

What's on today

DRU meet the reporters: Dhaka Reporters Unity Presents Finance Minister Shah A M S Kibria who will deliver a talk on "State of Politics in Bangladesh." He will also answer questions from journalists after his lecture. Venue: DRU auditorium, 8/4A Topkhana Road, Segun Bagicha. Time: 10:55 am.

Science fair: The annual Science Fair and Art and Craft Exhibition 2000 of Oxford International School will be held. Chief guest: Food Minister Amir Hossain Amu. Venue: School premises at House No 36 & 48, Rd No 27 (Old) 16 (New), Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 9:00 am-2:00 pm.

Exhibition: British Council will hold a display on law courses available in the United Kingdom. Venue: British Council Library, 5 Fuller Road. Time: 10:00 am-6:00 pm from October 14-October 18.

Founding anniversary: Kalakantha Shishu Kishore Sangsthan will hold a discussion meeting and cultural programme to mark its 11th founding anniversary. Venue: Public Library auditorium, Shahbag. Time: 4:00 pm.

Calligraphy exhibition: The 4th solo Islamic Calligraphy exhibition by Syful Islam will be inaugurated. Chief guest: LGRD Minister Zillur Rahman. Venue: National Museum, Shahbag. Time: 4:00 pm. The exhibition will remain open from 10 am-5 pm everyday till October 24.

Lire en Fete: On the second day of *Lire en Fete* (Reading festival) conference, poetry reading session, recitation and a classical concert will be held. Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Road. Time: 5:00 pm.

Film festival: Rainbow Chalachitra Sangsad will screen *Titash Ekti Nadir Naam* on the first day of a week-long film festival. Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium, House No 25, Rd No 2, Dhanmondi R/A. Time 5:30 pm.

Hand writing competition: Ghashphool a children an juvenile organisation will organise a handwriting and painting competition for the children in observance of Victory Day. It will be followed by a discussion meeting. Venue: Dondew Kindergarten. Time: 10 am.

Inauguration: The inauguration ceremony of a week-long National Heart Disease Workshop 2000 will be held. Venue: Auditorium of the National Institute of Cardio-vascular Disease (new building), Sher-e-Bangla Nagar. Time: 11 am.

Rally: Bangladesh Democratic Party (BDP) will hold a rally and bring out a protest procession. Venue: Maktangon. Time: 3:00 pm.

View exchange meeting: Sammlita Samajik Andolon will hold a view exchange meeting on the deteriorating law and order situation of the country. Venue: Auditorium of the Liberation War Museum. Time: 3:00 pm.

Meeting: Jatiya Nabannothshab Udjapan Parishad 1407 will convene a meeting. Venue: Premises at BMA Bhaban, 15/2 Topkhana Rd, Segun Bagicha. Time: 5:00 pm.

Meeting: The celebration Committee of Bangabandhu Sangskritik Gosthi will be held. Venue: 24/1 French Road, Nayabazer. Time: 6:00 pm.

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Lire en Fete: On the 3rd and concluding day of *Lire en Fete* (Reading festival) Alliance Francaise de Dhaka will hold a conference and poetry reading session. It will be followed by a classical concert. Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26 Mirpur Road. Time: 5:00 pm.

Rainbow film festival: Rainbow Chalachitra Sangsad will screen *Golapi Ekhon Trene* by Amjad Hossain. Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium, House No 25, Rd No 2, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 5:30 pm.

Weather

Temperature may rise

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over the country in the next 12 hours till 6pm today, reports UNB. Day temperature may slightly rise over the country, the Met Office said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 35.2 degree Celsius was recorded at Chittagong, Cox's Bazar, Rangamati and Khulna and the lowest 23.6 degree at Srirangal.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5:34 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:56 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	32.6	26.0	66	69
Chittagong	35.2	25.3	81	86
Rajshahi	33.0	24.2	80	90
Khulna	35.2	26.0	80	76
Barisal	33.6	26.0	84	92
Sylhet	33.7	24.2	92	76
Cox's Bazar	35.2	25.0	76	82

3 murdered, 3 bodies

Sayed, owner of the garments factory, had threatened Rizvi earlier and might be behind the killing.

The body was found on a lane on the northern side of Navy chief's residence at Eskaton, police said.

A boy found Rizvi's cellular phone from a nearby dust bin and handed it over to Raman police. Rizvi's family identified the body at the DMCH morgue after police made a call with the mobile phone. The body bore marks of stab injury in the chest.

An alleged mugger was beaten to death and another injured seriously in a mob beating when a woman rickshaw passenger cried for help as six muggers, wielding knives, tried to snatch valuables from her near the Ansar Headquarters at Kihlagon at about 6:30 am.

The dead was identified as Arab Ali, 23, son of Jahirul Haq of Jatrabari and the injured person as Mohammad Faruq, 24, son of Kishu Mollah of Mir Hajirbagh under Demra thana. Arab Ali died at DMCH about 10 am. The four others escaped.

Abul Kalam, 35, a resident of Baharmath in Pallabi, fatally injured by some associates of his elder brother Mohammad Ali on Wednesday, died at the DMCH yesterday morning, hospital sources said. Kalam's non-payment of Tk 17,000, borrowed from his brother, led to the killing, police said quoting family sources.

Pallabi police recovered the body of a 12-year-old boy, Kamrul Islam, from Mirpur Section 12 yesterday morning, hospital sources said.

He was the son of one Halu Dhali, a resident of Saitar Mollah's slum at Pallabi. There were marks of injury in

Return ticket of Swiss tourist snatched

Muggers snatched the return ticket of a Swiss tourist at the Zia International Airport yesterday, reports UNB.

Witnesses said a gang of three took away the Biman Bangladesh Airlines' Bangkok-Dhaka-Bangkok ticket from Edwin in the car parking area at about 11 am.

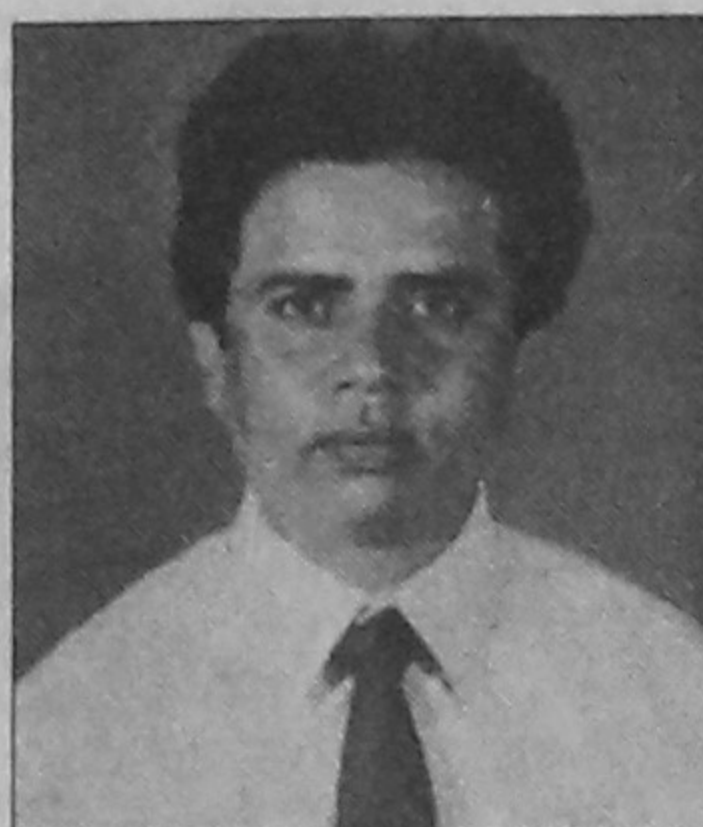
Edwin came here a few days back from Bangkok.

A GD was filed with Cantonment police in this connection.



The top agents of Emirates in Bangladesh with Keith Longstaff, Emirates Senior Manager-West Asia and Pacific Rim and Majid Al Mualla, Emirates Manager in Bangladesh. The agents were awarded at the Annual Gala Dinner of Emirates at Hotel Sonargaon yesterday.

Congratulations



From RU Correspondent

The University of Rajshahi has conferred PhD degree on Md Redwanur Rahman for his work on "Freshwater Gastroparasites in Relation to Helminth Parasites of Bangladesh."

He obtained the degree from the department of Zoology under Life and Earth Faculty of the university.

Redwanur hails from the village of Sakoir under Biral thana of Dinajpur district. He is the second son of Wazuddin Ahmed and Noorjahan Begum.



From Our Correspondent

Chiba University of Japan has conferred a PhD on GKM Mustafizur Rahman for his research on "Pesticide residues studies in soil-water plant environment in Bangladesh."

Mustafizur is a senior scientific officer at Soil Science Division of Bangladesh Institute of Nuclear Agriculture (BINA).



Sayed Naim has stood 1st class 3rd in the MSC examination of 1999 from the Institute of Food and Nutrition under Dhaka University, says a press release.

She is the daughter of ANM Saiful Haq and Setara Begum.

At present she is working with Proshika Manobik Unnayan Sangstha.

Obituary

Former law secretary A R Chowdhury died at his residence on Thursday. He was 78, says a press release.

He was buried at his residence in Kishoreganj followed by *namaj-e-Janaza* after Juma prayers yesterday.

Chowdhury was the legal advisor of National Tea Company.

Pulin Dey's death condoled

Chief Whip Abul Hasnat Abdullah, who is now staying in the US, has expressed deep shock at the death of veteran politician and Awami League Presidium Member Pulin Dey, reports UNB.

In a condolence message sent from New York, the Chief Whip said with the death the country had lost a dedicated politician.

He prayed for peace of the departed soul, said a Parliament Secretariat press release.

PM's US visit

IT Sector, enhancement of scholarships for Bangladeshi students going for higher studies and expansion of Biman's network to US cities.

Some officials of both countries, on condition of anonymity, said that discussions on a range of issues were still continuing and what would be the outcome of the 45-minute White House talks could not be predicted now with 'any degree of certainty.'

Sources in both the sides however hope that a "Joint Press Statement" would be issued after the talks between Hasina and Clinton.

None could confirm till yesterday if any significant agreement would be signed during the trip.

Sheikh Hasina's programmes in Washington include a meeting with the Foreign Relations Council members, a visit to the Arlington National Cemetery, attending a luncheon on October 17 hosted by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. Two other

programmes could not be confirmed till yesterday. One is meeting journalists at Washington Press Club and the other a visit to Pentagon.

One source however said the US side is not interested in expanding the existing defence cooperation with Bangladesh because of Dhaka's rejection of SOFA and that it is only willing to help in case of humanitarian needs at times of natural disasters through HANA.

The Prime Minister would be accompanied by Foreign Minister Abul Hasan Chowdhury and CHT Affairs Minister Kalpa Ranjan Chakma. Her entourage would include Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, Foreign Secretary, Energy Secretary, ERD Secretary, Press Secretary to the PM, Food Adviser to the PM M Anisuzzaman and some officials in the Prime Minister's Office and the foreign ministry.

Sheikh Hasina is due to return home on October 20.

Ganguly inspires

over. A low six cleared the leg-side ropes as he began a calculated assault on the slow left-arm and two more followed in Boje's second over before skipper Shaun Pollock withdrew him from the attack after conceding 26 runs.

There was an unsavoury incident when paceman Roger Telemachus appeared to deliberately walk into the back of Dravid, but the batsman responded by reaching his 27th fifty in a one-day international off 68 balls. Ganguly hammered Kallis over mid-on for four and tucked the same bowler away for a single to bring in his hundred, which included three sixes and 11 boundaries.

Their stand was worth 145 when Dravid mis-timed an attempted hook from a short ball from Klusener and wicketkeeper Boucher ran round to take a skier.

It had no effect on Ganguly, who increased the momentum with successive sixes off Kallis and youngster Yuvraj Singh then had the temerity to hammer Allan Donald to the leg-side fence three times in the next over.

A brilliant boundary catch by Jonty Rhodes ended the teenager's innings of 41 of 35 balls and namesake Robin Singh was run out by Donald as he tried to give Ganguly the strike at the start of the final over.

Donald then trapped Vinod Kamblibw first ball, and also had Vijay Dhahiya caught at cover from the final ball of the innings for

excellent figures of two for 34. Gary Kirsten collected a boundary in each of the first two overs for South Africa, before Zaheer Khan unleashed a perfect yorker to bowl Andrew Hall for one.

Kirsten was needlessly run out for 12 after a mix-up with Jacques Kallis and Boeta Dippenaar was caught behind for five to give Zaheer his second wicket.

South Africa looked to Kallis for a big score following his unbeaten 78 in the quarterfinal win over England.

His attempt to strike Venkatesh Prasad over the leg-side ring brought about his downfall for 15 as a leading edge resulted in a catch for Ganguly at mid-off.

Rhodes hit a superb six of Ajit Agarkar in a stand of 56 with Boucher but then gifted Yuvraj his first international wicket by hitting a long hop straight to Prasad on the mid-wicket fence.

Boucher batted with great responsibility to reach his fifty from 66 balls with seven fours and it took a superb diving catch by mid-on Tendulkar to end his innings.

Danger man Klusener was undone by Kumble's googly for 29 before Ganguly proved he was human by dropping Boje off successive balls at slip.

It made no difference as Prasad pulled off an astonishing leaping catch on the boundary to dismiss Telemachus for 13 and Tendulkar bowled Boje to wrap up the win.

Spurious drugs

manufacturing procedures like granulation system to keep the cost low. Proper environment is also not maintained at factories," said a pharmacist.

The number of such companies are increasing since there is no proper monitoring and quality control," he said. Authorities of the Drug Administration were contacted several times for comment but to no response.

Flood

out the flood water through the Morichap River with the assistance of Army engineers. Earlier, the local people cut several embankments for quick release of floodwaters and in some cases the attempts sparked violence as the waters submerged fresh areas.

Road communication between Jessore and Benapole is likely to be restored tomorrow as Army engineering team along with Water Board personnel have started construction of two Bailey bridges on this important highway.

Suicide bombing

From Page 1 as US Marines and soldiers filled Aden, bringing in equipment to search for clues beneath the water near the USS Cole. Sniffer dogs also were seen being brought to the area.

Dudley said investigators may keep working at the site another two days. The USS Cole, one of the world's most advanced warships, was left slightly tilted in Aden harbour.

"The ship took (in) some water and we are trying to dewater it. But, generally, it is seaworthy and we will tow it to the United States," said Dudley, of the Bahrain-based US 5th Fleet.

The Cole is a one-billion-dollar guided missile destroyer homeported at Norfolk, Virginia. It was heading with a crew of about 350 to the Gulf for maritime intercept operations in support of the UN embargo against Iraq.

Also today, an explosion rocked the British Embassy 320 kilometers away in the Yemeni capital, Sanaa. Windows shattered, but nobody was hurt.

Britain's foreign secretary said a bomb may have been flung into embassy grounds. Authorities were investigating.

Anti-American sentiment has

been running high in the Arab world where protesters have been condemning the United States during demonstrations against Israel's actions in two weeks of deadly clashes in Jerusalem and the Palestinian territories.

In Washington, US President Bill Clinton said yesterday that the USS Cole explosion appeared to be an act of terrorism, the worst against the US military since the bombing of an Air Force barracks in Saudi Arabia in 1996 that killed 19 troops.

"We will find out who was responsible and hold them accountable," Clinton pledged.

He dispatched to Yemen investigators from the FBI, the State Department and the Pentagon and ordered a heightened state of alert for all US military installations around the world. No one has claimed responsibility for the attack.

Suspicion immediately centered on Osama bin Laden and the terrorism network he operates out of Afghanistan.

The United States accuses Bin Laden of masterminding the bombings of the US embassies in Kenya and Tanzania two years ago that killed 224 people. His network is believed to extend to

Yemen and other parts of the Middle East.

President Clinton retaliated by bombing Bin Laden camps in Afghanistan and a pharmaceutical factory in Sudan believed run by supporters of the expatriate Saudi.

Clinton left no doubt yesterday that he again would strike a hard blow once a joint US-Yemen investigation determined who attacked the USS Cole.

Known to operate in Yemen, as well, are two deadly groups; the Egyptian Islamic Jihad and the Islamic Army of Aden, whose leader, Zein al-Abidine al-Midhar was executed by firey squad two years ago in the hostage-taking of two Americans and 14 others Western tourists.

The groups' militancy and location automatically make them suspects.

Others under suspicion when terrorists strike include the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and the Abu Nidal organization. Both have been relatively quiet lately.

Hamas and the Iranian-backed Palestine Islamic Jihad group both have a presence in Yemen but are not known to have attacked Americans specifically.

Pacemaker

From Page 1 'Helpline'. When any trouble arises, the hospital has to call Dobelle in New York for connect with the Helpline.

Once on line, a registration form is to be filled in by voice. Various information about Amit is asked and recorded as per the caller's replies.

After the registration, the caller keeps the hand set on the cradle of the TTM.

While on line, one of the two cords - a black neutral cord from the TTM - is connected with Amit's chest in the centre where the phrenic nerve is located.

The second cord, a white one, known as the examining probe (EP) is placed on the right side of Amit's collarbone where the silicon plastic coated receiver is implanted underneath.

There are two buttons on the TTM. By pressing those, Amit is connected with the TTM through EP. The recording machine in New York then begins checking Amit's breathing, pulse rate and detects any problem in the device.

The advice is sent later to the caller either by e-mail or by fax.

30000 cases pending

From Page 12 Cox's Bazar, Brahmanbaria, Laxmipur, Habiganj, Moulvibazar, Bagerhat, Magura, Sakhira, Patuakhali, Pirojpur, Thakurgaon, Bogra, Natore, Pabna, Sirajgonj, Dinajpur, Nilphamari, Meherpur and Chapainawabganj.

The existing 10 tribunals are in the districts of Dhaka, Chittagong, Sylhet, Khulna, Rajshahi, Comilla, Mymensingh, Rangpur, Jessore and Kishida.

The Women and Children Repression Prevention Act was enacted replacing a similar law introduced in 1995. But the number of tribunals was not increased even after the new law came into being.

Justice Muhammad Habibur

Rahman, the Chief Advisor in the last caretaker government, approved a suggestion for setting up 51 new tribunals.

In line with the suggestion, the Law Ministry sent a proposal to the Establishment Ministry for setting up 35 tribunals. But the Finance Ministry is yet to approve funding for the proposed courts.

The law for women and children provides that the government would set up at least one special tribunal in each district through gadget notification.

Earlier, the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs suggested that there be one judge to deal with every 300 cases in the tribunal so such cases are disposed of within the stipulated 180 days.

Intra-party tussle

From Page 12 from approving the committee. Meantime, several hundred JCD leaders and activists met Dr Mosharraf at his office, rejected the proposed committee led by Pintu and Laitu and asked him to form one comprising genuine students.

The JCD leaders and activists also met some other senior BNP leaders and expressed deep anguish. They requested all to dissuade the party chief from approving the hardliners' committee.

Sources in JCD said the rapprochement between Laitu and Pintu has also angered Laitu's supporters. His supporters at DU have deserted him for his "unholy" understanding with Pintu, campus sources said.

Some supporters of Laitu said, being genuine student of DU, they were beaten by supporters of Pintu. They said they will no

longer be with Laitu while he has joined hands with Pintu. Laitu was also once beaten by Pintu's supporters, they alleged.

A good number of JCD leaders and activists said the crisis in the organisation took a serious turn since formation of the central committee with Pintu as general secretary on December 3, 1998.

They said Pintu drove out dedicated student activists from JCD central committee and induced his close non-student associates, making it an organisation of outsiders.

World Standards Day today

The 31st World Standards Day will be observed in the country today as elsewhere in the world with the slogan "International Standards for Peace and Prosperity," reports BSS.

Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI) has drawn up an elaborate programme to observe the day.

The programme includes discussions, rallies and raising awareness about quality products.

As part of the programme, a discussion will be held at Hotel Purbani at 10 am in the city today. Ministers, scientists, experts and industrialists will take part in the discussion.

Similar programmes will also be held in different district headquarters.

President Shahabuddin Ahmed, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Industries Minister Tofail Ahmed gave separate messages on this occasion.

UNO of flood-hit

Sharsha transferred JESSORE, Oct 13: The Nirbahi Officer of Sharsha upazila has been stand released for his alleged negligence to apprise the authorities of the gravity of flood and rescue the marooned people, reports UNB.

Official sources said UNO Abdul Ahad got the transfer order on Thursday.

The transfer order came following allegations lodged against him by the local leaders during the visit of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and some other ministers.

Meanwhile, the overall flood situation in Keshabpur upazila deteriorated further with inundation of four more villages today.

People in the flood shelter centres are passing their days in misery for want of relief materials.

Flood situation

From Page 1 go-downs. The directors of the two bureaus of the government said they would render their departmental help in this regard.

WFP representative informed the progress of their discussion about the issue with the government.

The meeting also said that the number of boats used for carrying out relief activities and transportation of flood affected people are inadequate.

In order to review the flood situation and ensure proper coordination of activities, a meeting of NGOs will be held every Saturday, Monday and Wednesday after noon at ADAB till the situation becomes normal, the press release added.

Kim gets Peace Prize

From Page 1 leader Kim Jong Il. The two countries then stopped propaganda broadcasts, held a reunion of separated families, opened border liaison offices and agreed to reconnect a cross-border railway.

Kim is critical to this process and we are convinced that he will be strengthened by receiving this prize," Gunnar Berge, chairman of the Nobel Committee, said in making the announcement.

There may now be hope that the Cold War will also come to an end in Korea.

The prize is worth nine million Swedish kronor (915,000 dollar) this year.

The Nobel announcement was greeted with great fanfare in South Korea, where the media have been betting for weeks that their president would take the prize.

All South Korean television networks broke into their regular programming to report the news live from Oslo.

People surrounded large TV sets, cheering and clapping when the announcement was made. Newspapers splashed front-page banner headlines with the award. Hundreds of fireworks exploded over Seoul in a celebration funded

by a private company.

"I have never been happier. I think this will have a positive effect on our relations with North Korea," said SoH Soon-chul, a 44-year-old office worker in Seoul.

Kim entered politics in 1961 by winning a seat in parliament. He came to national prominence in 1971, when he almost beat dictator Park Chung-hee in a race that sent shock waves through ruling circles.

His time as an opposition leader included more than seven years in prison or under house arrest and four years in exile before he was elected to a single five-year presidential term starting in early 1998 in the midst of the Asian financial crisis.

South Korea's near-bankrupt economy dramatically recovered in 1999, although concerns remain about the pace and scope of the government's economic reform program.

Speculation over Kim's prospects in Oslo had infused debate over Seoul's policy toward the North, which critics say is too solicitous. South Korea is donating grain and other aid to North Korea, and repatriated 63 former communist spies last month without asking for the return of

Korean War-era prisoners in return.

The Koreans were divided into the North and the pro-Western South at the end of World War II. The Korean War ended with an armistice, not a peace treaty. Their border is the world's most heavily fortified.

This year's prize was