

## News

## ● What's on today .... ●

**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 Gacha. 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 Uddipon 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.

**Jute Exhibition:** An exhibition on Diversified Jute Products will be inaugurated. Organisers: Ministry of Jute and Export Promotion Bureau in association with International Jute Organisation (IJO) and Delegation of the European Commission. Chief guest: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Venue: Winter Garden of Hotel Sheraton. Time: 10:00 am.

**Meeting:** Rajshahi Bibhag Unnayan Samity will hold a meeting. Venue: Sakura Tower (8th floor), 20 Kamal Ataturk Avenue, Banani. Time: 10:00 am.

**Meeting:** Sylhet Bibhag Unnayan Samity will hold a meeting of its central committee. Venue: 881, Shahidbag. Time: 6:30 pm.

**Musical evening:** Alliance Francaise de Dhaka presents a French Musical evening dedicated to the famous French Composer Georges Bizet. Venue: alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26 Mirpur Road. Time: 7:00 pm.

**Discussion meeting:** Nagorik Forum will hold a discussion meeting on "State Terrorism: Distressed Civic Life." Venue: VIP Lounge of National Press Club. Time: 3:30 pm.

## ● .....and tomorrow ●

**Film show:** Goethe Institut will screen *Run Lola Run*. Venue: Goethe Institute, house no 10, Road no 9, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 6:30 pm.

## Weather

## Light rain likely

Light rain or thundershower is likely at a few places over Barisal and Chittagong divisions and at one or two places over Khulna, Rajshahi, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions 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 35.0 degree Celsius was at Khulna and the lowest 22.5 degree at Chittagong.

**The sun sets in the capital today at 5:40 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 in percentage		
Max	Min	Morning	Evening	
Dhaka	31.7	26.5	82	76
Chittagong	32.7	22.5	97	82
Rajshahi	34.0	25.5	78	78
Barisal	33.5	25.0	78	96
Sylhet	32.8	25.4	76	76
Cox's Bazar	33.5	25.0	76	81

## Aussies in selection dilemma

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Saurav Ganguly said victory against Kenya was just the first step, and Australia will be a different ball game altogether.

Obviously a convincing win will boost our confidence, but Australia will be a different ball game. We will have to be at our very best if we hope to beat them.

The Indian skipper said moisture on the wicket prompted him to ask the Kenyans to bat first. "Zaheer Khan bowled a bit short initially, but he came back well. He is inexperienced, he has a lot to learn, but he is coping well," Ganguly said.

Talking about man-of-the-match Anil Kumble's performance, he said, "Anil is a world-class performer, and has time and again proved it. We have come to expect such perfor-

mances from him."

Kumble, who took two wickets for 22 runs in his ten overs, said the bounce that the Nairobi Gymkhana wicket offered worked to his advantage.

The bowler worked well for me, the leg-spinner said. He too said it would not be easy against the Australians. "The Aussies play hard, and it will be a great contest. We will give it our best shot," he said.

Ganguly said they were studying tapes of the Australia-South Africa series.

The Aussies are the world champions, and the pressure is on them. We have brought videotapes of their players from South Africa, and we have had a close look at each of their players. We are fully prepared for them.

## Free quota for all

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association then lodged a petition with the High Court last year but lost.

The BSTMPA president, however, said they withdrew the petition after assurance from the ministry that they would get free quota this year.

He also denied the allegation that lobbying at the ministry claimed that some of the members of his associations are directly involved in textile export. He admitted that many other members transferred the quota in exchange of money.

But this year the ministry asked the EPB to give quota allocation to the BSTMPA members for unknown reasons.

Abu Taher, Chairman, BGMEA standing committee on quota policy and administration told the Daily Star that he had protested the move for allowing free quota to them.

"They are not supposed to get free quota allotment as per the existing quota policy. I have no idea whether the quota policy was changed by the government," Taher said.

He further said that the government cannot change the quota policy all of a sudden since it was formulated after long discussion.

The Commerce Ministry officials also alleged that the garment exporters always put pressure on them to allow multiple transfer of quota for meet their business ends.

They had applied for free quota allotment during the last quota year but the Commerce Ministry rejected their application. The

## Beheaded body recovered in Feni

FENI, Oct 6: Police recovered a beheaded body of an unidentified young man from Barahipur area in the town this morning, reports UNB.

On information, police went to the spot and recovered the body, aged about 30, lying on the railway track.

Police apprehended that some body killed the youth elsewhere and left it on the track.

Meanwhile, police today freed four of the seven persons arrested in connection with the killing of Jubo League leader Bashir Ahmed.

Others, said to the activists of Jubo League, are Afzal, 28, Shahjaha, 19, and Kamal, 28. They were sent to jail.

Bashir Ahmed, 28, was shot dead by armed assailants in the town on Wednesday night.



## Suriya Jabeen's death anniversary today

The eighth death anniversary of Prof Dr Suriya Jabeen will be observed today, says a press release.

A *milad mahfil* will be held after Magrib prayers today at her residence H-54, Road 79, Gulshan (Lake View Clinic) to mark the occasion.

## Congratulations

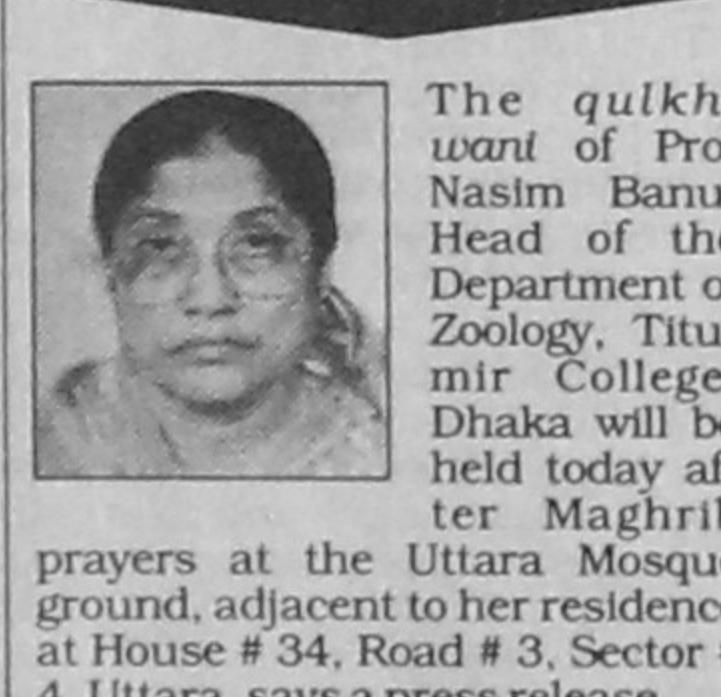


From Our Correspondent  
Rajshahi University was conferred an M.Phil degree on Wahida Khatun for her research on "Nuclear Structure, Cell Division and Chromosome Morphology of Algae Plants."

This is the first research on algal cytology in Bangladesh, RU sources said.

Wahida completed her BSC from Calcutta University and MSC from RU. Her husband, Shafiqul Islam, is a lawyer.

## Qulhwani



The *qulhwani* of Prof Nasim Banu, Head of the Department of Zoology, Titumir College, Dhaka will be held today after Magrib prayers at the Uttria Mosque ground, adjacent to her residence at House # 34, Road # 3, Sector # 4, Uttara, says a press release.

She died of cardiac failure at the Shikdar Medical College Hospital on Thursday.

According to KMP records, another *Shramik* League leader, Rabiul, 35, was stabbed to death on March 5.

On March 25, Jubo League leader Zahiruddin Panna, 32, was gunned down. Awami League leader Hasan Ali Tarafdar was shot dead at Daulatpur on April 29.

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