

DHAKA
TODAY

Film show

German Cultural Centre in collaboration with the Chalachitram Film Society will screen two films 'Farewell to Agnes' and 'The Border Guard' as part of its programme titled 'Ostdeutschland heute' (East Germany Today). Venue: Goethe-Institut, House-10, Road-9, Dhanmondi. Time: 5.30pm.

Cultural function

Left Democratic Front will hold a discussion and a cultural function on the occasion of 50th anniversary of Language Movement. Venue: In front of the Workers Party central office, 31/F Topkhana Road. Time: 4.00pm.

Discussion

Bangladesh Awami Jibji Parishad will hold a discussion to mark the 50 years of Language Movement. Venue: Dhaka Bar Association auditorium. Time: 3.00pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka

The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka will be held. Rtn. PPG Emadul Haq will speak on 'Visit to Uganda'. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5.00pm.

Rotary Club of Ramna

The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Ramna will be held. Faiz Ahmed will be present as guest speaker. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 5.30pm.

Concert

Alliance Francaise de Dhaka presents a concert by French singer Eric Vincent. Venue: Alliance Francaise premises. Time: 7.00pm.

Film Show

Two films 'The Forgiveness' and 'Not a Love Song' will be shown as part of a programme, 'Ostdeutschland heute' (East Germany Today), organised by the German Cultural Centre and the Chalachitram Film Society. Venue: Goethe-Institut, House-10, Road-9, Dhanmondi. Time: 5.30pm.

Discussion

Bangladesh Lekhak Shibir organises a discussion on 50 years of Language Movement to mark the 50th birth anniversary of litterateur Akhazuzzaman Ilyas. Venue: Modern Language Institute auditorium, Dhaka University. Time: 3.30pm.

Musical programme

Balyashikha presents a solo musical programme of folk songs of Rangpur by Mita. Venue: Balyashikha auditorium, Ka-16/A Nadda, Gulshan. Time: 6.00pm.



Bangladesh Chhatra League formed a human chain in front of the National Press Club yesterday protesting the distortion of history in the textbooks of this academic year.

Makhan's death anniversary observed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 8th death anniversary of Abdul Quddus Makhan, a member of Swadhin Bangla Chhatra Sangram Parishad, an organiser of the Liberation War, a former general secretary of DUCSU and a former member of parliament, was observed on Sunday.

Environment and Forest Minister Shahjahan Siraj placed wreath at the grave of Makhan at the city's Muktijoddha grave yard in the morning.

Rabeya Siraj, a member of BNP central executive committee, Hasmat Jahan, wife of late Makhan, Akther Yusuf, a veteran journalist and people from different walks of life were present on the occasion.

A special monajat was held for peace and salvation of the departed soul.

Jatiya Bir Abdul Makhan Smriti Parishad, Brahmanbaria Zilla Samity and other socio-cultural organisations also placed wreath at the grave.

Directive to monitor supply, use of acid

BSS, Dhaka

The government has asked the district administrations to take measures on an emergency basis to monitor the distribution and use of acid by the authorised organisations.

The Ministry of Women and Children Affairs has issued letters to the deputy commissioners asking them to take steps to check the use and supply of acid and to report back to the Ministry on their actions concerning the issue.

The letters contained directives to the officers concerned to regularly monitor collection, distribution and use of acid by authorised organisations.

The deputy commissioners have been asked to entrust concerned magistrates and other officials at district and upazila levels with the task of monitoring.

The responsible officers will submit monthly reports to their respective deputy commissioners after collection of registers having

CU vacation Begins Feb 16

CU CORRESPONDENT

The Chittagong University (CU) will remain closed from February 16 to 28 on the occasion of Saraswati Puja, Ekushey February and Eid-ul-Azha, university sources said.

All classes and examinations scheduled for February 16 and 17 were suspended for the Saraswati Puja.

And the eight-day vacation beginning February 21 is due to Ekushey February and Eid-ul-Azha.

The university will reopen on March 2, sources said.

records of stock, supply, chalan and sale of acid and detailed distributions by the organisations concerned and visit installations of buyers and users.

Legal actions will be taken against responsible persons of the concerned organisations if any discrepancy regarding stock, distribution and use of acid is found and also against owners and officers of concerned organisations if cases of selling acid and supplying it to any unauthorised organisations or individuals are detected.

The government's directives to the inhuman crime came after a series of recent inter-ministerial meetings at the Home Ministry, Law Ministry and Women and Children Affairs Ministry.

The meetings were of unanimous view that the incidents of acid-throwing were going on due to easy availability of acid and women and children were mainly subjected to acid violence.

Acid throwers mainly collect harmful sulphuric acid, nitric acid, carbolic acid and hydrochloric acid from laboratories of educational institutions and battery repair and jewellery workshops.

CU CORRESPONDENT

Rajshahi University (RU) will remain closed from February 17 to 27 on the occasion of Sharaswati Puja, International Mother Language Day and Eid-ul-Azha.

Classes and offices of the University will resume on February 28, official sources said yesterday.

RU vacation from Feb 17

BSS, Rajshahi

Rajshahi University (RU) will remain closed for 11 days from February 17 to 27 on the occasion of Sharaswati Puja, International Mother Language Day and Eid-ul-Azha.

Classes and offices of the University will resume on February 28, official sources said yesterday.

Sylhet Gas Fields Limited

(A Company of Petrobangla)

Ref No. 26.02.28(146)

Short Tender Invitation Notice

- Tenders in prescribed form under sealed cover are hereby invited from civil works enlisted contractors of Public Works Department, Roads & Highways Department, Local Government Engineering Directorate, Directorate of Public Health Engineering, Housing Settlement Directorate, Bangladesh Railway, PDB, Shahjalal University of Science & Technology, MES and Petrobangla & all its companies for the undermentioned works at Sylhet Gas Fields Limited head office, PO-Chiknagul, Dist-Sylhet and Kailashtha Gas Field, Golapganj, Sylhet & Rashidpur Gas Field, Bahubal, Habiganj under it:-
- Interested tenderers can purchase tender schedule for the works at (A) & (B) from the undermentioned 2 (B) offices & tender schedule for all works from 2 (A) offices against cash payment during office hours up to 18.02.2002.
- (A) Accounts & Finance Department, Head Office, Sylhet Gas Fields, Ltd, PO Chiknagul, Sylhet, Kailashtha Gas Field, Golapganj, Sylhet, Rashidpur Gas Field, Bahubal, Habiganj & Dhaka Liaison Office, House No 85, Road No, 11/A, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1209.
- (B) Offices of Petrobangla & all its offices:
 - Accounts Office, Petrobangla, Plot No 3, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.
 - Accounts Office, Titas Gas T&D Co Ltd, 105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.
 - Accounts Office, BAPEX, Ibrahim Mansion (4th floor), Purana Paltan, Dhaka.
 - Bakhrahan Gas Systems Ltd, Champur, Comilla.
 - Jalalabad Gas System Ltd, Head Office, Mendibag, Sylhet.
 - RPGL, Steel Bhaban, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.
 - Bangladesh Gas Fields Company Ltd, Court Road, Bhramanbaria.
- Tenders will be received, for all works at offices mentioned in para 2 (A) and for the works of 'A' & 'B' at offices mentioned in para 2 (B) up to 12-00 Noon of 19.02.2002, which will be opened simultaneously on the same day at 12-15 minutes in presence (if any) of the attending tenderers.
- Tenderers shall have to submit earnest money at the rate 2.50% of their quoted amount with the tender. In case the quoted rate is more than 5% below the estimated cost, (I) tenderers shall have to submit additional security deposit with the rate 10% (i.e. 12.50%) with the tender. Earnest money/additional security deposit should be submitted in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favour of Sylhet Gas Fields Limited and (II) submit itemwise rate analysis of work. Rate analysis must be in conformity with market rate. Incongruous rate analysis or any photocopy of rate analysis or struck off, earing-overwriting & lot rate shall not be acceptable. In that case tender will be treated as cancelled outright.
- The undermentioned certificates must be submitted with the sealed tender:
 - (A) Copy of work order & work completion certification in support of executing building construction work worth minimum Tk 20.00 (twenty) lakh in case of the work at 'A' & building construction work worth Tk 29.00 (twenty-nine) lakh in case of the work at 'B' and technically similar work worth minimum Tk 8.00 (eight) lakh in case of the works at 'C' & 'D' with self supply of construction materials under a single work order within the past 05 (five) years. Work completion certificate should be issued by an officer of minimum Executive Engineer's status.
 - (B) Up-to-date (December 2000) financial solvency certificate from respective bank to the effect that the contractor is capable of investing 40% of the estimated cost mentioned against work at a time.
 - (C) 1999-2000 Income Tax clearance certificate, VAT registration certificate & current year trade licence.
 - (D) 2001-2002 enlistment certificate should be of the organisation mentioned at st No 1.
 - (E) Contractor shall have to submit a complete work plan for completion of work within the prescribed time & schedule purchase receipt.
- Certificate to be submitted with the tender should be in original copy or attested by gazetted officer original copy against the attested papers should be submitted on demand which will be returned, after verification or, if necessary, any certificate may be verified with the issuing authority through direct contact. In case any document submitted with the tender is found to be false or fake at the time of verification, the earnest money submitted with the tender will be forfeited & the tender cancelled.
- Tender will be treated as cancelled if the documents mentioned at Serial Nos. 4 & 5 are not properly enclosed with the tender.
- Interested tenderers should submit tender after properly going through the detailed particulars and terms & conditions of tender document and inspecting the site on the spot. Any excuse/objection regarding submission of tender shall be rejected.
- If, under unavoidable circumstance, the working day is disrupted on the date of submitting tender, then tender will be received & opened on the next working day at the said time.
- The authority reserves the right to accept any tender or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason or bearing any responsibility.

WEATHER TODAY

No change in temperature

UNB, Dhaka

Light rain or drizzle is likely at one or two places over Rajshahi divisions and weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today.

Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met office said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 35.2 degree Celsius was recorded at Chittagong and the lowest of 12.4 degree at Srimongal.

The sun sets in the capital at 5.52 pm today and rises at 6:33 am tomorrow.

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

| City/Town | Temperature in Celsius | | Humidity in percentage | |
|-------------|------------------------|------|------------------------|---------|
| | Max | Min | Morning | Evening |
| Dhaka | 30.6 | 18.8 | 58 | 40 |
| Chittagong | 35.2 | 18.5 | 73 | 60 |
| Rajshahi | 29.7 | 12.8 | 77 | 60 |
| Khulna | 31.5 | 16.2 | 65 | 70 |
| Barisal | 30.8 | 15.4 | 80 | 75 |
| Sylhet | 32.3 | 16.4 | 69 | 58 |
| Cox's Bazar | 33.0 | 20.0 | 63 | 59 |

Military Engineer Services Notices of Tender

- Applications are invited by DW & CE (Air) Kurmitola, Dhaka Cantt to issue tender documents for the following work. Application for the work must be submitted within 07 (seven) days from the publishing date.
 - Abnormal repair/renovation of Tejgaon Airfield Taxiway and Tarmac including other works at BAF Base, BSR, Tejgaon (1st Phase).
- Contractors enlisted in MES as 'C' and 'D' class may apply for tender documents. They should spell out their class of enlistment, index no, validity date of enlistment in the application.
- VAT registration certificate (true copy) must be enclosed with their application.

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Meherun Nessa dead



Meherun Nessa Islam, an eminent educationist, women rights activists, writer and social worker, died of old-age complications at the Red Crescent Holy Family Hospital in the city on February 10 at the age of 82, says a press release.

A former teacher of Sakhawat Memorial School in Kolkata, Meherun Nessa was involved with the Mahila Parishad, Nari Grantha Prabartana, Women for Women, Zonta International and many other national and international organisations.

Meherun Nessa is survived by one daughter, two sons and seven grandchildren.

She was buried at the Banani graveyard.

Her qualkhwani will be held on February 13 after Asr prayers at her Eastern Housing residence, 41 Eskaton Garden.

Raihan Uddin Ahmed

Commander Raihan Uddin Ahmed, a former Navy officer, died at his residence at DOHS, Mohakhali on February 10 at the age of 71, says a press release.

He is survived by two sons and daughters.

A M Motaharul Haq

A M Motaharul Haq (Sujan), Director of BDC, died at BIRDIM hospital in the city on Sunday at the age of 83, says a press release.

His qualkhwani will be held after Magrib prayers tomorrow at his residence at House No. 36, Road No. 26, Gulshan.

Meanwhile, an inquiry committee has been formed to investigate the press reports about old vehicles honking out again into the streets on forged documents.

The joint panel of main opposition Awami League and the left-leaning parties won the 18 posts. The election was held amid great enthusiasm on Sunday.

Senior lawyer Shafiqul Alam was elected president, bagging 612 votes while his rival AKM Harunur Rashid backed by BNP-led alliance got 404 votes.

Advocate Nazmul Ahsan Khan was elected general secretary. He got 755 votes while his Md Ebadul Haq secured only 289 votes.

A total of 1056 lawyers, out of 1305, cast their vote.

Govt firm to phase out obsolete vehicles

UNB, Dhaka

The government will stick to its decision to phase out obsolete motor vehicles from the city and to completely stop their movement after February 18.

The ongoing drive against outmoded and black smoke-emitting motor vehicles started on January 1 with a view to containing air pollution in the capital city, which environmentalists often brand as a 'gas chamber'.

There are reports that a number of old vehicles, that earlier disappeared in the face of police action, returned to streets in new make-up and with forged documents, taking advantage of the persisting crisis of public transport in the transitional period.

An official handout also warned that stern actions would be taken against those who are trying to operate unfit vehicles using forged documents and false number plates.

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