



DISCUSSION

Journalists Federation of Bangladesh (JFB) and Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) will hold a discussion to mark the Martyred Intellectuals' Day.

Venue: Union office, National Press Club. Time: 10:00am.

CONFERENCE

Awami Shilpi Goshthi, Kotowali thana unit, will hold its conference and an art party. Venue: Dignity Restaurant, Fulbaria. Time: 3:00pm.

Australian High Commissioner Robert Flynn handing over a cheque for 500,000 Australian dollar to ICCDR Director Dr David Sack in the city recently as its annual contribution for 2001.



Information Minister Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan speaking at the inaugural session of an orientation course on Internet browsing and networking at the Dhaka Reporters' Unity office yesterday.



An acid survivor and Executive Director of Acid Survivors Foundation Dr John Morrison receiving a cheque for Tk 3 lakh from President of Rotary Club of Dhaka Central Masud Ali Khan and Rotarian SAM Showket Hossain and Rotarian MA Rahman recently.

Khoka for terrorism-free Bangladesh

BSS, Dhaka

President of Dhaka City BNP and Minister for Fisheries and Livestock Sadek Hossain Khoka yesterday said the month of Ramadan is a special blessing for the Muslims of the world.

He urged all to establish restraint and a sense of supreme sacrifice in all spheres of life to build a terrorism and corruption free Bangladesh.

The minister was addressing a discussion meeting and Iftar, organised by Bangladesh Chemist and Druggist Association at Babu Bazar.

State Minister for Textile Mizanur Rahman Sinha, Nasir Uddin Ahmed, MP, President of the Association Sadequey Rahman, among others, were present at the Iftar.

Mannan Bhuiyan visits ailing Abdul Salam

BSS, Dhaka

BNP Secretary General and LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday visited the ailing Dhaka City BNP general secretary Abdul Salam at Holy Family Hospital.

Salam was admitted to the hospital with appendix problem and it was removed.

Reazuddin Ahmed, press advisor to the BNP Chairperson, accompanied him.

Seminar on Tilapia Production Strategies for Bangladesh



A workshop on tilapia fish production strategies was held at the BRAC conference center recently, says a press release.

The workshop, sponsored by the MACH Project, ICLARM and the Farmer-to-Farmer Programme of Winrock International, was attended by major tilapia producers and researchers.

Dr. M.G. Hussein, Director of BFRI, Nurul Islam of CARITAS, and WJ Collis, Natural Resource Advisor of MACH, presented papers on the state of world and Bangladesh tilapia culture.

Prof. James Rokocy of the University of the Virgin Islands was the keynote speaker.

The discussion session determined that while Bangladesh is one of the world's top ten producers of tilapia, with more than 135,000 metric tons per year, many challenges lie ahead for the industry.

The main challenges identified were the lack of good quality sex-reversed fingerlings, quality feeds and feed ingredients.

In the commercial sector, many fish farmers have stopped growing catfish and are now instead growing mono-sex male tilapia.

Furthermore, over 7 million sex-reversed male tilapia are being imported from Thailand, while another 5 million sex-reversed fingerlings have been produced by private hatchery operators in the past year.

Commercial farmers expect that the import of sex-reversed tilapia will decline as national hatcheries expand.

The workshop further noted the potential for export of tilapia and tilapia fillets by the private sector.

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The Textbooks Board has supplied over 1.1 crore copies of books for primary level students in different districts of the country till last Tuesday.

Prof. Kabir Uddin Ahmed Majumder, member of the National Curriculum and Textbooks Board, said seven to ten lakh books are being sent daily to different districts. Besides, 259 printing books for secondary level students.

Immediately after the assumption of office, the present government underlined the importance of timbers printing of books and decided to supply textbooks to the students under a new package.

State Minister for Education ANM Ehsanul Hoque Milon has been given the special responsibility in this regard.

This year, 6,04,00,000 books at the primary level and 1,93,00,000 books at secondary level are being printed for the purposes. Eight books are being published in corrected and amended forms, Majumder said.

"The government and Textbooks Board have intensified all out efforts to reach the books to the students by January next," said Majumder.

He hoped that under the first package, 80 per cent books will reach different districts before January and the rest of the books will be sent under the second package within January.

The new books will cost three per cent less than those of the previous year.

This year printing cost of the textbooks is only Tk 7 crore, while it was Tk 11 crore last year.

A Seven-Member Taskforce comprising high officials of the board has been formed to see the overall supervision of textbooks, including printing, binding, distribution and marketing.

Prof. Nurun Nahar Begum, Chief Editor of Textbooks Board, hoped that the new books would reach the students in time.

First convocation of Central Women's University in Mar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The first convocation of Central Women's University, the first women's university of Bangladesh, will be held in March next year, says a press release.

Certificates will be handed over at this convocation to all students who graduated from the university during 1995-2000. Former Post Graduate students have been advised to contact the university office for registration.

The convocation organising committee, at a meeting on November 24, urged all students, teachers and educationists to make the convocation a success.

Indian clothes seized in Khulna

UNB, Khulna

BDR and police in a joint operation seized smuggled Indian clothes worth about Tk 30 lakh from New Market area of the town on Tuesday.

Police sources said acting on a tip-off they seized a truck loaded with 15 bundles of clothes brought illegally from India ahead of the Eid-ul-Fitr.

According to sources a notorious gang of smugglers led by one Chandan Babu brought the consignment. However, none was arrested in this connection.

WEATHER TODAY Dry weather likely UNB, Dhaka. Includes a weather forecast table with columns for City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), and Humidity in percentage (Morning, Evening).

STOCK

Weekly Market - Dec. 08 - Dec. 12, 2001. Includes indicators like All Share Price Index, Total Turnover (Tk), and Total Traded Issues.

TRADED ISSUES IN THE WEEK. Large table with columns for DSE, CSE, and Financial Performance. Rows include various companies like AB Bank Ltd, City Bank Ltd, and many others.



Non Traded Issues. Table listing companies like Social Investment Bank, CCB, and others with their last closing prices and financial performance.

Capital Gainers, Chittagong Stock Exchange, Book Closer/AGM/Dividend/ IPO. Multiple sub-tables providing market data for different sectors and events.