

News

What's on today....

Meeting: Bangladesh Khadya Karmachari Parishad will hold a meeting. Venue: Khadya Bhaban, 16 Abdul Gani Road. Time: 9.00 am.

UAP orientation: The University of Asia Pacific (UAP) will hold its orientation programme for freshers of the fall 2000 semester. Venue: UAP administrative building premises, House No 7, Rd No 5A, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 10.00 am.

IUBAT orientation: The 24th orientation programme of the International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) will be held. Venue: Academy for Planning and Development, Mirikhet. Time: 3.00 pm.

Demonstration: Projonno '71, an organisation of the children of the martyrs of the Liberation War will hold a token hunger strike and demonstration for its various demands including immediate execution of verdict in Bangabandhu Murder Case, hanging of Liberation War criminal Golam Azam and his associates. Venue: Central Shaheed Minar. Time: 11.00 am-2.00 pm.

Rabindra Sangeet presentation: AKM Mizanur Rahman will present Rabindra Sangeet at his first solo programme. Chief guest: Noted Rabindra Sangeet Exponent Kamal Sharai. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, House No 510, Rd No 7, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 7.00 pm.

Seminar: Rem Ltd in association with IHTTI-School of Hotel Management in Switzerland, will hold a seminar. Venue: Top of the Park of Hotel Sheraton. Time: 7.00 pm.

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CPD workshop: Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) in association with Centre for Trade Policy and Law (CTPL) of Canada will inaugurate a 3-day long Policy Appreciation Workshop on "WTO and Bangladesh". Chief guest: Minister for Industry Tofal Ahmed. Venue: CIRDAP auditorium, 17 Topkhana Road. Time: 9.30-10.30 am.

Weather

Temperature may rise

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

Day temperature may rise by 1 or 2 degree Celsius over the country during the period. Met office said.

The country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 34.4 degree Celsius at Madaripur and the lowest 22.4 degree Celsius at Rangpur and Sayedpur.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5:54 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:48 am.

Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	33.4	25.7	63	85
Chittagong	34.0	24.5	80	73
Rajshahi	25.4	23.8	98	95
Khulna	33.7	23.2	76	95
Barisal	32.2	24.0	81	89
Sylhet	33.3	25.4	83	71
Cox's Bazar	34.0	25.5	78	73

HERE and THERE

Gono-Sangskriti

The convention-2000 of Gono-Sangskriti Front, a federation of 21 progressive cultural organisations across the country, began yesterday in the auditorium of National Press Club, reports BSS.

Presided over by Hyder Akbar Khan Juno, the convention was addressed, among others, by Fazl Ahmed, Serajul Islam Chowdhury, Kamal Lohani, Kazi Nuruzzaman, Shawkat Ali, Svet Abdul Maksud, Abu Bakar Siddiqi, Basir Al-Helal and Nurunabi Siddiqui.

The speakers emphasised that the progressive cultural activities can play a vital part for the protection and flourishing of national culture against the aggression of detrimental foreign culture.

Kamruddin Absar, secretary, Gono-Sangskriti Front conducted the function.

Bangladesh Neonatal Society

The Bangladesh Neonatal Society (BNS) yesterday underscored the need for improving the health services by under-

Accused escapes from custody: 3 cops suspended at Bogra

Bogra, Sept 22: Three policemen were suspended for negligence of duty on Thursday night as an illegal drug trader escaped from their custody, reports BSS.

They are Akhlaq, Ali Hossain and Liakat.

Police said drug-trader, Liton, who was undergoing treatment at Bogra Mohammad Ali Hospital escaped the hospital bluffing the policemen who were on duty.

Plainclothes men arrested Liton at Sutrapur Kasaipara in the town, from his house on Sunday night and got him admitted to the hospital the following day.

Liton took permission from the policemen to go to latrine.

One of the constables was gossipping with Liton's wife while the accused going to bathroom, said an eyewitness.

Recently, a number of accomplices of Liton attacked the two other policemen and snatched him at gunpoint.

Police arrested Liton's wife, his four brothers and father-in-law on Thursday night.

Obituary

A.Y. Ziauddin (Manju), a prominent businessman, in the city yesterday. He was 61.

His namaz-e-Janaza will be held at the Dhanmondi Eidgah Maidan after Zohr prayers today.

Manju was the eldest son of late A. K. M. Hafizuddin, a former minister, Inspector General of Police and president of EPIDC.

Liquor tragedy

Death toll rises to 3 in Satkhira

SATKHIRA, Sept 22: The death toll from liquor poisoning tragedy rose to three after one more person died at Satkhira sadar hospital at midnight Thursday night, reports BSS.

Doctors said the latest victim was Ranjit Das, a resident of bordering Bhomra village under satkhira thana.

The two other victims including the local Union Parishad Chairman Ranjot Kumar Ghose died yesterday after they returned from other side of the border where they were reportedly entertained by an Indian friend at north Chabbi Paragon district.

Ghose and three of his companions went to visit the friend identified as Ramesh Sardar at Ghojandanga village under the Indian district after crossing the border illegally on the day.

Fauzia

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meet, expressed their dissatisfaction over poor cooperation and management of the team officials.

Two swimmers Karar Samedul and Doly Akhter blamed that team officials gave them a very short notice of 24 hours on Sept 19 to leave Sydney but they refused to go alone without any official.

After the day's event, all the Bangladeshis sportmen except sprinter Malibub Alam made an early exit from the ongoing edition of the Olympics.

SAF Games gold medalist Malibub will compete in men's 200-metre sprint in the heat of September 27.



Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof AK Azad Chowdhury giving away certificate to an IBA graduate. The convocation of the graduates of Institute of Business Administration's (IBA) 32nd MBA and 4th BBA batch was held at the TSC auditorium yesterday afternoon.

- Star photo

IBA graduation ceremony held

By DU Correspondent

The graduation ceremony of the fourth BBA and 32nd MBA batches of the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) of Dhaka University was held at the TSC auditorium yesterday.

Chaired by the Director of IBA Prof Nurur Rahman, the function was also attended by university's faculty members, graduates and their parents, students and a large number of guests from business community.

President of Foreign Investors Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Bangladesh, Walur Rahman Bhuiyan attended the ceremony as special guest.

Addressing the function as chief guest, Vice Chancellor Prof AK Azad Chowdhury stressed the need for upgrading both qualitative and quantitative standard of education.

Later, the VC distributed certificates among the 123 graduates.

India likely to be free of polio by year end

NEW DELHI, Sept 22: India is likely to be free of polio patients by the end of this year, but it will take another five years to ensure the virus is completely eradicated, the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the government said today, reports Reuters.

"From over 30,000 cases a year, we have come down to 121 cases this year," Robert Kim Farley, WHO representative in New Delhi, told a news conference.

Success is at hand, we must stay the course and give the final push," he added.

Polio is a highly infectious disease which mainly afflicts children below the age of three. The virus invades the nervous system and can cause paralytic

found only in parts of sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East, and the Indian sub-continent.

"Our aim is to achieve zero transmission by the end of 2000 and to eradicate it by 2005," Shoban Sarkar, an Indian Health Ministry representative.

Countries that have achieved a zero polio status are concerned about how soon India can become polio free," he added.

The global polio Technical Consultative Group (TCG) had identified India as one of 20 countries that remained at risk of continued transmission of the disease.

India is the largest consumer of the oral polio vaccine, using a staggering 1,150 million doses a year.

Donovan Bailey crashes

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after the Barbados runner matched Bolt for the fastest heat time.

"Tomorrow is going to be a hard tough race and Obadele Thompson will be my hardest competition," Greene said.

A fired up Thompson said he wanted to "win the gold for Donovan" as his close friend, suffering from the flu, fell by the wayside in his second heat. Bally said he felt he had to run although he wasn't up to it.

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Cathy Freeman, looking a sure bet in the 400m after defending champion Marie-José Pérec led the Games, was equally impressive in her heat, although upstaged by little known Indian athlete KM Beena Mol.

Mol was the fastest women's 400m runner in a pincer-to-post performance.

"I just can't believe it," she said "I just decided to put my head down and run it as fast as I could."

"I never expected to even get through the first round!"

Polish walker Robert Korzeniowski was gifted the first athletics gold when Mexican Bernardo Segura was disqualified long after he had completed his post-race celebrations having crossed the line first in the 20km walk.

The judges ruled he had a third and final infraction in the last 400m.

Arsit Harju of Finland was the surprise winner in the men's shot put, the first world event title, with a best heave of 21.29m to leave the United States pair Adam Nelson and

John Godina in his wake.

In the men's 400m, Michael Johnson showed why he is regarded as practically invincible over the one-lap, describing his 45.25 sec heat time as "just a run out."

Australia's ambition of ending the United States swimming supremacy fell completely apart today, as the Americans won a further three golds, two in one event.

The crack US squad, now with 12 golds to Australia's four in the water, had Brooke Bennett win the women's 800m freestyle before Anthony Ervin and Gary Hall dead-heated for gold in the men's 50m free.

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The Dutch dolphin de Brujin cracked her third world record in the semi-finals of the women's 50m free, flying through the one length dash in 24.13 sec.

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In women's singles though, Venus Williams reached the last eight with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Germany's Jana Kandar, and next plays Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario of Spain the last player to beat Williams - 29 matches ago.

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