

Seminar at JU begins today

JU CORRESPONDENT

A two-day seminar on different social and cultural issues will begin at Jahangirnagar University (JU) today.

Vice Chancellor Prof Abdul Bayes will inaugurate the seminar organised by the Arts Faculty.

Four papers will be presented in the first session. Shamsud Mortuza will present his paper on "The Red Record: A Native Tale of Discovery of America". Prof Begum Rabeya Khatun will speak on "Three Translated Books of Syed Ali Ahsan: Shandesh Rashok, 'Chaura-Panchashika' and 'Sharatapara: Dokahosh-geet'". Dr Fahmina Ahmed will present her essay on "Moral Freedom in the Perspective of Breeding Technology" and ASM Anwarul Hossain will present his essay on "Conservation of the existence of sub-human animals: Perspective Moral Duty".

Khulna Zila Samity polls June 16

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The biennial general meeting and election of Khulna Zila Samity, Dhaka will be held on June 16 in the capital city.

All members have been requested to pay Tk 100 for renewal of membership and fresh enlistment by 5pm on June 1. Interested persons have been requested to contact with Advocate Mahbubur Rahman, joint secretary of the Samity at 56/4, West Panthapath (3rd floor), Dhaka and at phone no 8125096, 8114480, 019-351543.

Crippled FF dead

UNB, Dhaka

Crippled freedom fighter AKM Mozifur Islam of Kachua Upazila in Chandpur district died of liver cancer at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Hospital in the city on Sunday night. He was 49.

Islam left behind his wife, one son, two daughters and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his death, said a press release of Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Kalyan Trust.

His body was sent to his village home. After Namaz-e-Janaza, he was buried there with state honour.

Journalists urged to resist attacks unitedly

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Speakers at a seminar in the city yesterday observed that journalists would face continued attacks if they remained divided and the gulf of differences among themselves were not bridged immediately.

They called for restoring unity to protect journalists from various evil forces including a vested quarter in the community. Speaking at the seminar titled 'Risk in Journalism: Bangladesh Perspective', the speakers said that even some so-called journalists are involved in attacks on their community members and assisting in killing of them in collaboration with terrorists and politicians.

Renowned journalists, columnists and academicians of the country attended the seminar organised by the Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB) at its seminar room yesterday.

News Editor of the Daily Jangar, Monjurul Ahsan Bulbul, presented the keynote paper at the seminar while PIB Director General Dr Sheikh Abdus Salam chaired.

Noted journalist Santosh Gupta and M R Akhtar Mukul, Prof Shakhawat Ali Khan and Prof Gohar Rahman of the Dhaka University, Dhaka Union of Journalist (DUJ) president Altair Mahmood and Mahiuddin Ahmed were at-

tended the seminar, among others.

Presenting the keynote paper Manjurul Ahsan Bulbul said, "Repression on journalists is common all over the world and it is not new in our country too. But the difference is that in our country a section of journalists attack another section or group with the help of terrorists."

He mentioned different types of repression and harassment the journalists are facing in the country. He expressed grave concern over the recent spate of violence on the media people.

Speaking at the seminar elderly journalist Santosh Gupta urged the government to take strong position against the terrorists and their patrons for violence against newsmen.

M R Akhtar Mukul demanded free-entrance and membership of real journalists in the National Press Club which is 'now grabbed by inactive journalists and their divided leaders'. He also vented his anger on journalist leaders for their failure to restore unity among the community member who are divided in various fronts.

He also pointed finger to corruption and 'yellow journalism' in practice across the country by the local correspondents of various newspapers and agencies known as Majlisul Sangbadita.

Dhaka, Colombo agree to cooperate in mass media

BSS, Colombo

Bangladesh and Sri Lanka yesterday held extensive discussion to enhance cooperation between them in the areas of mass media and information and agreed to enact law to contain intrusion of alien culture through satellite.

The visiting State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed held talks with Anura Priyadarshana Yata, Sri Lankan Minister for Information, also exchanged ideas on setting up SAARC satellite.

The conference will be preceded by annual general meeting of the foundation.

Prof Sayeed, who is the chairman of SAARC Information Ministers Conference, informed the Sri Lankan Minister of the progress of the 18-point programme adopted at the Dhaka meeting held in April, 1998.

They also discussed various issues including exchange of journalists, formation of regional forum of journalists and exchange of TV and radio programmes.



Death anniversary of Captain Bashar

Today is the 30th anniversary of death of Captain Bashar who was killed by the Pakistani occupation forces during the Liberation War in 1971.

But his body could not be found till now.

Captain Bashar was the first Bangladeshi Army officer who hoisted the national flag of Bangladesh just after the historic speech of Bangabandhu at Suhrawardy Udyan on March 7, 1971. He hoisted the national flag atop the perambulator of his one-year old daughter and went round Chittagong Cantonment pushing the pram.

He also shot down a helicopter of Pakistan Army as it flew over Halishahar in Chittagong. He played a pioneering role in putting up barricade on the streets of Chittagong to prevent unloading of sophisticated arms and ammunition from the Pakistani ship Swat.

On the occasion of his death anniversary, a milad mahfil will be held at the residence of his brother, Khaleque Dad, at 12/1-A West Nakhal Para, Teigaon (near Chhapra Mosque).

Friends, relatives and admirers of the martyr have been requested to attend the milad mahfil.

Obituary

BSS, Dhaka

Lamia Dewan, president of Bangladesh Ministerial Employees Association (BAMIKAS) and Sarastad (Record Keeper) of Dhaka District Judge Court, died in a hospital in Madras, India, on Saturday. He was 57.

Md Aminul Haq Khadem and Md Bahauddin, vice president and general secretary of BAMIKAS respectively, expressed deep shock at the death of Lamia, said a press release.

BKL urges Kibria to protect farmers' interest in budget

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Krishak League leaders yesterday placed a 10-point proposal for protecting the interest of the peasants and implement those in the forthcoming National Budget.

The proposals were placed when a delegation of Bangladesh Krishak League led by its president and Minister of State for Land Alhaj Rashid Mosharrar and general secretary Harun-Ar-Rashed called on Finance Minister Shah A M S Kibria at his office in the city.

During the pre-budget exchange of views, Rashid Mosharrar told the Finance Minister that the peasants would get fair price of their products if cooperative based marketing system were introduced in the country.

The Finance Minister gave a patient hearing and assured that the government like in the past would take steps for easy availability of rice, pulses, oil, food and agricultural inputs in country.

SSF lays siege to CU VC office

CU CORRESPONDENT

Left-leaning student organisation Socialist Student Front (SSF) Chittagong University (CU) unit laid a siege to the VC's office and submitted a memorandum last morning to press for their 4-point demand.

Their demands include resolving shuttle train problem, increased allocation for a research and students' welfare and withdrawal of ban on procession and rallies.

Earlier SSF brought out a procession on the campus and held a rally in front of the administrative building.

Presided over by Abu Syed Shohel, president of SSF CU unit, the rally was conducted by general secretary Sydul Islam Sabuj. Among others, Jamal Hossain, Tamal and Sumon Bonik addressed the rally.

WEATHER TODAY Thundershowers likely

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

Little change in day temperature is expected over the country. Met Office said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 36.2 degree Celsius was recorded at Khulna and Chudanga and the lowest 22.1 degree Celsius at Rajshahi.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:41 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:11 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	34.8	25.6	54	58
Chittagong	32.2	27.8	79	77
Rajshahi	33.7	22.1	70	70
Khulna	36.2	25.5	73	68
Barisal	35.0	26.0	77	84
Sylhet	34.5	26.1	77	54
Cox's Bazar	34.0	25.5	69	77



The scholarship and stipend awarding ceremony of Islami Bank Foundation for 2001 was held on Sunday at the auditorium of National Press Club. A total of 118 students of different universities, colleges, schools and madrasahs of ex-greater Dhaka district received Tk seven lakh in scholarship & stipend at the function. Md Er-shadul Huq, ex-Secretary, Shah Abdul Hannan, Chairman, Islami Bank Bangladesh Limited and Islami Bank Foundation, Mr Quesam Ali, Vice Chairman of the bank & member secretary of the foundation, Prof. Md. Sharif Hossain, Director of the bank, and Abdur Raquib, Executive President of the bank, are seen in the picture with the meritorious students.

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