

Discussion meeting

Jatiya Church Parishad will hold a discussion meeting on Jubilee and Third World debt. Venue: Ballroom of Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 3.00 pm.

Discussion meeting

Centre for Social Science and Public Policy Research of Independent University Bangladesh (IUB) will hold a discussion meeting on "Managing Bilateral Relations between Big and Small Countries to Mutual Benefit: Lessons from the USA-Canada Experience." Venue: Hotel Sonargaon, Time: 3.00 pm.

Rally

Jouno Nipiron Protirodh Mancha will hold a rally in observation of International Women's Day, Venue: Shahbag crossing. Time: 4:30 pm.



Workshop

UNB, Dhaka

office said.

Rajshahi.

at 6:10 am.

City/ lown

Chittagong

Rajshahi

Khulna

Barisal

Cox's Bazar

FROM PAGE 12

Babu said.

he said.

helping police in the surrender

drama under the general amnesty

declared by government", 'Kana'

decision to kill Haroon was taken at

a secret meeting held last year in a

hideout in Rupsha upazila. The hit-

list was prepared by Rashid, leader

of PBCP in Rupsha-Terokheda area.

Police said that 'Kana' Babu

rented the arms used in the killing of

Kalidas Boral, vice president of

Bagerhat district AL

He told the interrogators that the

Sylhet

Dhaka

hours till 6 pm today.

Dhaka Electric Supply Company Ltd in association with E7 Network of Expertise for Global Environment will hold a workshop on distribution of electricity. Venue: Surma Hall of Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 12:20 pm.

Rain forecast

some major cities and towns yesterday were:

31.8

33.2

32.6

33.4

Khulna AL leader

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is

likely at one or two places over Rajshahi, Khulna and Barisal divisions

and the region of Faridpur, Noakhali, Comilla and Sylhet in next 12

Weather may remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country, Met

The country's highest temperature 33.8 degree Celsius was

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:06 pm and rises on Monday

Maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in

also repend driving held saw assinCelsius of alleast street inserpendentage

18.6

16.2

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17.5

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Temperature

recorded yesterday at Sitakunda and the lowest 13.2 degree Celsius at

DU female dormitories

FROM PAGE 1 Uddin Hall.

At dormitories for males, few students enjoying political influence get very good accommodation facilities while the rest have to share seats or stay on floors. Only 'student leaders' get single-seated rooms, they alleged.

females who constitute 40 percent of the 28,000 students of the univer-

Every year, about 4,000 students including 2,000 females are admitted to the university. Most of them come from outside Dhaka.

A small number of female students reside with their relatives in the city. Some even stay at hotels with their fathers or at rented houses. The procedure for allotment of seat is lengthy while female students attached to the halls can not even enter the dormitories because of strict rules.

Non-resident students or 'outsiders' are not allowed to stay at hall. But a good number of 'outsiders' belonging to student organisations are residing at halls for male students, they alleged.

Talking to this correspondent vesterday, a female student from Jessore said, "I have no relative in the city and no place to stay. I would not have come to study at Dhaka University had I any idea of the sufferings here."

The situation is worse in Shamsunnahar Hall and Rokya Hall.

Humidityin

24

45

Morning Evening

72

of 'Kana' Babu. Hailing from

Shabekdanga village under

Bagerhat Sadar thana, Mithu

obtained a diploma degree from

Khulna Polytechnic Institute. He is

the son of Afzal Hossain, an official

of the Road & Highways Department

"I was not directly involved in

any killing, but took part in all secret

meetings of PBCP where targets of

PCBP armed cadres are now

(RHD) in Bagerhat.

Each of the dormitories have four big rooms and 16 students stay in each of the rooms where the space between beds is hardly one foot, the sources said.

The authorities at Shamsunnahar Hall have erected some tents on each floor at the Honours Building in which students Out of 14 halls only three are for stay in very unhygienic conditions, even near bathrooms.

"I am staying in such an unhygienic condition because I have no choice", a student said.

When contacted Vice-Chancellor Prof. AK Azad Chowdhury said the accommodation problem will ease with completion of the two under-construction halls, one for male and the other for female students.

"The work is going on in full swing and may be completed in a couple of months," he said. Construction of two other halls, one for male and the other for female students, will start very soon, he

Seminar postponed

UNB, Dhaka

A seminar on Political Economy of Cancer scheduled for today at Dhaka Community Hospital here has been postponed due to unavoidable reasons.

The hospital authority in a press release said yesterday that the new date would be announced later.

Pak plane lands in UK after bomb scare REUTERS, London

A Pakistani airliner landed in Britain yesterday after a bomb scare, police said in the northern city of Manchester.

"We can confirm there was a bomb warning concerning Pakistani aircraft," a spokeswoman told Reuters.

"A plane landed at Manchester airport at nine o'clock yesterday morning. All passengers have been taken off safely and we are currently assessing the situation."

She declined to give any further details and would not say where the flight was heading to or from.

Lankan PM's Pak visit delayed

AP, Colombo

A last-minute change in plans will delay a visit to Pakistan by Sri Lankan Prime Minister Ratnasiri Wickremanayaka in a bid to save the towering statues of Buddha in Afghanistan, an aide said yesterday. The Sri Lankan leader had planned to leave Saturday, but rescheduled after his meeting with Pakistan's military ruler Gen Pervez Musharraf was put off one day, said Seelaratne Senarath, Wickremanayaka's press

Sri Lanka is seeking international support to persuade the Taliban rulers to stop the destruction of the ancient statues.

Senarath said the prime minister will ask Musharraf to convey to Afghanistan's Taliban rulers that Sri Lanka was willing to take the statues and preserve them. Pakistan is Afghanistan's southern neighbour and closest ally.

murders were fixed", Mithu said on Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Lakshman Kadirgamar already has arrived in Islamabad for meetings involved in killing on hire under the with Pakistani leaders.

Hosts held

২২২, নিউ ইস্কাটন রোড, ঢাকা-১০০০।

বাংলাদেশ রপ্তানি প্রক্রিয়াকরণ এলাকা কর্তপক্ষ

পুনঃ সংক্ষিপ্ত দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বেপজা/প্রশাসন/সাঃ সেবা-৭৭/২০০০(১)/ তারিখঃ ০৪-০৩-২০০১ইং বাংলাদেশ রপ্তানি প্রক্রিয়াকরণ এলাকা কর্তৃপক্ষের অধীনে উত্তরা

Mosharef Hossain Mithu joined cover of different political parties,

PBCP last year under the influence 'Kana' Babu and Mithu said.

ইপিজেড, নীলফামারী প্রকল্পের উদ্বোধন উপলক্ষে উত্তরা ইপিজেডে ভিভিআইপি বক্তা মঞ্চ/ষ্টেজ, প্যান্তেল, টয়লেট, চেয়ার, সোফা সরবরাহ ও আনুষঙ্গিক কাজসমূহ ডেকোরেটর দিয়ে সম্পাদনের উদ্দেশ্যে আগ্রহী প্রকৃত ডেকোরেটরদের কাছ থেকে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা

প্রতিষ্ঠিত ডেকোরেশন প্রতিষ্ঠান যারা ভিভিআইপি অনুষ্ঠানের আয়োজন ইতিপূর্বে করেছেন এবং আনুষঙ্গিক কাজে পারদর্শী তধুমাত্র তারাই দরপত্রে অংশগ্রহণ করতে পারবেন। অনুষ্ঠানের নির্দিষ্ট তারিখ ও সময়ের ২৪ ঘন্টা আগে ডেকোরেশন সংক্রান্ত কাজ সম্পন্ন করতে হবে। আগ্রহী ছেকোরেটরগণকে প্রয়োজনে সাইট পরিদর্শন করে দরপত্র পেশ করার পরামর্শ দেওয়া যাচেছ। দরপত্র সিডিউল নিবাহী দপ্তর, ঢাকা ও উত্তরা ইপিজেড, নীলফামারী প্রকল্পের কার্যালয়ে ৫০০/- (পাঁচশত মাত্র) টাকার (অফেরতযোগ্য) মূল্যে ক্রয় করা যাবে। দরপত্র ক্রয়ের জন্য ভিভিআইপি। অনুষ্ঠানের প্যান্তেল ও মঞ্চ নির্মাণের পূর্ব অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্রের মূলকপি অত্র অফিসে দেখাতে হবে এবং একটি অনুলিপি দাখিল করতে হবে। দরপত্র আগামী ১৮-০৩-২০০১ ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত ক্রেয় করা যাবে এবং আগামী ১৯-০৩-২০০১ইং তারিখে ১২-০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে উত্তরা ইপিজেড প্রকল্প ও নির্বাহী দপ্তর ঢাকায় রক্ষিত টেভার বাক্সে ফেলা যাবে এবং ঐ দিনই ১২-১৫ মিনিটের সময় টেভার কমিটি কর্তৃক টেভারদাতাদের সম্মুখে (যদি কেউ উপস্থিত থাকেন) টেন্ডারসমূহ খোলা হবে।

কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

জিডি-২২৬ বাংলাদেশ রপ্তানি প্রক্রিয়াকরণ এলাকা কর্তৃপক্ষ

FROM PAGE 1 Vijenathan were present on the

occasion.

Nine countries Bangladesh, Japan, China, Pakistan, India, Scotland, Egypt, Malaysia and Ireland are taking part in two groups with top two teams of each group qualifying for the semifinals.

for Power, was arrested by the military government's anti-corruption Three matches will take place today. Favourites Pakistan play bureau for allegedly giving govern-China at 10 am, India meet Scotland ment jobs to his relatives and at 2 pm and Egypt face Malaysia at 4 amassing wealth through corrupt practices, Basharat Sheikh, chief of the bureau in Kashmir told report-

BTV will show all the matches

The BTV has rearranged its schedule and would air programmes from 9:45 am instead of 3 pm today, a BTV release said.

prime minister Benazir Bhutto's are waging a bloody secessionist Pakistan People's Party, is the first movement for its merger with The salient features of the inauminister from Pakistani Kashmir to Pakistan or complete independ gural match between Bangladesh and Japan along with the opening be charged and arrested for corrupceremony will be aired at 11:15 am tomorrow, it added.

Hostages' hope

malaria and a more fatal one

celebral malaria. The communication from Torben Mikkelson, a Danish engineer, to his wife Divina Mikkelson in Coppenhagen to some extent reveals life of the hostages in the jungle. Torben acknowledged receipt of clean clothes.

He wrote, "We got clean clothes and some medicine (not that we needed it, but just to be sure)... Having got new clothes we went to the river for a wash of ourselves and our clothes. It is a good feeling to have new clothes after 4-5 days in the same clothes Heft Dhaka."

"We are staying in a little opening in the forest, where we have some blankets to sleep in and a net for the night to keep the mosquitoes away." I am having a lot of coconut juice



Fourty-six students of Baktarchar High School in Keraniganj began fast unto death in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday demanding permission to sit for the upcoming SSC examinations. They have not been allowed to sit for the exams due to alleged irregularities by the school authorities. They also demand exemplary punishment to the headmaster of the school for his role in this regard.

Assam asks Delhi to declare ceasefire against militants

AFP, Guwahati

eastern Assam state on Saturday the seven states are fighting against urged the federal government to rebels. declare a ceasefire against rebel militant groups to pave the path for

Kumar Mahanta told reporters the state government would extend all cooperation to the federal government, if such a ceasefire was declared.

This is the first time the Assam has sought such a ceaselire against eastern states since India's indemilitant outfits operating in the pendence in 1947.

attempts by the federal government seven state governments. that could bring about a permanent solution to the region's insurgency

Mahanta said New Delhi should extend the ceasefire throughout the India's insurgency-racked north north eastern region, where five of

Indian Home Minister Lal Kishan Advani said recently that New Delhi was "actively considering" a Assam chief minister Prafulla ceasefire against all guerrilla outfits in the northeastern region.

There are at least 30 rebel groups active in the region whose demands range from secession to greater

More than 25,000 lives have been state government, one of the largest lost in the five-decade-old insurin India's troubled northeast region. gency in the seven adjoining north

New Delhi's ceasefire plan has "We are ready to welcome any been generally welcomed by all

"We welcome the federal government's plan, but before things are problem," the Assam chief minister finalised, all the states must be consulted," Tripura chief minister

Manik Sarkar said. The NSCN (Isak-Muivah fac-

tion), a militant group in Nagaland state and also active in Manipur, is currently holding peace talks with the Indian government after entering into a ceasefire in August 1997.

Influential students' group and other voluntary organisations in the north eastern region has been pressing New Delhi to declare a ceasefire against all insurgent groups in the

"The federal government must demonstrate its sincerity in solving the region's insurgency problem through negotiations," said Apurba Bhattacharya, general secretary of the Assam Jatiyatabadi Yuba Chatra Parishad, a student organisation in

"The first step in that direction can be a unilateral ceasefire against all the rebels in the region," he

Leaflets seeking help

Minister in Pak Kashmir

Anti-corruption officials arrested a special semiautonomous status in

power to amass wealth, a senior four provincial Parliaments were

Sardar Akhtar Rabbani, Minister military coup in October 1999.

Rabbani, a member of former of Kashmir, where Islamic guerillas

Kashmir.

one-third.

million people.

The authorities continued their efforts yesterday while the local political leadership was apparently seen not much active. CHT Affairs Minister Kalparangan Chakma was staying back home for 'sickness'.

Chairman of CHT Refugee Tusk Force Committee Dipanker Talukder MP at a press briefing in the evening said, "We have appealed to the people through leaflets for cooperation to secure release of the hostages. Distribution of leaflets will continue tomorrow (Sunday)".

tact with the abductors will con-

govt arrested

a minister in the Pakistani

Kashmir's government yesterday

charging him with misusing his

He gave no other details.

AP, Muzaffarabad

He claimed that the hostages were in "reasonable" health, but could not say where they were held. He said contact with the abductors was maintained through tribal intermediaries. "Even today, we received information that they (hostages) were in good health",

Dipanker said. Gream Clough, Head of the Political Department of British High Commission and Mominullah Patwari, Director General of the Prime Minister's Secretariat, were He said efforts for making con- also present at the press briefing.

Kalparanjan, who used to brief

Pakistani-controlled Kashmir,

While Pakistan's national and

suspended following a bloodless

Kashmir's Parliament remained in

tact. It continues to govern Pakistani

Party is in power in Kashmir a dis-

puted region between Islamic

Pakistan and Hindu-dominated

India controls two-thirds

Benazir's Pakistan's People's

called Azad for free Kashmir, enjoys

this South Asian country of 140

day vesterday despite his presence in Rangamati. General Harun-or-Rashid who

the press, was absent from the

briefing for the second consecutive

Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant visited the spot about two weeks back is expected to visit and hold meetings with the authorities at Rangamati and Guniapara tomorrow, defence sources said.

Local traders and tour operators said there has been a serious setback to their business as few tourists are visiting the scenic district since February 9 when the three foreigners were taken hostage.

Laison body FROM PAGE 1

ing of seats and the party's preparation for the polls.

He said the party will join the CLC meeting and put forth its views only after deciding on these matters. But, he admitted that BNP's alliance partners felt being left out as the BNP chief did not consult them before meeting with the President and seeking election in

He however, ruled out any split in the alliance and hoped that the misunderstanding will be removed in the next CLC meeting. "We will keep the unity of the alliance at any

A section of JP leaders said BNP made a mistake by completely ignoring views of its partners. They said the BNP leadership seems to have accepted Justice Latifur Rahman as head of the next caretaker government and MA Syed as the Chief Election Commissioner.

Meanwhile, Rashid's interview with the media criticising the BNP move has drawn flak. BNP leaders said being the largest opposition party BNP has the right to take decision on its own.

Many BNP leaders termed Rashid's remark as "arrogant and undesirable.'

13 more killed in Kashmir violence

ence. Pakistan rules the remaining

REUTERS, Srinagar

Indian security force personnel and five separatist guerillas have been killed in violence in troubled Kashmir region yesterday, police

Srinagar, the summer capital of Srinagar, police said. Jammu and Kashmir state.

claimed responsibility for the

dead a policeman at Zakura crossing on the outskirts of Srinagar.

personnel and three separatist They said one person was killed militants were killed on Friday and 15 others were wounded yester- evening in a fierce gunbattle at day when suspected guerillas threw Morra Khakha area of Rajouri disa grenade in a crowded street in trict, some 450-km southwest of

In another gunbattle Indian Police said the grenade was soldiers shot dead two militants in Anantnag district of south Kashmir

Elsewhere three civilians, one of separate shootouts in the troubled region since Friday evening, police

Authorities said civilian and police casualties in Kashmir had risen since India suspended offensive operations in the troubled

killed in militant attacks had risen to 46 from 26.

Nearly a dozen militant groups

Three women commit suicide in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three women committed suicide in separate incidents in the city on Friday and Saturday.

Hamida Begum, 22, wife of Abdul Hamid of 599 Dhania in the city's Demra area allegedly committed suicide by pouring kerosene and setting herself on fire on Friday, hospital sources said.

Police said that the woman poured kerosene herself following an altercation over family matters.

The mother of the victim told Demra police station yesterday that her daughter was killed by her husband's family.

Police filed an unnatural death case with Demra police station. Police said if the autopsy report proved that she had been killed then it would turn into murder

In another incident, Ayesha declaredherdead. Begum, 22, wife of Shahidullah of Sarulia in city's Demra area alleg-

edly committed suicide by taking poison at her residence, hospital sources said.

Raju, brother-in-law of the victim took her to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital where she died on Friday.

Her body was sent to the morgue for autopsy.

In another incident, Monoara, 15, daughter of Golam Mostafa committed suicide by taking poison

at her resident at Badda yesterday. Monoara locked into a fight with her elder brother Noor Hossain at their house at Kha 55 near Alatunesha High School at Badda in

The victim locked herself into the bathroom and took poison. She was sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital in a critical condition where the attending doctors

Her body was also sent to the hospital morgue for autopsy.

Hindus celebrate festival of Holi in India

AFP, New Delhi

India sparkled with colour on Saturday as Hindus celebrated the festival of Holi by showering friends and relatives with water and smearing them in coloured paint.

The festival heralds the end of the winter season in northern India and the advent of spring and is also called the "Festival of Colours." In the Indian capital, people

from all walks of life were seen drenching friends and family with water-filled balloons or covering them in paint.

Police officials said the festival was celebrated peacefully all over In India's restive Kashmir, sol-

diers tightened security to prevent the possibility of militant attacks. But back at the barracks, soldiers were seen dancing to the traditional

beat of Indian drums in camps decked out in bright colours. "It is unfortunate that we have to work even on such festival days," said Ram Prasad, an Indian soldier on duty, who was painted with blue

and green colours. Security officials said soldiers had been ordered not to drink any liquor while on duty.

The big difference in this year's least nine shots. Holi festivities was the introduction of "environmentally-friendly"

JP may suggest FROM PAGE 1

parties, they said. JP may also suggest BNP that there should be restriction on the four parties so that any prospective candidate can not change his party

The JP would also send letters to its district units to prepare for the

before the elections.

The meeting would also discuss issues relating to Ershad's release and Khaleda Zia's recent meeting with the President.

colouring, made from herbal deriva-

Synthetics normally used to colour the paints often contains harmful chemicals that can cause skin rashes or allergies.

Shops selling the herbal paints reportedly made brisk sales.

The developers, the National Botanical Research Institute in the north Indian city of Lucknow, said they were happy with the public's In some neighbourhoods, how-

ever, the festivities were subdued due to the recent earthquake in the western Indian state of Gujarat, which killed an estimated 25,000 people and rendered over a million others homeless. Prime Minister Atal Behari

Vajpayee, cabinet number two Home Minister Lal Kishan Advani and some of their other cabinet colleagues had announced they would not celebrate the festival as a mark of respect to the bereaved families.

7-22-33-34-44 Chief Whip's son

FROM PAGE 1 said the car chased the jeep up to the Dhaka Cantonment gate and fired at

The driver drove the jeep into the Cantonment area while the Military Police managed to halt Sadeq's vehicle at the gate.

The sources said the jeep drove near the residence of the Army Chief and the women sought shelter there. On information, the Officer-in-Charge of Gulshan thana came and brought the ladies to the police

"They wanted to file a complaint, but refrained following threats," a close associate of the Shikdar family

The family members of Shikdar apprehended that the group tried to 'abduct them to ransom"

BNS Haji Mohsin Dhaka Cantonment

Dhaka-1206

Notice for Appointing Transport Contractors for 2001-2002 Fiscal Year

1) Tenders are invited from bonafide transport agency/transport owners in Dhaka for transporting dry ration material and storing for BNS Haji Mohsin, Dhaka Cantonment, Dhaka-1206 during 2001-2002 fiscal year.

2) Prescribed schedule for submitting tender can be procured on any working day excepting Friday, Saturday and government holiday from the office of the Commander, BNS Haji Mohsin, Dhaka Cantonment, Dhaka on payment of Taka 150/- (Taka one hundred fifty only) (non-refundable). Earnest money for Taka 3000/- (Taka three thousand only) in the forms of Pay Order/ Bank Draft in favour of the Commander, BNS Haji Mohsin (refundable) will have to be deposited with the tender.

3) Tenders will have to be deposited in the tender box kept at the guard room of BNS Haji Mohsin on March 19, 2001 by 12:00 noon and tenders will be opened the same day at 12:30 PM in the office of the undersigned before the

tenderers (if anyone remains present). 4) Interested tenderers must submit the following papers

with the tender: a) Bank solvency certificate.

b) Experience certificate.

c) Income tax certificate.

d) Certificate for VAT payment. e) Trade licence.

f) Citizenship certificate.

5) The authorities reserve the right to accept or reject any

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tender without assigning any reason. M Monirul Islam ISPR/Navy/02/2001/18 DFP-5750-1/3

Commander BN Commanding Officer

No militant group has so far said.

Thirteen people including four attack

aimed at a paramilitary patrol.

"The grenade missed the on Friday night, police said. intended target and exploded on a busy crossing. One civilian died on the spot and 15 others were wounded," a police official said.

Earlier yesterday militants shot

Three Indian security force

them a woman had been killed in

region last November. Militants have killed 288 civilians since the ceasefire began compared with 202 killed in the same period a year ago. The number of police

are fighting New Delhi's rule in Jammu and Kashmir, India's only Muslim majority state. Most of the militant groups have rejected India's ceasefire and stepped up attacks on Indian security forces.