

## What's on today....

**Training:** A four-day training on Good Prison Management for Prison Personnel of Bangladesh. Venue: BRAC Centre Inn. Time: 9:30 am.

**CRP film show:** Centre for Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (CRP) will be screened. Chief guest: State Minister for Social Welfare Dr Md Mozammel Hossain. Venue: National Museum auditorium, Shahbagh. Time: 5:30 pm.

**Film show:** Indian High Commission in association with Chalachitram Film Society will screen *A Passage to India* starring Sir Alec Guinness. Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium, House No 25, Rd No 2, Dharmadip R/A. Time: 6:30 pm.

**Conclusion:** The week-long exhibition of Sonargaon Jambani organised by Sanjuktia Tanti Samity will conclude. Venue: Eurotour, Rare House NW (J), 2 Kanal Ataturk Avenue, Gulshan-2.

**BIP seminar:** Bangladesh Institute of Peace (BIP) will hold a seminar on "Quest Programme of Lions." Chief guest: Chief Justice Latifur Rahman. Venue: Auditorium of National Museum, Shahbagh. Time: 5:00 pm.

**Seminar:** Shobar Jonnyo Shasthya (health for all) will hold a seminar on Diphtheria. Keynote speaker: Dr Rafiqul Islam of Infectious Diseases Hospital. Venue: Gono Shasthya Nagar Bhaban (5th floor), House No 14/E, Rd No 6, Dharmadip R/A. Time: 5:30 pm.

**Cultural evening:** The Russian Cultural Centre, Dhaka, jointly with Volga Club will hold a cultural programme to mark the 75th anniversary of the Public Movement for Friendship with Foreign Countries in Russia. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, House No 510, Rd No 7, Dharmadip R/A. Time: 6:00 pm.

## ..... and tomorrow

**Birthday reception:** National Museum will accord a reception to internationally acclaimed artist Shahabuddin to mark his 50th birthday. Venue: Main auditorium of National Museum. Time: 5:00 pm.

**Film show:** The High Commission of India in association with Chalachitram Film Society will screen *Lawrence of Arabia* starring Sir Alec Guinness. Venue: Auditorium of Indian High Commission, House No 25, Rd No 2, Dharmadip R/A. Time: 6:30 pm.

## Weather

### Moderate rain likely

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

Moderately heavy falls at one or two places over Chittagong and Barisal divisions may also occur during the period. Met office said.

The day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 33.5 degree Celsius was at Chuadanga and the lowest 23.0 degree Celsius at Barisal.

**The sun sets in the capital today at 6:07 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:44 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
Dhaka	32.3	25.8
Chittagong	31.8	24.3
Rajshahi	33.0	26.0
Khulna	32.7	25.2
Barisal	32.4	23.0
Sylhet	32.5	25.8
Cox's Bazar	31.5	24.8

## HERE and THERE

### BSNDT workshop

Bangladesh Society for Non-Destructive Testing (BSNDT) and Indian Society for Non-Destructive Testing (ISNT) yesterday jointly organised a workshop on NDT certification, standards and celebration along with the 10th annual convention of BSNDT at the auditorium of Atomic Energy Centre in the city, reports BSS.

Vice-Chancellor of BUET Prof Dr M Nooruddin Ahmed inaugurated the workshop and convention. Chairman of Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission (BAEC) Engineer M Habibuddin, Dr Rameshwar Das of ISNT, former president of BSNDT, Dr Mohammad Saunallah and general secretary of BSNDT Mahiuddin Khan, among others, addressed the programme.

### Death anniversary of AKM Mohiuddin tomorrow

The first death anniversary of veteran journalist, columnist, litterateur and former Editor-in-Chief of Daily Inquilab AKM Mohiuddin will be observed tomorrow, report UNB.

A *milad mahfil* and *Qurankhuan* will be held on the day at his village home at Gobindapur in Sonargaon thana under Narayanganj district.

Meanwhile, arrangements have been made for *Qurankhuan*, *milad* and special *doa mahfil* in various orphanages seeking salvation of the departed soul.

"Journalist AKM Mohiuddin Smriti Sangsad" will also hold a seminar and *milad mahfil* at East Badda Youngster Club in the city after Asr prayers to mark the day, said a press release.

### Death anniversary

The first anniversary of death of noted educationist Prof Sultana Sufia will be observed today.

Prof Sultana spent most of her life in teaching in different colleges including Government Girls College, Rajshahi, Government Girls College, Boyra, Khulna Govt Azizul Huq College, Bogra and BL College, Doulatpur, Khulna.

A *milad mahfil* will be organised today at her residence at Dharmadip in the city in observance of the day.

### BCF-DU

By DU Correspondent  
Director of Dhaka University Library Automation Project Dr Fazlul Alam said yesterday that the condition of the university's Central Library is very poor.

He also said that there is no regular librarian for the library due to negligence of the university authorities.

Addressing an open discussion on Higher Education and Library, held at the DUCSU cafeteria, he said "the automation project is a minor initiative for overall development of the library. There is actually no real need of air coolers in the library since it does not have many essential books and journals."

Speaking at the function, chairman of the Department of Anthropology Prof H K Arslan said we cannot compare this library with the other libraries of developed countries. "Many essential books and journals are available in the library despite its sufficient allocation."

The discussion was organised by Bangladesh Chhatra Federation (BCF), a left leaning student organisation.

### Training course begins at BARD

COMILLA, Sept 9: A seven-day training course on the "Role of people's representatives and government officials in local level planning and implementation of development activities" began here today at Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD) in collaboration with UNDP, reports BSS.

Local Government Ministry and BARD have jointly organized the training course under the Capacity Building Local Governance Project.

One hundred fifty upazila nirbahi officers, chairmen, members and secretaries of union parishads and BARD faculty members are participating in the training course.

Secretary of Local Government Ministry Badur Rahman inaugurated the training course.

Director General of BARD, Sikandar Ali Mandal, Managing Director of Hunger Project Badiul Alam Majumder, and Course coordinator and BARD Director of Project M Khairul Kabir spoke in the inaugural session.

# 4m die from tobacco consumption each year

Global figures will worsen in future, FCTC says at press confce

Tobacco will soon become the leading death trap worldwide, causing more deaths than HIV, maternal mortality, automobile accidents, homicide and suicide combined, reports UNB.

In addition, tobacco use imposes significant economic cost on the countries, ranging from seven per cent to 12 per cent of gross domestic product annually.

This was disclosed at a press conference on Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC), organised by ADHUNIK, the national anti-tobacco organisation, at the National Press Club yesterday morning.

National Professor and Founding president of ADHUNIK Dr Nurul Islam and senior Vice-president of ADHUNIK and UNB Chairman Amanullah Khan, Engineer SM Fazle Rabbi and Dr Ahmad Anisur Rahman addressed the press conference.

Prof Nurul Islam said the burden of tobacco-related deaths and diseases is rapidly shifting to developing countries. By 2030, about 70 per cent of all deaths from tobacco will occur in developing countries.

up from around 50 per cent at present.

He said ten million people in the world will be dying from tobacco use each year after 2030. Now around four million people in the world die from tobacco-related diseases every year.

Apart from this, he said, about 80,000 to 1,00,000 young people become addicted to tobacco each day and if the current trend continues, 25 million children will die from tobacco-related diseases by next 15-20 years.

The National Professor said while the consumption rate of tobacco in the West is decreasing, the corresponding increase in the developing countries has maintained the status of consumption at previous levels and the tobacco industry is thriving well.

The FCTC will hold an international convention in Geneva in October this year, which will provide an opportunity for joint efforts to work against tobacco globally.

UNB Chairman Amanullah Khan said the number of

women addicted to tobacco has increased to about 50 lakh in the country, while 23 per cent of the children aged between 15 and 16 are smokers.

Quoting a survey report, Khan pointed out that tobacco industries are responsible for destroying 30 per cent of our depleted forest resources by reckless use of wood in curing tobacco and making barns for storage.

Expressing disappointment at the lowering of duty on cigarette manufacturers to 3 per cent from 5 per cent in the current fiscal year, Khan claimed such a reduction of tax on tobacco is contrary to the policy declared by the government.

Cigarette companies are also encouraging smokers through advertisements in mass media to make windfall profits, he said underlining the importance of stoppage of such advertisements particularly in the electronic media or alternatively suggesting that such advertisements should be followed by anti-tobacco advertisements covering a third of the original time dedicated to cigarette publicity.



The Prothom Alo and Standard Chartered Bank jointly accorded a reception to meritorious HSC students yesterday at the CA Bhaban auditorium in the city's Karwanbazar area.

— Prothom Alo photo

## Journalist killing Russel on 7-day police remand

Ashrafur Islam Russel, 35, an accused in the Shamsur Rahman killing case was yesterday taken on police remand for 7 days for interrogation, reports UNB.

Russel was arrested on Friday from Sabujbag area in the city. He disclosed some important information about the killing of journalist Shamsur Rahman in Jessore on July 16.

After arrest of Russel, CID investigators said they are hopeful of unearthing the motive behind the killing and rounding up the real offenders.

So far 10 people were arrested in connection with the killing. Police is still looking for 'Pagla Selim, Khachhar Selim, Zahid, Mohidul, Mushfiqur Rahman Hirok and Shaheed.

Russel was about to leave for Singapore by managing an international passport last month. Police is investigating how he managed the passport.

### Test series

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play four Tests and six one-dayers in a home and away series," said Ashrafur. "Pakistan will first come over here in the first week of January to play two Tests and three one-day matches. Bangladesh will then travel to Pakistan to play their away series."

Bangladesh will make their debut in Test cricket when India fly in Dhaka for a one-off match from November 10-14. India, who have not played a full Test series in Pakistan since 1989 due to the political dispute between the two countries over Kashmir, have said they will decide on whether or not to tour Pakistan on September 29.

"There is also a possibility that we will go to India after the Pakistan tour as India are keen to host a triangular one-day series including Bangladesh," Ashrafur added.

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### 2 gunned down

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creants fired 3 rounds of shots from behind and later slaughtered him. Arif's wife found the body in a nearby paddy field after the miscreants fled.

In another incident, an old man identified as Md Siddiq, 65, was shot dead by some armed miscreants at his house at Kachhiapara in Sandwip at around 3 am. The incident was, reportedly, a sequel to a dispute over land where the miscreants came in a bid to kill Siddiq's son Akber.

Hearing the miscreants calling for Akber, Md Siddiq who is also a businessman, came out of the house. The miscreants killed him on the spot.

## SABINCO: BB probe

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allegations including extending loans in foreign currency were baseless. Kutubuddin added that the central bank had authorised the company to extend loans in foreign currency.

He said the BB had authorised SABINCO to invest up to 50 per cent of its paid-up capital and reserve in shares.

About the transfer of profit to reserve, he said the central bank was not following the proper regulation as to how much a company should transfer.

Kutubuddin also said SABINCO took over the two projects following 'unsatisfactory' performance by the private sector promoters in order to protect its investment by way of equity and loans. An agreement between the two governments allows SABINCO to own, operate and manage industrial and agro-based industrial projects, the managing director said.

Regarding the appointment of the MD for more than five years, Kutubuddin pointed out that the Companies Act 1994 says that a MD is a director by virtue of an agreement with the company or of a resolution passed by the company in its general meeting.

"The MD of SABINCO is only chief executive officer and he is not director of SABINCO. Therefore, section 110 of the Act does not apply in case of the MD," said Kutubuddin.

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"A financial institution can invest a maximum 25 per cent of its paid-up capital and reserve which can be raised to 50 per cent with prior permission of the Bangladesh Bank," the report said quoting the section.

"On December 31, 1999 the paid-up capital and reserve of SABINCO stood at Tk 264.75 crore and the investment position in shares was Tk 75.09 crore. But taking 25 per cent rate of investment, it could never exceed Tk 66.18 crore," the report said, suggesting Tk one lakh fine be slapped on the company for the violation.

It also said that in defiance of a provision in the Company Act 1994 and the FID Circular, SABINCO is continuing to retain the same managing director since its inception.

The Company Act prohibits a company from appointing a managing director for more than five years while the FID circular calls for prior consent of the central bank while appointing a managing director.

SABINCO Managing Director Kutubuddin, quoting different clauses of the Financial Institution Regulations 1994, denied the Bangladesh Bank allegations and said that his company was complying with all the rules and regulations.

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## Enam Ahmed new BNP Advisory Council member

By Staff Correspondent

Begum Khaleida Zia, the BNP chairperson, has appointed Enam Ahmed Chaudhury as a member of her Advisory Council with the rank and status of a vice chairman of the party recently.

Enam Ahmed Chaudhury, hails from Golapgonj-Bianbazar area of Sylhet, joined BNP a few months back.

A former Civil Servant, noted development practitioner and economist Enam Ahmed was economic minister in the Bangladesh Mission in London and secretary of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission (UNESCAP) in Bangkok. He was alternative governor of the World Bank and Asian Development Bank for a few years. He was elected president of the London-based International Maritime Organisation (IMO) for 1988-90. His last assignment was a vice president of Jeddah-based Islamic Development Bank where he served for five years.

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## Student union polls

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rival student bodies and reluctance of the authorities.

Seeking anonymity, a BCL leader at the college said there is no possibility of holding of polls in near future due to feud at the top level of the organisation.

There has been no student union election at Tejgaon College since 1995.

Its principal Abdur Rashed said extra curricular activities are being hampered greatly due to absence of student union.

Election can not be held if student organisations do not reach a consensus on it, he said.

Haroon's election

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and done due to pressure from 'certain quarters'. This is nothing surprising to me as there was a process to get Yusuf Abdullah Haroon elected unopposed," Aminul told The Daily Star last night.

But the Chief Election Commissioner of FBCCI Election Board Lt Col (Rtd) M Anisuzzaman denied any sort of pressure and said he did everything according to election law of the chamber body.

He said that Aminul could now go to the Election Appeal Board. But Aminul said that he would not go to the appeal board as 'it would not work'.

According to the Election Board, Aminul Haq in his nomination paper mentioned the post of executive member instead of the post of president. Aminul's voter number was also written as 242 while the actual number was 213, it said.

But Aminul claimed that there was no scope for such mistakes as he and his associates filled up the nomination paper very carefully.

Meanwhile, the Board accepted another nomination paper from Aminul to vie for the post of executive member.

The Election Board also cancelled two other nomination papers for the post of executive member. These are of AMB Arefin of Khagraghari Chamber and Dr ABM Haroon of Private Clinic Owners' Association.

Tk 80000 snatched

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Hatem Ali when he was going to his shop by a rickshaw at about 2:30 pm. They took away the cash from him at gun point, sources said.

In another incident armed gang took away Tk 20,000 in cash from a shop owner while he was passing through the SM Hall of Dhaka University at about 10:45 pm last night.

The gang intercepted Mushtak Ahmed and took away his money, witnesses said. One of the gang members were caught by the people who came out of the Hall, a university source said. They also recovered a pistol and Tk 9000 in cash from him.

Later, the gang member was released but the money was not given to the victim or the pistol was not surrendered to police.

Musharraf

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"I don't want to say it is a setback, but an opportunity missed," he said.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, however, held scheduled meeting with Indian Premier Atal Behari Vajpayee.

In the meeting that lasted 30 minutes the two leaders discussed bilateral matters as well as regional peace and stability.

The Prime Minister also held bilateral meetings with Prime Minister of Qatar Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al-Thani and President of Colombia Andres Pastrana Arango.

She also attended a working breakfast on South-South cooperation hosted by Chinese President Jiang Zemin.

BNP: False case

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they will be washed away by people's movement."

Another Standing Committee member, Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, said the AL government has failed in every sector and ruined all democratic institutions in a planned way.

BNP Joint Secretary General Mirza Abbas said the day is not far when AL government's ministers and leaders will have to seek apology publicly for filing this 'false' case against the BNP chief.

"Hundreds of genuine cases will be filed against Awami League men for corruption, abuse of power and killing of opposition activists when they will be toppled," Abbas added.

BNP Chairperson's Advisory Council member and former bureaucrat Inam Ahmed Chaudhury claimed that an emergency-like situation was prevailing in the country due to AL's autocratic rule and repression on opposition activists.

He called upon the people to intensify the movement to topple the government.

Sadek Hossain Khoka MP alleged that Sheikh Hasina and some of her cabinet colleagues misappropriated 'hundreds of crores' of Taka in MIG aircraft and Frigate purchase deals.

He said the 'false' case has been filed as BNP MPs in different parliamentary standing committees have started unveiling corruption of AL ministers and leaders.

People can not be fooled by filing such a false case. Rather, the government has proved its foolishness, he said.

The rally over, a big procession was brought out, which terminated in front of the Jatya Press Club.

## DND, Badda

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approval of a building plan overruling the land use component, the task of the committees is to examine in detail environmental, civic, social and planning aspects and provide expert opinion. It is then sent to the chairman for his discretionary decision to say 'yes' or 'no', he said.

Rajuk officials could not confirm whether the committees would review the DND and bring an amendment.

There is still time to do some repair to the massive unplanned urbanisation, but in that case Rajuk must move quickly, the town planner said.

PM: women

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the lives of women.

The Prime Minister supported micro-credit programme saying that it not only created women entrepreneurs, but also contributed to their empowerment even in America.

"Women's development is a top priority for us," she said mentioning the steps taken up for economic, social and political empowerment of women.

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