

## What's on today.....

**Publication ceremony:** Zia-Khaleda Research Council (ZRC) will hold the publication ceremony of Alamgir Kabir MP's *Amar Bangladesh Amar Bhania*. Chief guest: BNP leader Dr AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury. Venue: VIP lounge of National Press Club. Time: 5.00 pm.

## ..... and tomorrow

**Jamdani Exhibition:** A weeklong exhibition of "Sonargaon Jamdani" sarees will be inaugurated. Organiser: Bangladesh Sanjukt Tanti Samity (BSTS). Venue: Eurotouch, Rame House NW (J)-2 Kamal Ataturk Avenue, Gulshan-2. Time: 11.00 am.

**Seminar:** Cultural Centre of Islamic Republic of Iran and Islamic Academy of Darul Ihsan University will jointly organise a seminar on "Mysticism of Maulana Rumi". Venue: Cultural Centre's auditorium, House No 54, Rd No 8/A, Dhannomdi. Time: 4.45 pm.

## Weather

## Moderate falls likely

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

Moderately heavy falls is likely at places over Chittagong division during the period. Met office said.

The country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 34.6 degree Celsius was recorded at Jessore and the lowest 24.0 degree at Barisal.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6.14pm and rises tomorrow at 5.41 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 32.4 Min 26.9	82
Chittagong	32.6 24.4	78
Rajshahi	30.2 25.0	92
Khulna	33.5 24.5	81
Barisal	31.0 24.0	79
Sylhet	34.0 26.2	79
Cox's Bazar	31.2 25.2	93



Rotary and Inner Wheel Clubs of Metropolitan Dhaka jointly launched a "Clean Dhaka" programme yesterday at Abahani field at Dhannomdi. Mostafa Zaman Abbasi, a past district governor of Rotary District 3280 and other rotary and inner wheel club leaders are seen in the picture handing spray machines to cleaners. The project will be financed by the two clubs.

## Two clubs begin cleanliness drive in city

Joining hands with the Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) for a neat and clean Dhaka and keeping sound environment for the city-dwellers, two private organisations began a cleanliness drive in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

Under the three-month campaign, Rotary Club of Metropolitan Dhaka and Inner Wheel Club of Metropolitan Dhaka jointly employed four personnel for clearing garbage in city's Dhannomdi area.

They supplied spray machines for destroying mosquito larvae, garbage van and other necessary equipment besides paying monthly salary to the cleaners.

## Book on deprivation of Hindus under Vested Property Act out on Sept 8

By Staff Correspondent

More than 10 lakh families of Hindu community in the country have 21 lakh acres of land and other property, worth at least Tk 150,520 cr at current market value, under the Vested Property Act in the last 35 years.

This was revealed in a book titled "An Inquiry into Causes and Consequences of Deprivation of Hindu Minorities in Bangladesh through the Vested Property Act: Framework for a Realistic Solution".

The book also says that the act is against the national interest as well as the country's constitution, declaration of independence and all kinds of human rights.

The book is authored by noted economist Prof Abul Barakat after a research of five years. Seven other researchers assisted Prof Barakat in conducting study in association with Prip Trust and Association for Land Reform and Development (ALRD).

The publication ceremony of the book will be held on September 8.

## Results of CS exams

The Council of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Managers of Bangladesh (ICSMB) in its meeting held yesterday announced the results of the Chartered Secretary Winter Session-2000 examination held in July, 2000, says a press release.

Roll numbers of the successful candidates are as follows:

C.S Inter. Level I: Roll No. = 1-02, 1-07, 1-11, 1-13, 1-15, 1-18, 1-29, 1-32, 1-34, 1-46, 1-48, 1-51, & 1-57. Total 13 candidates.

C.S Inter. Level II: Roll No. = 1-05, 1-14, 1-16, 1-17, 1-33 & 1-45. Total 06 candidates.

C.S Inter. Level III: Roll No. = 1-04, 1-10, 1-19, 1-24, 1-28, 1-42, 1-53, 1-55, 1-61 & 1-65. Total 10 candidates.

C.S Inter. Qualified: Roll No. = 1-08, 1-09, 1-38, 1-39, 1-56, 1-58, 1-59, 1-62 & 1-66. Total 09 candidates.

C.S Final Group I: Roll No. = F-01, F-05, F-07, F-08 & F-16. Total 05 candidates.

C.S Final Group II: Roll No. = F-02, F-06, F-09, F-10, F-11, F-12, F-13 & F-15. Total 08 candidates.

Successful candidates are requested to contact the Institute's office immediately for their admission in the next level group. The coaching classes for the next session of the Institute will commence from 16 September 2000.

## Urs

The 52nd death anniversary of Shah Sufi Khwaja Baba Enayetur (QA) and the *Jama'at Sani Urs* will be held on September 5 at Banani Chairmenbari premises in the city, reports BSS.

Biswa Zaker Monjil of Faridpur will also observe the day.

Hazrat Moulana Syed Shah Sufi Khwazababa Faridpur, Peer Shaheb of Biswa Zaker Monjil used to observe this day in Atrashi of Faridpur previously. This year for the second time the day will be observed at Banani in the city.

Zakerans and Ashekans from the different parts of the country will attend the Urs.

The programme will begin tomorrow at Banani. The programme includes recitation from Quran, *zikir*, *milad-mahfil*, *fatehas*, *hifaz* prayers and *uaz nashit*.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina giving out certificates at the passing out ceremony of the trainee Assistant Police Supers (APSPs) of the 18th BCS batch at Chemney Memorial Hall at Sharda Police Academy in Rajshahi yesterday. — Star photo

## BSEHR to move Nishi murder case

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh Society for the Enforcement of Human Rights (BSEHR) will move the murder case of five-year-old Nishi Akhtar, said a press release.

It said the decision was taken so that the case to be filed by the government does not get diverted.

Justice Sultan Hossain Khan and Sigma Huda, President and General Secretary respectively of the organisation, expressed deep concern over the brutal murder and demanded exemplary punishment of the accused.

Nishi died of infection following burn injuries on Friday at a city hospital after her mother's employer, Anwar and Nasreen, had allegedly poured boiling lentil soup on her as punishment for defecating in the kitchen. Nishi's mother, Syria Begum, worked as a house maid at Hossain's residence in Kadamtoli under Shyampur thana.

Meanwhile, Shyampur thana police produced both the accused, Anwar Hossain and his wife Nasreen Begum, before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court yesterday. The court granted the police a two-day remand of the accused for interrogation.

## JU convocation Jan 10

The second general convocation of Jahangirnagar University (JU) will be held on January 10 next year, official sources said, reports UNB.

The decision was taken in a meeting of JU Syndicate on August 27 chaired by Vice Chancellor Prof Abdul Bayes.

Chancellor of the university President Shahabuddin Ahmed will be present in the convocation.

The first convocation was held in 1996.

University authorities have formed a 22-member committee headed by its vice chancellor to make the convocation a success, sources said.

Those who completed their Masters from the university from 1992 to 1996 and Honours graduation from 1992 to 1998 are eligible to take part in the convocation.

## Sirajganj

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nalists, teachers, doctors, prominent persons and government officials -- to monitor progress of the centres.

At the end of the six-month long course, an examination will be held and the results will determine our success rate," he said.

In addition to those in the target age group, older people in many areas have joined the programme.

Sujabat Ali, 50, a day labourer, said he and his friends joined a centre although they do not belong to the specified age group.

"Earlier, I had to use leaf of a jackfruit tree, oil and kerosene lamp to create 'ink' for giving thumb impression on a paper. But now I can hold a pen and write my name. I am proud of it," he said with a smile.

## 4 freedom fighters buried with state honour at Sirajganj

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Sept 2: The four freedom fighters and leaders of JSD Sirajganj district unit, who were killed in a tragic road accident in Bogra on Friday, were buried at their respective family graveyards today with state honour.

The killed freedom fighters were Abdul Aziz Mirza, 55, general secretary of JSD district unit, Mosharraf Hossain Master, 65, former president of the district unit, Mamunur Rashid, 44, joint secretary of the unit and Golzar Hossain Salam, 35, member of Sahajadpur thana committee.

At the funeral, held at the Sirajganj University College ground after the Zohr prayers, bugle was played to pay homage to the freedom fighters while, policemen saluted the coffins, which were covered with national flags.

## In August 258 murdered, 60 women, children raped

At least 258 were murdered and 60 women and children raped across the country during the month of August, reports UNB.

The figure compiled from reports published in national dailies and information received from the own sources of the Institute of Democratic Rights (IDR).

IDR in a press release yesterday said overall crime rate has increased during the last month. Of the total killing, 187 were male and 71 female, showing 8 people fell victim of secret killing everyday.

## PM leaves for NY tonight

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three-day summit will draw more than 150 world leaders for making deliberations on the world community's future.

A UN official said the summit would produce a determination to lift more than one billion people out of extreme poverty by 2015, to ensure that all children everywhere could complete primary school education by that date and to reverse the HIV/AIDS epidemic by 2010.

Summit leaders in the UN Headquarters will each deliver a five-minute public speech and take part in one three-hour off-the-record roundtable discussion on complex issues now facing the world.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will be the third among the heads of government to make her five-minute speech on the opening day of the summit.

She will participate in the Third Round Table on the themes "The United Nations in the 21st Century".

Within the summit, several mini-summits have been planned. Leaders of the 15 countries on the Security Council will discuss peacekeeping issues, especially on Africa on

## Workers of 9 govt jute mills observe hunger strike in Khulna

From Our Correspondent

KHULNA, Sept 2: Workers and employees of nine state owned jute mills observed a 9-hour token hunger strike from 8 am today to realise their 7-point demand, reports UNB.

The hunger strike was observed at the call of Khulna-Jessore Regional Sangram Parishad of Jute, Spinning & Textile Mills workers.

The labour leaders announced a 48-hour strike and rail-road barricade on September 11-12 to press home their demands.

The demands include, implementation of Wages' Commission Report, and regularisation of service of workers and employees working on master-roll.

## Bldg collapse in UP kills 24

NEW DELHI, Sept 2: An old locomotive shed being demolished at a railroad station in a northern Indian town collapsed on workers today, killing at least 24 people, doctors said, reports AP.

At least 10 people were injured in the building collapse in Tundia in the northern Uttar Pradesh State, 175 kilometres southeast of New Delhi.

" Bulldozers were being used to demolish the locomotive shed and the old concrete arch collapsed on the labourers," said RM Gupta, the chief controller at the railway station.

There were also several bystanders who were watching and got killed," Gupta told The Associated Press by telephone.

At the site, rescue workers were trying to pull out bodies and possible survivors, said Dr AK Jha, speaking on an emergency telephone line at the wreckage site. Jha is supervising the relief.

## Young man shot in the city

By Staff Correspondent

A young man was hospitalised with bullet injury yesterday morning.

Sources said, Liton, 26 was shot in the chest while on his way to visit his relatives. The incident occurred at around 10:30 near Faridabad bus stand. Passersby took Liton, a college student from Shariatpur district, to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

It could not be known why or how he was shot.

When contacted, Sutrapur thana said they had no received no news regarding the incident.

## 11-party stages demonstration today

The 11-party will stage demonstration at Mukhtangan in the city today demanding electoral reform and a meaningful election free from the influence of money and muscle, reports UNB.

As part of the programme, the 11-party will hold a rally and bring out a protest procession.

## HSC results

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following specific allegations about elevating the two students to the merit list through "forgery and corruption".

The probe committee found the allegations true and submitted its report with recommendations in March 1999.

Police in a raid on the Mehediagh residence of Prof Saidul Hasan Khan recovered some answer scripts, questions and other documents of the board last week.

## BTB

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spondent that they are ready to start work as soon as permission is available. It was earlier planned that Rangunia would be connected with Chittagong in October-December this year, with Dhaka in January-March and with the Philippines in April-June next year.

"We offered to BTB that if it can provide us with the infrastructure within the stipulated period, we would use it on rent. If they can not, we requested them to allow us to do it at our own expense and they would be allowed to use our infrastructure if they want", the MD of Chittagong Industrial Park said.

The area of Rangunia EPZ is 171 acres now. There is a plan to expand it to over 1000 acres in three phases.

To be set up at a cost of 40 million US dollars, the private EPZ is expected draw investments worth 500 million US dollar and create 50, 000 employment opportunities directly and 120,000 indirectly.

The EPZ will accommodate 80 small and medium size industries and 20 large industries. Priority will be given to environment-friendly and backward linkage industries.

## Tidal surge

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and bodies of four of them were later found near Cox's Bazar coast.

Kutcha houses along the coast from Cox's Bazar to Barisal were damaged by the tidal surge.

The Bay still remained rough and warning signal number three was kept hoisted at Cox's Bazar and Chittagong and Mongla ports yesterday, Met Office said.

Director of Meteorological Department Ershad Hossain told this correspondent heavy formation of cloud over the Bay continues to pose a danger to fishermen and for this the warning signal remained hoisted.

The reason for the surge was a well-marked low brewing in the North Bay and rolling towards the West Bay, Hossain said.

It coincided with an active monsoon that gathered strength after a lull. The cloud mass lowered the pressure, turning it into a well-marked low that whipped up high winds.

He said it also pushed the astronomical high tide on the last day of the dark fortnight above its normal height on Tuesday night, turning the weather in element from the afternoon of Wednesday.

The situation was not unusual during this time of the season, he added.

Met office said the low started making a 'landfall' in West Bengal on Thursday, triggering heavy rains along its path. It now hangs as a land depression over Bihar in India and northern Rajasthan.

Under its influence, there were rains mainly in coastal districts and Dhaka and Sylhet regions yesterday, it said and forecast rains over Dhaka, Rajshahi, Khulna and Chittagong divisions today.

## SL opposition

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had not discussed the bill with all political parties and the rebels, Kumaratunga subsequently dissolved Parliament on Aug 18 and ordered parliamentary elections.

Wickremesinghe's party lost in 1994 to Kumaratunga's PA after governing for 17 years.

Her People's Alliance is treating the ethnic war as its top priority in the election campaign. Nominations end Tuesday, when active campaigning is expected to begin.

## Congratulations



## Sumi stands 2nd among girls in science group under RB

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Sept 2: Kamrunnahr Talukder Sumi of Sirajganj Government University College has secured the second position in the merit list of girls in science group under Rajshahi Board in this year's HSC exams.

She has obtained 883 marks with distinctions in 3 subjects.

Sumi is the daughter of Abdul Qudus Talukder, an upazila rural development officer and Salmia Khatun, a school teacher.

She says the inspiration behind her hard work has been her parents and college principal.

Sumi aspires to be a computer engineer in future.



## Mohsina stands fifth in DB Humanities

From Our Correspondent

MYMENSINGH, Sept 2: Mohsina Hossain of Myemensingh Girls Cadet College has stood fifth in the combined merit list of Humanities group under Dhaka Board in this year's HSC examination.

She secured 826 marks with distinctions in two subjects.

Mohsina is the daughter of Dr Muazzem Hossain, an Assistant Commissioner (Tax) and Rehana Hossain.



## Moni stands 10th in DB Humanities

From Our Correspondent

MYMENSINGH, Sept 2: Ishrat Jahan Moni of Myemensingh Girls Cadet College has stood 10th in the combined merit list of Humanities group under Dhaka Board in this year's HSC exams.

She secured 804 marks with distinctions in three subjects.

Moni is the daughter of Ishak Ali Sarker and Rokeya Begum of Hori Kishore Roy Road in Myemensingh town.



## Nazmul wants to join the army

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Aug 28: Md. Nazmul Hasan Rajib of Barisal Cadet College secured 9th place in the HSC examination under Humanities Group under Jessore Education Board this year.

He obtained 861 marks with distinction in three subjects.

Nazmul stood first from Humanities Group in the SSC examination of 1998.

His father Abdul Khaleque Fakir is a senior teacher of Nalchiti Merchant Secondary School at Nalchiti under Jhalakati district. Nazmul is the eldest among three children.

Nazmul, who wants to join Bangladesh Army in future, loves reading books.



## Misha stands second in DB Humanities

From Our Correspondent

MYMENSINGH, Sept 2: Farzana Akhter Misha of Myemensingh Girls Cadet College has stood second in the combined merit list of Humanities group under Dhaka Board in this year's HSC exams.

She obtained 843 marks with distinctions in two subjects.

Misha is the daughter of Prof Dr Hafizur Rahman of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) and Tahmina Hafiz.

She likes to read books, listen to music and paint.

Misha wants to pursue higher studies in Economics or English Literature.



## Tania stands 9th in DB Humanities

From Our Correspondent

MYMENSINGH, Sept 2: Tania Tasnuva of Myemensingh Girls Cadet College has stood 9th position in the combined merit list of Humanities group under Dhaka Board in this year's HSC exams.

She has secured 808 marks with distinctions in two subjects.

Tania is the daughter of Abdul Baten and Lutfur Nahar of Islampur Road in Dhaka.



## Tarek wants to be a computer engineer

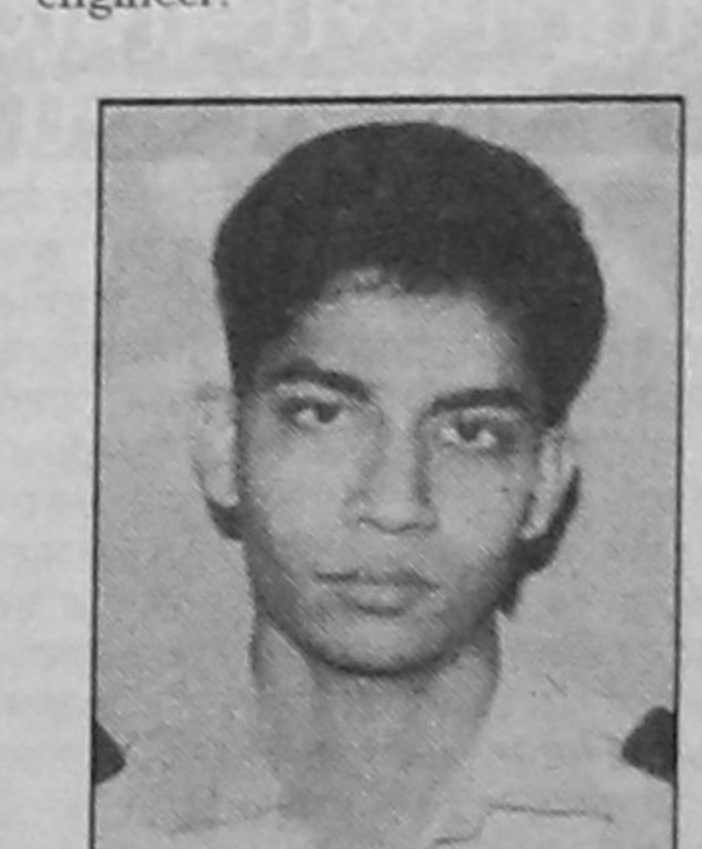
From Our Correspondent

MYMENSINGH, Sept 2: Tarek Hossain of Mirzapor Cadet College has stood 10th in the combined merit list of science group under Dhaka Board in this year's HSC exams, says a press release.

He secured 928 marks with distinctions in four subjects.

Tarek is the son of Col (Dr) Md Rabul Hossain of CMH and Dr Sharifun Nessa of Holy Family Red Crescent Hospital.

Tarek, who stood 20th position in the SSC examinations in 1998, wants to be a computer engineer.



## Shaheed wants a career in the army

From Our Correspondent

BARISAL, Sept 2: Md Shaheed Uddin of Barisal Cadet College stood 10th in the combined merit list of science group under Jessore Board in this year's HSC exams.

He obtained a total of 914 marks with distinctions in four subjects.

Shaheed is the eldest son of Md Saleh Uddin, an advocate at Charfason of Bhola.

He loves to read books, th Shaheed, who stood 5th in his SSC exams in 1998, wants to join the army in future.



Ahmed Akbar Sobhan, President of the Bangladesh Cement Manufacturers Association, addressing a press conference at the Dhaka Club family lounge yesterday. —Star photo