

## News

## ● 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 Academy auditorium. Time: 5:00 pm.

**Meeting:** A general meeting of the Sri Sri Rauna Kali Mandir O Srima Anandamayi Ashram Puja Uddipan Parishad will be held. Venue: Dhakeshwari Jatiya 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 Shilpalay, 275/F, Road No 27 (Old), 16 (New), Dhannondi 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.

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**Discussion meeting:** Swadeshi Chinta Shangha will hold a discussion meeting. Topic of discussion will be on Abu Sayeed Ayyub's Pather Shesh Kothay. Kenote speaker: Amjadul Hossain. Venue: House No 25B, Rd No 1, Dhannondi 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, Dhannondi 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		Humidity in	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	34.4	27.8	69	77
Chittagong	32.5	23.0	85	82
Rajshahi	34.6	26.5	84	78
Khulna	31.7	26.3	84	82
Barisal	30.7	27.4	92	82
Sylhet	33.8	26.5	83	69
Cox's Bazar	32.0	24.8	93	88

## 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 convenor.

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

Golam Kuddus, general secretary of Sammilita Sangskritik Jote, Liaquat Ali Lucky, general secretary of the Group Theater Federation and actress Tariqa 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.

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

## 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 Mohammad Abdus Sattar, Prof Abdul Khaleq, Prof Ansar 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.

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## দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

সাধারণ বীমা কর্পোরেশনের ২০০১ ইং সনের দেয়াল "ক্যান্ডেলা" মুদ্রণ কাজের জন্য সংজ্ঞালী ও উন্নতমানের মুদ্রণ কাজে অভিজ্ঞতা সম্পন্ন প্রকৃত অফসেট প্রিন্টিং প্রেস ও বিজ্ঞাপন প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট থেকে সীলনোৰোকৃত খামে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে।

আগস্টি ২৪/০৯/২০০০ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত নিম্নস্থানীকৰণ অফিস থেকে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে টাকা-৩০০.০০ (তিনশত) মাত্র (অক্ষেত্রে যোগ) মূল্য প্রদান করে দরপত্র দলিল প্রাপ্ত থাবে।

আগস্টি ২৭/০৯/২০০০ইং তারিখ মুদ্রুর ১২:০০ টা পর্যন্ত নিম্নস্থানীকৰণ অফিস থেকে রাষ্ট্রীয় দরপত্র বাবে দরপত্র গৃহীত হবে এবং প্রিন্টিং মুদ্রুর ১২:৩০ মিনিটে উপস্থিত দরদাতাগণ/প্রতিনিধির সামনে (যদি কেবল উপস্থিত থাবেন) প্রাপ্ত দরপত্রগুলো খোল হবে।

কর্পোরেশন কেবল কারণ দর্শনে ব্যাতিরেকেই যে কেবল দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করে।

সার্বীক/জস/টেক্স-২৬/২০০০

হাসনাত মোশাররফ  
অবধায়ক

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

## 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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constraint.

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 Kamruddin Islam argued that the Pakistani national flag was hoisted by Adel. 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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Bangladesh.

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.

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

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 Shehabuddin 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 between the two leaders would go a long way in further cementing the bonds of cooperation between the two countries, he hoped.

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

Akhteruzzaman Chowdhury and Abdul Matin, who were granted ad-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 Shamsul Ahsan for the accused.

"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.

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

## 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 trans-

port operations around the country occur in Sydney re-

main debatable.

Olympic organisers were to-

day forced to recruit new bus drivers after more than 50 quit,

citizens 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 air-

port 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. 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 up-

beat. Damir Dokic, the erratic father of teenaged 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 Chef de Mission Peter Montgomery said.

Rafter compounded the good

news with conciliatory remarks about archi-foe Philippon.

"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.

## Garments fire

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amendments. It will be placed before the cabinet for approval and then to the Jatiya Sangsads for passage.

The amendments suggest