



Ministers line up before placing wreaths at the National Memorial in Savar yesterday.

British Council debate competition tomorrow

UNB, Dhaka
A debate competition for all corporate members of British Council's Young Learners' Centre (YLC) will be held at its auditorium at 10 am tomorrow.

Outgoing Nepalese envoy calls on Hasina

UNB, Dhaka
Outgoing Ambassador of Nepal Madhu Raman Acharya yesterday made a courtesy call on Awami League president and former prime minister Sheikh Hasina at Sudha Sadan.

EC greets Khaleda

BSS, Dhaka
President of the Commission of the European Communities Romano Prodi yesterday extended most sincere congratulations to Khaleda Zia on her assumption of office of the Prime Minister.

F H Abed made chairperson of BRAC

Fazle Hasan Abed, founder Executive Director of BRAC, has been elected chairperson of BRAC by the governing body of the organization, says a press release.
Meanwhile, Abdul Mueyed Chowdhury, Executive Director Designate of BRAC, took over as its Executive Director yesterday.

Jatiyatabadi BCS (Agri) Cadre Forum formed

A 41-member convening committee of the Jatiyatabadi BCS (Agriculture) Cadre Forum has been formed with agriculturist Md Ibrahim Khalid as its convener, says a press release.
The committee was formed at a meeting in the city recently. Md Khalid presided over the meeting.
In the meeting, Bilal-Ul-Islam, Dewan Hossain Ahmed and Khanand Mahfuzul Haq Bachchu were made joint convenors of the committee.
The members of the committee include Md Nazrul Islam, Md Saifur Hossain, Md Shamsul Alam, Md Joyal Abedin, M Nazmul Hossain, Md Motiur Rahman, Md Abdul Hannan, Mahiuddin Ahmad, S M Ferdous and Munsi Arzuffaman.

'Some presiding officers involved in vote rigging'

UNB, Dhaka
Although the national election was held peacefully, some presiding officers were involved in vote rigging in some places of Sylhet, said an independent poll observer yesterday.
Saeed-Ur-Rabb, an expatriate and editor of New York-based Weekly Thikana, made the remarks at a press conference at Dhaka Reporters Unity 10 days after the Oct 1 election.
Rabb, also the president of American News Agency (ANA), said the election officials indulged in rigging with the help of law enforcing agencies.
He, however, expressed satisfaction over the overwhelming participation of voters, particularly women, and said the Election Commission should focus more on issues relating to election process to make its officials more neutral.
About the proposed ministry for the expatriate Bangladeshis, he said an expert who knows the woes and sufferings of expatriates should be given the charge of the ministry.
"Investment by the expatriates will increase remarkably if the expatriates feel safe here," Rabb told newsmen.

Six arms seized

BSS, Dhaka
Police seized six firearms, five other weapons and nine bullets on the 86th day of the countrywide combating operation.
Police also arrested 898 people including three listed terrorists from across the country during the last 24 hours ending at 6 am yesterday.

Qulqhwani

UNB, Dhaka
Qulqhwani of Alhaj Hazrat Ali Master will be held at his village home at Ekuria in Kapasia of Gazipur district after Jumma prayers today.

Death anniversary

The first death anniversary of Syed Ahmed, former acting editor of Dainik Purbabhash, will be observed today, says a press release.
On the occasion, a doa mahfil will be held at the Jamil Eye Hospital at Kaliganj after Asr prayers today.

Body to probe irregularities in BSS

BSS, Dhaka
The government has formed a two-member committee to probe various irregularities in Bangladesh Sangbad (BSS), including appointments, financial and administrative matters, official sources said yesterday.
The committee comprising Additional Secretary, Ministry of Information, Sarwar Hossain, and Deputy Secretary (Administration), Dr Aminur Rahman, has been asked to submit its report within 15 days.

Photo exhibition

A six-day exhibition of photographs by Shafiqul Alam Kiron on the victims and survivors of acid attacks will be inaugurated. Students Against Acid Violence (SAAV) is organising the exhibition. Venue: Alliance Francaise premises. Time: 5.30 pm.

Ban on cigarette ads on TV demanded

UNB, Dhaka
Speakers at a seminar on 'Ill Effects of Passive Smoking' sponsored by Health for All at the seminar room Gano Shastho Kendra yesterday morning demanded a total ban on cigarette ads on electronic media including ETV and ATN.
As part of an anti-tobacco campaign, they expressed their resolve to launch an action programme to realise their demand under the banner of Adhunik, the country's leading anti-tobacco organisation.
Amanullah Khan, president of Coalition Against Tobacco (CAT) was the keynote speaker at the seminar while Prof Monsur Musa and Dr Mesbah Uddin Ahmed, among others, delivered speech on the topic.
Amanullah Khan in his speech said passive or second hand smokers were at a greater risk than the direct smokers as a result of

WEATHER TODAY
Light rain likely

Table with 3 columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning, Evening). Rows include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet, Cox's Bazar.

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inhalng cigarette smoke released by the smoker.
"Unfiltered poison from the burning cigarettes directly enter the lungs and other organs of second hand smokers through involuntary inhalation, invade the entire immune system and cause damage beyond repair," Khan added.
Khan also called upon the authorities to impose a total ban on smoking in public places like bus stands, railway stations, ports, public transports, offices, educational institutions, community centres, shopping centres, open markets, etc to safeguard the health of non-smokers.
Prof Musa in his speech suggested that the anti-smoking messages be conveyed in a language and manner that can be easily understood by the common people living in the villages at whom these messages are primarily targeted.

STOCK

TODAY'S TRADED ISSUES OCTOBER 11, 2001

Large table containing stock market data for October 11, 2001. It includes sections for 'Day's Market - October 11, 2001' and 'Non Traded Issues'. The 'Day's Market' section is divided into DSE and CSE, with columns for Company, FV/ML, Price, Change, Turnover, and Last Price. The 'Non Traded Issues' section lists various companies and their financial details. There are also several charts and smaller tables interspersed within the main table.