of an international hostel at Sheikh Hasina National Youth Centre at Savar to mark the International Youth Day, reports BSS.

The centre would be upgraded to international standard, he said while addressing a symposium titled "Increasing awareness of youths in the world youth activities" after laying the foundation of the new hostel of the centre.

Quader said Hasina National Youth Centre would be one of the milestones of country's youth development.

The centre was established on nearly eight acres, about 20 miles from the capital, aimed at making the country's ongoing youth activities more dynamic, he said, adding necessary infrastructures of the centre are being constructed at a cost of Taka 25 crore.

Director General of Youth Directorate Mohammad Zahiruddin Buiyan presided over the symposium. It was addressed, among others, by Vice Chancellor of Jahangirnagar University Prof Abdul Bayes and Project Director of Sheikh Hasina National Youth Centre Mohammad Al-Amin Chowdhury.



A delegation of BNP member of parliaments called on Khaleda Zia at her Minto Road official residence last night. — Star photo

India Today publishes Hamoodur Rahman Commission report

Inquiry blamed army atrocities, corruption and moral laxity for Pak defeat in 1971

NEW DELHI, Aug 13: A secret inquiry into Pakistan's defeat in the 1971 war that saw the emergence of Bangladesh, held army atrocities, widespread corruption, cowardice and the moral laxity of its generals as main reasons for the debacle in East Pakistan, "India Today" reported in its current issue published today, reports BSS.

The "India Today" said it has obtained a copy of the Hamoodur Rahman Commission report which was suppressed by successive Pakistan government.

The commission, the report said, recommended that a committee of generals -- Gen Yahya Khan, Gen Abdul Hamid Khan, Lt Gen SGMM Pirzada, Lt Gen Gul Hasan, Maj Gen Mitha -- be publicly tried for criminal conspiracy because in agreement with one another they brought

about a situation in then East Pakistan which led to a civil disobedience movement, armed revolt by the Awami League and subsequently to the surrender of Pak troops and the dismemberment of Pakistan.

The refusal of General Yahya Khan to negotiate with the Awami League becomes all the more significant when we remember that two of its top leaders, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Kamal Hossain were in his custody in West Pakistan and that almost all the friendly countries had advised him to arrive at a political settlement in view of the looming Indian threat of military action," the commission observed in the report.

These two "direct devastating consequences," the report said, ensured that the Pakistan army "was obviously fighting a losing battle from the very start."

Although the commission dismissed the official claim of Bangladesh that three million people were killed in 1971, it did take into account certain concrete allegations, like the claim of Lt Col Mansoor Huq that 17 Bengali officers and 953 soldiers were executed in Comilla Cantonment on the night of 27-28 March "by a flick of one officer's finger." The accusing finger is pointed at Lt Gen Yakub Khan, CO of the 53rd field regiment.

In an observation, the commission said "the process of moral degeneration among the senior ranks of the armed forces was set in motion by their involvement in martial law duties in 1958, that these tendencies reappeared and were, in fact intensified when martial law was imposed, once again in March 1969 by General Yahya Khan."

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