

News

What's on today....

BRTA consultative meeting : BRTA will hold a National Consultative Group meeting on Community Road Safety Pilot Initiatives. Organisers : Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) & World Bank. Venue : LGED Bhaban (level-4). Time : 10.00 am.

Art and craft exhibition : Gallery 21 presents a week long exhibition of "High Art and Fine Crafts - Paintings by famous artists and Elegant Studio Pottery." Venue: Gallery 21, 765 Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi R/A. Time : 10.00 am - 8.00 pm.

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

India film show : The High Commission of India will screen 'Joshi', a feature film. Venue : Auditorium of the High Commission. House-25, Road-2, Dhanmondi. 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. Prip Trust and Association for Land Reform and Development have organised the event. Venue: Planning and Development Academy, Nilkhel. Time : 3 pm.

Sunbeams exhibition : The students of Sunbeams will hold an art exhibition. Noted artist Rafiqul-Nabi will inaugurate the exhibition. Venue : Drift Picture Library, House No 58, Rd No 15A (New), 26 (Old), Dhanmondi R/A. Time : 4.00 pm.

Kay Kraft exhibition : Kay Kraft begins a three-day long exhibition of exclusive shirts. Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Road. Time : 4.00 pm - 8.00 pm till September 23.

Seminar : Lions and Leo Club of Dhaka Midtown will hold a seminar on "Save the Children, Build the Nation". Chief guest : State Minister for Social Welfare Dr Mozammel Hossain. Venue : Bangladesh Shishu Academy. Time : 4.30 pm.

Seminar : A seminar on "Undergraduate Research and Associate Education Programme" will be held. Organiser : Satyem Bosh Science Club of BUET. Venue: Seminar Room of Civil Engineering Building. Time: 5.20 pm.

Consultation : Gono Bishwabidyalay will hold its weekly consultation meeting with students seeking admission into its courses. Venue: Gonoshasthya Nagar Hospital, House No 14/E, Rd No 6, Dhanmondi R/A. Time : 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm.



A bus-truck collision occurred on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway near Gozaria thana yesterday

— Star photo

Death of Mahbub Police accused of violating HR

By Staff Correspondent

Bureau of Human Rights Bangladesh (BHRB) and Bangladesh Centre for Trauma Victims (BRTC) yesterday expressed deep concern at the death of Mahbub Hassan Khan on Monday, who died during a chase by police.

"Instead of saving the drowning man's life, the police rather drove him to his death. They have committed gross violation of human rights. A little consciousness and sympathy from them could have prevented this repetition of the atrocious Jewell murder incident," President and Executive Director of BHRB said in a joint statement.

Mahbub Hassan Khan was a rent-a-car tradesman. He was a resident of Rampura and was gossiping with several friends in front of the East Hajipara Bhumukhi Samabay Samiti when police began to chase him. Mahbub fled and later drowned in a lake while trying to cross it.

BHRB has formed a four-member fact-finding team to probe into this incident. The members of the team are Secretary General and Executive Director of BHRB advocate Md Shahjahan, Major (Rtd) Habibul Sarker, Public Relations officer Nurul Islam Farooqui and Programme Coordinator Kabir Ahmed.

6 policemen

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Magistrate Atahar Ali for assaulting Naik Saidul Islam working under his command in the unit now posted at Chittagong Port to maintain security there.

Naik Saidul was picked up by police and beaten up on suspicion when he went to Shubhapur Bus Station area at Kadamtali under Double Mooring thana.

Later Saidul was handed over to the army officials who rushed to the thana hearing the incident. The accused were suspended from their services.

The accused were: SI Achintya Hawlader, ASI Rahim Ullah, constable Rezaul Karim, Alfat, Shahab Ali and Jahangir, battalion Ansars Hafiz, Nurul Amin and Quamruzzaman.

BSEHR blames poor construction for accident at Diamond Cement

From Our Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Sept 20: A 4-member investigation team was formed at the directive of the director of investigation, Bangladesh Society for Enforcement of Human Rights (BSEHR), held weak shattering and negligence of both the construction company and owner authority for the collapse of silo roof of Diamond cement company.

The team in its report today said that the materials used for the shattering were not suitable for supporting the weight of 145-ton roof at 86 ft height of the silo of the 2nd unit of the cement factory located at Ichhangarh on the south bank of the river Kamarpukur. The report said that instead of rods simple bamboo and a wooden structure was used for shattering.

The report also said that fact that the officials of AK Construction - the firm engaged for the construction, fled soon after the incident proves the corruption and incompetency of the firm.

The team, comprising of Zia Habib Alisan, Md Sharif Uddin, Shamsuddin and Mamunul Islam Mukul, recommended legal action and stern punishment to the persons involved in the incident. It further recommended sufficient compensation to the members of the victims' families terming the compensation already given by the authority as too meagre.

The team said 14 lives including that of two engineers on August 27.

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Khulna dacoity

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police during dacoity. No case was filed till filing of this report.

Earlier on Tuesday midnight, another armed dacoity was committed in the South Central Road residence of Prof Salchipada Das of Azam Khan Commerce College.

A gang of 10 masked young men entered his house breaking collapsible gate.

They confined all inmates to a room at gun point and then looted all gold ornaments weighing 65 tolas, Tk 7,500 in cash and all other valuables.

An FIR was lodged with Khulna thana. Police arrested six people including maid Asma, 40.

Asma confessed her involvement as an informer. Other arrested are Palash, 24, Obaidul 22, Kabir, 18, Jamil, 20 and Selim, 20.

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Obituary

Dr Reza Laila Akbar, former Chief Physician and Training Coordinator of ICDDR,B died at BIRDEM hospital on September 17. She was 61, says a press release.

She is survived by her husband, Dr Ali Akbar, former Joint Chief of Planning Commission, one son and one daughter.

Her *qurkhwani* will be held at her residence at House-2, Road-10, Block-C, Section-6, Mirpur, after Asr prayers on Friday.

Two BNP leaders expelled

By Staff Correspondent

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JU English Association

The annual general election of the English Association, a seven-member students representative body of the English department in Jahangirnagar University (JU), was held yesterday, reports BSS.

Syed Abdulhak Inan was elected vice-president while Shahinur Rahman Lumin was elected general secretary.

Five members who were earlier elected unopposed are: Asst General Secretary - Nafisa Ahsan Nitu, Cultural Secretary - KM Jahidul Hasan, Asst Cultural Secretary - Sheikh

BUET VC

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Nooruddin Ahmad expressed his deep shock at the death of the former VC. In a condolence message, he said that Prof Shahjahan was an ideal teacher and played an important role at home and abroad as water spe-

cialist.

Mayor of Dhaka City Mohammad Hanif went to the house of the deceased and stayed with the bereaved family members for sometime to con-

sole them.

The mayor prayed for salvation of the departed soul and conveyed sympathy to the bereaved family members.

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