

Programmes to celebrate Victory Day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Different socio-cultural organisations have chalked out various programmes to celebrate the Victory Day on the Dhaka University campus.

A four-day programme arranged by the Shammilito Sangskritik Jote will be inaugurated on December 26 at the Central Shaheed Minar.

The programme will be held at three different places - Teachers and Students Centre (TSC), Central Shaheed Minar and Institute of Fine Arts. The elaborate programme will be announced at a press conference tomorrow evening.

This year, the Victory Day will be celebrated in the fourth quarter of the month due to Ramadan and Eid-ul-Fitr.

The Jote-organised daylong programme to mark the Martyred Intellectuals' Day will be held on December 14.

On December 14, the Jote will hold a rally and a discussion

meeting at the Central Shaheed Minar in memory of the intellectuals, who were abducted and killed by the Pakistani army in collaboration with raskars.

A two-day programme arranged by the Dhaka University Film Society (DUFs) to observe the day will start on December 7.

On the first day, the DUFs will screen in front of the TSC a documentary on George Harrison and the Concert for Bangladesh organised in New York during the War of Liberation in 1971 to help the war-ravaged country.

On the evening of December 8, the second day of DUFs-organised programme, three documentaries on the Liberation War - Stop Genocide, Innocent Millions and Itihaas Kanya - will also be shown at the same venue.

The Abritri Academy and the Salimullah Hall Theatre will jointly organise a cultural function and stage a drama on the Liberation War at the TSC Sharak Dweep at 5.30pm on December 7.



Commerce Minister Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury flips through a book after inaugurating the first retail outlet of Etcetera Bangladesh, a bookstore, at Gulshan yesterday. The store has also a number of other departments - a stationery section, a greeting card and gift section, a children's section and an Italian Café.

Memo to President Law against communalism demanded

UNB, Dhaka

Sree Krishna Seba Sangha, a social welfare organisation, submitted a memorandum to President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury at Bangabhaban yesterday demanding enactment of a law against communalism.

The delegation members said the people of Bangladesh, irrespective of caste, creed and religion, have been living in peace and harmony since long and stressed much on communal harmony for unhindered progress of the country.

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A 15-member delegation of the Sangha, led by its Convenor Nakul Chandra Saha, told the President that some terrorists, aligned with political parties were trying to disrupt social peace and communal harmony in the country. "They must be brought to book."

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Hasina condemns attacks on party offices in Netrakona

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Former prime minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday condemned the attacks on the Netrakona district Awami League and Jubo League offices allegedly by the armed cadres of ruling BNP.

She also expressed that the terrorists seriously wounded the district Awami League president and former MP, Fazlur Rahman, during ransacking of the party offices yesterday.

In a statement, Hasina said the government was hatching conspiracy to stop the constitutional rights to movement by foiling rallies and meetings.

"The government must bear the responsibility for the consequences of such fascist acts," she said, as her party faced stern police action in the capital for the last three days.

Hasina asked the government to refrain from such "illegal, anti-democratic and anti-constitutional" activities immediately.

WEATHER TODAY

Dry weather likely

UNB, Dhaka

Drizzle or light rain is likely at one or two places in Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions and the region of Dhaka, Mymensingh and Tangail during next 12 hours till 6:00 pm today.

Weather may remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country. Light to moderate fog may cover the river basins and the coastal belt in the morning. Met office said predicting slight rise of night temperature.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 28.6 degree Celsius was recorded at Teknaf and Jessore and the lowest of 11.7 degree Celsius at Srirangal.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:11 pm today and rises at 6:28 am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in major cities and towns yesterday were:

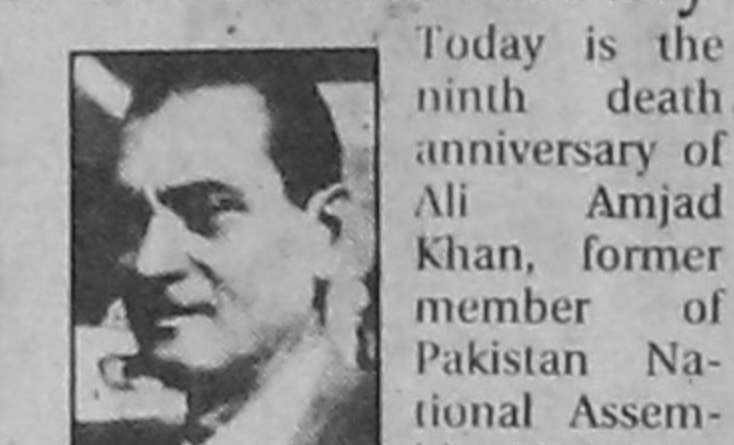
Table with columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning, Evening)

Death anniversary

Today is the ninth death anniversary of Ali Amjad Khan, former member of Pakistan National Assembly (1962-64).

A reputed lawyer, Amjad hailed from Brahmanbaria.

One of the founder-presidents of Awami Muslim League, he was a close associate of Hussain Shahid Suhrawardy, Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani and Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.



Portrait of Ali Amjad Khan, former member of Pakistan National Assembly (1962-64).

President assents to FFs Welfare Trust (Amend) Bill

UNB, Dhaka

President A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury assented to the Bangladesh (Freedom Fighters) Welfare Trust (Amendment) Bill, 2001, on Monday.

The Bill was passed on the concluding day of the first session of the eighth parliament, said a Parliament Secretariat press release yesterday.

Addressing the sixth council of the Dhaka University (DU) unit of Samajtantrik Chhatra Front (SCF), he also criticised different steps of the government on law and order situation, economy, educational policy, gas export and foreign policy.

SCF President Nurul Islam inaugurated the council at around 11.00am in front of the Arts Building on the campus.

Later, the SCF brought out a colourful procession from the campus.

Meanwhile, a 13-member new committee of the DU unit of the left-leaning student organisation was formed at the council with Mahmudur Rahman Mamun and Janardhan Dutta Nantu as convenor and general secretary respectively.

'Stop terrorist activities, not student politics'

DU CORRESPONDENT

President of the Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal (BSD) Khalequzzaman yesterday urged Bangladesh Nationalist Party, Awami League and Jamaat-e-Islami to stop terrorist activities of their student organisations, not student politics.

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Concert for Bangladesh

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Liberation War Museum arranges a video show on 'The Concert for Bangladesh' to pay tribute to the memory of late George Harrison. Venue: Liberation War Museum auditorium. Time: 3.00pm.

The inaugural session of a workshop on 'The Revised Draft of Mental Health Act, Bangladesh' organised by the National Institute of Mental Health in collaboration with Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and World Health Organisation will be held. Venue: CIRDP auditorium, 17 Tophkara Road. Time: 9.00am.

The Big Blue' by French filmmaker Luc Besson will be shown. Zahir Raihan Film Society has organised the Luc Besson Retrospective. Venue: German Cultural Centre, Road-9, Dhanmondi. Time: 2.00pm and 3.15pm respectively.

The Munsif Aftabuddin and Abdul Hafiz Trust Fund Lecture 2001 on 'Banglar Hafiz Siraj Sufi Fatah Ali Raysh' will be held. Venue: Asiatic Society seminar room. Time: 3.45pm.

Bangladesh Shikshak Samity will hold a discussion on 'The role of teachers in improving the standard of education', followed by an iftar party. Venue: Kakali School and Mohila College, Dhanmondi. Time: 3.00pm.

Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs organises a meeting in memory of Hossain Shaheed Suhrawardy on the occasion of his 38th death anniversary. Venue: Institute premises, House-22, Road-7, Dhanmondi. Time: 3.30pm.

Jatiyatabadi Sangskritik Parishad will hold a discussion on 'The role of cultural activists for building a terrorism-free country'. Venue: Moulana Bhasani auditorium, 80 Naya Pallan. Time: 3.00pm.

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