

## News

## ● What's on today .... ●

**Durga Puja:** The dashami puja of Ramna Kali Mandir and Anandamayi Ashram will be held. Venue: Mandir premises. Time: 9.00 am.

**Discussion meeting:** Anushandhitshu Chakra Bigyan club will hold a discussion meeting on different needs for practice of science in the country. Venue: Nat Mandal, Dhaka university premises. Time 10.00 am.

**Lions Service Day 2000:** Lions Club International District 315A will hold a function in observance of Lions Service Day 2000. Chief guest: state Minister for Jute Ln AK Faezul Huq. Venue: Bangladesh Shishu Academy. Time: 4.30 pm.

**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.

## ● .....and tomorrow ●

**Video screening:** Bangladesh Red Crescent Society and International Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies will screen a video documentary it has produced on River Erosion. Venue: BRAC Centre, Mohakhali. Time: 2.00 pm.

**Tree plantation:** The visiting delegation of British members of parliament will plant trees. Venue: Dhaka University Arts Building Law. Time: 2.30 pm.

**Seminar:** British Council will hold an International Seminar on 'Women in National Politics'. Venue: Auditorium of British Council, Fuller road. Time: 3.30 pm.

**Discussion meeting:** Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote will hold a discussion meeting to mark the second death anniversary of noted film actor Jasim. Venue: Kabi Sufia Kamal auditorium of National Museum, Shahbagh. Time: 4.30 pm.

## Weather

## Light rain forecast

Light moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over Chittagong, Khulna, Dhaka and Barisal divisions and at one or two places over Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions in next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Moderately heavy falls may occur at places over Barisal and Khulna divisions during the period, said the Met Office adding day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The country's highest temperature 35.3 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Chuadanga and the lowest 23.0 degree at Chittagong.

**The sun sets in the capital today at 5:39 pm and rises on Monday at 5:53 am.**

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

City/Town	Max	Min	Humidity in Celsius	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	30.7	26.2	79	87	
Chittagong	31.5	23.0	92	83	
Rajshahi	34.4	26.0	81	80	
Khulna	33.0	25.6	75	93	
Barisal	29.6	25.4	93	92	
Sylhet	33.0	26.5	80	93	
Cox's Bazar	31.6	25.2	84	85	



Mianur Rahman, Secretary BCSIR, handed over a deed of agreement on lease out of process for production of Neem tooth Powder to MA Hakim, proprietor of Neem Kimya Laboratories at a meeting held at the conference room of BCSIR recently. Dr M Moshiuzzaman and chairman BCSIR was also present.



Bangladesh International School held its annual Science Fair at its premises at DOHS recently. Picture shows Col Mohsin Chowdhury, PSC, Chairman of the governing body of the school and Station Commander of Dhaka Cantonment visiting the fair.



GTCL Officers Welfare Association held a blood donation programme at its Uttara office in collaboration with Sandhani. Managing Director Mainul Ahsan was present as the chief guest of the programme.

## Saifur

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Saifur said, 'There is no strong issue-based movement. I would say, we, as major opposition party, also failed to utilise issues at the right time. Take, for example, the increase in fuel prices. Neither any political party nor the civil society has made any serious protest although it affects everybody.'

If a road barricade can be put up to stop the convoy of the Leader of the Opposition in Sathkhira, a similar road blockade can also be put up by fuel users as a token protest, he said.

## Cricket

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Vinod Kambli threatened to take control, but edged a Steve Waugh delivery to Gilchrist for 29 to leave the total on 130 for four. Yuvraj, whose first three scoring strokes all went to the boundary, was later adjudged man-of-the-match.

The victory puts India through to a semi-final meeting with the winners of the South African match on Tuesday.

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## Young man stabbed to death

NARSINGDI, Oct 7: Terrorists stabbed to death a young man in the town Friday night over past enmity, reports UNB.

The dead was identified as Sumon, 17, son of Hiran Mia of Kauriapara area in the town.

Police said the hoodlums led by one Ripon abducted Sumon, a bus helper, from his residence at about 9 am and killed him on a road nearby his house.

Later, police recovered the body from the spot and sent it to hospital morgue for autopsy.

The mother of the victim filed a case with the police accusing eight people.

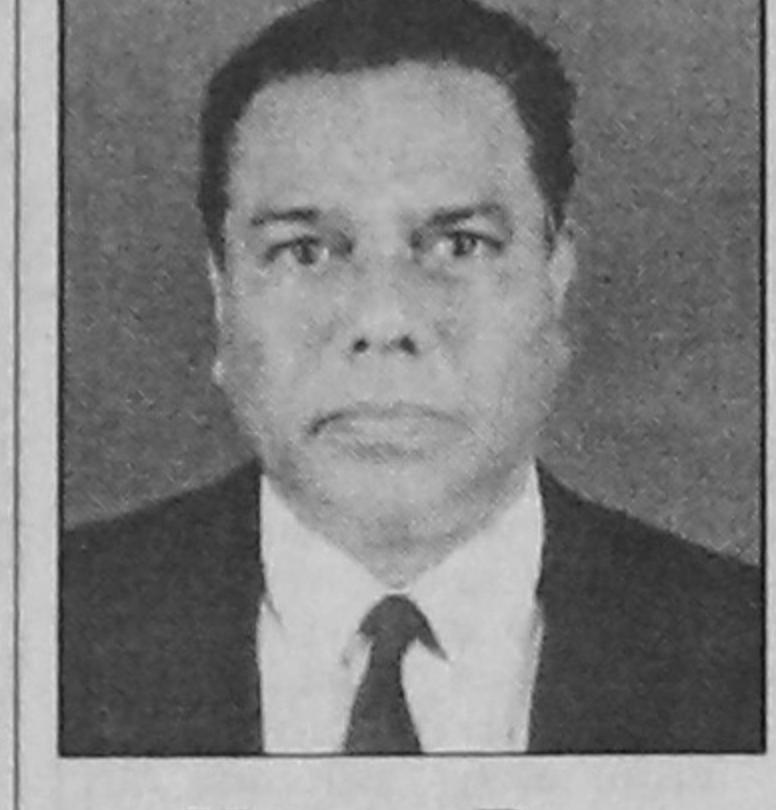
JP election committee meets Thursday

By Staff Correspondent

An emergency meeting of Election Conducting Committee of Jatiya Party will be held on Thursday at 7:30 pm at party's central office at Kalabagan, says a release.

JP secretary general and chief coordinator of the committee Nazir Rahman Manjur will preside over the meeting. Member-secretary of the committee has requested all concerned to attend the meeting on time.

Party chairman H M Ershad has appointed former acting president of Jatiya Chhatra Samaj Gazi Kamru Islam Sajal as joint organising secretary of the central committee of JP.



## Human Dev Foundation official dead

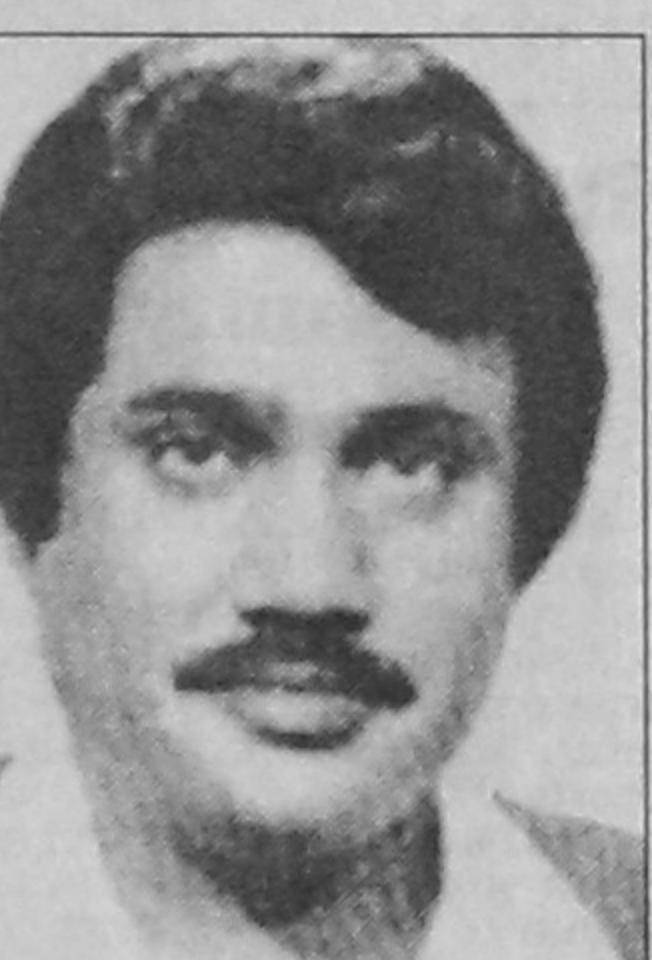
AHM Nurul Huda Chowdhury, executive director, Human Development Foundation died of cardiac arrest at the National Heart Foundation Hospital yesterday. He was 62, says a press release.

He left behind his wife, two sons, a host of relatives, colleagues and friends to mourn his death. His wife Lutfa Chowdhury, a well-known social worker, is the Head Mistress of Lutfa Academy.

## Farhad's death anniversary tomorrow

The 13th death anniversary of Comrade Farhad, one of the organisers of the country's Liberation War and former general secretary of Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB), will be observed on October 9 in a befitting manner, reports BSS.

A *mild malif* will be held at his 94/F Azimpur Colony residence after Asr prayers.



## Actor Jasim's death anniversary tomorrow

The second death anniversary of film artist and freedom fighter Jasim will be observed in the city tomorrow, reports BSS.

A discussion meeting, organised by Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote, will be held at the Sufia Kamal auditorium in National Museum at 4 pm to pay homage to his memory.

Local Government Minister Zillur Rahman will attend the meeting as chief guest while Khandakar Asaduzzaman MP will be present as special guest.

Jote president and Film Director Alamgir Kunkum will preside over the meeting.

## Death anniversary of Amin Ahmed Chy tomorrow

Chief of the Naval Staff Rear Admiral A Taher returned in the city Friday night after a five-day visit to Bangladesh, reports BSS.

The Bangladesh correspondent of Voice of America and the British daily The Guardian, Amin Ahmed Chowdhury died of massive heart attack on October 9, 1985.

Feeding of destitutes and Doa Mahfil have been arranged in observance of the day.

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Devotees making their way to the Dhakeshwari Mandir in the city through the sudden rains on the second day of Durga Puja yesterday.

-Star photo

## Motia visits

## Puja Mondops in Sherpur

SHERPUR, Oct 7: Agriculture Minister Begum Motia Chowdhury today visited the *Puja Mondops* at Nalitabari upazila in Sherpur district, reports BSS.

She exchanged pleasantries with the members of the Hindu community.

The minister yesterday visited the *Puja Mondops* in Sherpur town and Nakhla upazila, an official press release said.

## Prof Towhidul Anwar in coma

Dr Towhidul Anwar, Professor of the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism of Dhaka University (DU) is in coma at the intensive care unit of BIRDEEN following an operation on Thursday last, reports BSS.

He is under the treatment of Prof AK Azad Khan.

He was operated as he was vomiting blood. Doctors suspect that he is suffering from liver cirrhosis.

The 11-party alliance convened yesterday to declare the flood-affected areas of the country as 'distressed' area, reports BSS.

Speakers at a discussion in the city yesterday highly lauded Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's historic speech at the recent UN Millennium Summit in which she flayed the military dictators for overthrowing democratic governments.

They said the far-sighted plea of the Prime Minister might change the future course of the global body in withdrawing recognition to the countries taken hostage by the power-hungry military rulers.

They were speaking at a discussion on 'Democracy: Sheikh Hasina in the United Nations', organised by Bangladesh Foundation for Development and Research (BFDR) at CIRDAP.

Referring to the subsequent remarks of Pakistan's chief executive General Parvez Musharraf, the speaker said the Bengalees have rejected the military ruler's audacious counseling to 'forget the past.'

There is no alternative to seeking an apology by Pakistan for the genocide, rape and arson committed by its occupation army and their local associates during the country's War of Liberation in 1971, they said.

Veteran journalist, commentator and writer M R Akhtar Mukul presented the keynote paper on the topic.

## New guest at Ctg Zoo

CHITTAGONG, Oct 7: Chittagong Zoo is now humming with cries of a stranger, a female Ullook (Bonmanush-Hylobates Hoolook), that reached the zoo last night.

Curator of the zoo Shital Kumar Nath told BSS that the tribal people of Rowrangchhari of Bandarban hill district brought the rare species for all times, Ullook, and handed over to the zoo authorities.

The zokeepers are now busy providing special hospitality to the new guest. The curator said that due to space constraint we are searching a suitable room for the Ullook.

The tribal people who caught the rare animal from inaccessible and remote corner of the country informed the curator that another male baby Ullook was missing and they are searching them today to arrest the criminals.

Ullooks were frequently seen in the forests of Madhupur, Sylhet and wildlife sanctuaries at Chhunati in Satkhira area under Chittagong district. But now they have become almost extinct.

The international market price of the Ullook is several lakhs of taka, the curator said. The wildlife enthusiasts in the port city would get chance to see the new guest from tomorrow, the curator added.

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