

DHAKA, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2000

News

The UN Summit in pictures



The UN Millennium Summit got underway yesterday in New York - pictures show Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina (L) meets with Ahmed Necdet Sezer, President of Turkey, yesterday morning at a hotel suite in New York while UN Secretary General Kofi Annan (M) greets Cuban President Fidel Castro, back at the UN after a long period. Picture on the extreme right shows Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak (L) shaking hands with Namibian President Sam Nujoma at the summit. — AFP photos

Seminar: Centre for Development and Policy Research (CDPR) in association with the Women and Children Affairs Ministry will hold a seminar on "Women in Labour Market: Impact and Implications of Labour Laws". Chief guest: State Minister for Women and Children Affairs Prof Zinatun Nesa Talukdar. Venue: CIRDAP auditorium, Chameil House, Topkhana Road. Time: 9:00 am.

Workshop: Bangladesh Arsenic Mitigation Water Supply Project and Department of Public Health and Engineering (DPHE) will jointly hold a workshop on Formulation of Planning to combat arsenic problem. Venue: DPHE auditorium, 14, Shaheed Captain Monsur Ali Sharani, Kakrail. Time: 9:00 am-5:00 pm.

BNPS discussion: Bangladesh Nari Progati 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 Mannan. Venue: Women's Voluntary Organisation, House No 20, Rd No 27 (Old), 16 (New), Dhammendi 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 Bhaban 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, Road No 9, Dhammendi R/A. Time: 5:30 pm.

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Discussion meeting: Swadesh Chinta Sangha will hold a discussion meeting on Bertrand Russell's "Political Ideology." Venue: House No 25B, Road No 1, Dhammendi R/A. Time: 10:00 am.

Film Show: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka will screen two French films Nelly et Monsieur Arnaud and Max et Ferrailleurs. Venue: Auditorium of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26 Mirpur Road. Time: 10:30 am and 6:00 pm.

Theatre: Theatre Art will present a technical presentation of Aziz Samad's drama "Bije Shankranta Jatilata." Venue: Mahila Samity Stage, Bailey Road. Time: 11:00 am.

Charity show: The amateur school band Elixir of St Francis Xavier's Green Herald International School will present a show to raise funds for Amit, an 11-year old wild polio victim. Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26 Mirpur Road. Time: 6:00 pm.

Cultural evening: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka presents an evening of classical songs by Ali Farhan Khan and Shaila Yasmin. Venue: Conference Room of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26 Mirpur Road. Time: 7:00 pm.

Recitation festival: Abritee Aranee will hold a two-day long recitation festival to celebrate its 7th year of foundation. The festival will be inaugurated by State Minister for Youth, Sports and Culture Obaidul Kader. On the first day Tamsa will be presented. Venue: Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Public Library, Shahbagh. Time: 7:00 pm.

Weather

Light rain forecast

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

Moderately heavy falls may occur at places over Chittagong and Barisal divisions. Met office said.

The country's highest temperature 34.6 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sayedpur and the lowest 24.2 degree Celsius in Chittagong.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:10 pm and rises on Friday at 5:42 am.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	32.2	26.5	83	71
Chittagong	31.2	24.2	76	83
Rajshahi	33.5	25.4	86	81
Khulna	33.2	25.3	86	82
Barisal	32.0	26.0	94	80
Sylhet	30.7	25.5	83	81
Cox's Bazar	31.8	24.5	85	87

Women urged to avail business facilities

President of women's entrepreneurs' Association Rokia A. Rahman has urged women businesspersons to avail themselves of the wide ranging financial facilities extended to them through various financial institutions, says a press release.

Speaking at the monthly meeting of the association, Rahman said that under the new budgetary provision, can take loans of Tk 10 million to Tk 30 million for new projects through the Equity Development Fund.

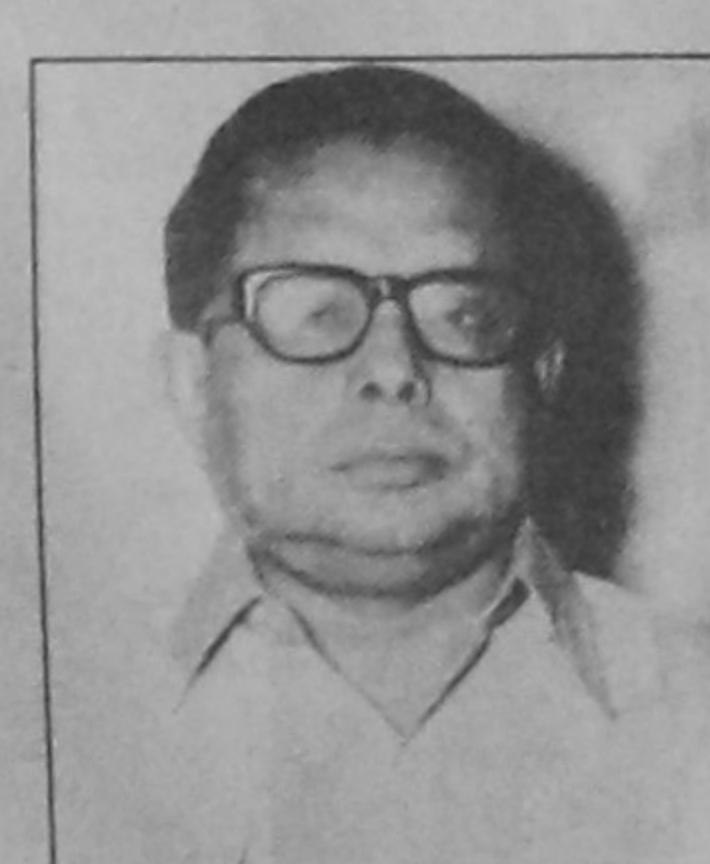
The Equity Development Fund Programme does not require collateral security, which makes it easier for women to set up big businesses and have access to substantial funds.

She said various types of funds are being made available now for women entrepreneurs.

Midas offers collateral free loans of Tk 50,000 to Tk 30 lakh for SMEs with special focus on women entrepreneurs through its MIDI programme.

With the availability of project loans women entrepreneurs will need technological support and identification of areas of investment.

The WEA has identified agro based and agro processing industries which have been declared a thrust sector as one of the key areas for investment. For the transfer of technology the members of the association have held meetings with Matching Fund Grant - MFG. Rokia Rahman said that she will also be approaching Asian and Pacific Centre For Transfer of Technology (APCTT) for further information.



Death anniversary of Ruhul Quddus today

The 9th death anniversary of valiant freedom fighter and an accused in the Agartala conspiracy case Ruhul Quddus will be observed today, reports BSS.

The former CSP, Quddus served in different important posts of the government. He was the principal secretary of the government of independent Bangladesh.

Quddus resigned from his government post protesting the killing of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Rahman on August 15, 1975.

Zikr Mahfil

The monthly zikr mahfil organised by the Anuman-e-Tozai will be held today after Magrib prayers at Khankhawai Tozai at 27, Siddheshwari Road in the city, says a press release.

The Peer of Darlapur Sharif, Hazrat Molana Shah Sufi Alhaj Abul Hasan Muhammad Abdul Quayum, will conduct the zikr mahfil, according to the rules of Quadrin Tarika.

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Joseph Piyulin in a proclamation declared September 5 as "Sheikh Hasina Day" in Bridgeport City while the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut congratulated Hasina for receiving the prestigious degree.

In the citation letter, the Bridgeport University recognised Sheikh Hasina as "daughter of democracy" and "Ambassador of Peace" for her struggle for free and open elections, and endeavours for world peace.

The university praised Hasina for acting as mediator during the India-Pakistan nuclear crisis.

Doctor

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and attempt to murder.

Jabbar and his accomplices

demanded Tk 40,000 from Dr

Bidhulbhusan Barua of De-

barpuri area and being refused

opened fire on the physician

leaving him seriously injured on

May 9 this year. Bhidhu's son

filed a case in this connection.

In the verdict, Jabbar was

sentenced to 7 years' RI for

extortion, 7 years for terrorism

and 10 years for attempt to

murder. His associates Faruq,

Jalalur and Nurul Islam were

sentenced to 7 years, RI for

extortion and 7 years each, for

terrorism.

PP Nurul Abser Chowdhury

appeared for the state.



Rokia A. Rahman, President, Women Entrepreneurs Association, Bangladesh (WEA) discussing various related issues of women entrepreneurship development in the monthly meeting of the WEA Committee held recently. Amongst the issues discussed were: availability of financial funds and facilities for the women entrepreneurs, possibilities of setting up of agro-based and agro-processing small industries by the women entrepreneurs.

FBCCI polls

Jalil's move to get Yusuf Haroon elected

Star Report

Commerce Minister Abdul Jalil has taken an initiative to get the government candidate Yusuf Abdullah Haroon elected as the president of Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) by persuading all the other aspirants for the top post not to contest the election, business sources said.

Jalil convened a meeting of the top business leaders at his official residence at 9 pm yesterday. The minister invited Yusuf Abdullah Haroon, Latifur Rahman, Salman F. Rahman, Mir Nasir and the incumbent president of FBCCI Abdul Awal Mintoo to the meeting.

When contacted Salman F. Rahman and Mir Nasir admitted to the minister's invitation but expressed their ignorance about the agenda of the meeting.

All the business leaders invited except Latifur Rahman attended the meeting, sources said. However, it could not be confirmed whether the minister succeeded in his bid as the meeting was going on till filing this report at 10 pm.

In last year's election to the FBCCI presidency, the ruling party employed the same tactic to get elected its own candidate, Abdul Awal Mintoo.

The FBCCI election is scheduled to be held on October 12 and the deadline for filing nomination papers is 1 pm today.

Dengue: 21 more hospitalised in city

By Staff Correspondent

Twenty one more people with dengue fever were admitted to different hospitals and private clinics in the city yesterday.

The Central Control Room at the Health Directorate said Dhaka Medical College Hospital admitted six patients, Mitford Hospital three, Bangladesh Medical College Hospital three, Dhaka Shishu Hospital one.

Red Crescent Holy Family Hospital and Ibn Sina clinic one each while BIRDEM and Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Hospital admitted 5 and 1 patients with the fever.

Meanwhile, eight more people were admitted to Khulna Medical College Hospital yesterday while Chittagong Medical College Hospital reported admitting six.

Fifty people have so far died of dengue haemorrhagic fever and Shock Syndrome. A total of 3,045 people were hospitalised since the outbreak of the disease last month.

According to the DB sources, the gang riding in two motor bikes followed the victim from the bank, fired gunshots and snatched the money from him before speeding away from the spot.

The restructuring has become necessary as the global trend in the new century is partnership between airlines for survival in a highly competitive market, he explained.

An informative memo is being circulated among the airlines which have the potential to become strategic partner. All airlines barring those from the SAARC region and countries with which Bangladesh does not have diplomatic relations could participate in the bids.

Binam having a workforce of 5550 and 13 aircraft operates flights to 25 destinations.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters at the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut, USA, on Tuesday. — AFP photo

Khaleda Zia: Editors

Editor of UNB Enayetullah Khan, Chief Editor of Financial Express Rezauddin Ahmed and Editor Moazzem Hossain, Editor of New Nation AM Mufazzal, Advisory Editor of The Independent Khalilur Rahman, Editor of the Daily Ittefaq Rahat Khan, Editor of Daily Jugantor Golam Sarwar, Editor of Ajker Kagoj Kazi Shahid Ahmed, Editor of Manabjami Matiur Rahman Chowdhury, Managing Editor of The Daily Star Syed Fahim Munam, Editor of Inqilab AMM Bahauddin, Editor of Bangladesh Patrika Zakaria Khan, Editor of weekly Evidence Manju Qader, Editor of Khabar Mizanur Rahman Mizan were among those who were present.

Biman

From page 1 next month after vetting from the authorities concerned.

A highly placed source said Biman has also been told to 'revalue its assets' about which there was confusion. The process of off-loading is likely to be completed by December.

The consultants have been working on the restructuring programme under a two million dollar World Bank aided project since last year.

They have identified 85 air-lines in the world, of which 22 have been short listed as potential strategic partner in the restructuring of Biman.

The prospective strategic partner is likely to be selected from reputed airlines which earned a profit of over 400 million dollars in 1998. Among the prospective airlines, seven are from Europe, four from Asia, one from Australia and the rest are from the Americas, the source said.

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Visitors admiring Jamdani Sarees at the Sonargaon Jamdani saree exhibition going on in the city's Banani yesterday. The exhibition open till September 10, has been organised by Bangladeshi Sanjukta Tanti Samity.

— Star photo