

News

What's on today

Drama festival: Theatre will present 'Meraj Fakirer Maa' as part of the drama festival organised by Nataraj on the occasion of its 10th founding anniversary. Venue: Guide House auditorium. Time: 6.30 pm.

Art exhibition: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts has organised a 12-day art exhibition to mark the death anniversary of Begum Rokeya. Venue: Bengal Shilpalya, House-275/F, Road-27, Dhanmondi.

Photography exhibition: M Mustafa Monwar will inaugurate a photography exhibition titled 'Glimpses of Bangladesh', organised by Apex In-Focus. Venue: Alliance Francaise, Dhanmondi. Time: 5.30 pm. The exhibition will remain open from 9 am to 12 noon and from 5 pm to 8 pm daily till December 1.

Inauguration: State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed will inaugurate 'The WEE Window', a training and Marketing Centre run by women entrepreneurs. Venue: House-14, Road-7, Dhanmondi. Time: 5 pm.

Prize giving ceremony: Nobel International School will hold the annual prize giving ceremony and a cultural function. Venue: School premises, House-74, Road-7/A, Dhanmondi. Time: 3 pm.

Founding anniversary: A day-long programme has been organised on the occasion of 40th founding anniversary of monthly 'Bigyan Samokey', a science magazine. The programme includes seminar, open discussion and an exhibition. Venue: Novera auditorium, National Museum. Time: 10 am.

Asiatic Society meeting: The 9th monthly general meeting of Asiatic Society of Bangladesh will be held. Dr Anwarul Karim, Department of Bengal Islamic University, Kushtia, will deliver a talk on 'Life and work of Khan Sahib Abdul Wahid'. The lecture is open to all. Venue: Seminar room of the society. Time: 4 pm.

Workshop: Department of Public Administration, Dhaka University, has organised a follow-up workshop on the findings of a research project entitled 'Role of Cellular Phones in Development Process in Bangladesh'. A study of village pay phone of Grameen Telecom. Venue: Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 10 am.

Ananda Dibash: 'Ananda Dibash' (Child Domestic Workers Day), organised by Shoisab Bangladesh, will be observed. Venue: Iqbal Road ground, Mohammadpur. Time: From 9.00 am to 5 pm.

BILIA AGM: The annual general meeting (AGM) of the Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs (BILIA) for the year 1999-2000 will be held. Venue: House # 22, Road # 7, Dhanmondi. Time: 5.45 pm.

Seminar: The second Annual General Meeting of Graduate Microbiologist Association, Bangladesh (GMA) and a seminar on 'Diagnosis, Treatment and Vaccination Policy for Typhoid Fever in Bangladesh: A microbiologist's view' will be held. Venue: Department of Microbiology, Dhaka University. Time: 9 am

Weather

Dry weather likely

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met office said night temperature may remain nearly unchanged during the period.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 32.0 degree Celsius was recorded at Kutubdia and the lowest of 15.5 degree at Dinajpur.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5:11 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:21 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	29.1	20.2	94	64
Chittagong	30.5	18.2	84	76
Rajshahi	29.8	18.3	87	87
Khulna	31.3	19.5	80	77
Barisal	30.4	18.5	91	93
Sylhet	29.8	18.3	83	85
Cox's Bazar	31.6	19.8	71	65

Falu, Lokman harassing

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Dr Rejina said her husband, Manik, was in Khulna with his Japanese business delegates November 17-19 and showed the journalists her husband's hotel receipts and travel tickets.

The motives behind the false case are to tarnish the image of three BNP men who had heroic roles in 1990 mass uprising," the spouses of the BNP leaders said.

The Shaheenbagh Road near PM's office remains under tight security with police patrols, they said, questioning how mugging can take place at 11:30 in the morning under such security and in broad daylight.

"It's totally false. I talked to Ratan few days back," Falu told a group of newsmen who asked for his comment on the incident.

Falu, however, said he would give reaction after seeing today's newspaper reports on the allegation made by Ratan's wife at a press conference.

Similarly, Lokman Hossain Bhuiyan, chief private security personnel of Khaleda, branded the reported allegation of his involvement in the attack as false and baseless.

Question can't arise to attack his residence. I don't know anything about the incident and the case was lodged after five days of the so-called snatching.

Zannat alleged that Falu and Lokman sent armed men to their residence to kill Ratan on Thursday morning, but they could not be as it was not at home.

A GD was lodged with Kafrul police on Thursday night against Falu, Lokman and several others for threatening them.

Three years ago, Falu said those who go against me need not support BNP," Noor said, adding that many bonafide BNP and JCD activists and leaders, including Shahid Uddin Chowdhury Anny, Rafiqul Islam Zagu, left BNP only because of Falu.

They said they informed BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan all about this and he gave a statement against police harassment on Ratan.

Mannan Bhuiyan also apprised Khaleda Zia of the

Promoting idea

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pregnancy. So we motivate women to use condom during 'unsafe period'."

Laboratory tests have confirmed that no STD, even HIV virus, can penetrate a latex condom.

Studies have shown that the rate of HIV infection is less than one per cent among consistent users of condom.

Most categories of condoms are 0.03 mm to 0.08 mm thick, having no holes, even of microscopic size. A human sperm has a diameter of three microns or 0.003 mm and micro-organisms causing STDs are much smaller in size, ranging from one-fourth to one-seventieth of the size of a sperm.

The rates of use of other birth control options are: vasectomy 0.5 per cent, ligation seven per cent, intrauterine device (IUD) three per cent, female sterilisation 6.7 per cent and oral pill 23 per cent.

Every year Bangladesh imports Tk 22.6 crore worth of condoms free of cost. The Social Marketing Company (SMC) imports another 144 million pieces.

Easing traffic

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(GDTPCB) is the authority responsible for the demonstration project under DUTP.

When contacted yesterday, an official of GDTPCB said that relocation of the road divider would ensure separate lanes for vehicles turning right.

Trees had to be uprooted for relocation of some parts of the road divider as per the project plan," he said.

Another official said more trees will have to be uprooted in the same way but he did not know who gave the idea of replanting the trees.



The newly appointed French Ambassador to Bangladesh Michel Lummaux called on Leader of the Opposition and BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia at her Minto Road residence yesterday. — Star photo

Police quiz daughters

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filed a GD with Dhanmondi police on November 14 accusing the college authorities of trying to grab the college building and other property of Dr Malika.

When contacted yesterday, Investigation officer (IO) of the case Sub-Inspector Nurul Islam said that he had questioned both the college authorities and the adopted daughters and their relatives. "But they gave contradictory statements over the occupation and ownership of the college building."

The IO said he would submit final report of the case after having statements from students of the college today. "Getting their statements is essential as the college authorities were out to grab Dr Malika's property including the college building and out them from there."

The principal, when contacted, said the issue has been taken up by law enforcing agency. They will take proper steps.

He however said he would do everything to protect the college. Dr Malika, known as the first

woman doctorate in the country, died on November 17 due to old age complications.

The trouble centring the college started when she fell sick and was admitted to a city hospital recently. The situation worsened following her death.

When this correspondent visited the college yesterday, the adopted daughters and their relatives were seen staying on the college campus.

Mahfuza Dhali reiterated their allegation that the college authorities were out to grab Dr Malika's property including the college building and out them from there.

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Election

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The government will have to wait until a court verdict.

Amid the uncertainty, local government ministry sought law ministry's opinion for appointment of interim administrators at Zila Parishads.

The EC finally abandoned its plan for election of Upazila Parishads due to an "uncertain political situation".

Sources at the EC Secretariat said the EC tried at least seven times for holding Upazila Parishad polls after passage of the Upazila Parishad Act in late 1997.

All the moves failed as BNP and other opposition parties decided not to participate in Upazila Parishad polls under the present government and the then Chief Election Commissioner Mohammed Abu Hena.

New CEC M A Sayeed, after his appointment in May this year, did not take any initiative for election of Upazila Parishads.

Afsana, 10, is daughter of Shah Alam.

Afsana's mother Baby filed a complaint with Ramna police accusing her neighbour Ritu, 17, of kidnapping her daughter. But Ritu denied the charge.

Diabetic Assoc lottery draw results

The draw for the lottery of Diabetic Association of Bangladesh was held at BIRDEM Hospital auditorium yesterday, says a press release.

Vice-president of the association M Maulid Islam presided over the function.

Following are the results of lottery draw:

1 st Prize	UMA	623845	7 th prize, 60 prizes of 3 thousand taka each
2 nd Prize	KA	442742	KA117153 KA340619 KA357615 KA363905 KA418132
"	KA	251391	KA472695 KA617971 KA698423 KA317211 KA39129
3 rd Prize	KA	262634	KA390470 KA408245 KA437007 KA476129 KA500205
"	KHA	601154	KHA545901 KHA573354 KHA579102 KHA620988 KA685542
4 th Prize	GA	423667	KA698572 KA770409 GA172590 GA208537 GA209513
"	GHA	733240	GA158822 GA526067 GA685579 GA695231 GA766364
5 th Prize	KHA	133558	GHA120282 GHA175906 GHA222714 GHA360391 GHA416199
"	KHA	564063	GHA502121 GHA528512 GHA554411 GHA557218 GHA580059
"	KHA	535419	GHA582669 GHA673141 GHA701060 UMA162351 UMA196668
6 th Prize	KHA	155653	UMA316818 UMA367581 UMA432667 UMA478750 UMA482652
"	KHA	226207	UMA484400 UMA514251 UMA522823 UMA553903 UMA586278
"	KHA	634666	UMA602253 UMA617597 UMA620275 UMA685075 UMA749688
"	KA	695691	
"	GHA	672040	
"	GA	137967	
"	GHA	325951	
"	UMA	556660	
7 th Prize	UMA	538907	
"	UMA	671175	
"	GA	201691	
"	GHA	716723	
"	KHA	557940	
"	GA	487189	
"	KA	749645	
"	KA	765412	
"	GA	375465	
"	KHA	689526	
"	KA	642131	
"	UMA	550070	
"	GA	652712	
"	UMA	386191	
"	KHA	441592	
"	GA	606362	
"	GA	709135	
"	GA	516806	
"	GHA	235868	

8th prize, 200 prizes of 2 thousand taka each

KA112284	KA121573	KA134539	KA161598	KA163285

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