

## What's on today....

**Conference:** Sammilita Samajik Andolon will inaugurate its 3-day long national conference. Venue: Engineers Institution. Time: 10:00 am.

**Reception:** Dhaka Jubo Foundation will accord a reception to Students holding positions at the SSC merit list 2000. Chief guest: Dhaka City Mayor Md Hanif. Venue: Bangladesh Shishu Academy auditorium. Time: 5:00 pm.

**Meeting:** A general meeting of the Sri Sri Ramna Kali Mandir O Shima Anandamayi Ashram Puja Uddhapan Parishad will be held. Venue: Dhakeshwari Jatya Mandir premises. Time: 5:00 pm.

**Seminar:** Students of different private universities will hold a seminar on "Dengue: A Crisis of Billions." Organisers: Students of IUB, NSU, AUB, AIUB and EWU. Venue: IUB campus no 5, Baridhara, Dhaka. Time: 5:00 pm.

**Discussion:** Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts will hold a discussion on its current exhibition titled "Shilpito Darshan." Venue: Bengal Shilpalya, 275/F, Road No 27 (Old), 16 (New), Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 5:30 pm.

**Art exhibition:** Divine Art Gallery presents "Through Different Eyes - Bangladesh", an art exhibition by three artists: Rokeya Sultana, Alka Mathur and Hilpert. Venue: Divine Art Gallery, Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 6:30 pm.

**Founding anniversary:** Excelsior Home Appliance Limited will hold a special programme to celebrate its first founding anniversary. Venue: Ballroom no 3 of Hotel Sonargaon.

## ..... and tomorrow

**Discussion meeting:** Swedish Chunta Shangkha will hold a discussion meeting. Topic of discussion will be on Abu Sayeed Ayyub's Pother Shesh Kotha. Kenote speaker: Amjadul Hossain. Venue: House No 25B, Rd No 1, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 10:00 am.

**Painting exhibition:** Shilpangan presents a 12-day long solo painting exhibition by Shahabuddin Ahmad to mark his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. Venue: Shilpangan, House No 25, Rd No 5, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 5:30 pm.

## Weather

### Temperature may fall

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

Moderately heavy to heavy falls is likely at one or two places over Chittagong, Khulna and Barisal divisions while country's northern part experience warm and humid weather during the period. Met office said.

Day temperature may fall by 1 to 2 degree Celsius over the coastal region and remain nearly unchanged over central and northern parts.

The country's highest temperature 36.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Bogra and the lowest 23.0 degree Celsius at Chittagong.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:03 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:54 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	34.4	27.8
Chittagong	32.5	23.0
Rajshahi	34.6	26.5
Khulna	31.7	26.3
Barisal	30.7	27.4
Sylhet	33.8	26.5
Cox's Bazar	32.0	24.8

## HERE and THERE

### Sammilita Sangskritik Jote NY unit

By Staff Correspondent  
Sammilita Sangskritik Jote has formed its New York committee recently with Mahbub Elahi Chowdhury as convener.

On September 6, a meeting of various cultural organisations and cultural activists of expatriate Bangladeshis was held at Jackson Hydies in New York.

Golan Kuddus, general secretary of Sammilita Sangskritik Jote, Liaquat Ali Lucky, general secretary of the Group Theater Federation and actress Tania Halim were present as special guests at the meeting.

The new twenty-three member committee will constitute branch committees at major cities in United States within nine months.

### DU Islamic Studies Dept

By DU Correspondent  
A farewell reception was accorded to MA Final Year students of Islamic Studies Department of Dhaka University at the TSC auditorium yesterday.

Chairman of the department Dr A R M Ali Haider chaired the programme.

Teachers of the department attended the function while Prof Mammad Abdus Sattar, Prof Abdul Khaleq, Prof Anwar Uddin, Dr Muhammad Ruhul Amin, Muhammad Shafiqur Rahman and Muhammad Abdur Rashid addressed the outgoing students.

Some students also spoke on the occasion, said a press release.



BNP leader Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury addressing a meeting at Mukhtangar yesterday. The meeting was organised to protest the filing of 'false' cases against BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia and other party leaders. - Star photo

### Elen Bhutto says her workers are being harassed

By Staff Correspondent

Elen Bhutto, wife of late MP Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto, who contested in the July 31 by-election in Jhalakathi, has alleged that her workers and supporters are becoming frequent victims of repression, torture and false cases.

In a statement yesterday, she alleged that Amir Hossain Anu, who won the election through rigging and terrorism has resorted to a reign of terror in Jhalakathi-Nachhi areas.

She said that her leaders and supporters are being harassed and also being harassed under false cases. Youths at Taltala, Mollarhat, Subidpur and Katkhal areas are the worst victims of repression and harassment of the so-called "Anu Force", she added.

She called upon the people in her constituency to launch movement against the "misdeeds, repression and harassment" of Anu Force and requested the newspapers to report on terrorism in the area.

### Double murder

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A case was filed against Abdul Haq and his son Zakir Hossain with Anowara police in this connection. Police submitted charge sheets against the two accused.

The judge examined 17 witnesses in the case and found Abdul Haq and his son Zakir Hossain guilty.

### Ranu laid to rest

Noted social worker and one of the prominent women leaders of the country, Begum Nurunnahar Ranu was buried at Banani graveyard yesterday after namaz-e-janaza, reports BSS.

A large number of people including Local Government Minister Zillur Rahman and Advocate Shah Alam, MP, attended the namaz-e-janaza held at Gulshan Central Jama Masjid premises.

### Grand daughter of Nawab Salimullah passes away

Begum Shaista Hassan, mother of S K Sharif Hassan, Additional Foreign Secretary, died of cardiac arrest at her residence at Ahsan Manzil in the city yesterday. She was 77, reports BSS.

Grand daughter of Sir Nawab Salimullah and younger sister of former Ambassador Khwaja Mohammad Kaiser, Begum Hassan left behind two sons and six daughters.

She was buried at her family graveyard at Begum Bazar following the namaz-e-janaza held at Ahsan Manzil.

### Newsman dies

Mahabubul Haque Payera, Feni district correspondent of The Daily Ittefaq and a noted sports organiser and former general secretary of Feni District Sports Association died yesterday morning at his residence. He was 75, reports BSS.

Haque was suffering from various complicated diseases. He left behind five sons, four daughters and a host of relatives to mourn his death. His namaz-e-janaza was held at Mizan Maidan last evening. He was later buried in the family graveyard.

### Freedom fighter dead

M Alauddin, a freedom fighter and local leader of Krishak League, died on Friday at Srinagar under Munshiganj district. He was 58, reports BSS.

Alauddin took part in a boat race on the day at Balashur-Rarikhal under Srinagar. The boat which he was leading became first.

Alauddin died of cardiac arrest when he was rejoicing the victory with his teammates.

His namaz-e-janaza was held the following Saturday and was later buried in a family graveyard in a state honour.

### Obituary

Kamala Rani Das, mother of shift-in-charge of the daily Matabhumi Sudhir Kaibarta Das, died at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday. He was 77, reports UNB.

The deceased left behind three sons, one daughter and two grandsons. She will be cremated at village Chandipur in Homna upazila of Comilla district.

### Stabbing on campus

#### 4 DU students expelled

Dhaka University (DU) authorities have temporarily expelled four students of the Institute of Education and Research (IER) for their alleged involvement in stabbing three students of the same institute, reports UNB.

The DU authorities have also decided to serve show cause notices on four students - M Rabiul Alam, Shamsuzzoha Arfin and Hemayet Hossain of third batch and Mahbubur Rahman Litu of second batch.

"If they do not reply to the show-cause notices within seven days or their answers are not satisfactory, the temporary expulsion order would be considered permanent order," a DU press release said yesterday.

The action was taken as three students - Matiar, Mohammad Hossain and Masud Rana - who were reportedly stabbed by the accused, complained to the DU Vice-Chancellor Prof A K Azad Chowdhury.

### SAARC

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than the cost of their imports.

Nuruddin said no discussion between the government and garment factory owners has taken place on the effect of the new system.

He emphasised removal of differences among different associations regarding the issue. He claimed that the local knit fabric industries can meet more than 70 per cent of the domestic demand and that the quality of the local knit fabrics is much better than that of Indian ones.

The labour leaders urged the government to help flourish textile industries in the country to generate employment.

### Gen Bhuiyan Supporters' Assoc formed

By Staff Correspondent

A new organisation, General Bhuiyan Supporters' Association, was launched recently with a pledge of neutral, black money and terrorism-free election.

The association was formed at a meeting of former members of armed forces, held on September 8, at Juranpur Adarsha College auditorium in Daudkandi. Subedar Roushan Ali presided over the meeting, said a press release.

Freedom fighter and founder of Juranpur Complex, Major General (Retd) Subid Ali Bhuiyan addressed the meeting as chief guest.

Politician Abdul Matin Mastan, social worker Khorsheed Alam, freedom fighter Shawkat Ali, Ali Ashraf, Panna also attended the meeting.

Twenty-four union committees of the Association out of 27 unions of Daudkandi were also formed in the meeting.

### Body examining

#### steps to enlist expatriates as voters, JS told

By Staff Correspondent

A five-member committee is examining measures to enlist Bangladeshi expatriates as voters and enable them to cast vote in national elections in the country, Law Minister Abdul Matin Khasru told the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday.

The Election Commission has set up the committee with representatives from the Law, Foreign and Home Ministries, he said responding to a notice from Hosne Ara Wahid of the Awami League.

The minister said the demand of the expatriates deserves consideration, but there are some legal complications in this regard. "Under the existing law, it is difficult for the Election Commission to register the expatriate Bangladeshis as voters and arrange their voting," he said, adding postal balloting is not also covered by the law.

Khasru told the House that neighbouring countries like India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka also don't have any arrangement for their expatriates to cast vote in their national elections.

"The committee is working to simplify relevant laws and suggest measures for the expatriates to vote in the country's elections," he said, adding the committee will complete its work as soon as possible.

### Depression

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All fishing boats and trawlers over North Bay and deep sea have been advised to remain close to the coast and proceed with caution, the forecast added.

Earlier this month, on the dark phase of moon, a similar situation caused widespread damage to the coastal areas.

### Humayun Zahir

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a group of assailants on the premises of his Dharmamandir residence on April 8, 1997.

Zahirul Haq Khan, father-in-law of Zahir, filed a murder case with Dharmamandir thana accusing seven people the same day.

The investigation officer submitted a chargesheet to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, Dhaka against seven including Akhteruzzaman Chowdhury Babu.

Akhteruzzaman Chowdhury Babu and Abdul Matin, who were granted an interim bail from the High Court Division of the Supreme Court in 1997, appeared before the trial court yesterday.

District PP Mohammad Ali appeared for the state while Mahbub Ahmed, Abdur Rashid and Shamim Abdur for the accused.

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## Akhteruzzaman

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his statements and remarks were to serve the interests of the country as well as the party.

He said the question of violating the party decision does not arise at all since BNP as did not take any such decision in line with its constitution to refrain from attending Sangsad session. Even there are no minutes of any meeting which against attending the JS session.

He denied to have made any comment that went against the party constitution, ideals of belief.

Syed Emran Saleh Prince, assistant office secretary of BNP told The Daily Star at 8 p.m. yesterday

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### Huge loss

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culture sector, which has started using irrigation pumps in selected areas, also stands to be affected by the crisis.

We urge the government to immediately issue a white paper as to when the repair work of the major generation units will be completed and the same will go into generation. The government should also give details of the progress of the BMR work going on in different generation units and the expected supply position by October 2000," the release added.

Each sub-stations in the city, in the meantime, should have a cell to respond round-the-clock to consumers' queries and complaints, so that industries can reschedule production time considering the time to be lost due to load-shedding, it said.

### Adel

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The court on Monday ordered him to surrender before the trial court.

During yesterday's hearing, Adel's lawyer T M Akbar argued that the charge brought against his client was 'false and fabricated' as the Pakistani national flag that was reported to be hoisted atop his house is yet to be produced before the court.

Police could neither seize the said flag nor could identify who hoisted the flag, the lawyer argued.

Adel was elected member of Parliament for three consecutive terms and the case has been filed to tarnish his image, he argued.

Opposing the bail prayer, PP Kamrul Islam argued that the Pakistani national flag was hoisted atop Adel's house. This was proved by the fact that he had issued a rejoinder to press regarding the incident, he argued.

A daily also printed a photograph showing a Pakistani flag fluttering atop Adel's house. The charge brought against him is non-bailable, the PP argued.

The PP termed Adel an agent of Pakistani Intelligence Agency and said he had opposed the Liberation War.

### Clinton

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The State Minister told Riedel that despite various constraints Bangladesh has eliminated child labour from the readymade garments sector for which it should be rewarded and not punished.

Referring to the delay in the deportation of the killers of the Father of the Nation living in the United States, he stated that the USA cannot be a safe haven for criminals and self-proclaimed killers.

Riedel said Ambassador K M Shahaabuddin is making tireless efforts for immediate deportation of the killers. He mentioned about the time-consuming legal process and assured of doing everything possible to expedite the process. In this regard, he said, the extradition treaty should be concluded as soon as possible.

The State Minister said the Prime Minister was looking forward to her meeting with President Clinton at the White House next month. The meeting would go a long way in further cementing the bonds of cooperation between the two countries, he hoped.

### Every citizen

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the government reinforced the purchasing system and is distributing food grains to the people at a fair price and through different programmes.

The government is also buying rice at high price to ensure a remunerative price of agricultural products, particularly rice, he added.

"So far, we've bought five lakh tons of rice from the open market and have given permission to buy one lakh ton more to maintain stability in rice market," Kibria said.

### Re-Tender for Hiring Microbus & Bus

Tender No: 03/2000-2001

Tender for hiring Microbus & Bus for pick-up and drop of Biman officers and staff are hereby invited in sealed envelope. Details are given in the schedule which will be available on all working days upto 01 October 2000 in Cash and Banking Section of Biman Bangladesh Airlines, Biman Head Office, Balaka, Kurmitola, Dhaka and Office of the Manager Accounts, Biman Sales Office, Motijheel, Dhaka on payment of Tk. 200/- (two hundred) only (non-refundable) for each route by submitting an application on own letter head pad.

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## Olympic soccer

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The Olympics began two days ahead of the official opening ceremony with preliminary matches of the football tournament in Canberra, Brisbane, Adelaide and Melbourne.

Tight security greeted fans at all matches as Olympic competition returned to Australia for the first time in 44 years.

But Australia's women, or the Matildas - best known for stripping naked for a team calendar - were hammered 3-0 by Germany in a bruising opener.

More than 90,000 people then witnessed the Olyroos lose 1-0 to Italy at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Whether the smooth transport operations around the country open in Sydney remains debatable.

Olympic organisers were today forced to recruit new bus drivers after more than 50 quit, citing poor working conditions.

They complained they were operating on about five hours sleep a day and most were fed up with the stress.

Sydney's transport woes continued at Sydney's airport when 27 people were hospitalised after suffering breathing difficulties, sore throats and eye irritations when maintenance workers accidentally spilled cleaning solvents into the airport's air conditioning system.

The scare came as the airport handled the heaviest workload in its 88-year history.

But it wasn't all doom and gloom.

Marion Jones could emerge from the Games as one of the greatest athletes in the history of sport, US head coach Karen Dennis predicted.

Knowing Marion, if she completes five events I think she can achieve her dream. I really do," said Dennis, of Jones' attempt to win five golds - a feat never before achieved in women's track and field.

"It would probably be an unprecedented accomplishment and make her one of the greatest athletes of all time."

And tennis officials were upbeat.

Damir Dokic, the erratic father of teenage Australian tennis star Jelena, was told he would have to pay for his tickets if he wants to see his daughter play at the Games.

Tagged a tennis parent from hell for his series of ejections from major tournaments, Dokic would not be accredited as his daughter's coach. Australian Olympic Committee Assistant Chief de Mission Peter Montgomery said.

Rafter compounded the good news with conciliatory remarks about arch-foe Philippoussis.

"It's very close living quarters in the athletes village and I think it's going to be good. I think we're going to bond very well," Rafter said.

Amendments. It will be placed before the cabinet for approval and then to the Jatiya Sangsad for passage.

The amendments suggest minimum fire years' jail and other punitive actions for failing to ensure proper fire safety measures in factories and giving more powers to the Fire Service and Civil Defence Department.

Amendments were suggested to the age old Ordinance in 1997 with an aim to update it according to the need of time particularly after a series of fire incidents in the garment industries where about 100 people died since 1990.

Officials said that the proposed bill suggested increase in penalty for people failing to take adequate protection for factories and other industrial facilities.

Under the new ordinance all business establishments including garment factories, financial organisations, entertainment agencies and clubs would have to procure fire prevention licenses from authorities concerned.

If any establishment is found without having a valid license or violating any clause of the license, the owner of that particular establishment would be put behind the bar for a minimum term of five years.

The fire service authorities would attain rights to summon the owner of the establishment if any incident of fire takes place or seize combustible materials whenever they want.

The fire service and civil defence drafted a new ordinance in 1997, and sent it to the home ministry sent it to the law ministry for scrutiny, officials said yesterday.

The law ministry took about three years to bring about necessary changes in the draft and only recently sent it to the fire service seeking its suggestion on those.

After approval of the fire service the draft ordinance has now been placed with the home ministry, which will now forward it before the cabinet for its sanction.

### Transport strike

in Cox's Bazar

COX'S BAZAR, Sept 13: Vehicular movements remained suspended to and from the sea resort town from today as a faction of the district truck union called an indefinite strike here last night, reports BSS.

Hundreds of people including the tourists became stranded as no transport plied.

Police said the strike was called after clashes between two groups of the truck union at a meeting last night.

Truck Union president Idris, secretary Ishaq were leading the factions.

Union leaders said Idris group called the strike demanding immediate arrest of terrorists' belonged to Ishaq group.

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