

News

What's on today....

Seminar: The Cultural Centre of the Islamic Republic of Bangladesh has arranged a seminar on 'Personality of Hazrat Fatima Zahra (AS) and Status of Women' on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Hazrat Fatima Zahra (AS) and Women Day. Venue: Cultural Centre auditorium, House-54, Road-8/A, Dharmoddi. Time: 4 pm.

Film show: High Commission of India will screen *Dil To Pagal Hai* starring Shahrukh Khan and Madhuri Dixit. Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium. Time: 6.15 pm.

Spanish film session: Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen *Mujeres Al Borde de un Ataque de Nervios* (Women on the verge of a nervous breakdown) and *Atame!* (Tie me up, tie me down). Venue: Goethe Institut, House No 10, Rd No 9, Dharmoddi R/A. Time: 5.30 pm & 7.15 pm respectively.

Inaugural ceremony: The inaugural ceremony of Wintech E-Commerce Centre will be held. Venue: 71 Kemal Ataturk Avenue (2nd floor), Banani. Time: 4 pm.

Cultural function: Joydhwani, a Dhaka University-based cultural organisation, in association with the High Commission of India will organise a cultural programme. Special attraction of the function is Bharatnatyam which will be performed by the students of Prof. CV Chandrasekher. Venue: Public Library auditorium. Time: 6.30 pm.

Seminar: On 'Satellite Communications - A Dominant Means for Global Multi-media Communications', Prof Saiful Islam of BUET will present the key-note paper. Venue: Seminar Room, Civil Engineering Building of BUET. Time: 4.30 pm.

Inaugural ceremony: The inaugural ceremony of Rupa Knitwear (Pvt) Ltd will be held. Finance Minister SAMS Kibria will present as chief guest. Venue: Factory premises, Kurnia, Board Bazar, Gazipur. Time: 4 pm.

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Pedro Almodovar retrospective: *Tocones Letos* (High Heels) by Pedro Almodovar will be screened on the last day of Spanish Film Session organised by Zahir Raihan Film Society. Venue: German Cultural Centre, House-10, Road-9, Dharmoddi. Time: 5.30 pm.

Indian film show: The High Commission of India will screen *Joshi*, a feature film. Venue: Auditorium of the high commission, House-25, Road-2, Dharmoddi. Time: 6.15 pm.

Book launching ceremony: The launching ceremony of a book on 'An Inquiry into Causes and Consequences of Deprivation of Hindu Minorities in Bangladesh through the Vested Property Act: Framework for a Realistic Solution' will be held. Trip Trust and Association for Land Reform and Development have organised the event. Venue: Planning and Development Academy, Nilkhet. Time: 3 pm.

Weather

Thundershower likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind are likely at most places over the country during the next 12 hours till 6 pm, reports UNB.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period. Met office said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 32.4 degree Celsius was recorded at Cox's Bazar and the lowest 21.5 degree Celsius at Khulna.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5:57 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:47 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	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	27.8	23.5	98	98
Chittagong	31.6	24.5	81	82
Rajshahi	24.6	23.3	100	100
Khulna	27.0	21.5	100	100
Barisal	29.0	24.5	92	96
Sylhet	27.2	22.4	96	91
Cox's Bazar	32.4	25.0	88	85

HERE and THERE

Old Dhaka

Welfare Assoc

The Old Dhaka Welfare Association has threatened to gherao the City Corporation Bhaban demanding early repair of dilapidated roads, remove traffic jam, clean sewerage, street light and bypass road in Sutrapur Lohar Pool, reports BSS.

Association at a meeting Monday expressed a concern that there was no improvement, rather the situation worsened, despite assurance held out by Mayor Mohammad Hanif.

It said residents of Narinda, Dayaganj, Sutrapur, Ganderia, Islampur, Laxmibazar, Farashganj, Faridabad, Mill Barrack, Postogola and Zorain are the worst sufferers.

The meeting also appealed to the President and the Prime Minister to pay proper attention for resolving the problems of Old Dhaka city.

Federation of

youth organisations

National Federation of Youth Organisations in Bangladesh organised a discussion in the city yesterday in observance of the Millennium Peace Day, reports UNB.

The federation in collaboration with its associated and member organisations held the discussion entitled 'the Role of Young People in Construction of Sustainable Peace in the Society'.

Dulal Biswas, ASM Mannan, Dr Golam Faruk, Hasan Zaman, Tasmin Rana, Tipu Sultan Khan and A Sarker Babu took part in the discussion, said a press release.

BCL farewell

By DU Correspondent

Ruling party backed student organisation Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) yesterday hosted a farewell reception to its Dhaka University unit president Sajjad Hossain, who is leaving for England to study Bar-at-law.

The programme, held at the Bat-tala on the campus, was addressed by the leaders of central executive committee and different hall units.

Discussion on

Biswakarma Puja

Bangladesh Kathshilpi Sramik Sangathan, an organisation of the country's wood workers, Tuesday arranged a discussion to celebrate the Sri Sri Biswakarma Puja at Tantibazar in the city, reports BSS.

International Affairs Secretary of Bangladesh Awami Judo League Advocate Najibullah Hiri was the chief guest at the function chaired by president of the organisation Babu Tarapad Sarker.

President of Joy Bangla Sangskritik Jote Salauddin Badal, former student leaders Jahangir Ahmed, Nirmal Goswami and Babu Sudhanshu Roy also spoke on the occasion.

Mujib Adarsha

Mullayan Parishad

Mujib Adarsha Mullayan Parishad in a meeting on Sunday hailed Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for her speech at the United Nations, says a press release.

Heled at the Parishad central office, the meeting was presided over by G.A. Momin.

Abul Kashem Fazlul Hoq, Noor Mohammad Noor, Quazi Md. Firozzaman, Zainul Abedin, Rafiqul Islam Mukta, Shafudin Siddique, Dr. Entaz Ali, Sayed Batter, Siddique Rahaman, Harun-or-Rashid Hawlader, Dr. Jogesh Karmoker, and Ashrafuddin spoke on the occasion.

Referring to the PM's speech at the UN Millennium Summit, they said this is perhaps for the first time that any leader spoke in a very clear and candid voice against capture of power by force after removing any elected government in any country.

Anando

Dhaka based NGO, Anando, together with the German Embassy awarded prizes to twelve children aged between 3 and 10 as the winners of a painting competition, a press release said in Dhaka yesterday.

A total of 93 children took part in the competition, which was held on September 8 at the Anando premises in Banani and subjects of painting covered life in Bangladesh and Germany.

Vested Property Act

Cabinet committee meeting postponed

By Staff Correspondent

The second meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Vested Property Act which was scheduled for yesterday, has been deferred till September 24, official sources said.

The meeting was postponed as a member of the committee did not turn up yesterday. The cabinet committee comprises six ministers and state ministers.

On September 3, the Cabinet decided, in principle, to return the vested property to their original owners and formed the cabinet committee with Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Abdul Matin Khasru as its convenor to formulate a draft law in this regard.

The first meeting of the committee held on September 12, discussed probable political implications of the decision.

Reception to meritorious students

Dafodil of Institute of IT (DIIT) and The Daily Ittefaq jointly accorded a reception yesterday to the meritorious students of H.S.C. and the certificate holders of International Diploma in Computer Studies from NCC (UK) this year, says a press release.

Taslima Hossain, MP, Editor of the Weekly Ananya was present at the function as chief guest while Dr Chowdhury Md. Mofluz Rahman, Departmental Head, Computer Science & Engineering, BUEC; Professor Jahanara Begum, Principal of Dhaka College and Hamida Ali, Principal of Viquarunnisa Noon School and College, were present as special guest.

Managing Director of Dafodil Computers Ltd and Chairman of DIIT Sabur Khan presided.

The programme was divided into four parts. Students were given awards at the function.

The programme was rounded off with a quiz contest arranged by DIIT. Winners were given gift packets.

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'Definition of genocide should be incorporated in penal code'

State Minister for Planning Dr Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir and yesterday said that definition of genocide should be incorporated in the existing Penal Code of Bangladesh to try the hated war criminals of 1971, reports BSS.

"War criminals could be tried under the law of the land, but I think definition of genocide should be incorporated in the penal code for trial of the planners and executors of the world's most hated genocide," he said.

The minister was speaking at a discussion on 'trial of the war criminals' as the chief guest held at the NSC auditorium organised by Sonar Bangla Sangskritik Parishad.

Among others, Justice K M Sobhan, Barrister Amirul Islam, Syed Hasan Imam, General Secretary of Bangladesh Awami Juba League Advocate Kazi Iqbal Hussain, Director of National Security Intelligence Anti-

sul Haque Mridha, Deputy Attorney General M Faruq and President of Joibangla Sangskritik Olkya Jote Salauddin Badal addressed the function.

Dr Alamgir praised Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for her courageous role and historical stand against the military and autocratic regimes across the globe.

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Euro Parliament team

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opposition she demanded international polls observers because the post-75 rulers won the elections through 'massive rigging.'

About relations with opposition parties, the prime minister said that their differences were ideological. "Our's is a people party. It is 50 years old and has its roots among the masses."

She said the two main opposition parties were born in the cantonment. The military rulers captured the power and then forced the parties to give legitimacy to their illegal capture of power.

The Prime Minister said her party had long struggled for restoration of democracy in the country, because it believes that without democracy peace cannot be established and without peace development is not possible.

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'Kishor Bishwa Sthapatya' launched

By Staff Correspondent

The publication ceremony of a book, *Kishor Bishwa Sthapatya* (World Architecture for the Juveniles), an introductory book on global and local architectural achievements and trends, written by Prof Dr Nizamuddin Ahmed, was held in the city yesterday.

State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader launched the book at the function as chief guest.

"Bengal has a rich architectural heritage. Various architectural sites including Alisan Manjil, Paharpur and Mainamati should be preserved through concerted efforts of all," he said.

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"If any juvenile aspires to be an architect after reading my book, that will be my greatest pleasure," Prof Nizamuddin Ahmed said.

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Grocer missing
According to record at the district cooperative office, there were only 31 registered members of the society. Razzak took Tk 1.4 lakh as loan last year against the deposit of his cooperative society, but he did not return it.

Thousands of investors are now desperately trying to trace Razzak. Police, however, could not trace him.

Police have been deployed in Shalibindagar area to avoid any untoward incident. District cooperative office has formed a one member probe body in this regard.

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Flood
shops at that time and are feared to have drowned.

Locals along with SDS, a non-government organisation working here, were conducting rescue operation. But they could not trace any of the missing five till filing of this report at about 8.30 pm.

Erosion by the Padma has devoured 1,500 homes so far in this rainy season.

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Sutrapur
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According to a large number of residents, Suman soon enjoyed immunity from police. He acted the 'judge', conducted 'trials' at the club and handed down punishments. He was often seen closely discussing matters with police officers at Sutrapur than, they alleged.

The bronze went to Karnam Malleswari, who became the first Indian female to win an Olympic medal despite being angered by press jibes that she was 'overweight, drinking beer and eating too much chicken and cheese.'

The 4,000m team pursuit world record was broken twice, first by the Ukrainian cyclists in the semi-final and then by Germany in the final when the

Mamata's move

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feeling to Mamata that the Marxists' bastion held in tact for 23 years at a stretch may not be that invincible. Panskura was a test case for Trinamool's strategy to fight the next assembly elections, a strategy that rests on two main points: (i) resist attempts to use force to manipulate polling and (ii) beat the opposition in its own game of alleged rigging.

However, realising that Trinamool does not have the organisational might to match the Marxists throughout West Bengal in pushing through its strategy, Mamata has been pressing for some kind of intervention from the central government before the fresh assembly polls so that her party gets some kind of 'level-playing field'.

Before sending the letter, Advani had stated that all options, including dismissal of Left Front government, were available to the NDA dispensation at the Centre in the wake of political violence in West Bengal, triggering storm of protests from Left parties.

But BJP sources here said the utterances by Advani, Fernandes and other NDA constituents about the political situation in West Bengal is aimed at keeping up the pressure on the Left Front government in the state and to government Manik Banerjee.

Knowing the severe constraints of Valapayee government to dismiss Basu government, why is Mamata making the demand? It is generally agreed that she has fresh assembly elections in West Bengal in mind. The performance of Trinamool Congress in the coming elections are crucial to her political career which revolves around the ability to project the party as the only viable alternative to Left Front.

Trinamool victory in Panskura by-elections gave the