

## 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 Hashim. Venue: Tamoddun 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 soiree. Venue: Winter Garden of Hotel Sheraton. Time: 6:30 pm.

**Discussion meeting:** Swadesh 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: Muktangan. 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: Muktangan. 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 blueplanet 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.

## .....and tomorrow

**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 Uddjapon 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: CIRDP auditorium, Chameli 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 thundershowers 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:

	in Celsius		percentage	
	Max	Min	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 Jaliyatabadi Chhatra Dal leader Khandakar Wazesh 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 *milad mahfil* will be held at the 21 Sanatgarh Rayer Bazar, Dhanmondi residence of Helal after Asr prayers today.

## Chehlum

Chehlum of Syed Harunur Rashid, a former official of Bangladesh 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 the age of 72.

## Ishale Sawab

The second *Ishale Sawab* of Late Shah Syed Azizul Bari (R) Shah Saheb of Paribagh will be held on October 8 in the morning at Paribagh Mazar premises. Munazir 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, antidote 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 convener Ismail Hossain Siraji.

## 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.

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.

## 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.

Bangladesh College-University Teachers' Association (BCUTA) organised the discussion marking the World Teachers' Day.

Industries Minister Tofail Ahmed was the chief guest at the discussion while Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof. AK Azad Chowdhury, President of University Teachers' Association Prof. RIM Aminur Rashid, Dr HBM Iqbal, MP and Alhaj Mokbul Hossain, MP attended it as the special guests.

Prof Mamataz Uddin Patwary, Dean of Arts and Language Fac-

ulty of Bangladesh Open University presented the keynote paper on "World Teachers' Day and Education System of Bangladesh" at the discussion, chaired by the president of BCUTA Prof. M Akhteruzzaman.

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 Zahurul Islam.

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



The Bangladesh Non-government Primary Teachers' Association held a rally at the Central Shaheed Minar yesterday demanding cancellation of what they termed as 'black agreement' signed between the government and their association.

## US Embassy holiday Sunday

The American Embassy offices, including its public affairs section, information resource centre and student counselling service will remain closed on Sunday on the occasion of Columbus Day, an American National Holiday, reports UNB.

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

## DMCH

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Health Minister Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim, when contacted last night, said, "We have appointed Dr Babar director (current charge) because Brigadier Munir's tenure ends any time."

In reply to a question, he said, "The Army will withdraw Brig Munir and the order may be given soon."

About the advertisement by Dr Babar, Selim said, "It is definitely a violation of code of conduct and we are issuing a warning letter to Dr Babar." He also hinted that Babar would not be given any extension of service after his retirement.

Sources in Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) said their leaders took the initiative for Dr Babar's promotion and the ministry had to bow to BMA pressure.

Sources in the Army said there has been no posting order for Brig Munir. "The joining letter is highly illegal as the Army was not aware of the matter prior to issuance of such appointment letter," one source said requesting anonymity.

## 50 injured

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The clash followed an altercation between a soldier and a vegetable vendor. The soldier was attacked by some market people. Some other army personnel who also went for shopping came to aid of their colleague, witnesses said.

Police brought the situation under control. A meeting was later held between army representatives and local people with local MP Abul Quasem Master in the chair. The meeting was continuing till filing of this report.

## Biman

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hopeful of maintaining the schedule despite the delay in getting the memorandum.

When contacted yesterday, the consultants said they have already 'mailed it'.

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## Bangladesh knocked out

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He hit a four and a six from consecutive balls sent down by Graeme Hick and then mowed Craig White over the ropes at mid-wicket.

A similar shot to a ball from Caddick cost him his wicket but Khaled Mashud launched his innings by hitting his first ball from Ealham into the banking beyond the boundary.

He made 17 off 11 balls before a brilliant diving catch by Hick gave Ealham his third wicket.

Javed continued to accumulate runs at the other end before launching into Alleyne with a six over mid-on as the 47th over cost the Gloucestershire all-rounder 17 runs.

He was unable to procure the strike in the final over but Hasibul gave the innings a rousing finish by hammering a full toss from Gough high over extra cover for six.

In reply, both England openers collected boundaries in Hasibul's protracted opening over, which cost him 17 runs and included six no balls and a wide.

He gained consolation, however, when Marcus Trescothick chased a wide ball and was caught behind for 15.

England meet South Africa in the quarter-finals next Tuesday. After Friday's rest day, India meet world champions Australia on Saturday.

## Stop repeat of army rule

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African and Middle Eastern countries and a number of Asian nations.

Barrister Amirul Islam said all loopholes for military takeover should be plugged. Pleading for keeping the military outside the political arena, he said, "Constitutional legitimacy is like virginity. Once it is gone, it is lost for ever."

He criticised former military ruler H M Ershad and said, "We have tolerated the usurper for a long time. It is a pity that the usurper (Ershad) and the 'victim' are now trying to subvert the democratic process."

Justice K M Sobhan said that former military rulers Ziaur Rahman and Ershad had tried to legitimise their regimes through parliaments elected during their rule.

Former foreign secretary A K M Morshed observed that UN membership a country has been used blatantly to legitimise military rule. The Commonwealth took a more bold position, condemning military rulers, he said.

Political leader Hasanul Haq Inu said it is the West that had made the developing countries swallow the bitter pill of military rule while democracy was kept as their own preserve. Inu had once filed a case against illegal capture of power but failed to pursue it.

He suggested review of the verdicts of various Field General Courts Martial, particularly that concerning Col Taher.

The Finance Minister regretted that the Prime Minister's bold policy speech was not highlighted by the local media

although the international media had focussed it with more seriousness.

The Prime Minister in her speech at the world body, Kibria pointed out, had spoken what was in the minds of democracy loving people not only in Bangladesh but also around the world.

He said if the UN does recognise unconstitutional rulers, they would fall miserably. Such regimes, as in Pakistan, would then crumble quickly. He praised the Commonwealth for taking a principled position regarding undemocratic states.

"Hasina's speech reflected the spirit of the UN Charter," Kibria said.

## Kumari Puja

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Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad yesterday evening visited the Jagannath Hal Puja Mandap of Dhaka University where he talked to the members of Hindu community and greeted them.

Pro-vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof. Shahadat Ali, Treasurer Prof. Abul Hashem and Provost of the Jagannath Hall Dr Durgadas Bhattacharya were present on the occasion.

Besides the Durgastob is being celebrated for the first time since the independence of Bangladesh in the Ramna Kali Mandir and Ma Anandamoyee Ashram at Suhrawardy Udyan.

A special prayer would be offered today at the Mandap seeking divine blessings of the God for welfare of the nation and the state, a press release said last night.

## Kolaroa incident

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at the official residence of the Leader of the Opposition.

Police and BDR put up barricades on the road at Jhawdanga by placing buses and trucks haphazardly, Bhuiyan alleged.

Khaleda's visit and relief distribution programme was earlier scheduled to begin at 3 pm. When she came to know that the Prime Minister would visit Satkhira at 2 pm, she rescheduled her programme to complete it by 12.

The DC and SP of Satkhira were informed of Khaleda Zia's rescheduled programme on Wednesday.

Being obstructed at Jhawdanga, Khaleda Zia talked to the SP and assured him that she would complete her visit and relief distribution by noon.

The SP informed her that higher authorities asked the district administration not to allow her to go to Satkhira before 5 pm. She then returned from Jhawdanga at about 2:30 pm, Bhuiyan said.

Bhuiyan said he also had talked to the IGP on Wednesday night and requested him to take steps to facilitate Khaleda Zia's rescheduled programme.

"I also informed the Home Secretary this (Thursday) morning that the Leader of the Opposition was proceeding towards Satkhira and would complete her programme by noon. I requested him to allow the visit."

"But at about 11 am, I was informed over telephone that her motorcade was stopped at Jhawdanga."

"I and some other top leaders of the party then tried to contact the Home Secretary and the IGP, but

none could be reached over telephone despite repeated attempts."

This is inhuman on the part of the government to obstruct relief operation. The programme was not political. Lakhs of people are marooned and are in great distress in a flood unprecedented in eight Western districts in the last 50 years, he said.

The government can in no way obstruct the visit and relief distribution programme of the Leader of the Opposition. This proves that the government is shedding crocodile tears for the flood affected people, Bhuiyan said.

The government should have convened a meeting of all political parties and formed a coordination committee to conduct relief and rescue operation. But instead, it has obstructed relief distributing.

Bhuiyan said it would have been wise for the Prime Minister to allow Khaleda Zia to go to Kolaroa and invite her to join her (Prime Minister) in relief distribution.

Bhuiyan also alleged that police resorted to lathi charge and fired shots and tear shells on a gathering of BNP activists at Kolaroa and damaged the dais erected for relief distribution by Khaleda Zia. Police also took away the chairs, tables, microphones. At least 25 people were injured in the police action, he claimed.

Among others, BNP leaders M Morshed Khan MP, M Shamsul Islam MP, Mirza Abbas, Sadek Hossain Khoka MP, Ahmed Musa, Shahiduddin Chowdhury Annie were present at the press conference.

## Flood threatens

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at Debbata upazila where the surging waters damaged the Bhatsala embankment by the bank of Ichhamoti river. Local residents were putting their best efforts to save it with soil and sand bags.

Officials said the collapse of the Bhatsala embankment would submerge the entire Debbata and major parts of the neighbouring Kaliganj upazila and also affect the district headquarters.

Our Magura Correspondent adds: Flood situation in the district deteriorated in the last 24 hours with the inundation of two more unions Shalkha and Shotokhal.

About two lakh people under 11 unions under Shalkha and Sadar upazilas of the district have been affected by the flood.

UNB adds: Heavy downpour increased the sufferings of the flood-affected people of Meherpur although the overall flood situation improved slightly today.

The devastating flood, which surpassed the half-century record, wrought extensive damage to dwelling houses and standing crops in the district.

According to official estimate,

two lakh people of 44,000 families were affected and 20,000 dwellings and crops on 45,000 acres of land were totally damaged. Some 390-km roads, seven bridges and culverts and 21 educational institutions were also damaged.

## India waives

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period and by the same route used to travel to that country.

Bangladesh nationals can now use any route to return and can have their visa extended as they wish or require.