

Check violence against women, children

BSS, Dhaka

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State Minister for Agriculture Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir was admitted to Rangpur Medical College Hospital yesterday following a heart attack.

Earlier, he was rushed to Thakurgaon Sadar Hospital after he suffered a heart attack at his residence on Thursday night. Later he was shifted to Rangpur Medical College Hospital.

Mirza Alamgir is likely to be shifted to the Combined Military Hospital (CMH) in Dhaka today.



Netrokona district Awami League president Advocate Fazlur Rahman Khan called on Awami League president Sheikh Hasina at her Sudha Sadan residence in the city yesterday. Fazlur Rahman was injured in an attack by BNP activists recently.

Special launch services on Eid

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Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) will arrange special launch services in different routes from Dhaka and Narayanganj from December 13 to 21 on Holy Eid-ul-Fitr.

Officials said they arranged these special services with the cooperation of the vessel owners.

The special launches from Dhaka will run on Dhaka-Bhola, Dhaka-Barisal, Dhaka-Barguna, Dhaka-Chandpur, Dhaka-Ichali, Dhaka-Madaripur, Dhaka-Kalaiya, Dhaka-Barhanuddin, Dhaka-Patukhali and Dhaka-Amtai routes.

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Steps taken to ensure adequate supply of urea

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The government has taken steps to ensure adequate supply of urea fertiliser during the current 2001-2002 fiscal, sources concerned said.

Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC) expressed the hope that if production and import targets are achieved, over two lakh tonnes of urea fertiliser would remain surplus at the end of this year.

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tonnes would be imported from abroad.

The BCIC sources said that the authorities had fixed the target to stock all the imported fertiliser as 3.2 lakh tonnes fertiliser are expected to reach the country this month from abroad.

They said the government did not increase price of urea fertiliser this year, but it is giving subsidy over Tk 6.5 crore in this sector to help the farmers boost the production of crops in the country.

On the other hand, the government is importing five lakh tonnes of fertiliser spending Tk 460 crore so that the farmers of the country do not face any fertiliser crisis during the peak season.

The sources said the cost per tonne of urea production of BCIC is Tk 5,900, but they are selling it to the dealers at Taka 4,800. So, the BCIC is giving Tk 1100 subsidy in each tonne of fertiliser to reach it to the farmers, they added.

Of the six urea fertiliser plants, only five have been producing 3,073 tonnes a day. The production would be increased when the Jamuna Fertiliser Company would go into operation in April next. Over five lakh tonnes of fertiliser are in government stock at present.

The sources said 2.3 lakh tonnes

AL condemns attack on Tanjim MP

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Acting president of Awami League Abdu Samad Azad and general secretary Zillur Rahman condemned the attack on their party MP Tanjim Ahmed Sohel by BNP activists.

"The attack was launched as part of a conspiracy to kill Sohel, son of the then prime minister of Bangladesh during the Liberation War, Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed," they said in a joint-statement yesterday.

They said armed cadres of BNP held him hostage for four hours when he was attending an upazila coordination committee meeting on Thursday at the Kapashia Upazila Parishad Bhawan.

"When the local MP, Sohel Taj, contacted police, they did not respond," the AL leaders said.

With deep anxieties the two former ministers alleged that the ruling BNP unleashed killing, rape, repression and oppression on AL leaders and activists across the country as soon as they came to power.

They demanded immediate arrest and exemplary punishment to the "terrorists".

Remain alert against AL's ill motives: Huda

BSS, Dhaka

Communications Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda yesterday urged the people to remain alert against the ill motives to Awami League which is not joining the parliament session from the first day of its sitting.

Awami League (AL) is staying away from parliament session and enforced hartal as part of its ill motives to create obstacle in development work of the government, he told a pre-Iftar discussion at Keraniganj organised by local BNP.

The function was also addressed by State Minister for Health Amanullah Aman, Jinjira Union BNP president Mojadded Ali Babu and general secretary Mohamad Alom and convenor of Keraniganj upazila BNP Hafiz Mohammad Nazimuddin.

DHAKA TODAY

Drawing competition

Seminar on gas

The National Oceanographic and Maritime Institute holds a seminar on "Natural Gas Resource in Bangladesh: Its Reserve and Utilisation". Venue: Seminar Room, LGED Bhaban, Agargaon. Time: 9.30am.

Discussion

The DCC Jatiyatabadi Sramik Karmachari Union observes the fifth death anniversary of Iskandar Ali, founder president of the Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal. Venue: Nagar Bhaban. Floor: Time: 3.00pm.

Discussion on Ramadan

The Songsak Sahitya Forum holds a discussion on "Holy Ramadan and Iftar Marifat" with State Minister for Religious Affairs Moszaffar Hossain Shahjahan as chief guest. Venue: Conference Room, 8/A-4, Topkhana Road, Sonargaon. Time: 3.30pm.

Meeting

The Bangladesh Chalchitra League holds a meeting to exchange views. Venue: Sohag Community Centre, Iskandar. Time: 3.00pm.

Rotary meeting (central)

The Rotary Club of Dhaka Central holds its regular weekly meeting and AGM-2001. Venue: house No. 53, road No. 12A, Dhammudi. Time: 3.00pm.

Rotary meeting (northwest)

The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held. Venue: 23 Green Road. Time: 4.30pm.



WEATHER TODAY

Night temperature may fall

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Weather is likely to remain mainly dry over the country in the next 12 hours till 6pm today with light to moderate fog over the country's river basins and coastal belt during morning.

Night temperature may fall one to two degree Celsius over the country. Met Office said.

The highest temperature 29.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and Satkhira and the lowest 12.6 degree at Jessore and Srimangal.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5.12 pm and rises tomorrow at 6.30 am.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity in the main cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in percentage	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	23.3	16.7	90	79		
Chittagong	28.6	16.4	72	71		
Rajshahi	24.5	13.2	100	92		
Khulna	28.8	14.4	92	80		
Barisal	27.6	13.3	100	90		
Sylhet	26.0	15.2	89	87		

INVESTMENT

Company	FV/ML (Tk./No.)	Price (%)	Turnover Share	Price (%)	Turnover Share	Price (%)	Turnover Share
AB Bank Ltd.	100/5	233.50	7.48	217.25	1138/70	233.00	10.43
City Bank Ltd.	100/5	239.75	-4.1	250.00	75	120/40	Not Traded
IFC Bank Ltd.	100/5	226.00	-26.52	324.25	768/100	245.00	23.00
Islami Bank Bd. Ltd.	100/10	239.90	-2.66	272.00	739	275.00	0.34
National Bank Ltd.	100/20	253.75	3.89	244.25	823/12	252.00	2.75
Pabbari Bank Ltd.	100/5	248.00	14.02	217.50	102/20	220.00	Not Traded
Rupali Bank Ltd.	100/10	218.75	2.19	180.00	55/30	180.00	Not Traded
UCBL	100/5	185.50	-0.40	186.25	173/80	184.50	-1.34
Uttara Bank Ltd.	100/5	247.00	-0.27	236.75	106/20	247.00	2.20
ULB Bank Ltd.	100/5	288.00	-0.77	249.00	8/8	249.00	Not Listed
IDFC Ltd.	100/20	49.00	-4.49	48.76	640	48.00	Not Listed
Lokta Bank Ltd.	100/20	252.50	5.32	239.50	160	250.00	Not Listed
United Leasing Co. Ltd.	100/20	61.00	-4.54	56.00	30/30	60.00	Not Listed
Uttara Finance and Inv. Co.	100/5	256.00	-0.77	258.00	200	252.00	-3.91
Al Arifa Islamic Bank	100/5	212.50	-0.41	122.00	365	127.00	2.01
Prime Bank Ltd.	100/5	142.00	-0.33	142.50	200	143.00	Not Traded
Shahjalal Bank Ltd.	100/5	33.00	-0.31	33.00	24/24	34.00	0.00
Soyra Bank Ltd.	100/5	276.75	1.75	272.00	28/28	276.25	0.27
Dhaka Bank Ltd.	100/5	278.75	2.68	268.25	180/90	245.00	0.00
NCC Bank Ltd.	100/20	221.00	3.39	213.75	59/60	221.50	0.00
Social Investment Bank	100/5	210.00	0.00	210.00	15	210.00	Not Listed
Dhaka Islamic Bank	100/5	29.95	0.16	29.88	88/80	29.90	0.00

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