

What's on today....

Inauguration: Islami Bank Bangladesh Ltd will inaugurate its 11th branch. Venue: 40, Dilkusha Commercial Area. Time: 10.00 am.

Uttam Kumar Retrospective: Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen *Sabar Upare* starring Uttam Kumar and Suchitra Sen. Venue: Auditorium of Indian High Commission, House No. 25, Rd No. 2, Dhannondri R/A. Time: 6.15 pm.

Procession: The Teigan College unit of Committee for Annihilation of the killers of 1975 will bring out a procession to demand the execution of the verdict in Bangabandhu Murder Case. Venue: From Teigan College Campus. Time: 11.00 am.

Rally: Bangladesh Gram Police Karmachari Union will hold a rally in support of their 7-point demand. Venue: Mukhtangan. Time: 11.00 am.

Discussion meeting: Young Entrepreneurs Society (YES) of North South University will hold a discussion meeting to work the fourth anniversary of the disappearance of Moinuddin Kashem Tareq, a BBA student of the university. Venue: NSU campus. Time: 11.00 am.

Publication ceremony: MuktiJuddo, Bangabandhu O Bangladesh Research Institute (Liberation War, Bangabandhu and Bangladesh Research Institute) of National University will hold the publication ceremony of an album and two postcards on Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Chief guest: State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed. Venue: Kabi Sufia Kamal auditorium of National Museum. Shabbagh. Time: 4.30 pm.

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ITEXPO 2000: The two-day long ITEXPO 2000, Indian Textile Exhibition will be inaugurated. Organisers: High Commission of India and the Synthetic and Rayon Textiles Export Promotion Council of India. Chief guest: Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad. Venue: Poolside, Hotel Sheraton. Time: 10.30 am.

Discussion meeting: Protirodh Joddha Parishad will hold a discussion meeting on "the fight of the Mujib soldiers in the period after Bangabandhu's assassination and today's Bangladesh". Venue: Jatiya Press Club auditorium. Time: 4.00 pm.

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Weather

No change in temperature

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Chittagong, Barisal and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Dhaka, Rajshahi, and Khulna divisions during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

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

Yesterday's highest temperature of 33.6 degree Celsius was recorded at Jessore and Syedpur and the lowest of 24.5 degrees at Sylhet.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6.27 pm and rises to morrow at 5.36 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	31.2	27.0	83	82
Chittagong	32.8	25.0	76	78
Rajshahi	33.5	26.2	81	80
Khulna	33.5	25.8	78	74
Barisal	31.4	26.5	84	83
Sylhet	32.0	24.5	99	73
Cox's Bazar	32.0	25.5	92	85



Mansour Kaveh, Head of UFP at David Game College, UK, addressing a press conference in the city yesterday. Local promoters Rumana Chowdhury and Safia Rahman were also present.

DGC launches University Foundation Programme

By DU Correspondent

The David Game College (DGC) of UK has launched its University Foundation Programme (UFP) in Bangladesh with an objective to facilitate students interested to study abroad.

The nine-month long UFP is the first of its kind in the country and offers students an alternative entry route to foreign universities for most degree courses excepting Medicine.

This was disclosed at a press conference held at the Chowdhury Complex in the city yesterday.

Addressing the press conference, Mansour Kaveh, head of UFP at the DGC said that the quality of UFP in Bangladesh will be the same as in the UK since the programme at home will be conducted by British experts as in addition to local trained tutors. Its performance

will be monitored by the quality assurance committee of DGC and leading UK universities.

The UFP, consisting of six major and minor courses, is also a bridge between school and college and all the certificates and education modules will be from UK, he added.

Local promoter of the programme Rumana Chowdhury said that this programme will facilitate the students as well as the parents as UFP in the country will save the huge cost of studying abroad while ensuring the same quality education as would be obtained in the UK.

A total of 20 students will be enrolled in the first session in both the Dhaka and Chittagong campuses and admission procedures begins today, she added. There are also plans to expand the programme to Sylhet.

Meeting held on possible use of deep aquifers

The first day of the meeting organised by the Department of Public Health Engineering, with support from UNICEF and the Water and Sanitation Program-South Asia, of World Bank was held in the city yesterday, says a press release.

The three-day meeting is being held to discuss the potential for use of deeper aquifers in the country as drinking water sources particularly in arsenic-affected areas.

On the first day of the meeting, experts from the International Atomic Energy Authority, Vienna University

College London, Dhaka University, the Japan International Co-operation Agency (JICA) study team, the Bangladesh Water Development Board, the US Geological Survey and the Geological Survey of Bangladesh made presentations. The aim of the first day was sharing of all available information about deeper aquifers and deep tube wells.

The meeting continues today with a roundtable of experts who will discuss issues regarding exploitation of deeper aquifers.

Two lawyers shot dead

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that at least four youths, aged between 18 and 20, two of them carrying guns, killed Mondal, hardly 10-15 yards from his residence as their vehicle stopped due to a traffic jam.

Doctors at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) declared Mondal dead when he was rushed to the hospital. His clerk Arshad was released after first aid, said our DMCH correspondent.

Soon after the news reached the district court, lawyers brought out a procession on the court premises.

The Court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (CMM), Dhaka District Court, Metropolitan Court of Sessions and all other special courts stopped functioning when the news spread.

During protests by the lawyers, some people also damaged windows and furniture at the CMM's Court, Metropolitan Court of Sessions and the court constituted for hearing cases under the Public Safety Act.

The lawyers then held a rally in front of the Dhaka District Court. They blamed the government for the killing and demanded immediate arrest of the killers.

The first Namaj-e-Janaza of Mondal was held on the premises of the Supreme Court, followed by another on the District Court premises. A Janaza was also held at Dholaikhali in the evening.

His body was taken to BNP central office in the evening.

BSF kills Bangladeshi

SYLHET, Aug 20: A Bangladeshi national was killed and three others, including a woman, were injured in BSF firing at Jaintapur frontier Saturday, reports UNB.

Police said the Indian border guards fired shots at Belal Ahmed, Tajul Islam, Abdul Latif and Kutina Bibi of Kalingbari village when they went to the border area for collecting firewood.

Bomb kills one in Channabaganj

CHANNABAGANJ, Aug 20: A young man was killed and two others were injured in bomb explosion at Laxminarayapur village in Nababganj upazila Saturday night, reports UNB.

Police said Anwarul, 24, son of Montu Biswas, died on the spot as unknown assailants hurled bombs at him when he was returning home after watching television programme at 9.30 pm.

The names of the injured could not be known.

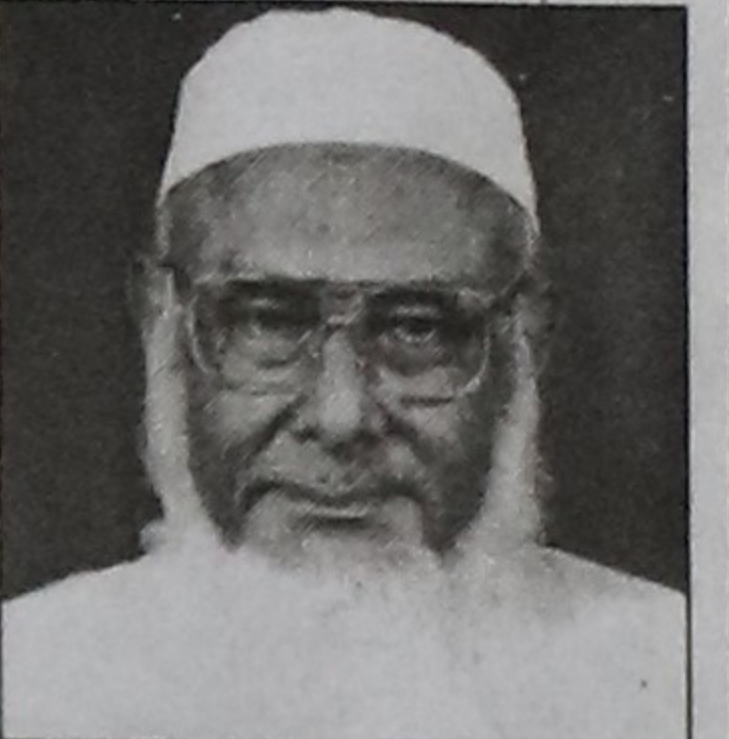
GSP rules

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duct the study. Held at the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) office, the meeting was attended by BGMEA President Anisur Rahman Sinha, Vice-President Anisul Huque, Vice-President of Bangladesh Textile Mills Association (BTMA) Abul Kashem Haider, executive committee member A Matin Chowdhury, President of Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BKMEA) Monjurul Haq, President of Bangladesh Terry Towel and Linen Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BTLMEA) M Anisuzzaman and President of Bangladesh Specialised Textile Mills and Powerloom Industries Association Shahjada Mian, said a press release of the BTMA.

The meeting decided that the committee will study the impact of the new GSP rule on the development of backward linkage industries in the country, and prepare a report.

The next course of action would be decided at another joint meeting after getting the report. The meeting also discussed the proposal for setting up an apparel board in the country. The associations would give their opinions after evaluating its prospect, it was decided.

Obituary



Sved Tayybur Rahman, former Director of DGFI died of liver cirrhosis at CMH on August 19. He was 73, says a press release.

He was survived by his wife, three sons and a daughter. Rahman's *gukhuani* will be held tomorrow at his residence at 203, New DOHS, Mohakhali after Asr prayers.

Anowara Begum, wife of former chairman of Gomalhari Union of Daudkandi, Comilla died of a brain haemorrhage at Dhaka Medical College Hospital on August 18. She was 65, says a press release.

She is survived by 3 sons and daughters. A *milad mahfil* will be held at her residence at Gomalhari Chowdhury Bari after Asr prayers tomorrow to pray for the salvation of her soul.

where Janaza was held again. Leaders of BNP, Jatiya Party, Jamaat-e-Islami, Islami Oikya Jote, Gano Forum and some other parties attended the Janaza.

Leader of the Opposition in the Parliament and BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia paid her last respect to the party leader and placed wreath on his coffin at the party office.

Mondal, who married about a year ago, was the father of a two-month-old baby.

Fifty-six criminal cases were filed against him since Awami League came to power. He was on bail in all the cases, sources said.

Mondal was an Assistant Public Prosecutor and also a Special Public Prosecutor for some time during BNP rule.

BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan and other party leaders including Barrister Moudud Ahmed, Barrister Nazmul Huda and Sadek Hos-

sain Khoka, Mirza Abbas, SCBA President Barrister Mainul Hossain and Bar Council Vice-chairman Barrister Amirul Islam went to the DMCH to see the body.

Court Reporters Association condemned the killing and demanded immediate arrest of the killers.

Our Staff Correspondent from Khulna reported that four gunmen riding motorcycles shot Baral and sped away on the crowded road.

Police later arrested one person as suspect in the killing and recovered an abandoned motorcycle from near the town.

The murder is suspected to be a sequel to intra-party rivalry, said a source.

Following the murder, normal traffic in all routes from Bagerhat was disrupted. Traders pulled their shutters down in panic. The town took a deserted look within half an hour of the killing.

Seminar on dengue

Find out preventive measures: Selim

By Special Correspondent

Health Minister Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim has called for a social movement to tackle the outbreak of dengue fever and urged the physicians, environmentalists and scientists to take specific measures to prevent the spread of the disease.

"Identify its sources and find out preventive measures through proper research. The government is ready to provide all-out cooperation to eradicate the disease", the health minister told a seminar in the city yesterday.

Held at the Jatiya Press Club, the seminar on 'Dengue Aggression: Adverse Reaction of Global Warming and Bangladesh Challenge' was organised by Forum for Environmental Journalists of Bangladesh (FEJB) in association with the Commonwealth Environmental Journalists (CEJA) and Asian Pacific Forum of Environmental Jour-

nalists (APEJ).

The health minister said that the situation is under control as the government has taken certain steps in time.

He asked the department concerned to carry out a survey to identify dengue patients in rural areas.

Sheikh Selim said that dengue is not a new phenomenon in the country. It existed in the past in different names. "A proper guideline and social movement can help eradicate the disease."

Among others, Khandaker Rashidul Huq, DG, Department of Environment, Dr Kanakranjan Talukder, Director of Health Directorate, Dr AZM Iftekhar Hossain of the Ministry of Health and Dr ANM Salahuddin spoke at the seminar while Qamrul Islam Choudhury, Chairman of FEJB, presided.



Opposition leader and BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia placed a wreath on the coffin of her party's city leader Advocate Habibur Rahman Mondal at BNP's central office at Nayapattan. Mondal was shot dead at Chanda Mohan Basak Lane in the city early yesterday. — Star photo

Consultation meet on draft of SOE report today

The inaugural session of a two-day national consultation on the first draft of Bangladesh State of Environment (SOE) Report will be held today at the IDB Bhaban, Agargaon at 9.00 am, reports BSS.

State Minister for Environment and Forest H N Asheque Rahman will inaugurate the session as the chief guest, while the Secretary of the Ministry of Environment and Forest will Chair the session. Director General, Department of Environment, will deliver his welcome address.

The concluding session will be held at the Hotel Sheraton at 7.00 pm tomorrow.

The purpose of holding such a consultation is to present a status on the environment of Bangladesh, the press release added.

Experts and discussants from the Department of Environment and other government agencies as well as from South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACPE), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies (BCAS) will take part in the two-day Technical Sessions of the

Consultation towards finalising the Bangladesh State of Environment (SOE) Report.

The Report for the period of 1999-2000 will be prepared following UNEP guidelines.

BNP discussion on Thursday

The BNP's discussion meeting, marking the first death anniversary of its former secretary general Abdus Salam Talukder, will be held Thursday instead of today, reports UNB.

The meeting will be held at the party central office at Nayapattan after Asr prayers on the day, said a party press release.



Death anniversary

The first death anniversary of Saiful Islam Khan (Shamim), Director of Islam Jute Mills Limited, Islam Polymers and Plasticizers Limited and Islam Jute Baling Company Limited, will be observed today, says a press release.

Elderly son of Shamsul Islam Khan MP, Saiful died of cardiac arrest on this day in 1999.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to pray for salvation of the departed soul.

DU students form human chain

By DU Correspondent

The students of the Department of Applied Physics of Dhaka University yesterday formed a human chain at the Doel Chatter on the university campus demanding change of their department's name into the Department of Electronic and Communication Engineering.

They also elaborated the justification behind their demand at a press conference at the Madhu's canteen at noon adding, "Out of our total 32 courses in honours level we study electronics and communication engineering in 25 courses and only three on Applied Physics."

Reading out the written statement, Rubana Bahar Prity said, "due to the name problem we are missing opportunity in the field of job."

BCL beat up 3 Shibir men at DU hall

By DU Correspondent

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists allegedly beat up three Jampat-e-Islami-backed Islami Chhatra Shibir activists at the Shahidullah hall of the Dhaka University yesterday.

The victims were identified as Shahinur Alam, a second year student of Microbiology, Mahfuzul Alam, second year student of Chemistry and Kamruzzaman, second year student of Mathematics Department of the university.

They are all residents of the hall.

According to sources, the BCL activists held the three men hostage inside room no. 3038 of the hall from Saturday noon and beat them up. They also cut off the hair of the alleged Shibir activists.

The BCL activists also recovered a diary from Shahinur.

Hall authorities later handed over the 3 students to the police.

BNP withdraws suspension order on JCD city units

BNP withdrew the suspension order on Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) north and south Dhaka city units yesterday, reports UNB.

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia announced the decision after a meeting with leaders of both the units at her 29 Minto Road official residence.

BNP's student affairs secretary Amanullah Aman MP told UNB about the withdrawal of suspension order.

Begum Zia had suspended JCD central committee, Dhaka University unit and Dhaka city north and south units in July after a JCD activists were killed in the intra-party clash on the DU campus.

The suspension order on JCD central committee and Dhaka University unit is still in force.

Forced eviction

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said he does not know why the case was not filed under the PSA and Women and Children Repression Prevention Act, even though there was sufficient evidence to support it.

He appealed to the prime minister for help to get back his house and land and for the safety of his family members.

Transport strike

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Sawkat Ali and others.

Meanwhile, Chittagong Transport Owners and Workers Action Council at a press conference here today announced a 48-hour transport strike in Chittagong from 6 am on August 29 protesting the price hike of petroleum products and gas.

Mori leaves for Pakistan

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received Mori at the entrance of the Bangabandhu Museum, popularly known as Dhanmondi No 32 where Bangabandhu and most of the members of his family were gunned down on the fateful night of August 15, 1975.

The Japanese leader stayed at the historic house for about 20 minutes. He went round different rooms of the museum where the memorabilia of Bangabandhu and his slain family members are kept.

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad, State Minister for Cultural Affairs Obaidur Raheed, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury and members of the Japanese prime minister's entourage were present on the occasion.

The Japanese prime minister yesterday paid homage to the martyrs of the country's War of Liberation by placing wreaths at the National Memorial at Savar.

After placing wreaths, premier Yoshiro Mori stood in solemn silence as the bugles of Bangladesh Army played the last post and the national flag was lowered to a half-mast.

Mori signed the visitor's book and planted a sapling of

"Mimosa" Elengi, locally known as "Bakul", in the adjoining garden of the memorial.

Later in the afternoon, the Japanese prime minister left for Islamabad, ending a two-day visit to Bangladesh on the first leg of his South Asia trip.

He was given a hearty send-off at the Zia International Airport by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Mori was given guard of honour by a smartly turned-out contingent drawn from the three services. National anthems of the two countries played.

The Japanese prime minister inspected the guard and took salute at the farewell ceremony.

He and his entourage left Dhaka by two special Japanese Boeings that took off at 2.20 pm. Three jets of Bangladesh Air Force escorted the planes out of the Bangladesh airspace.

Ministers, Dhaka City Mayor Mohammad Hanif, Dean of Diplomatic corps Shihata Zarab and high civil and military officials were present.

Murders

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The meeting observed one minute silence as mark of respect to the departed souls. It also demanded immediate arrest of the terrorists involved in the killings.

Bangladesh Ganotantrik Ainjibi Samity and Jaitiya Ainjibi Parishad also issued statements condemning the killing of Habibur Rahman and Kalidas Baral and demanded formation of a judicial probe into the killing.

Jatiya Party Secretary-General Nazim Rahman in a statement yesterday protested the killing of Habibur Rahman and Kalidas Baral. He blamed the government for the law and order situation in the country.

Teachers

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80 per cent. Although the remaining 20 per cent was supposed to receive from the respective institutions, it needs audit why the teachers do not get that.

"So, the teachers are supposed to get 100 per cent of their salary. The government has started a process of audit across the country and the report will be available in few weeks," said the press note.

It said failure in the examination in the recent years made the people and guardians anxious. There are more than 200 schools where not a single student could pass. The number of school is more where only one to 10 students passed.

The teachers' association never raised any movement for social consciousness demanding environment and quality of education besides their 'economic' movement, the note said.

It added that the government thinks that the teachers should have accountability for their job. The teachers would get more effective help from the people and they will be affiliated in development of the education if activities of the managing committee and college management committee are expanded.

Dengue

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deaths will be of no use unless an epidemiological study is undertaken.

"For instance, we don't know the distribution of age groups and from which areas dengue patients come from. What is the socio-economic status of the victims? These are some of the aspects we must address for future preparations."

He also warned that in future Bangladesh would turn into a DHF endemic zone like Thailand. Once DHF is there, it never goes away.

'71 war debate

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tended to the armed forces, or at least those elements who held state powers and abused it, he said, adding those handful of disreputable people should not be allowed to harm the army by seeking cover their dark deeds.

He said it would be in keeping with the Islamic provisions and constitutional safeguards if the armed forces took action against wolves in khaki clothing who had brought disrepute to the country and its soldiers.

43 dengue cases

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Meanwhile, the control room reports that 2049 people have so far been hospitalised and currently 276 people are undergoing treatment in different hospitals. The number of people dead from the disease since July 20 remained 35 as there was no report of death from the disease yesterday.

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