

News

What's on today

Workshop: The National Stakeholder's Workshop (NSW) on Comprehensive Disaster Management Programme (CDMP) will be held. Organisers: Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief and UNDP. Chief Guest: State Minister for Disaster Management and Relief. Venue: Conference room (3rd floor), IDB Bhaban, Begum Rokeya Sarani, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar. Time: 10:00 am.

Launching ceremony: Centre for Social Science and Public Policy Research of the Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) will hold the launching ceremony of "Women and Islam in Bangladesh" by Prof Taj J Hashmi, Director of the School of Liberal Arts and Science of the university. Venue: IUB campus, House No 6, Rd No 14, Baridhara. Time: 4:30 pm.

Uttam Kumar Retrospective: Zahir Rahan Film Society will screen Harano Shoor starring Uttam Kumar and Suchitra Sen. Venue: Auditorium of House No 25, Rd No 2, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 6:15 pm.

Discussion: International Society for Krishna Consciousness will hold a discussion meeting to mark Janmastami. Venue: Sree Sree Shwamibagh Ashram, 79, Shwamibagh Road. Time: 3:00 pm.

Founding anniversary: Bangladesh Short Film Forum will hold a get-together to celebrate its 15th founding anniversary. Venue: Goethe Institut, House No 10, Rd No 9, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 5:30 pm.

Discussion meeting: Bangabandhu Parishad will hold a discussion meeting "Bangabandhu Bangladesh" to mark the 25th anniversary of Bangabandhu's killing. Venue: BCIC auditorium. Time: 5:30 pm.

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Workshop: Population Services and Training Centre (PSTC) will hold a day long workshop on working children. Venue: 103, New Circular Road. Time: 9:00 am.

Discussion meeting: Swadeshi Chinta Sangha will hold a discussion meeting on "The Prince by Niccolò Machiavelli". Keynote speaker: Prof Sana Ullah Nuri. Venue: Prof Ahmad Sharif. Time: 10:00 am.

Film show: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka will screen three French movies "coures metrages" (Tati shorts), "Mon Oncle" (My Uncle) and "Tour de Fete" (Festival Day). Venue: Auditorium of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Rd, Dhanmondi. Time: 11:00 am, 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm.

Discussion meeting: Bangabandhu Mahila Parishad will hold a discussion meeting on "Women's Liberation Movement and Bangabandhu". Chief guest: Agriculture Minister Begum Matia Chowdhury. Venue: Kabi Sofia Kamal auditorium, National Museum, Shabbagh. Time: 4:00 pm.

Get-together: The Gregorian Association will hold a get-together. This will be followed by a dinner and raffle draw. Venue: Bangladesh Institute of Administrative Management.

Cultural Programme: Rabi Rashmi, a cultural organisation will hold an evening of Rabindra Sangeet. Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi. Time: 6:50 pm.

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By DU Correspondent

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Dhaka Bar members seek withdrawal of case filed under PSA

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Officials of the Dhaka Bar Association yesterday brought out a procession to protest the filing of the case and demanded that the case should be withdrawn immediately.

The false case was filed to harass the lawyers and activists supporting the opposition, they said.

According to them most of the lawyers whose names have been mentioned in the FIR were not even present at the venue when the incident took place.

The Kotwali police on Tuesday filed a case under Public Safety Act against 33 people including 20 lawyers all belonging to the opposition BNP on charges of ransacking court rooms of CMM's court and Dhaka District Judges Court.

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During the 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 of cases under the Public Safety Act, according to reports.

Bohni's body handed over to her father

From Staff Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Aug 23: A girl was burnt to death and her parents were seriously injured when some unidentified miscreants threw petrol on them and set fire to their house.

The incident occurred at Pirojpur village in Godagari upazila last night.

The miscreants sprayed petrol and set fire to the house when Samier Rahman, 50, the headmaster of Pirojpur High School, his wife Shamim Ara, 43, and their daughter Tamanna, 4, were sleeping. The miscreants threw petrol through the windows.

Hearing hue and cry, the neighbours rushed to the spot and rescued them. They were rushed to Premtoli Health Complex with serious burn injuries.

Tamanna succumbed to her injuries this morning.

The house was damaged and all the furniture and valuables were burnt to ashes.

A case was filed in this connection with Godagari thana court.

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Obituary

Syed Tawfiqul Husain, a retired electrical engineer, died of cardiac arrest at his residence on Tuesday. He was 67, says a press release.

He left behind his wife, two sons and a daughter to mourn his death.

Son of late Khan Shahab Syed Tajammal Ali of Dinajpur. His quirkiness will be held on August 26 after Asr prayers at his 6/C, Aminabadi Colony residence. Friends, relatives and admirers are requested to attend and pray for the departed soul.

Nazimur Rahman, a former member of the Rural Electrification Board died at his residence in city yesterday morning. He was 66, says a press release.

He was suffering from Parkinson's disease.

Rahman is survived by his wife, three daughters and two sons.

His *namaj-e-janaza* will be held at the Jame Mosque of Utara Sector No 7 after zohr prayers today.

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