

DHAKA
TODAY

Human chain

National Garment Workers Federation will form a human chain demanding holiday on May Day. Venue: Muktangan. Time: 5:00pm.

Convocation

Bulbul Lalitkala Academy will hold its Convocation Ceremony-2002. Venue: Shishu Academy auditorium. Time: 6:00pm.

Film show

Zahir Raihan Film Society and Russian Cultural Centre will screen two films in Andrei Tarkovsky Retrospective: 'Ivan's Childhood' and 'Solaris'. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 5:00pm and 6:30pm respectively.

Course

In collaboration with Murdoch University, Australia, International University of Business, Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) will launch its second training course on Sustainability. Venue: IUBAT seminar hall. Time: 9:00am.

Rally

A rally of the workers of Dhaka City Unit of Islamic Solidarity Movement will be held. Venue: 10/1, Purba Tejpur Bazar. Time: 5:00pm.

Mahfil

The weekly Asheque-e-Rasul (sm) Mahfil will be held. Venue: Dewanbagh Sharif, 147 Arambag. Time: 10:00am.

Film show

Alliance Francaise will screen two films titled 'Casque d'or' and 'Ma vie sexuelle'. Venue: Alliance Francaise auditorium. Time: 10:30am and 6:00pm.

Classical music

As part of its regular monthly programme, Chhayanaut will present an evening of classical music. Venue: Natmandal of Dhaka University. Time: 6:30pm.

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TOMORROW

Founding anniversary

The 8th Founding Anniversary of Pioneer Dental College will be held with President AQM Badrudduja Chowdhury as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 10:00am.

IUBAT course

The certificate awarding ceremony of a short course on Sustainability, jointly organised by International University of Business, Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) and Murdoch University of Australia, will be held. Venue: Meteorological Department auditorium, Agargaon. Time: 5:00pm.

Meeting

A consultation meeting on 'Human Rights Advocacy Enhancements' will be held. Venue: IDHRB Project Office, House-500H, Road-8, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 2:30pm.

Conference

A representative conference of Public Health Engineering Workers & Employees Union will be held. Venue: Public Health Engineering Bhaban auditorium, Kakrail. Time: 3:00pm.

Exhibition

The British Council organises a Science Exhibition titled 'Innovation UK 2002' and a day-long Science Fair. Venue: The British Council auditorium, Fuller Road. Time: 10:30am.

Film show

Zahir Raihan Film Society and Russian Cultural Centre will screen two films in Andrei Tarkovsky Retrospective: 'The Mirror' and 'Stalker'. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 5:00pm and 6:30pm respectively.



The committee members of Women Entrepreneurs Association, led by its president Rokia Afzal Rahman, called on President AQM Badrudduja Chowdhury at Bangabhaban in the city yesterday.

Remove disparity between North and South

Speaker told AAPP assembly

BSS, Dhaka

Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad Barister Jamiruddin Sircar has called for a political will as well as unity of the developing countries to eliminate the existing disparity between the North and the South.

"The developed countries of the North enjoy on an average several times higher per capita income of GDP than that of the developing countries in the South. This disparity must go," he said and asked the experts to devise ways to remove this disparity.

The Speaker made the remarks in a general debate on the 'Political, Economic and Social Situation in Asia' held in Chongqing, China, on Wednesday, according to a message received here yesterday.

The debate was held in the second session with himself in the chair of the 3rd general assembly of Asian Association of Parliaments for Peace (AAPP).

Li Peng, who was elected President of AAPP for the current year, opened the 3rd general assembly of AAPP in Beijing on April 16. Li Peng was elected to the post following a proposal of Barister Jamiruddin Sircar, which was unanimously accepted in the first session of the AAPP general assembly, the message said.

Barister Jamiruddin Sircar, now leading a Bangladesh delegation to the AAPP assembly, referred to the sufferings of Asian people under different autocratic regimes and colonial powers. "The long pursuit of Asian people for self-determination and independence and thereafter the pursuit for

development is a matter of great concern for us," he said.

The Speaker said time has already come for true equality in the committee of nations as the AAPP members stood together to promote the goal. The economic globalisation is offering opportunities and challenges for the developing countries. But the challenges outweigh the opportunities for most of the Asian countries, he lamented.

The Speaker called for cooperation among the Asian countries to reduce tariff and non-tariff barriers and develop the culture of joint venture investment and technical cooperation within the frameworks of ASEAN, SAARC and SAPTA for mutual development of their economies.

He referred to the common ex-

periences of Bangladesh and China in their struggle against repression and foreign domination as well as shared aspiration of building an independent economy. "China is our great partner in this respect," he said adding, "I gratefully acknowledge the assistance that China has been providing us in the economic field."

Barister Sircar said the 8th Parliament in Bangladesh, elected through a free and fair elections, was stressing upon Rule of Law and seriously considering to raise the number of women participation in Parliament. We are now emphasizing the committee functions and the oversight functions of Parliament with proportional representation of the opposition," he added.



Dr. Kamal Hossain speaking at a roundtable organised by The Hunger Project-Bangladesh at the National Press Club in the city yesterday.



A colourful procession was brought out in the city yesterday to mark the Campaign for Improving Continuation Rate of Contraceptive Methods.



Participants at the working session of a workshop on 'Critical Issues Facing Local Government in Bangladesh', organised by the Local Government Initiative (LGI), held at the Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC), Savar, on April 15, the workshop was sponsored by ARD Bangladesh and USAID.



Students of the Siddiqui's International School performing at a cultural function at the Shishu Academy auditorium in the city recently.

No pressure on Hindu community in Bangladesh

Indian columnist Bhabani Sengupta says

BSS, Dhaka

Leading Indian columnist Bhabani Sengupta who recently visited Dhaka observed that social peace with communal harmony was prevailing in Bangladesh with a coalition government of BNP and Jamaat in power.

He said nobody claimed that there was any impact of riots in Gujarat of India. "The real situation was that when India was burning with communal riots, Bangladesh remained more or less stable," he said.

In his recent article published in the Sangbad Pratidin of Kolkata,

Four-party ward commissioner candidates meet tomorrow

BSS, Dhaka

An emergency meeting of the Four-party alliance candidates for the post of Ward Commissioner in Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) elections will be held at the BNP's Nayapaltan office at 11 am tomorrow.

Convenor of the All Party Action Council, Dhaka city unit, and mayoral candidate Sadek Hossain Khoka has requested all candidates to attend the meeting on time.



Qulqhwani postponed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The qulqhwani of Reyad Hossain Chowdhury has been postponed as his body did not arrive in the city as per schedule.

Reyad, third son of Shamsuddin Chowdhury, died of a cardiac arrest in Atlanta, USA, on April 12.

His body was expected to arrive in Dhaka on April 18 (Thursday) by a Biman flight and his qulqhwani was scheduled for April 19 (Friday) after Asr prayers.

But his body could not be brought back home as the Biman flight was postponed due to some technical faults. Therefore, his qulqhwani has been postponed.

Fresh date of his qulqhwani will be announced after receiving confirmation of the Biman's New York flight arrival.

The family of Reyad regrets inconvenience caused to anyone.

Qulqhwani

The qulqhwani of Advocate Abdul Khaleque will be held at his residence at 189 Khilgaon Tilipara (opposite the mosque) at 4:30 pm today, says a press release.

Advocate Khaleque died on April 13 midnight at the age of 83.

He left behind 4 sons, 7 daughters, and a number of grandsons and granddaughters to mourn his death.

He was a close associate of Hossain Shahed Suhrawardy and an active member of Awami League during historic 'Juktafront' movement in 1954.

He was also a member of the Dhaka Bar Council till his death. Before joining the legal profession he was a government food official.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the qulqhwani and pray for salvation of the departed soul.

Siddiqui's Int'l School presents cultural show

The students of Siddiqui's International School presented a cultural show titled "Our Country and Heritage" at the Shishu Academy auditorium recently, says a press release.

The function was organised to mark the fifty years of Language Movement and thirty-one years of Independence.

The main purpose of this show was to uphold our cultural integrity.

The function covered the history of the Bengali nation ranging from the anti-British movement to Bangladesh's Independence. It comprised of various songs, drama, recitation and dance which were the true reflection of our glorious past.



Rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind to squally wind is likely at few places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions and the regions of Jessore, Kushtia, Comilla and Noakhali in the next 12 hours till 6pm today.

Weather may remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country, the Met office said. Day temperature may remain unchanged over the country during the period.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 36.4 degree Celsius was recorded at Rajshahi and the lowest of 21.8 degree Celsius at Srimongal.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:22 pm today and rises at 5:33 am tomorrow.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	33.9	25.8	80	69
Chittagong	32.6	25.8	70	71
Rajshahi	36.4	27.2	86	63
Khulna	34.0	27.2	76	69
Barisal	32.6	25.5	76	78
Sylhet	32.5	22.2	83	92
Cox's Bazar	32.6	25.0	78	82

BCIC Tender Notice

বিসিসিআইসি'র পণ্য শিল্পায় ন জাতীয় অগ্রগতির প্রতীক

Sealed tenders are invited by Managing Director, Karnaphuli Paper Mills Ltd, 92, Sadarghat Road, Chittagong from bonafide suppliers against Tender No. PD/PT/KPM-60 dated 24-03-2002 for supply of 500 M Ton Sodium Sulphate C&F Chandraghona mill store. Tenders will be received in tender box kept at KPM Purchase Department, Sadarghat up to 11:00 AM of 24-04-2002 and will be opened on the same day immediately after the receiving of tender is closed in presence (if any) of the attending tenderers. Tender document consisting detailed description of goods & all terms & conditions can be collected on cash payment of Tk 500/= (five hundred) only from (a) BCIC, Accounts Department, BCIC Head Office, BCIC Bhaban, 30-31, Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka, (b) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong & (c) KPM Sales Accounts Section, 92, Sadarghat Road, Chittagong. No tender document will be sold on the date of opening tender.

BCIC-707-31/3/2002

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বিকাল ৫টা থেকে রাত ১১টা পর্যন্ত
বিদ্যুৎসিদ্ধি সেচ পাম্প বন্ধ রাখুন

Bangladesh Power Development Board Tender Notice

Name of office: Zonal Repairing Workshop, PDB, Bogra.
Name of Work: Repair & maintenance work of old 'F' type building at PDB Bogra colony. Eligibility of contractor: Power Development Board's 2001-2002 enlisted 'D' type contractors/bonafide suppliers. Price of tender: Tk 100/= (one hundred) only (non-refundable), to be deposited in the form of BD/CD in favour of Deputy Director (Accounts), ZAO, PDB, Bogra. Place & date of getting tender: Tender can be purchased from Chief Engineer, Distribution, North Zone, PDB, Rajshahi/Superintending Engineer, Operation & Maintenance Circle, PDB, Bogra on written permission of Executive Engineer, Zonal Repairing Workshop, Bogra from Pubali Bank, Salmatha Branch, New Market, Bogra upto 24-04-2002. Date of receiving & opening tender: At the abovementioned offices (except bank), at the office of the undersigned upto 12-00 noon of 25-04-2002 and tenders will be opened on the same day at 12-30 pm in presence (if any) of attending tenderers. Other terms & conditions of tender mentioned in the schedule and all rules & regulations of PDB's tender must be complied with properly.

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Executive Engineer
Zonal Repairing Workshop
PDB, Bogra



Institute of Modern Languages

University of Dhaka
Chinese Short Course

Admission Notice

Admission into 50-hour course in Chinese on first-come first-served basis. Admission forms to be collected: 20-27 April 2002 between 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Minimum qualification: HSC/Equivalent.

For further information, contact Senior Secretary, Room-102.

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Director

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Local Government Engineering Directorate
Office of the Executive Engineer, Thakurgaon

Memo No. LGED/EE/Thak/2002/715

Dated: 4-4-2002

Tender Notice

No. 14/2001-2002

Tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 under sealed cover are invited from LGED's up-to-date renewed as per class capacity and LGED & LGED's all projects pre-qualified enlisted contractors/contractors' firms for implementation of work of 2 (two) packages of Rural Road Maintenance under Integrated Food Security Programme Project during 2001-2002 financial year under Local Government Engineering Directorate.

Sl No	Contract No	Name & place of work	Estimated cost (Taka)	Amount of earnest money (Taka)	Price of tender (non-refundable) (Taka)	Time limit for completion of work	Description/ class of eligible contractor
01.	06312/Thak/IFSP	Maintenance of Chowrangi Bazar to Kathaldangi GC road 00 to 5.98 KM chainage	1201747.00	30044.00	750.00	45 days	LGED's all class & LGED's all projects pre-qualified contractors
02.	06412/Thak/IFSP	Maintenance of Mirdang road to Bharnia Haat road	752903.00	18823.00	500.00	30 days	

In case the valid lowest tenderer happens to be more than one, the contractor will be selected through lottery and the lottery will be held on 28-04-2002 at 11-00 AM at the office premises of the undersigned in presence (if any) of the contractors. No further correspondent will be made in this regard. All Upazila Engineers are requested to remain present on the said date & time. In case the prescribed date is declared a holiday, the lottery will be held on the next working day at the same time.

A) Earnest money at the rate 2.50% (two point five zero per cent) should be submitted with the tender through Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in favour of Executive Engineer, LGED, Thakurgaon.
B) In case the date of receiving tender is declared a govt holiday, tender will be received on the next working day.
C) Earnest money will be refunded on the next day of lottery.
D) All information regarding this tender can be known/seen from the abovementioned offices during office hours.

Schedule of work:

Sl No	Contract No	Name & place of work	Estimated cost (Taka)	Amount of earnest money (Taka)	Price of tender (non-refundable) (Taka)	Time limit for completion of work	Description/ class of eligible contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

This tender notice is short, details with terms & conditions can be known from the said offices.

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Thakurgaon

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