

## ● 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, Dhamondi R/A. Time: 6:15 pm.

**Procession:** The Tejgaon 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 Tejgaon College Campus. Time: 11:00 am.

**Rally:** Bangladesh Gram Police Karmachari Union will hold a rally in support of their 7-point demand. Venue: Muktangan. 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, Shahbagh. Time: 4:30 pm.

..... and tomorrow .....

**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 for the people 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 thundershows 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 tomorrow 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
Dhaka	Max 31.2 Min 27.0	83 82
Chittagong	32.8	75 78
Rajshahi	33.5	81 80
Khulna	33.5	78 74
Barisal	31.4	84 83
Sylhet	32.0	99 73
Cox's Bazar	32.0	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.

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## 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

## 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 Dholakhal 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 Jonatapur frontier Saturday, reports UNB.

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

## Bomb kills one in C'nawabganj

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, Aug 20: A young man was killed and two others were injured in bomb explosion at Laxminarayanpur village in Nabanganj 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 (BTTLMEA) 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

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