

What's on today . . .

Inauguration: Islami Bank Bangladesh Ltd inaugurates its Training and Research Academy building and foundation course of its trainee officers. Venue: Islami Bank Training and Research Academy Bhaban, 13A/2A Babar Rd, Mohammadpur. Time: 11.00 am.

IUB orientation: The orientation programme of the Autumn 2000 semester of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) will be held. Venue: IUB campus No 6, Basundhara. Time: 10.00 am.

Uttam Kumar retrospective: Zahir Raihan Film Society presents part two of Uttam Kumar retrospective. This part of the retrospective will focus on films starring Uttam Kumar and Suchitra Sen. Venue: Indian High Commission Auditorium, House No 25, Rd No 2, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 6:15 pm.

Launching programme: A cultural programme will be held to mark the launching of Nityanchal, a dance and music company. Venue: National Museum auditorium. Time: 7:00 pm.

Weather

No change in temperature

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over the country with moderately heavy falls at places over Chittagong division during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country. Met office said.

The country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 34.0 degree Celsius at Chittagong and Syedpur and the lowest 24.3 degree at Rangamati.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:29 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:35 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	32.0	26.3
Chittagong	34.0	24.6
Rajshahi	33.0	26.5
Khulna	33.5	25.5
Barisal	32.5	25.3
Sylhet	33.2	25.8
Cox's Bazar	33.0	25.4

Sandhani lottery draw results

The draw of Sandhani Blindness Eradication Lottery, 2000 was held at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

Following are the results of the lottery draw:
First prize - Ka 150584; second prize - Ga 907005; and third prize - Gha 644330.

Fourth prize - Ga 146289, Ga 174188 and Kha 853273.

Fifth prize -

Ka 358102, Kha 358102, Ga 358102, Gha 358102, Uma 358102

Sixth prize -

Ka 589570, Kha 589570, Ga 589570, Gha 589570, Uma 589570

Ka 131007, Kha 131007, Ga 131007, Gha 131007, Uma 131007

Ka 223409, Kha 223409, Ga 223409, Gha 223409, Uma 223409

Ka 413737, Kha 413737, Ga 413737, Gha 413737, Uma 413737

Ka 881251, Kha 881251, Ga 881251, Gha 881251, Uma 881251

Ka 478099, Kha 478099, Ga 478099, Gha 478099, Uma 478099

Ka 387615, Kha 387615, Ga 387615, Gha 387615, Uma 387615

Ka 714572, Kha 714572, Ga 714572, Gha 714572, Uma 714572

Ka 368742, Kha 368742, Ga 368742, Gha 368742, Uma 368742

Ka 519382, Kha 519382, Ga 519382, Gha 519382, Uma 519382

Seventh prize -

(20X5=100 prizes of Tk 1,500 each; applicable for Ka, Kha, Ga, Gha and Uma series).

103984 106581 111466 259320 292721

321536 334388 337471 416313 522641

552091 572344 600247 682312 724692

737467 746925 820592 894993 902559

Eighth prize - (168X5=840 prizes of Tk 1000 each; applicable for Ka, Kha, Ga, Gha and Uma series).

113988 119318 126553 129414 133685

136166 141671 142744 155902 163699

168331 174426 181029 186622 190557

191470 193860 194272 197746 200533

200754 210787 204537 210412 211836

212043 213076 227108 229004 233208

235846 238563 240171 241721 244065

246771 246903 255597 256049 263655

265350 272073 284188 288656 295896

295979 300214 300864 301781 302232

310789 316970 333666 337772 334046

335120 342649 345936 360586 361924

363550 365199 376933 381132 383901

389728 395201 397499 399797 405719

407585 412356 417526 419380 425113

428244 430496 430941 434258 435182

433359 458386 474334 476482 485153

488710 495637 510879 514899 513944

528148 539991 547120 559410 559572

560672 561191 561326 561530 562408

566607 572354 578765 591269 592207

595535 600034 603194 603254 612405

615289 618973 623163 629758 642130

642525 647731 651402 656087 657321

673352 677080 678217 679916 683071

687030 689151 705993 706342 707893

708890 709715 720019 720224 722338

736412 752656 756959 759893 761259

764717 765593 766137 766353 771736

771746 772400 781608 786004 789885

807967 814395 817336 818829 830098

836795 837559 844317 855040 859503

868063 868238 878308 882297 884099

890032 892181 894257

Consul of Singapore in Bangladesh Oh Chin Chye hosted a reception at a city hotel recently to mark the National Day of his country. Picture shows the consul with Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad and Food Minister Amir Hossain Amu.



Japanese Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori arrives in the city today. As part of the city beautification programme to welcome him, Public Works Department (PWD) workers seen placing flags of Japan and Bangladesh on the streetsides yesterday. - Star photo

BNP founding anniversary Sept 1

By Staff Correspondent

BNP has taken up an elaborate programme to observe the 22nd founding anniversary of the party throughout the country on September 1.

At a joint meeting of BNP Thursday the party decided to take up a week-long programme at central level with 2-day programmes at city and district levels and a day-long programmes at thana units.

The joint meeting held at 29, Minto Road, the official residence of the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament, with BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan in the chair, it asked all the city, district, thana and municipal units to organise discussion meeting, rally, *milad mahfil*, cultural programmes, photo exhibition, publish poster and leaflets to mark the 22nd founding anniversary of the party.

Joint secretaries, presidents and general secretaries of different front organisations and city BNP president and general secretary attended the meeting.



Obituary

Ahmed Hossain Chowdhury, former regional manager of Meghna Petroleum Ltd, died of a cardiac arrest at his residence at Uttara yesterday. He was 58, says a press release.

He is survived by his parents, wife and only son.

His *qulkhwan* will be held on August 21 at his Uttara residence (House No 7, Rd No 5, Sector-12) after Asr prayers.

Chowdhury is the eldest son of Dr A S Chowdhury of Sonagachhi, Feni.

Hazera Begum, a social worker, died of old age ailments at her Dhanjail residence under Gopalganj district on August 14. She was 95, says a press release.

She is survived by 3 sons, 4 daughters and a number of grandchildren.

Hazera was buried at her family graveyard in Feni district.

Qulkhwan

The *qulkhwan* of Begum Anwara Mahbub, wife of late Mahbubul Haq, a member of the then Pakistan National Assembly, will be held at her Mohammadpur residence today, reports UNB.

A *milad* and *doa mahfil* will be also held after Asr prayers, a press release said yesterday.

Begum Anwara died on August 12 and was buried at her family graveyard in Feni district.

Uncertainty looms large over publication of LLB '97 exam results

By Staff Correspondent

The prolonged investigation into the reported irregularities in preparation of LLB examination results of 1997 has victimised more than 3,000 law students of the following session.

These students of 1998 session who were due to sit for their LLB final examinations from 16 law colleges under the Dhaka University do not yet know when their examinations will be held, not to speak of those of 1999 and 2000.

The DU authorities formed a high level probe body in January headed by pro-Vice Chancellor Prof Shahadat Ali following allegations of massive irregularities in preparation of the results.

Authorities asked the probe body to find out those involved in manipulating marks of about 500 answer scripts of the LLB final examinees. The body was asked to submit its report as quickly as possible with recommendations but it has failed to do so as yet.

Prof Shahadat Ali, after two months of investigation, said that the incident of manipulation of marks had indeed taken place during preparation of the results. He however failed to say whether the members of examinations committee are involved in it or not.

Official sources said that the report although prepared two months ago, is yet to be published.

According to DU rules, an examinations committee cannot hold examinations if there is an allegation against any of its members. DU authorities has not cancelled the Exams Committee or formed a new one to hold the subsequent exams.

Dr Mizanur Rahman, chairman of Law Department has expressed dismay over the long delay in the process which has barred holding of the examinations.

Following are the roll numbers of the successful candidates:

Candidates who have passed CA Final Examination: 2050, 2130, 2306, 2320, 2324, 2336, 2348, 2350, 2353, 2354, 2357, 2358, 2359 and 2361.

Candidates who have passed Group-I only of CA Final Examination: 2038, 2250, 2260, 2286, 2287, 2294 and 2295 (Total: 07 Nos)

Candidates who have passed both Group 'A' & 'B' of CA Intermediate Examination: 884 and 885.

Candidates who have passed Group 'A' only of CA Intermediate Examination: 15, 44, 47, 50, 57, 74, 90, 91, 98, 124, 128, 130, 134, 135, 189, 208, 264, 266, 286, 363, 375, 409, 415, 420, 449, 451, 455, 484, 500, 516, 559, 620, 676, 700, 720, 761, 769, 774, 778, 798, 804, 818, 820, 825, 830, 837, 839, 853, 869, 873, 874, 879, 887, 893 and 895.

Candidates who have passed Group 'B' only of CA Intermediate Examination: 149, 150, 154, 155, 156, 157, 163, 167, 173, 950, 986, 994, 995, 1006, 1015, 1036, 1044, 1062, 1073, 1081, 1084, 1094, 1104 and 1113.

Shamsun Naher has won a scholarship from International Language Institute of Tokyo, Japan, for higher studies in Computer Science, says a press release.

Initial expenses of her studies will be borne by the Trust Bank Ltd.

Shamsun Naher, a student of 3rd year statistics of Jahangirnagar University, is the daughter of freedom fighter Subedar Mansur Ali of Manikganj.

300 phone lines out of order for 2 weeks

More than 300 telephone connections in the city's Mohammadpur area have been out of order for the last two weeks, reports BSS.

The affected subscribers in Noor Jahan Road and Salimullah Road areas said they have been asking the local camp at Iqbal Road repeatedly to restore their phone lines, but all their efforts went in vain.

An engineer of the camp told BSS that the problem surfaced following breakdown of underground cable system in Sher-e-Bangla Nagar area. We have already informed the section concerned to take necessary steps immediately, he added.

Another T and T official at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Exchange said the cable problem might have been caused due to the ongoing construction work of the NAM Bhaban.

He said that they are working to restore the telephone lines but it might take 3 or 4 days.

PLA team leaves

The People's Liberation Army (PLA) delegation led by Vice President of the Academy of Science Lieutenant General Tian Shugen left Dhaka last night ending its three-day visit to Bangladesh.

During their stay in the country, members of the delegation called on Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General Muhammad Mustafizur Rahman, Bir Bikram, Chief of Naval Staff Rear Admiral A Taher and Chief of Air Staff Air Vice-Marshal Jamal Uddin Ahmed.

Mori: Interview

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These countries, he said, are actively tackling poverty related issues for achieving socioeconomic development. "I believe it is important for Japan to strengthen its economic relations with all of these nations."

Despite steady increases in trade and investment between Japan and South Asian countries, Mori said there still remained great potential to be exploited.

He hoped both the government of Japan and the Japanese private sector would cooperate together in expanding their economic relations with all of these nations through conclusion of an investment promotion and protection treaty and sending of economic missions.

In reply to a question about SAARC, Mori said Japan attached importance to the activities of the regional forum which could provide a framework for stable development in the South Asian region.

He said although SAARC summit was still postponed, Japan would hope to see a full recovery of the functions of SAARC at an early date. Japan continues to support the activities of SAARC using the Japan-SAARC special fund.

Asked what kind of relation Japan wants to build with these nations, he said Japan recognises the strategic importance of the region of South Asia in the 21st century. "I intend to build broader and deeper relationship with these nations."

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not at the meeting of its executive committee," he said.

The association secretary emphatically said all its members despite their political affiliations were unanimous that they would never use the association for materialising the decision of any particular political party.

Advocate Shahidul Karim Siddiq referred to a letter sent to him with the signatures of eight members of the association on August 17 and said they had published that particular letter in newspapers on August 18 before he could fully understand its contents.

The signatories to that letter were Messrs Atab Hussain-Vice President, Anamur Noor Begum-Treasurer, Mohammad Giasuddin (Mithu)-Assistant Secretary and members - Mohammad Ibrahim Mollah, Mohammad Ataur Rahman, S M Imdadul Huq, Mahbubuddin Khokon and Abdul Baten.

Referring to a discussion held at the association's emergency adjournment meeting on July 30 last, Advocate Siddiq said he was saying right from the beginning that the political controversy created through the interview given by the prime minister to BBC was not a matter of contempt of court.

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Photography competition

By Staff Correspondent

Portbesh Rokkha Shopoth (Porosh) and Bangladesh Photojournalists' Association (BPJA) have organised a photography competition and exhibition entitled "Nature and Environment".

The exhibition will be held in the city in October. The competition is open to BPJA members working at the divisional and district level.

An individual photographer can submit a total of five photographs for the competition.

Prizes will be given to six winners—one from each division. And first, second and third prizes will be awarded a national level.

Interested persons have been requested to send photographs of 3R size along with negatives to the BPJA office at 58/1/A, Purana Paltan by September 25.

Amu distributes clothes among distressed children

Food Minister Amir Hossain

Amu on Thursday distributed clothes among about 300 distressed children and juveniles in the city to mark the 25th martyrdom anniversary of Sheikh Russell, the youngest son of the Bangabandhu, reports BSS.

The clothes were distributed at a function at 23, Bangabandhu Avenue, organised by Russell Jatiya Shishu Kishore Parishad.

Russian sub

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area on a ship.

Adding to the rescue problems, Dygalo said the Kursk was slowly sinking into the mud. The submarine, already leaning at a sharp angle, impeding rescue work.

Russian officials have not determined how the Kursk got into trouble Aug 12. Officials have offered various explanations, including a collision, an internal explosion or even contact with a World War II mine.

Klebanov said evidence suggested the submarine, which was taking part in naval exercises off Russia's northern coast, hit an unspecified "huge, heavy object" about 20 metres below surface and plunged to the sea bottom in seconds.

But officials could not explain how a highly sophisticated submarine, filled with advanced electronic guidance systems, could crash into a large object. Submarines use radar and other guiding devices that allow them to spot objects many kilometres away under water.