

## What's on today....

**CJFD roundtable:** Chittagong Journalists Forum-Dhaka (CJFD) will hold a roundtable on "Construction of a Tunnel under the river Karnaphuli and its national perspective." Chief guest: Communications Minister Anwar Hossain Manju. Venue: VIP lounge of National Press Club. Time: 3:00 pm.

**Lecture:** The 11th Nazma-Jessmin Memorial Lecture will be held. Venue: Auditorium of Institute of Modern Language, DU campus. Time: 4:00 pm.

**Film show:** Chalchitram Film Society will hold a screening of European films under the title "Focus on European Films." On the 1st day "The Ecstatic World of the Film Maker Werner Herzog" by Peter Buchke and Aguirre, Wrath of God by Werner Herzog will be screened. Venue: Goethe Institut, House No 10, Rd No 9, Dharmodi R/A. Time 5:00 pm & 6:30 pm.

**Training:** A three-day training course on "Refugee Law" begins. Organisers: UNHCR, Int'l Committee of Red Cross (ICRC) and Bangladesh Bar Council. Venue: Bangladesh Bar Council. Time: 9:00 am-4:30 pm.

**BIDS lecture 2000:** Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) will hold a lecture on "Globalisation and Development: Opportunities and Hazards for Bangladesh." As part of its lectures to mark the new millennium. Keynote speaker: Prof Azizur Rahman Khan of University of California. Venue: BIDS Conference room (E-17), Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar. Time: 3:30 pm.

**Meeting:** The regular and Board meeting of the Lions Club of Dhaka Golden will be held. Venue: Great Wall Chinese Restaurant. Time: 6:30 pm.

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**Founding anniversary:** Chandpur Zila Awami Forum will hold a function to mark its first founding anniversary. Venue: Rajuk auditorium, Dilkusha. Time: 5:00 pm.

## Weather

## Light rain likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershower 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 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Moderately heavy falls at one or two places over Chittagong division 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 35.3 degree Celsius was at Khulna and the lowest 23.5 degree Celsius at Dhaka.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:05 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	Morning	Evening
Max	Min			
Dhaka	32.6	23.5	76	65
Chittagong	32.6	24.9	82	82
Rajshahi	32.8	26.0	80	75
Khulna	35.3	25.5	79	77
Barisal	33.4	26.5	80	75
Sylhet	29.6	24.0	96	92
Cox's Bazar	...	25.6	82	...

## Killing of Pahari Chhatri Parishad men condemned

**By DU Correspondent**  
Greater Chittagong Hill Tracts Hill Students' Council (GCHTHSC) yesterday brought out a procession on the Dhaka University campus protesting the killing of two activists - Arun Bikash Chakma and Jatla Chakma - of UPDF supported Pahari Chhatri Parishad.

Following the procession, GCHTHSC held a rally in front of the DUCSU building at noon.

Addressing the rally, speakers blamed terrorists sponsored by Jama Sanghati Samiti (JSS) for the killing and said, "JSS resorted to politics of killing and terrorism, fatal losing the public support."

## Fuel price hike

## Students will have to pay more for their transportation

The unusual rise in bus fare prompted by fuel price hike has not only been the cause of concern for the commoners, but also for the school and college students, reports UNB.

Take the case of the students of Viquarunnisa Noon School and College. From now on, each girl student of the prestigious institution will have to pay Tk 100 more each month as their microbus fare.

The microbus operators have already informed the guardians that they have raised the microbus fare by Tk 100 per head due to fuel price hike.

Talking to UNB, Principal of the college Prof Hamida Ali admitted that she too received a letter in this regard from the microbus operators. "But I have nothing to do with it as the microbuses are not under my management."

She said a caretaker of the college and some other people operate the vehicles and they keep 10-12 microbuses inside the college compound for which they pay the authorities a cer-

tain amount of money every month.

College sources said the microbus operators charge fare from the guardians of the students considering the distance between their residences and the college while the drivers take Tk 50 as tips.

"This is not our business ... the guardians can now give a second thought whether they will avail of the transport facility provided by them," Prof Hamida said.

A good number of guardians, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said most of the microbuses used for carrying the students have already become unfit.

"The money we are paying them (microbus operators) is too much compared to their service and vehicle condition," said one of the guardians.

Many service providers are ready to take over the transport sector of the college, but they have been kept at bay," said a microbus driver, also seeking anonymity.

## SKOP strike

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**the strike.** Mill workers brought out processions and held rallies on Dhaka-Narayanganj Road demanding immediate implementation of the agreement.

Workers also burned tyres on the road. They stopped a commuted train for sometime as a meeting was in progress on the railroad near Charsara Crossing.

Mills workers also brought out processions and held separate rallies in Telgaon and Tongi industrial areas to press their demands.

In Chittagong two pedestrians sustained minor injuries as mill workers hurled home-made bombs near the Chittagong Export Processing Zone (CEPZ). The injured were admitted to hospital.

Delivery of goods from the Chittagong Port was normal but most inter-district buses stayed off roads due to the SKOP called strike.

In Khulna, all the 11 jute mills and Dada Match Factory were closed as workers did not turn up or walked away from the mills.

Some 4,000 workers of United Meghna-Chandpur (UMC) Jute Mills, the largest jute mill in Narsingdi abstained from works in response to the department's agitation.

However, workers of Bangladesh Jute Mills at Gorakhpur attended their works, defying the strike.

## Bill placed

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These provisions of the Bill will be applicable even if the identified places are held by the government, a local authority, an organisation or a company.

If any one violate any provision of the Bill after its enactment, he will be jailed for a maximum of five years or fined Tk 50,000 or he will face both the jail term and fine.

Introducing the Bill, Mosharraf Hossain said various establishments are being set up indiscriminately on play grounds, parks and natural water bodies, seriously damaging the environment and expanding the urban areas in an unplanned way.

It has now become urgent to have properly planned urban areas and to protect environment, the minister said.

Meanwhile, Deputy Speaker Abdul Hamid yesterday referred the proposed amendments to Rules of Procedure of the Jatiya Sangsads to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Rules of Procedure for scrutiny and recommendation.

Col (Reid) Shawkat Ali brought the amendments to some sub-clauses of Clause 2 of the Rules of Procedure concerning the functioning of parliamentary standing committees on different ministries and amendments to Article 264.

## Adel

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night in his lawyer's chamber since his bail petition could not be heard on the day due to time constraint. He did not come out since police remained deployed around the Supreme Court building and in front of his lawyer's chamber on its premises.

Following the HC order yesterday, Adel along with his family members left the Court. As they were leaving, police tried to chase his car. At this, the family members became agitated and showed the Court order to police.

Police officials in plain clothes however followed him up to his residence at old Dhaka.

Adel who was a deputy mayor of Dhaka has been charged with sedition as Paki-stani national flag was hoisted at his residence on the independence day of that country on August 14.

Khondker Mahbub Hossain who moved the bail prayer on behalf of Adel said that hoisting of Pakistani national flag at his client's residence was beyond his (Adel) knowledge and the incident was planned to malign him politically.

The Deputy Attorney General opposed the bail prayer and said the charges against Adel were non-bailable.

Kotwali police brought the sedition charge against him on August 21.

Police also attached Adel's moveable property on September 8 on the basis of an order from the CMM's Court. The order was given since he did not appear before the court.

**Filing of cases against Ajker Kagoj reporter condemned**

Former and present students of Mass Communication and Journalism Department of Dhaka University condemned filing of three cases against Anis Alamgir, Diplomatic Correspondent of the daily Ajker Kagoj, reports UNB.

In a joint statement yesterday, 312 former and present students said some lawyers in Dhaka and Comilla filed the defamation cases to harass the journalist. They demanded immediate withdrawal of the cases.

Surprisingly, the company earned exactly the same amount, nothing less nothing much, by developing web pages and providing IT solutions which is very unusual," said one broker.

He also pointed to the peculiar head pertaining to the risk

## News

## Renaming of DU Applied Physics dept

## Agitating students begin

## fast-unto-death

By DU Correspondent

"No decision has yet been taken from the meeting to solve the problem," he said and added that VC had requested the teachers to bring back the students to their classes.

He however claimed that the problem lay with the Academic Council since the teachers of the department are divided on the issue.

The agitating students told The Daily Star that DU VC Prof AK Azad Chowdhury had refused to talk to them when they went to meet him yesterday. "I will not talk to you until you go back to your classes," they quoted the VC as telling them.

Meanwhile students of the Department of Applied Physics and Electronics Department of Dhaka University began a fast-unto-death on the campus yesterday to press home their demand renamed.

Students of honours classes of the department began the programme in front of their department at Curzon Hall in the morning demanding change of the department's name into "Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering."

The students have been agitating on the campus for long and boycotting classes since August 17 to press home their demand.

When contacted, chairman of Applied Physics and Electronics Department Prof Anwar Hasan said Academic Council of the university had met the university VC yesterday and informed him of the problem of the department and the students' agitation.

When contacted, chairman of the Department of Applied Chemistry and Chemical Technology of the university has also begun a movement on the campus demanding renaming of their department.

The proposed new name of the department be "Department of Chemical Engineering and Technology."

**Kuwaiti team meets Speaker, Khasru**

## Baghdad urged to free POWs, pay compensation

By Special Correspondent

Bangladesh and Kuwait have emphasised on release of Kuwaiti prisoners of war. Payment of compensation by Iraq for the wanton and extensive destruction caused by it during their aggression on Kuwait also figured prominently in the talks, the release added.

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