

News

Country's population to cross 21cr in 2025

What's on today

Discussion: Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote will hold a discussion meeting to mark the National Mourning Day. Venue: National Museum auditorium. Time: 5pm.

Discussion meeting: Dakhin Bangla Jubo Kalyan Mujib Rahman. Venue: National Press Club, Ramna. Time: 5.00 pm.

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Discussion: On 'Media: Challenges in the 21st century', organised by PIB-Sohel Samad Memorial Trust. Venue: PIB auditorium. Time: 11 am.

Seminar: On MBA programme of Victoria University, Australia, organised by BETS Victoria Limited. Venue: BETS centre, House-55, Road-4A, Dhanmondi. Time: 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm and 5.30 pm to 8 pm.

Weather

Rain likely

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

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged during the period, Met office said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 34.7 degree Celsius was recorded at Chuadanga and the lowest of 24.3 degree at Cox's Bazar.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6.18 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.40 am.

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

City/Town	Temperature		Humidity in percentage		
	in Celsius	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	32.6	27.8	76	80	
Chittagong	30.5	25.2	83	92	
Rajshahi	33.4	26.8	79	84	
Khulna	32.0	27.0	87	78	
Barisal	31.0	26.0	89	88	
Sylhet	33.3	26.5	83	93	
Cox's Bazar	27.4	24.5	100	100	

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member team while Indian side led by BSF 52 No Battalion Commanding Officer Bhagaban Singh.

At the meeting BSF claimed one of their members, Ranajit Singh, who suffered bullet wounds during exchange of fire, died today.

A BDR high official gave the information during a recess of the meeting at about 8.00 pm.

But the BSF would not admit that they gunned down Bangladeshi national Nazrul Islam, 32, in Munglabari area at Burimari frontier, 95 km from the town, on Sunday, he said preferring anonymity.

Meanwhile, activities of northern region's second-largest landport, Burimari, remained suspended following the rising tensions.

Hundreds of trucks carrying imports, including perishable items, stranded inside Indian territories failing to cross the border through the transit point.

The bordering people were apprehending flare-ups any moment in view of the imbroglio.

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International Competitive Bidding

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Tender Notice

No 6(2000-2001)

Credit No. 2815-BD

IFB No. P-441/2000

Date: 20-08-2000

1. The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) in various currencies towards the cost of the Agricultural Research Management Project (ARMP). It is intended that part of the proceeds of this credit will be applied to eligible payments under the contract(s) for procurement of Laboratory Equipment, Apparatus and Glassware (Package G11 & 12) worth about Tk 40 lac.

2. Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BRRI), now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply of Laboratory Equipment, Apparatus and Glassware for Agricultural Research Management Project (ARMP) at Bangladesh Rice Research Institute, Gazipur 1701.

3. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the bidding documents at the office of Project Director, ARMP (BRRI Part), Bangladesh Rice Research Institute, Gazipur 1701. Phone: 9350125, Fax: 880-2-9350122.

4. A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the undersigned and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tk 600.00 (taka six hundred only) or US\$ 12 (twelve). *neither in cash or in Pay Order or Bank Draft from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh*. Bidders document will be available from 01-09-2000 at Accounts Section of BRRI. Bidders are requested to be present in a pre-bid conference on 26-09-2000 at 2 PM.

5. The provisions in the Instructions to Bidders and in the General Conditions of Contract are the provisions of the World Bank Standard Bidding Documents: Procurement of Goods (SBD) (including Corrigendum No. 1 dated October 6, 1996). The Sample Forms (except Price Schedules) of the SBD are also unchanged.

6. Bids must be delivered to the office of the undersigned on or before 03:00 PM on 12-10-2000 and must be accompanied by a security of 2% in the form and manner detailed in the instruction to bidders.

7. Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend at 03:15 PM on 12-10-2000 at the offices of Project Director, ARMP (BRRI Part) Gazipur 1701.

Dr NH Choudhury
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BRRI, Gazipur 1701

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Inclusion of mother's name made compulsory for identification

By Staff Correspondent

Writing the name of mother along with father's name for identification of a person, has been made compulsory by the government, said an official handout.

The Bangladesh Society for Enforcement of Human Rights (BSEHR) in a press release welcomed the decision and said that the organisation had filed a writ seeking the provision for writing names of both the parents while introducing a person on June 6 last year.

The high court had issued a rule on the secretaries of the ministries of home and law and on the DC of immigration.

The government decision was announced when the writ was waiting for its hearing in the High Court, said Alina Khan of BSEHR.

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Police and witnesses said a group of snatchers abducted trader Badsha Mia when he was getting on a bus bound for Aricha and took him to the roof of Sabed Ali market and robbed his cash, gold and silver.

Badsha of Charigram village in Bogra district came from Dhaka and made a half hent sell gold and silver.

He left behind his wife, one son, five daughters and a host of relatives and admirers.

Spl directive to curb crimes

The parliamentary standing committee on Home Ministry meeting yesterday issued special directive to the law enforcing agencies to curb with iron hand crimes, which have increased in the recent past, reports UNB.

While reviewing the law and order situation, the meeting felt that incidents of terrorism, secret killing, extortion, mugging, dacoity, stealing and armed clash have increased threatening security of life and property of the people. Law enforcing agencies must curb such incidents.

Presided over by committee chairman Mohammad Sayedul Haq the meeting was attended by Abdus Shahid, SM Mostafa Rashid, Tajul Islam, Jinnat Hossain, Khondakar Delwar Hossain, Sadeq Hossain and Hafizuddin Ahmed.

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PM's visit

role to reactivate it to "reduce tension between acrimonious India and Pakistan" is viewed with appreciation not only by the US but also by leading industrialised countries like Japan and European Union members. They view Dhaka's role as a "positive necessity for regional stability in a nucleated region", they said.

As a member of UN Security Council and one of the largest contributors to the UN Peace Keeping Force, Bangladesh is now playing an important role in the world forum. Its role will be of "crucial importance" in international conflict resolution and reforming the UN Security Council and the UN system.

As a member of the NAM Troika and the next Chairman of the 114-member Non-Aligned Movement, Bangladesh will have an "increasing international clout among the largest number of developing and populous nations", they said.

Because of Bangladesh's emerging international profile, the Prime Minister's visit is also expected to generate interest among Democrats and Republicans although it takes place prior to the US presidential polls, in November.

She will be accorded a warm reception in Washington amid a growing expectation among US companies to sign what they would like to call "mutually beneficial agreements", particularly in the oil and gas sector.

Keeping in mind next year's national election, the Prime Minister is learnt to be doing her "homework" before making any commitment in Washington.

Meanwhile, Sheikh Hasina leaves for New York on September 3 to attend the Millennium Summit of the United Nations. Over 100 heads of state or government will be in New York for the mega-event from September 6 to October 5.

Among others, Sheikh Hasina will hold meetings with the King of Jordan, Emir of Qatar, Presidents of Columbia and South Africa, Prime Minister of India and the Chief Executive of Pakistan, sources said.

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Volunteers in different places in Bangladesh including Teachers Training Centres and in NGOs.

Schneider said the Peace Corps Volunteers are working to promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples they serve and to promote a better understanding of other people on the part of the Americans.

Since the founding of the Peace Corps by late President John F Kennedy in 1961, it has been able to send as many as 1,55,000 Volunteers and trainees to different part of the world. Currently, there are some 7000 Volunteers, 61 per cent of whom are females.

Michael Bedford, Country Director of the Peace Corps in Bangladesh and John Kinnucan, Director of USIS were present at the news conference, which was also attended by some Peace Corps Volunteers.

Among them, Kathryn Laplante, Raney Rayos and Don Mayer, who are working in Bangladesh after having completed their studies in the US, spoke briefly about their work with different organisations. They said they found their work very enjoyable and rewarding and would be taking their cultural experience back to the US to relate to and narrate to their friends and neighbours.

The Volunteers said they were able to empathise with the people of Bangladesh by getting to work closely with them. Each of the Volunteers receive an allowance of 80 US dollars for meeting their food and living costs. One Volunteer said the money was sufficient as they lived in the same conditions as the locals did.

The Peace Corps Director and his wife are both former Peace Corps Volunteers and worked previously in El Salvador.

Mark Schneider said that of the 7000 Volunteers working now in 76 countries, the largest segment of nearly 38 per cent worked in the field of education, 28 per cent in the field of health while the third largest segment was engaged in the field of environment.

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