

News

What's on today

Science fair: The Science Fair of Bangladesh International School will be held. Venue: Bangladesh Int School premises, DOHS Mohakhali, Dhaka Cantonment. Time: 9:00 am-12:00 noon.

Seminar: Karmojibi Nari will hold a seminar on "Garments Industry in Bangladesh and women labour force: Considerations in perspective of the national interest." Venue: VIP Lounge of National Press Club. Time: 10:00 am.

October Service Week: Lions Club of Dhaka New Crescent, Lions Clubs International Dist 315 B3 will hold opening ceremony of an Eye Sight Testing & Dental Care on occasion of October Service Week 2000. Venue: Shishu Academy. Time: 11:00 am.

Comedy Film Week 2000: Dhaka University film society will screen *The Sunshine Boys*, *Flubber* and a selected movie. The closing ceremony will also be held with screening of a selected movie from the weeklong sojourn. Venue: Shawkat Osman auditorium, Public Library, Shahbagh. Time: 10:00 am, 2:30 pm, 4:30 pm. Closing ceremony will be at 6:30 pm.

Film show: Two French movies *Mauvais Sang* and *Diva* will be screened. Venue: Auditorium of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26 Mirpur Rd. Time: 10:30 am and 6:00 pm respectively.

BBS training: Bangladesh Bonsai Society (BBS) will hold a training programme. Venue: National Herbarium, Mirpur. Time: 3:00 pm.

Discussion meeting: Visamukta Viswa Andolon (right of labour to move free across the world) will hold a discussion meeting on submitting a memorandum to World Bank. Venue: 83 Science Laboratory Road. Time: 5:00 pm.

Discussion meeting: A discussion meeting will be held to mark the 26th death anniversary of late Philosopher and politician Allama Abul Hasim. Venue: Tamoddin Majlis, 141 New Circular Road. Time: 5:00 pm.

Photography exhibition: The first solo photography exhibition of Dr Pierre Clauquin titled will be inaugurated. Noted photographer Enam Ul Haque will inaugurate the exhibition. Venue: Gallery of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26 Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi. Time: 5:30 pm.

Flute concert: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka presents a Flute Concert by Murtaza Kabir Murad. Venue: Conference room of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26 Mirpur Road. Time: 6:00 pm.

Reception: A reception will be accorded to the new ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Bangladesh Hu Qianwen. It will be followed by a musical solree. Venue: Winter Garden of Hotel Sheraton. Time: 6:30 pm.

Discussion meeting: Swadeshi Chinta Sangha will hold a discussion on "Men-Women Relationship and State Mechanism". Keynote speaker : Abdul Matin Khan. Venue : House no 25B, Road No 1, Dhanmondi. Time: 10:00 am.

ICM rally: Islamic Constitution Movement (ICM) will hold a rally and bring out a procession to demand resignation of the government and protesting anarchy in the country. Venue: Muktangon. Time: 3:00 pm.

Rally: Ganotantrik Biplobi Jote will hold a rally to protest continued terrorism in the country and price hike of gas, oil and essentials. Venue: Muktangon. Time: 4:00 pm.

IUB Freshers Day 2000: Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) will hold the Freshers Day 2000. Venue: Osmani Memorial Auditorium. Time: 4:30 pm.

Inauguration: The second branch of bluepla.net CyberCafe will be inaugurated. Chief guest: Managing Director of Prime Bank Ltd Kazi Abdul Majid. Venue: House No 105, Road No 7, Sector-4, Uttara. Time: 4:30 pm

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DRU Meet the Reporters: Dhaka reporters Unity presents Saifur Rahman, former finance minister, at the Meet the Reporters programme. He will present a talk on *State of Politics in Bangladesh*. Later he will answer questions from reporters of different dailies. Venue: DRU auditorium, 8/4-A Topkhana Road, Segun Bagicha. Time: 10:55 am.

Science Fair 2000: Happy Times International School will hold its Science Fair 2000. Venue: House No 352, Rd No 27, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 10:00 am-12:30 pm.

Human chain: Bangladesh Puja Udgajan Parishad will organise human chain formation programme and observe half-an-hour of silence to demand the repeal of Vested Property Act. Venue: All Puja mandaps in the country. Time: 10:30 am-11:00 pm.

Discussion meeting: Bangladesh Foundation for Development Research will hold a discussion meeting on "Democracy: Hasina at the United Nations." Venue: CIRDAP auditorium, Chameeli House, Topkhana Road. Time: 4:00 pm.

Meeting: The 167th meeting of BIIT Islamic Studies Forum will be held. Venue: BIIT auditorium, 145 Green Road. Time: 6:30 pm.

Weather

Light rain likely

Light rain or thundershower is likely at one or two places over Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna, Barisal and Sylhet divisions and weather may remain mainly dry over Rajshahi division 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 34.5 degree Celsius at Patuakhali and the lowest 23.5 degree at Srimongal.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5:41 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:52 am.

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

City/Town	Temperature In Celsius	Humidity Percentage	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	32.3	25.5	83	69
Chittagong	32.5	24.5	83	77
Rajshahi	33.4	25.8	84	88
Khulna	34.4	25.0	78	73
Barisal	33.0	24.6	83	81
Sylhet	32.2	25.2	89	77
Cox's Bazar	32.8	25.0	71	80

Death anniversary

By Staff Correspondent

The 2nd death anniversary of Jatiyaabadi Chhatra Dal leader Khandaker Wayesh Ahmed Helal will be observed today.

Helal, general secretary of Dhanmondi thana unit of JCD was kidnapped allegedly by the terrorists of the ruling Awami League from Dhaka court premises on October 6, 1998 and was tortured to death. His body was recovered from Ashulia two days after he was kidnapped.

A *mujad malifi* will be held at the 21 Sanatangar Rayer Bazar, Dhanmondi residence of Helal after Asr prayers today.

Chehulm

Chehulm of Syed Harunur Rashid, former official of Bangladesh Sugar and Food Industries Corporation (BSFIC), will be held at the deceased's Jatrabari residence today, says a press release. Rashid died on August 27 at National Institute of Cardio Vascular Diseases (NICVD) at his age of 72.

Ishale Sawab
The second *Ishale Sawab* of Late Shah Syed Azzil Baril (R) Shah Saheb of Paribagh will be held on October 8 in the morning at Paribagh Mazar premises. Munozat will be offered at 10:30 am, says a press release.

Rotary News

North West meeting

Regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held tomorrow at the Dhaka Club Ltd. Ramna in the city at 5:30 pm, says a press release.

Members have been requested to attend on time.

UN bodies assessing flood situation, express concern

By Staff Correspondent

A UN Disaster Management Team (UNDMT), visiting the flood-hit south-western region of the country has expressed concern over the situation that has left tens of thousands of families homeless.

The team comprising all UN agencies active in Bangladesh, is reporting back daily to their offices in Dhaka, is concerned at the devastating flood that made tens of thousands of families homeless.

UNDMT while reviewing the flood situation in South-Western region on Wednesday said that the current flood has exposed the affected people to water-borne diseases and caused severe loss of poultry birds, cattle heads, standing crops and property.

The UNDMT has agreed to strengthen its monitoring and assessment by dispatching more teams to the affected areas and their findings will be discussed at its next meeting on Monday.

Sources said the UN field missions will assess the needs for assistance, particularly by supporting the logistics needed and by providing special emergency supplies such as high protein biscuits, water purifying tablets, food for children, bleaching powder, antidiote for snake-bites and anti-tetanus vaccines.

Meanwhile, the field staff from the World Food Programme and the United Nations Children's Fund have already started their activities in the affected districts.

Showcause notice served on 36 JU students

By JU Correspondent

The Jahangirnagar University (JU) authorities yesterday have issued showcause notices on 36 students of first year for arranging concert without prior permission of the authorities.

The 36 first year students of 25th batch under the academic session 1998-99 have been asked to reply by October 11 as to why punitive action will not be taken against them for arranging the band show on Tuesday night which endangered the University security system.

The students, earlier, told the authorities that they would arrange a 'cultural programme' on that day. But instead they arranged the band show where thousands of people from outside the campus thronged to the university amphitheatre 'Muktamancha.'

The JU authorities, earlier, decided not to allow any organisation to hold concert on the campus in the evening or night fearing possible violence for participation of thousands of outsiders around the campus.

The authorities deployed police during the band show of 'Nagar Baul' and issued showcause notice on the 36 students including the programme arrangement committee convenor Ismail Hossain Siraj.

Two British MPs due on Sunday

Baroness Uddin and Oona King, two women members of the British Parliament, arrive in Dhaka on Sunday to attend a number of programmes in the capital and Sylhet, reports UNB.

Baroness Uddin is the first ever British-Bangladeshi Member of the House of Lords and Oona King is a Member of the House of Commons representing Bethnal Green and Bow in London and Vice-chair of the British Council, said a press release yesterday.

The two British women MPs will address an international seminar on 'Women in National Politics,' and attend a strategy development workshop on 'Women in National Politics' in the capital.

They will call on Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University AK Azad Chowdhury. Oona King will also call on Speaker Humayun Rasheed Chowdhury at his office.

During their stay in Sylhet, the British MPs will visit a project funded by the UK's Department for International Development (DFID) and run by the Friends in Village Development Bangladesh.

They will also visit a British Council and NICARE joint project there.

Both the MPs will also exchange views with representatives of civil society and other prominent figures during their visit sponsored by the British Council.

But they are still residing at the hall defying the expulsion order and roaming before the eyes of the hall authorities.

Baroness Uddin will leave the capital for London on October 15 and Oona King for Calcutta on October 12.



The Sylhet Bibhag Unnayan Parishad (Sylhet Division Development Council) formed a human chain in the city yesterday demanding naming of Fatullah National Stadium after Bangabir MAG Osmany.

-Star photo

More allocation needed to ensure standard of edn

Speakers at discussion marking World Teachers' Day

By Staff Correspondent

Speakers at a discussion meeting in the city yesterday emphasised on receiving the whole education system to ensure quality education for all and create skilled manpower for the nation.

They also opined for more allocation in the sector and stressed on the need for a pragmatic National Education Policy to raise the standard of education.

Stressing on education for all, Prof. A K Azad Chowdhury said that the teacher should be more accountable and dedicated to their noble duties to students.

The government will not be able to ensure proper education if teachers do not play their due role in this regard," he added.

Dr Patwary in his keynote paper expressed concern over the low standard of our education, massive corruption and irregularities in the education sectors.

The main reason behind this is the absence of an education policy."

He said that we failed to ensure education for all and create skilled manpower as we have failed to formulate an education policy since our independence. If

we fail to adopt an education policy soon, we will not be able to cope with the fast-changing world and ensure standard of education."

Tofail Ahmed emphasised on cooperation of all forces, particularly the political parties on various issues related to education.

He called upon the teachers' community to do their best to create an educated and skilled new generation.

In observance of the day, Bangladesh Federation of Teachers' Association (BFTA) also organised a meeting at the Central Shaheed Minar which was addressed, among others, by Secretary of the Federation Quazi Faruque Ahmed and President of Bangladesh College Teachers' Association A KM Akhteruzzaman.

Later, it brought out a procession in the city that paraded different city streets before ending at the National Press Club.

New Malaysian envoy calls on Hasina

The newly appointed High Commissioner of Malaysia, Dr Mohammad Yusof Bin Ahmed, called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at Ganobhaban last morning, reports BSS.

The envoy conveyed the greetings of Malaysian Prime Minister Dr Mahathir Mohammad to the Bangladeshi Premier and said, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's recent visit to Malaysia has strengthened the bilateral relations.

Dr Yusof also said that the close cultural affinity that exists between Bangladesh and Malaysia would be strengthened further in future.

The JU authorities, earlier, decided not to allow any organisation to hold concert on the campus in the evening or night fearing possible violence for participation of thousands of outsiders around the campus.

Welcoming the new envoy of Malaysia, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina assured him that her government would extend all cooperation during his tenure in Bangladesh.

Press Secretary to the Prime Minister Jawadul Karim was present on the occasion.

German film show begins Sunday

A weeklong German film show, organised by the German Embassy in collaboration with the German Cultural Centre, Goethe Institut, will begin at the institute on Sunday, reports UNB.

The films to be shown in German with subtitles in English: Run Lola Run, Grapefruit Moon, Life is All You Get, Trains 'N' Roses, Lippel's Dream, Beyond Silence, Break Even and Burning Life.

There will also be a Children's Cinema show. Shows for children will start daily at 3pm while the evening schedule starts at 7pm.

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The day is celebrated to commemorate Christopher Columbus' arrival in the New World, in 1492.

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