



President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury with the recipients of 'Silver Tiger' and 'Silver Hilsa' awards at the national council of Bangladesh Scouts held in the city recently.

## Hajj pilgrims Measures to ensure better services

BSS, Dhaka

The government has taken measures to ensure better facilities and services to Hajj pilgrims next year.

People willing to perform the holy hajj under the government arrangement next year will be allowed to pay the expenses in four installments, an official handout said yesterday.

The government will send pilgrims in two categories, it added.

The measures also include transportation of pilgrims to and from Makkah by Bangladesh Biman, their accommodation in good air-conditioned houses on plane land within one kilometre of Ka'aba Sharif and Masjid-e-Nabawi and informing their relatives of their whereabouts and welfare through information technology.

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The pilgrims will also be offered good treatment for free, transportation in air-conditioned buses in Makkah, Medina, Arafat and Mina, and police clearance, immunisation and easy system for pilgrim passes before leaving for Hajj pilgrimage.

All the divisional and district offices of the Islamic Foundation Bangladesh will train pilgrims on Hajj and guides will be appointed for ensuring their services in Makkah and Medina.

All the people intending to perform Hajj under the government arrangement in 2003 have been asked to enlist them with the divisional and district offices of the Islamic Foundation.



Participants at the Liberation War Festival at the Osmani Memorial auditorium yesterday. The three-day festival began in the city on Friday under the aegis of Dhaka and Agartala.

## Siraj calls for global effort to protect marine ecosystem

BSS, Dhaka

Environment and Forest Minister Shahjahan Siraj has called for a joint effort of ministers, legislators and senators to protect global marine ecosystem and make it free from land-based pollution.

He said this while addressing the closing plenary of the two-day "International Legislators' Conference on Land Use, Watersheds and Marine Ecosystems" in Washington, DC yesterday, according to a message received in the city.

Organised by the Global Legislators Organisation for a Balanced

Environment (GLOBE), International, the conference was attended by ministers and members of parliament from 15 countries and a group of officials and experts.

The plenary session was chaired by Representative James Greenwood, President of GLOBE International. The session was also addressed by Dr Veerle Vandeweerd, Coordinator of UNEP/GPA, and Dr Lillian Corra of GLOBE Latin America.

Shahjahan Siraj said people of Bangladesh were now prepared for conservation of their surrounding environment more than ever before.

He said Bangladesh steps into the third millennium with a vision for sustainable human development based on a coalition of people across and within nations to achieve a just society with an atmosphere of peace, security and harmony.

This requires equity within and between nations, prosperity, efficient and equitable management of the natural and biological resource base and the life-support systems globally, regionally, nationally and locally, he added.

Siraj said globalisation and trade liberalisation have given rise to more discord than their resolution because of their asymmetric implementation by the rich vis-a-vis the developing nations.

Countries which are the major contributors to greenhouse gas emission and global warming have not been fulfilling their commitments, he added.

Siraj said the government of Bangladesh has undertaken a series of initiatives towards meeting the challenges of the millennium. Within six months in its office, the government has taken a number of decisive measures on various environmental issues confronting the nation, he added.

## BSS goes on line from today

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS), the National News Agency of Bangladesh, goes on line on the World Wide Web from today with its select news items.

Information Minister Tariqul Islam will inaugurate the BSS web site at its Head Office at Purana Paltan.

The BSS web site will contain political and economic news, daily weather bulletin, facts about Bangladesh, life-sketch of the national leaders, news and views of the government and the oppositions.

Besides, the national investment policy, export and import policy, foreign policy, facts about national culture and heritage, environment, sports and games, politics, trade and commerce, science and technology, tourism, entertainment and news features will be available on the BSS web site.

The web site will also carry breaking news important events and happenings of the country. It will also accept advertisements to promote services and products from Bangladesh.

## JNU admission test in city this month

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

The Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), India's premiere learning institution, will conduct examinations for admission into its courses in Dhaka and Kathmandu this month as part of its talent-search in the member-countries of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC).

Dhaka will be one of the 51 centres for the university's entrance examinations for the coming academic session, university's new Vice-Chancellor G K Chadha said on Friday.

Apart from Bangladesh and Nepal, such centres would be opened in other SAARC countries as well in the coming years as part of "our efforts to expand the ambit

of our reach," he told the reporters in New Delhi.

The university will offer fellowships for three months to one year to scholars from across the world to facilitate their research in its Institute of Advanced Studies.

The vice-chancellor also said the university proposes to set up Centre for Studies on Globalisation and Centre for Water Sciences.

The new courses started by the university include one-year advanced post-graduate diploma in bio-informatics and University Grants Commission-supported Women Studies Programme in School for Social Sciences focusing on socio-economic and other problems facing the women.

The university will also have four new hostels by next year.

## College girl commits suicide in Manikganj

BSS, Manikganj

A first year student of commerce group of Manikganj Government Mohila College allegedly committed suicide yesterday by hanging herself from the ceiling fan of her hostel room here.

The roommates and classmates of the victim said Farjana Binte Habib alias Lina committed suicide in her hostel room yesterday morning due to depression when her roommates went to classes.

Police recovered two letters written to her parents, brothers and sisters from her room. She expressed frustration in the letters.

She was the daughter of Habibur Rahman, Deputy Director of the Agriculture Extension Department, Bhola.

An unnatural death (UD) case was registered with Manikganj Sadar thana in this connection.

## Death anniversary

The second death anniversary of Shamim Reza Khan, senior Superintendent of Police and noted freedom fighter will be observed today.

On this occasion a day-long programme would be held at his home at Sekher Chawk in Rajshahi town tomorrow.

The programme includes *Quran-Khuani*, feeding to the destitute at noon, prayer at his grave at Tikapara graveyard after *Asr* prayers and *milad-mahfil* after *Magrib* prayers.

Relatives, friends, officials of police and members of political, social and cultural organisations have been requested to attend the programme and pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

## Principal Idris dead

BSS, Dhaka

Principal Idris Mea, a veteran educationist and social worker, died of old age complications at his Shahjahanpur residence here on Thursday night at the age of 82.

Born in 1920 at village Sukhabashpur of Munshiganj district, Principal Idris took his Post Graduation from Dhaka University in Bangla Language and Literature in 1942 and joined the same university as a teacher.

He served as Principal of Sylhet MC College and Kagmari Moulana Mohammad Ali College. He was Vice-Principal of Dhaka College, Mymensingh Ananda Mohan College and Titumir College. He also served as Secretary to Bangla Academy and Shilpakala Academy.

Principal Idris was associated with many educational institutions and social organisations. He is survived by five sons and nine daughters.

He was buried at Shahjahanpur graveyard. His *Quikhuani* will be held on Monday after *Asr* prayers at his 498, North Shahjahanpur residence.

## Rabea Khatun



Rabea Khatun of Fatehabad, Debidwar, Comilla died on May 1 at the age of 85, says a press release.

She was the eldest daughter of country's renowned scholar and educationist late Moulvi A F M Asad of Shahbazpur, Brahmanbaria.

## Promote income generation for food security: Noman

Food Minister Abdullah Al-Noman yesterday underlined the need for raising resources in the social sector and promotion of income generation for poor rural people to ensure food security for all in the country.

He said there would be no crisis if the poor people have money to buy food during natural calamities, as food import is no problem in the present context of globalisation.

"We should identify the problems first for ensuring food for all two times a day as the country has sufficiency in food," the minister said while addressing a national consultation on 'Food Security

and Food Sovereignty' organised by ADAB at the IDB Bhaban here.

Chaired by ADAB president Dr Qazi Faruque Ahmed, the consultation was also addressed by ADAB leaders Abdul Halim and Mohiuddin Ahmed while Dr Jahangir Alam Khan of BRAC presented the keynote paper.

Laying importance on the need for boosting the agro-based economy, the minister said the products of agriculture sector should be taken under the export network to raise income in the rural areas.

Noman said political stability and activities of the social forces are important factors for poverty alleviation and activities of social forces could play a vital role in this regard.

In his keynote paper Dr Jahangir Alam Khan said two things have to take for serious consideration about food security: one is availability of food and the other is every one's income that offers the purchasing power to procure it.

The term food sovereignty refers to a situation where every country would have the right to produce enough food to feed its citizens and frame policies and strategies for its sustainable production, distribution and consumption, Khan added.

Qazi Faruque Ahmed said partnership between the government and NGOs is essential for poverty alleviation.



Prime Minister Khaleda Zia distributing goats among the poor women at Bhanga Upazila in Faridpur district yesterday.

## Appeal for help

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Valiant freedom fighter Md. Amir Hossain with his one kidney damaged is now counting his days.

Amir, who fought in Sector 3 during the Liberation War, is also suffering from diabetes and the condition of his other kidney is getting worse.

The doctor advised him to go abroad for treatment which will cost around Tk 5 lakh.

The only bread-earner of his 8-member family, Amir is not in a position to afford his treatment abroad.

He made an appeal to the government and the generous people for financial help for his treatment.

Contributions can be deposited to the following bank account: Md. Amir Hossain, Saving Account No. 1396, Janata Bank, Tanbazar Branch, Brahmanbaria.

## Navy ship returns from Myanmar

BSS, Chittagong

Bangladesh Navy Ship Abu Bakr arrived here on Wednesday after a goodwill visit to Myanmar.

Commodore Hanurur Rashid was the senior officer present afloat (SOPA) while it was commanded by Commander KS Hossain, an ISPR press release said.

The BN ship had a complement of 41 officers, including 24 under-trainee officers and 252 sailors.

The SOPA accompanied by the commanding officer of the BN ship called on high civil and military officials in Yangon.

Other activities included visits to places of historical interest and friendly games with the Myanmar Navy team.

Earlier, the BN ship was given a rousing welcome on arrival at the naval jetty. They were greeted by senior officers of the local Navy and officials of the Bangladesh Embassy in Yangon.

## 2 foreign ships fined

UNB, Ctg

A mobile court of Chittagong port yesterday fined two foreign ships Tk 30,000 each for polluting air and seawater.

The court, led by port magistrate Munir Chowdhury, fined Panama flag carrier MV Amalfee and Hamilton flag carrier MV Captain Cook for releasing waste into the Bay and black smoke into the air.

## Urs

Holy Urs Mobarak of Hazrat Moulana Shah Syed Obaidullah Bogladi Al Quadri Al Kirmani Al Chisi Rahmatullah Alahe will be held after Maghrib prayers on May 5 at Rani Dighi East, Enayet Bazar, Chittagong, says a press release.

# DHAKA TODAY

**Seminar**  
A three-day seminar on 'The Budget: A Planning and Oversight Tool' organised under the Strengthening Parliamentary Democracy Project of the UNDP, will begin. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 10.00am.

**Award giving ceremony**  
An award giving ceremony of Khababur Ahsanullah Gold Medal-2001 will be held with Health and Family Welfare Minister Khandaker Mosharrar Hossain as chief guest. Venue: Ahsan Mission auditorium, House-19, Road-12 (new), Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 4.30pm.

**Review meeting**  
A review meeting on 'Appropriate Resources for Improving Street Children's Environment' will be held with Social Welfare Minister Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mujahid as chief guest. Venue: Agargan Samajseba Bhaban. Time: 11.00am.

**Seminar**  
The Centre for Management Research and Publications of the Institute of Business Administration (IBA), University of Dhaka organises a seminar on 'Aptech Worldwide: The Global Scenario and its Operation in Bangladesh, Myanmar and Pakistan' and 'IT Scope and how Aptech can contribute to the 'Students of IBA'. Venue: IBA auditorium. Time: 12.30pm.

**Discussion**  
The United Federation of Garments Tailoring Workers organises a discussion meeting in observance of the historic May Day. Venue: 23, Bangabandhu Avenue. Time: 4.00pm.

**Training**  
Under the Institutional Development of Human Rights in Bangladesh (IDHRB) Project of the Ministry of Law and the UNDP, the 7th Human Rights Training Programme for the Religious Leaders will begin. Venue: Imam Training Academy, Hajj Camp, Uttara.

**Rally**  
Bangladesh Hindu Bouddha Christian Ojya Parishad organises a rally in protest against the killings of Buddhist Monk Gyanjyoti Mahathero and Hindu Priest Madan Gopal Goswami. Venue: Central Shaheed Minar. Time: 5.30pm.

**Certificate awarding ceremony**  
The Certificate Awarding Ceremony of the training course on 'Business and Communicative English' will be held with State Minister for Finance and Planning Anwarul Kabir Talukder as chief guest. Venue: Seminar Room of the Institution of Engineers. Time: 5.15pm.

**Drama**  
Mahakal Natya Sampraday will stage a drama titled 'Shibani Sundari' composed by Salam Saklain. Venue: Guide House auditorium, Baily Road. Time: 7.00pm.

**Workshop**  
A two-day workshop on 'International Trade Management' organised jointly by the Economic Reporters' Forum and the City Bank will begin. Venue: MCCI conference room.

# WEATHER TODAY

## Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at a few places over Dhaka, Rajshahi, Khulna and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Chittagong and Barisal divisions today.

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

Country's highest temperature 37.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Mongla and the lowest 18.8 degree Celsius at Faridpur.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:29 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:21 am.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	32.3	21.7	65	59
Chittagong	33.0	25.4	72	69
Rajshahi	32.2	22.8	78	69
Khulna	36.0	24.2	74	63
Barisal	34.0	23.0	62	77
Sylhet	29.7	20.6	91	67
Cox's Bazar	34.6	25.4	69	74

Traders at the Begum Rokeya Sarani took to the street in the city yesterday demanding trial of the killers of Lal Mia.

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