

What's on today.....

Consultation meeting: Save the children, UK will hold a consultation meeting with children as part of its series of initiatives on Justice for Children. Venue: LGED Bhaban auditorium. Time: 9.30 am-1.30 pm.

Exhibition: The second solo news exhibition of freelance journalist Shahiduzzaman Badal will be inaugurated. Venue: Gallery of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Road. Time: 5.30 pm.

Film show: Rainbow Film Society will screen *My Name is Joe* by Ken Loach and *Nadro* by Luana Massetti. Venue: Goethe Institut, House No 10, Rd No 9, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 5.30 pm.

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BNPS discussion: Bangladesh Nari Progoti Sangha (BNPS) will hold a discussion on the various problems faced by women workers and different steps taken by government and non-government organisations to combat these situations. Chief guest: Minister for Labour and Employment MA Mannu. Venue: Women's Voluntary Organisation, House No 20, Rd No 27 (Old), 16 (New), Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 9.30 am.

Seminar: Concern Bangladesh will hold a "Dissemination Seminar on Social Assessment of HIV/AIDS in Bangladesh." The study has been conducted by Concern Bangladesh and READ, sponsored by the World Bank. Venue: IDB Bangla auditorium (fourth floor), E/8-A, Rokeya Sharani, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar. Time: 9.30 am-1.00 pm.

AMA Technohaven seminar: AMA Technohaven, a computer training centre, will hold a seminar on "How to build a successful career in IT". Venue: Government Science College, Farmgate. Time: 11.00 am.

Inauguration: The inaugural ceremony of "Temporal Bone Dissection Laboratory" in the premises of specialised ENT Hospital (SENTH) of Society for Assistance to Hearing Impaired Children (SAHIC) will be held. Chief guest: Speaker Humayun Rasheed Chowdhury. Venue: Conference Hall of National Centre for Hearing and Speech for Children, Mohakhali. Time: 11.00 am.

Bonsai exhibition: Bangladesh Bonsai Society will hold the second annual Bonsai Exhibition. Venue: Banquet Hall of BRAC Centre Inn, 75, Mohakhali. Time: 5.00 pm.

Film show: Rainbow Film Society in association with Goethe Institut will screen *Village of Dreams* by Yoichi Higashi and *Tokyo Story* by Ozu Yasujiro. Venue: Goethe Institut, House No 10, Rd No 9, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 5.30 pm.

Weather

Light rain likely

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

Moderately heavy falls may occur at places over Chittagong and Barisal divisions, met office said forecasting possibly unchanged day temperature over the country during the period.

The country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 33.4 degree Celsius at Majdee Court and Dinajpur and the lowest 21.5 degree Celsius at Barisal.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6.11 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.42 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	32.8	25.5	82	71
Chittagong	30.8	22.0	86	88
Rajshahi	33.0	24.6	86	90
Khulna	33.0	23.5	97	84
Barisal	32.5	21.5	83	82
Sylhet	30.5	24.0	93	85
Cox's Bazar	31.2	25.0	85	..



Dr Ibrahim's anniversary of death today

By Staff Correspondent
The eleventh death anniversary of National Professor Mohammad Ibrahim, will be observed today.

Doctor Ibrahim, the founder of Bangladesh Diabetes Society (BDS), died of cardiac in 1989.

On the occasion, Bangladesh Diabetes Society has taken up various programmes, including placing wreaths at the mazar of the doctor at Banani graveyard in the morning.

BDS has been observing the day as the "National Diabetes Service Day" since his death.

A commemorative meeting will be held at BIRDEM auditorium at 5 pm where noted personalities of the country will talk about the life and contribution of the late doctor.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim will be the chief guest of the meeting to be presided over by the president of BDS Prof Wahid Uddin Ahmed.

A *milad mahfil* will be held at BIRDEM after *Magrib* prayers. *Fateha* and *doa* will also be offered at the doctor's mazar.

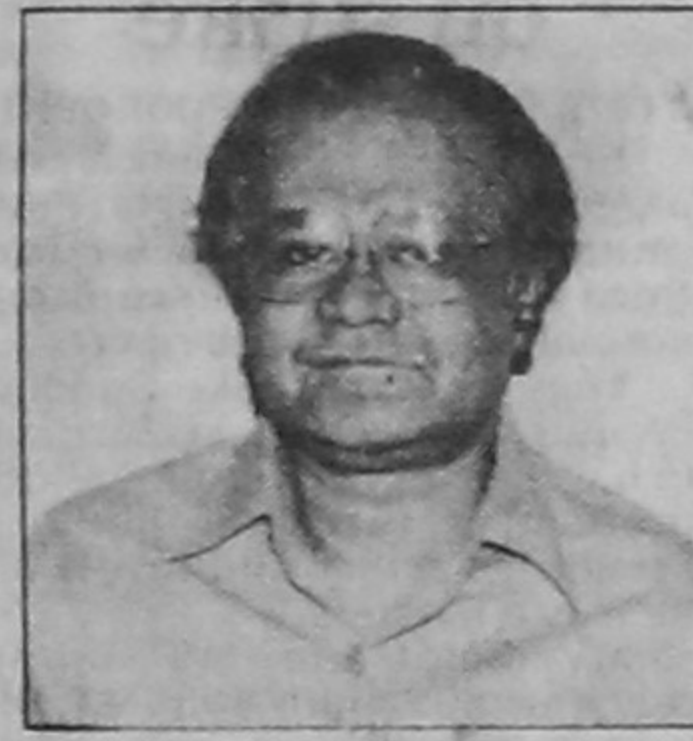
Meanwhile, a free diabetes screening programme will be held at Outdoor of BIRDEM hospital from 8 am to 11 am today.

Interested persons have been requested to be for the test on an empty stomach.

Aquarium show begins in city
By DU Correspondent

A week-long modern aquarium exhibition began in the city's Rina Auditorium at 22/2 Sonargang Road yesterday.

American Aquarium Project, an exporter-importer and manufacturer of quality aquarium, organised the exhibition, said a press release.



Dr Mahbubul Huq dead

Engineer Dr. Mahbubul Huq, a valiant freedom fighter and director of the Bangladesh T and T Board, died of cardiac arrest at a local clinic early yesterday morning. He was 55, reports BSS.

He is survived by wife, one son, two daughters and a large number of colleagues, admirers, and relations to mourn his death.

All officials and employees of Bangladesh T and T Board expressed their deep shock at the death of Dr Huq.

Qulqhwani of Dr Huq will be held on Friday after *Asr* prayers at Azimur T&T Officers Quarter.



Death anniversary

The 4th death anniversary of social worker Chowdhury Mustafa Allahma, former chairperson of Mustafa Allahma Gold Cup Foundation will be observed today in Dhaka and Sylhet, says a press release.

She was the wife of ex-British Indian Army officer late Allahma Ataur Rahman Chowdhury and mother of freedom fighter, sports organiser and journalist Mustafa Allahma.

To mark the death anniversary, *Milad Mahfil* and *Qurankhwani* will be held at her Eskaton residence in the city and also at Deulagram Allahmanagar residence in Sylhet.



Visitors at an exhibition of Benarasi saree at the Property Plaza at New Circular Road in the city. Property Development Limited organised the show. — Star photo

Benarasi Saree fair begins

A month-long Benarasi Saree fair organised by Property Development Limited began at Property Plaza near Mouchak Square in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

State Minister for Women and Children Affairs Prof Zinatun Nesa Talukdar inaugurated the fair.

Prof Panna Kaiser, MP, and chairman of Property Development Ltd and Lt Col Mahtabuddin Ahmed (ret'd) were also present.

BCL activists attack 3 of DU Mohsin Hall

By DU Correspondent

A group of activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and residents of Mohsin Hall of the Dhaka University attacked three of their rivals with sharp weapons in front of the Arts Building on the campus on Monday night.

The injured were identified as Hasib of History Dept, Farik of Sociology and Ruhul. All are students of the first year of the university and residents of the hall.

JS session

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The bill was placed in the House in the last session and is now lying with the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Law Ministry for scrutiny.

The committee may submit the bill in the House or seek time for further scrutiny, sources said.

Passage of the bill needs constitutional amendment, which requires vote by two-thirds majority.

The government is likely to introduce several other bills including three seeking further amendments to the Bandarban, Khagrachhari and Rangamati hill district councils. Thirteen other bills, introduced earlier, may also be considered by the House in the session.

The ruling Awami League is likely to seek general discussions in the House on the reported attempt on the life Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and some sensational killings recently.

Before leaving for the US, the PM directed her party colleagues, especially the ministers and whips, to attend the session regularly and ensure quorum, a crisis that became acute since the opposition boycotted.

The quorum crisis became acute whenever the Leader of the House remained absent.

Tk 70cr project taken Govt committed to saving Buriganga: Razzak

Water Resources Minister Abdul Razzak yesterday said the government is committed to saving the river Buriganga by evicting all illegal occupants from its banks, reports BSS.

"The government has taken a project at a cost of Taka 70 crore in this regard," he said while presiding over the 10th meeting of the steering committee of the Dhaka Integrated Flood Protection Project (DIFPP) in the conference room of the Water Resources Ministry.

Public Works and Housing Minister Engr Mosharraf Hossain, State Minister for Land Rashed Mosharraf, Water Resources Secretary Azad Ruhul Amin, Public Works and Housing Secretary Kamrul Islam Siddiqui, Land Secretary Saiful Islam, Chairman of Rajuk Azizul Haque and Director

Int'l Day of Peace observed

The International Day of Peace was observed yesterday with a renewed commitment by 185 member countries of the United Nations, including Bangladesh, to the common goal of establishing a peaceful world through economic and social advancement of all and maintenance of the international security, reports BSS.

Opposition

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Haq will address the rally. Khaleda Zia will announce fresh programmes from the meeting.

Chaired by BNP Vice Chairman M Shamsul Islam MP yesterday's CLC meeting discussed holding of grand rallies of the four parties in major cities and towns like Sylhet, Barisal, Rangpur, Comilla and Mymensingh this month.

CLC sources said the alliance has no plan to call hartal this month, but it will not hesitate to announce hartal and other tougher action programmes if the situation demands.

BNP leaders Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain MP, Anwar Zahid, Mirza Abbas and Sadek Hossain Khoka MP, JP leaders ABM Golam Mostafa, Mostafa Jamal Haidar and Saifur Rahman, Jamaat leaders Ali Ahsan Mujahid, Mohammad Kamaruzzaman, Abdul Qader Mollah and ATM Azharul Islam, and IOJ leaders Fazlul Haq Aminul, IOJ Abdul Matin and Abdul Latif Nazami attended the CLC meeting yesterday.

Lofty goal for global peace

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Africa is in turmoil, with Congo's peace unraveling and the Sierra Leone government fighting rebels. In Asia, Afghanistan is still engulfed in civil war and East Timor is still threatened by pro-Indonesian militias intent on undermining its move toward independence.

In Europe, Serbia's Kosovo province is beset by continuing violence between the ethnic Albanian majority and the Serb minority.

For the Mideast Peace talks, the Millennium Summit is seen as a make-or-break moment. Clinton was to hold separate talks tomorrow with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Barak, who arrived yesterday for a meeting with UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, seemed cautious about meeting the Sept 13 deadline for a peace treaty with the Palestinians. Barak said a crossroad has been reached in talks, and while opportunities were great, time for concluding a deal was running short.

New York police are confident the 41,000-strong department - the largest in the nation - can handle any situation, and there will not be a repeat of last November's World Trade Organisation gathering in Seattle, where police were overwhelmed by protesters.

There were peaceful protests yesterday against Iranian President Mohammed Khatami, who spoke at the United Na-

tions. But four Iranians were arrested over the weekend for throwing yellow paint and another for disorderly conduct in separate protests against Khatami, police said.

Yellow is "the colour of dismay, the colour of disapproval," according to the National Council of Resistance of Iran, which bills itself as Iran's parliament-in-exile. The group denied involvement in the attacks.

There were also three separate bomb threats at the hotel where Khatami was staying, but the suspicious packages were found to be harmless, police said.

Specific targets

The draft declaration sets a number of specific targets for world leaders.

- Cutting in half by the year 2015 the proportion of the world's people whose income is less than one dollar a day, and the number of people who do not have safe drinking water.

- Ensuring by 2015 that boys and girls everywhere will be able to complete primary school, and that both sexes have equal access to education.

- Halting and starting to reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS and the scourge of malaria and other major diseases by 2015.

- Significantly improving the lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers by 2020.

An entire section of the draft declaration is dedicated to Africa, with leaders resolving to help the continent eradicate

poverty and promote development.

The United States balked at calls on the world's wealthy countries to cancel all the official debts of the poorest countries and to adopt policies of duty-free and quota-free access for exports from the least developed countries.

But the draft declaration calls on industrialised countries to adopt, preferably by May 2001, a policy of duty and quota-free access for essentially all exports from the least developed countries.

It also calls on industrialised countries to quickly implement a programme of debt relief for the poorest countries and agree to cancel all their bilateral debts if they make commitments to reduce poverty.

On another contentious issue - sanctions - leaders pledge in the draft "to minimise the adverse effects of United Nations economic sanctions on innocent populations."

Russia, China, France and other nations maintain that the UN economic sanctions imposed on Iraq after its 1990 invasion of Kuwait have seriously affected the health and education of Iraqi children but the United States maintains Iraq's leader Saddam Hussein is to blame.

The leaders also pledge to act against international terrorism, redouble efforts to counter the world drug problem and intensify the campaign against cross-border crime.

PM: Summit

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here. The Bangladesh prime minister as the spokesman of the LDCs and the next Chairperson of NAM is expected to speak about her vision and mission to meet the challenges of the new century for making the world safer and poverty-free.

Sheikh Hasina, who will deliver her address in Bangla, is also expected to focus on the needs of maintaining international and regional stability and a greater role for the United Nations in conflict resolution through its influence and its peace keeping missions.

She will also speak about the need for meeting the challenges of poverty with particular reference to South Asia, home to half of the world's poor.

Talking to UNB in New York, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury said the summit is of seminal significance for Bangladesh since its economy poised to meet the opportunities of globalisation as well as its commitment to peacekeeping, being the second-largest contributor to such policing operations.

Prime Minister Hasina is expected to relate the principle of equality and call for specific application of the WTO regime.

DoE holds condolence meet for Hamid

By Staff Correspondent

Officials and employees of the Department of Environment (DoE) yesterday held a condolence meeting at the DoE auditorium and discussed the life and works of late Abdul Hamid.

They expressed deep shock at the death of the retired director of DoE and offered munajat seeking salvation of the departed soul.

They observed one-minute silence to show respect to the renowned freedom fighter and expressed deep sympathy to members of the bereaved family.

Abdul Hamid died at a city hospital on Monday and was laid to rest at the Martyrs Intellectual Graveyard.

Qulqhwani of Abdul Hamid will be held at his father's residence (1/10, Block-C, Lalmaia) on Friday after the *Asr* prayers.

BCU reception for freshers at DU today

By DU Correspondent

The award giving ceremony of Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) organised cultural and literary competition and its freshers' reception will be held at the Arts Building premises of the Dhaka University today.

A total of 150 students took part in the nine events of the two-day long competition of the left leaning student organisation.

Death anniversary of FF Afsar Uddin Ahmed today

The seventh death anniversary of valiant freedom fighter Major Afsar Uddin Ahmed will be observed today at Valuka in Mymensingh district, reports BSS.

In observance of the day, a *Milad Mahfil* and a memorial meeting will be held on the Valuka Government Girls' High School premises at 3 pm.

Fisheries and Livestock Minister ASM Abdul Rab will be present at the meeting as the chief guest, while State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Prof Dr M Amanullah as special guest.



Prof Noman's death anniversary today

The fourth death anniversary of late Prof Mohammed Noman, a noted educationist, former Vice-Chancellor of Jahangirnagar University and former Principal of Dhaka College will be observed today, says a press release.

To mark the occasion *Qurankhwani* and *milad mahfil* will be held at his own residence and at the residences of his brothers. Food will also be distributed in the orphanages and among the destitutes and a special munajat will be offered at the Mosque.

Prof Noman Smriti Foundation has taken up an elaborate programme including a discussion meeting on the life and works of Prof Noman and distribution of food among the destitutes.

Correction

The aircraft mentioned in the report on Biman DC-10 develops trouble at Heathrow, published on September 4 was an Airbus A310 not DC-10, says a press release of Biman.

Congratulations



Lima wants to be a Chartered Accountant

From Our Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Sept 5: Mahbuba of Ispahani Public School and College Lema has topped the combined merit list of commerce group under Chittagong Board in this year's HSC examination.

She secured 832 marks with distinctions in two subjects.

Lima is the daughter of Enayet Ullah, a civil engineer and Waheda Begum.

Lima enjoys cricket and reading books in leisure and has a strong dislike for student politics.

She wants to be a Chartered Accountant in future.



Rubel says 'no' to student politics

From Our Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Sept 5: Sallim Akhter Chowdhury (Rubel) stood first in the combined merit list of the science group under Chittagong Board in this year's HSC examinations.

He secured 928 marks with distinctions in four subjects.

He is grateful to his parents and teachers for helping him achieve his extraordinary result.

Rubel is the eldest son of Akhter Jamal Chowdhury, Chairman of Paroyakora Union Parishad of Anowara thana in Chittagong and a businessman, and Ferdous Ara a housewife.

Rubel, who is a fan of cricket, finds no interest in student politics.

Nishat tops Commerce group under CB

From Our Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Sept 5: Nishat Sultana of Chittagong Government College stood first in the Humanities group under Chittagong Board in this year's HSC examinations.

She obtained 813 marks with distinctions in two subjects.

Nishat is the youngest daughter of Md Islam, an assistant manager of Shadaran Bina Corporation.

She enjoys poetry, is a fan of cricket and loathes student politics.

Nishat topped the Humanities group under the same board in her SSC examinations.



Sharmeen stands 2nd in Humanities under CB

Sharmeen Sultana (Rony) of Chittagong Government College has stood second in the combined merit list of Humanities group under Chittagong Board in this year's HSC examination.

She obtained 787 marks with distinctions in two subjects, says a press release.

Sharmeen also secured 3rd position in the combined merit list of Humanities group in her SSC examination in 1998 from the same board.

Sharmeen is the youngest daughter of Md. Ataur Rahman, Vice President, IFIC Bank Limited, Agrabad Branch, Chittagong and Baby Rahman.

She wants to pursue higher studies in English Literature.

Noor wants to study English literature

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Sept 5: Only hard work and sincerity to one's work can bring good results in all respect, says Md Noor Islam of Raicharan-Tarincharan College of the district.

Noor has stood eleventh in combined merit list of Humanities group of Jessore Board in this year's HSC exams.

He secured 833 marks with distinctions in three subjects. He is the son of Md Kawsar Sheikh.

Noor had to work as a private tutor to support the cost of his own studies.

He loves to read books and periodicals and hopes to pursue higher studies in English literature.



Nazmus stands 16th in JB humanities

Md Nazmus Sakib has stood 16 in the combined merit list of humanities group under Jessore Board in this year's HSC exams.

He secured a total of 845 marks with distinctions in two subjects.

His father Md Rabiul Islam is a government employee at Barobazar in Jhenidah.

Nazmus too wants to join the army.



Sonia stands 13th in JB Humanities

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Sept 5: Sonia Sharmin of Jhenidah Government Nurunnaher Mahila College in Jhenidah has stood third among girls and 13th in the combined merit list of Humanities group under Jessore Board in this year's HSC exams.

She secured 849 marks with distinctions in three subjects.

Sonia's father is MA Kashem, an assistant Professor in Management Department in Kaliganj Mahtabuddin Degree College and her mother Khaleda Parvin is an Assistant Thana Education Officer at Jhenidah.

Sonia thinks that students should participate in politics only after completion of studies.

She loves to read books and wants to study English Literature in future.



Farzana stands 17th in Science under Comilla Board

From Our Correspondent

MOULVIBAZAR, Sept 5: Mirza Farzana Holy of Moulvibazar Government College has stood 17th in the combined merit list of Science group under Comilla Board in this year's HSC examinations.

She secured 851 marks with distinctions in three subjects.

She is the daughter of Mirza Farid Ahmed, a freedom fighter and branch manager of Provat Insurance Company Ltd.