

What's on today

Drama festival: Theatre will present 'Meraj Fakir 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 Rokaya. Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya, 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 'Bighn Samojike', a science magazine. The programme includes seminar, open discussion and an exhibition. Venue: Novara 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 Bengali of 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 Sonarganj. Time: 10 am.

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

BILLA AGM: The annual general meeting (AGM) of the Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs (BILLA) 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 Microbiology 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	77
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 upsurge," 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.

"Is it believable that one was carrying gold bars worth some Tk 80 lakh in an autorickshaw?" they posed a question about the merit of the case.

Moreover, the protestors said, police do not 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 as he was not at home.

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

Falu was also a business partner of Ratan three years ago, but their partnership faced a setback which compelled Ratan to quit, the conference was told.

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 Arny, Rafiqul Islam Zangul, 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

goings-on, but she didn't take any step," the aggrieved wives of the BNP leaders told newsmen.

"We want security of life and urge Khaleda Zia to take the matter into consideration," they said at the joint press conference.

Meanwhile, residents of Shaheenbagh formed a human chain in the area yesterday demanding withdrawal of 'false case' against Ratan, Manik and Lavlu.

Meanwhile, Mossadek Ali Falu, APS to 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 yesterday.

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

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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 and the adopted daughters have given conflicting information."

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

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

He however said he would do everything to protect the college.

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 MA Sayed, after his appointment in May this year, did not take any initiative for election of Upazila Parishads.

Election of Gram Parishads has not yet been discussed, said an EC official.

On the other hand, election of Dhaka, Khulna and Rajshahi city corporations can not be held due to a Supreme Court order in 1998 regarding delimitation of areas.

The EC however held Union Parishad polls in 1997. Election of most of the Paurashavas have also been completed.

Arafat, Barak

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Palestinian rock-throwers clashed with Israeli soldiers in several locations, including the West Bank towns of Ramallah and Bethlehem, and the Karni crossing between Israel and Gaza.

In biblical Bethlehem, an Israeli tank shelled a hotel after Palestinian gunmen fired at Israeli troops guarding an Israeli enclave. Two shells hit the fourth and fifth floors of the Paradise Hotel. Israeli radio said gunmen were shooting from the hotel, a charge denied by Ibrahim al-Atarash, a hotel employee. Six Palestinian passers-by were hurt by shrapnel.

Elsewhere in the West Bank, an Israeli motorist was killed in a daylight shooting ambush and an activist in Arafat's Fatah movement was shot dead in what Palestinians said was an attack by Israeli troops tracking gunmen.

No award was given for best cameraman (b&w), picture editor, screenplay, dialogue writer, musician, sound editor, playback singer (female), dance director, short film and comedian for the year 1997.

National Film Award 1998: Best actor: Ferdous, film Hothat Brishti, best cameraman (colour): Akhtar Hossain, film Hothat Brishti. No award was given in any other section in the year 1998.

Chehlum

Chehlum of Major (ret'd) G A Khan will be held at his residence, at House No. 28 (Old 504), Road NO 7, Dhanmondi after Maghrib prayers today, says a press release.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the Milad.

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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 Maidul Islam presided over the function.

Following are the results of lottery draw:

1 st Prize	UMA	623845
2 nd Prize	KA	442742
	KA	251391
3 rd Prize	KA	262634
	KHA	601154
	UMA	423667
4 th Prize	GA	733240
	GHA	133558
	KHA	564063
	UMA	535419
	KHA	155653
5 th Prize	KHA	322607
	GHA	757941
	KHA	634666
	KA	695691
	GHA	672040
	GA	137967
	GHA	325951
	UMA	556660
6 th Prize	UMA	538907
	UMA	671175
	GA	201691
	GHA	716723
	KHA	559740
	GA	487189
	GA	433416
	KA	749645
	KA	765412
	GA	375465
	KHA	689526
	KA	642131
	UMA	550070
	GA	652712
	UMA	386191
	KHA	441392
	GA	606362
	GA	709135
	GA	516806
	GHA	235868

7th prize, 60 prizes of 3 thousand taka each

KA117153	KA340619	KA357615	KA363905	KA418132
KA472695	KA617971	KA698423	KA317211	KA339129
KHA390470	KHA406245	KHA437007	KHA476129	KHA500205
KHA545901	KHA573354	KHA579102	KHA620988	KHA685492
KHA688572	KHA770409	GA172590	GA208537	GA209513
GA516822	GA526067	GA685679	GA695231	GA766364
GHA120262	GHA175906	GHA222714	GHA360391	GHA416199
GHA502121	GHA528512	GHA554411	GHA557218	GHA580059
GHA582669	GHA673141	GHA701060	UMA162351	UMA196668
UMA316818	UMA367581	UMA432667	UMA478750	UMA482852
UMA484440	UMA514251	UMA522823	UMA553903	UMA5586278
UMA602253	UMA617597	UMA620275	UMA685075	UMA749688

8th prize, 200 prizes of 2 thousand taka each

KA112284	KA121573	KA134539	KA161598	KA183285
KA165502	KA186280	KA194924	KA219670	KA268648
KA311247	KA314566	KA323247	KA349816	KA389615
KA390843	KA401313	KA405304	KA406569	KA434467
KA442912	KA484875	KA475008	KA493573	KA508414
KA517514	KA520564	KA524680	KA534350	KA567462
KA601701	KA619438	KA626689	KA650764	KA680670
KA704032	KA743239	KA122863	KA132637	KA139183
KHA151115	KHA153300	KHA155924	KHA215522	KHA232528
KHA230013	KHA282214	KHA302128	KHA304647	KHA311926
KHA323224	KHA348860	KHA352013	KHA355244	KHA397395
KHA404875	KHA421141	KHA489376	KHA504129	KHA508183
KHA508459	KHA512005	KHA515687	KHA527487	KHA533150
KHA545702	KHA548323	KHA575756	KHA578127	KHA614770
KHA617786	KHA634173	KHA643930	KHA668562	KHA670161
KHA672381	KHA690211	KHA691889	KHA720408	KHA721172
KHA740216	KHA745865	KHA753738	KHA763707	KHA770714
KHA781483	GA103989	GA104639	GA139396	GA170061
GA225093	GA229168	GA264111	GA284033	GA311098
GA319869	GA323616	GA326365	GA334909	GA355788
GA356932	GA358060	GA363755	GA392372	GA418353
GA421273	GA429781	GA433898	GA434784	GA450281
GA468971	GA480841	GA524857	GA525074	GA554985
GA558176	GA559008	GA598274	GA649124	GA662752
GA664923	GA678768	GA705448	GA713025	GA735246
GA774944	GHA129538	GHA140910	GHA169770	GHA187920
GHA218037	GHA221647	GHA251213	GHA258105	GHA265953
GHA280582	GHA290682	GHA292206	GHA318720	GHA328526
GHA393591	GHA437392	GHA448788	GHA499261	GHA503746
GHA505249	GHA543120	GHA546383	GHA555939	GHA570785
GHA601839	GHA601918	GHA609751	GHA616198	GHA620233
GHA622748	GHA624285	GHA625496	GHA631252	GHA662242
GHA670456	GHA716869	GHA759534	UMA116288	UMA119743
UMA127819	UMA165219	UMA194241	UMA205316	UMA227777
UMA241820	UMA248008	UMA251804	UMA270515	UMA289023
UMA311218	UMA335804	UMA358864	UMA357336	UMA375555
UMA363937	UMA366266	UMA368535	UMA370381	UMA413372
UMA424576	UMA432228	UMA483588	UMA516090	UMA531145
UMA572137	UMA592346	UMA651032	UMA667166	UMA684886
UMA696066	UMA728979	UMA733065	UMA759532	UMA775587

9th prize, 460 prizes of 1 thousand taka each

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