

News

What's on today

BSAF rally: Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum (BSAF) will hold a rally to mark Girl Child Day, as part of the Child Rights Week 2000. Venue: From Press Club to Shishu Academy. Time: 8.00 am.

National confe: BCS Coordination Committee (26 cadre) will hold its national conference 2000. Chief guest: Food Minister Amir Hossain Anu. MP. Time: 10.00 am.

Reception: Bangladesh Students Welfare Association will accord a reception to the 1st three position holders of the HSC 2000 exam merit list in all three groups. Venue: Osmani Auditorium. Time: 11.00 am.

BSCIC exhibition: BSCIC will hold an exhibition of the handiworks of its internal training session of April-June 2000 batch. It will also hold a 3-day long handicrafts and design mela and give out certificates to the graduates of its Jan-March 2000 training session. Venue: Conference room of BSCIC. Time: 11.00 am.

BIIT seminar: A seminar on "Palestine and the Status of Jerusalem will be held. Chief guest: Shaista Zarab, Ambassador of Palestine and Dean of the Diplomatic Corps. Venue: Bangladesh Institute of Islamic Thought (BIIT) seminar room, 145 Green Road. Time: 4.00 pm.

Meeting: Bangladesh Poribesh Rokkha Parishad (Porosh) will hold a meeting on the Arsenic Task Force it is working on. Venue: DPHE conference room. Time: 4.00 pm.

IUB discussion: Centre for Social Science and Public Policy research of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) will hold a discussion meeting on "Implications of Globalization and Policy of Market Economy for the development prospects of South Asian countries. Venue: IUB campus. House No 6, Rd No 14, Baridhara. Time: 4.30 pm.

Contemporary dance: Sristi Cultural Centre presents an evening of contemporary dance titled "Akriti". Venue: Main auditorium of National Museum. Time: 7.00 pm.

Musical soiree: Kranti will hold Sangeet Niyomita, its regular musical soiree. Compositions by Komal Das Gupta will be presented at the programme. Venue: Isfendiyar Auditorium of BWA Shabtiya Kendra. Time: 7.00 pm.

Porosh seminar: Poribesh Rokkha Shopoth (Porosh) will hold a seminar on "Urbanisation in Bangladesh: Challenges". Chief guest: Minister for LGRD Zillur Rahman. Venue: Council Bhaban of BUET. Time: 10.00 am-7.30 pm.

Charity concert & film show: The students of North-South University (NSU) will organise a charity concert & film show to raise funds for the acid burn victims sponsored by the Bengali daily Prothom Alo. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre. Time: 10.30 am.

Workshop: Bangladesh Anti-Tobacco alliance will hold a day-long workshop on the World Health Organization's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC). Venue: Dhaka Ahsan Mission, House No 19, Rd No 12 (new). Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 9.00 am.

DRU meet the Reporters: Dhaka Reporters Unity (DRU) presents Minister for Agriculture Motia Chowdhury in its "Meet the Reporters" series. The minister will deliver a talk on "State of Politics in Bangladesh" and later answer queries by reporters of different dailies. Venue: DRU auditorium, 8/4 A. Topkhana Road, Segun Bagicha. Time: 10.55 am.

Seminar: Centre for Advanced Research in Social Sciences of Dhaka University will hold a seminar on "Importance of FDI in the Developing Countries with Particular Reference to Bangladesh". Venue: 401, Lecture Theatre, DU. Time: 11.00 am.

BFUW seminar: Bangladesh Federation of University Women (BFUW) will hold a seminar on "Globalisation: Culture of Peace Through Education". Venue: Women's Voluntary Association (WVA) auditorium, House No 20, Road No 16 (new), 27 Dhamundi R/A. Time: 3.00 pm.

ASB Meeting: The regular monthly meeting of Asiatic Society of Bangladesh (ASB) will be held. Dr Md Shahadat Ali, Professor of Zoology Department of Dhaka University will present a talk on "Status of Fisheries in Bangladesh". Venue: Seminar room of ASB, 5 Old Secretariat, Nimgali, Ramna. Time: 5.00 pm.

BELA workshop: Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA) will begin a 2-day long workshop on "Environment, Environmental Law and Justice" in collaboration with Judicial Administration Training Institute (JATI), The Asia Foundation and UNDP. Venue: CIRDAP auditorium, Chanchi House, Topkhana Road.

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Inauguration: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the programmes on occasion of World Habitat Day. Venue: Osmani Memorial Hall. Time: 10.00 am.

NSU-CPD lecture: North-South University in association with Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) will hold a lecture on "Mutual trading system and challenges for developing countries". Venue: NSU campus. Time: 9.30 am.

Weather

No charge in temperature

Light rain or thundershowers accompanied by gusty wind is likely at one or two places over Barisal and Chittagong divisions and weather may remain mainly dry and sunny elsewhere over the country in next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

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

The country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 35.4 degree Celsius was at Khulna and the lowest 23.0 degree Celsius at Srimongal.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5.47 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.50 am.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in percentage	Morning	Evening
Max	Min			
Dhaka	33.5	26.4	71	60
Chittagong	34.2	24.3	80	82
Rajshahi	33.5	25.2	80	82
Khulna	35.4	25.2	74	71
Barisal	34.2	26.0	73	77
Sylhet	34.2	24.2	82	76
Cox's Bazar	32.6	24.5	88	82



The students and teachers of Aga Khan School raised a fund of Tk 115,000 for the treatment of Saikat Rahman Amit, a victim of rare wild polio disease. Photo shows M Mashfiqul Haque handing over the cheque to Amit on behalf of the Aga Khan School Charity Club.

Jackal's Meat

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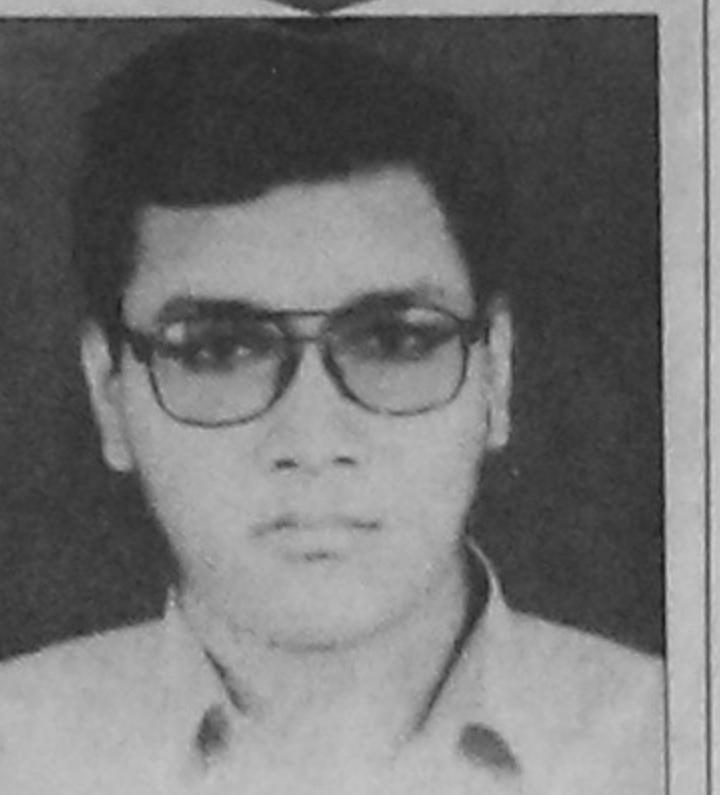
head, belly and other parts of a jackal.

RU authorities in a press release today said the dining manager caught a jackal last night and slaughtered it to feed his mother its meat for her treatment. He did it as per prescription of an Ayurvedic physician.

A five-member probe committee headed by Shah Alam, Professor of Botany, has been formed to probe the allegation.

The committee has been asked to submit its report within five days.

Congratulations



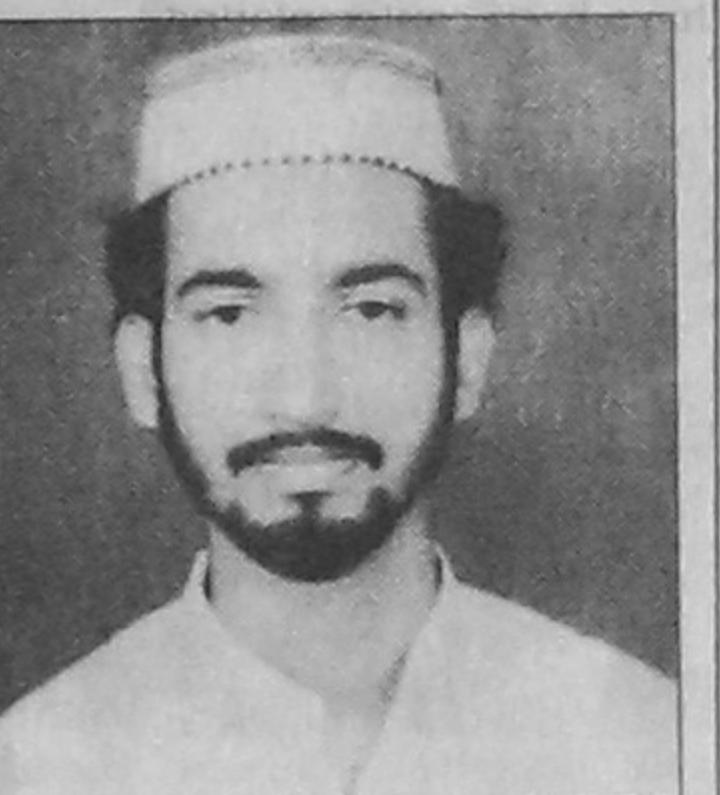
Muhammad Shahidullah of Dhaka Commerce College has stood first class first in the BCom (Honours) exam of 1998 (held in 2000) National University, says a press release.

Shahidullah is the son of Dr. Rahmatullah and Dr. Sofia Khatun, both medical officers of Adamjee Jute Mills.



Mohammad Shamim Al Mamun of Dhaka Commerce College, has stood first class third in the BCom (Honours) exam of 1998 (held in 2000) under National University, says a press release.

Shamim is the son of Mohammad Shahjahan Ali, headmaster of Chalan Government Primary School and Marjina Khatun, teacher of Kachaudanga Non-government Primary School.



Muhammad Rezaul Haq of Madrasah-i-Alia has stood fourth in the Adab group of the Kamil examination of the Madrasah Board exams, says a press release.

He obtained 829 marks.

He is the son of Moulana Muhammad Haq, Principal of Darulchunnah Senior Madrasah of Kashipur, Narayanganj.

BINP project

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tres, hundreds of unmarried girls between the ages of 10 to 19 come for health lesson once a month.

At the adolescent centre at Shikdarpur under Chokoria thana, 156 girls come once month since the centre opened in March this year. Nasiruddin Mahmud, a local affluent, has voluntarily donated a room in his house for health classes.

Ummi Tarzina, a student of class ten, said they were taught important facts regarding their health, physical changes, how to be good mothers in future and other women related health matters.

National Consultant of BINP Yakub Patwari told newsmen that a group of 10-12 women selected by the project is given training on how to prepare the supplementary food packet and they now earn money by preparing and supplying the packets.

He said both severely malnourished children as well as those with stunted growth are given the supplementary food pack for 90 days, sometimes for 120 days, while pregnant and lactating mothers are given the pack for one year and six months respectively.

The Consultant said severe malnourished in six thanas, which were brought under the BINP in the first phase, has come down to 1.3 per cent. The rate of malnourished in the seventeen thanas of the second phase is 2.5 per cent and another 17 thanas in the third phase is 2.3 per cent.

Patwari said that programme is considered one of the best in the world taken up by any government and the World Bank. He said the BINP project will expand to another 20 thanas by December this year. He hopes that all thanas of the country can be brought under the nutrition project within the next five years.



Noted artiste Nargis Chowdhury, presenting song at an evening of Rabindra Sangeet at the Indian Cultural Centre. Geetanjali, a cultural organisation, arranged the programme yesterday.

- Star photo

Admn in Laxmipur

Pir murdered

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that a scuffle took place before he was murdered.

Finding a 'levee' at a corner of the bedroom in a pool of blood, police suspected that The Pir might have been first hit on the head by it and then pushed into the bathroom. He was wearing a lungi.

The man, claiming to be a broker of such unregistered drugs, said "The drugs mostly come from India by road. On the basis of demand from the traders in Mitford we ask our 'contacts' on the other side of the border for various types of

drugs. The drugs are supplied to us within five days or in a week at the latest."

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Unregistered drugs

From page 1 treatment or had operation there and require life-saving drugs," said Rasul Mohammad, one of the shop owners.

"Local physicians are also prescribing drugs, which do not have registration here," added another shop owner.

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Jones dream dies

From page 1 Fiona May of Italy once again had to settle for silver.

After his defeat, El Guerrouj sat motionless on the track as his rivals timidly offered their congratulations. Later he sobbed in the holding area under the stadium until he was led away by a team official.

A pillow used by Christy, stained with blood, and a dagger were found on the dinning room floor.

Christy's body was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for autopsy.

A CID team visited to the spot and collected finger prints and some other evidence.

The gang might have murdered the Pir to grab his property," suspected AKM Mohsinuzzaman, officer-in-charge of Mohammadpur Thana.

Police took Razia and Alamgir to Mohammadpur Thana for interrogation.

Alamgir told newsmen that one Aman, who claimed to be a cousin of the Pir, accompanied by his friend Ersheed, came to the house at about 8.30 on Thursday night. Alamgir served them dinner at about 11.30 pm.

He said he left the house at about 1 am and he was asked to return at about 5 in the morning. He returned at about 8.30 am found the bedroom of the Pir locked.

A police team from Mohammadpur Thana left for Joypurhat to arrest 'two young men' who stayed at the house on Thursday night.

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Police opened a room near the bedroom and found many gifts and valuables there. A suitcase was found cut open with a shovel.

Valuables in the room were found scattered.

Police sealed the house and were guarding it.

Razia, an aged widow