

Concern at Indo-Pak border tension

BSS, Dhaka

Speakers at a seminar yesterday expressed concern at the escalation of border tensions between India and Pakistan and called for restraint for promoting peace and stability in the region.

"Border tensions may force the countries to go for extensive measures that might lead to even war," they said at the seminar on 'Civil-Military Relations and Nuclearisation of India and Pakistan', at the BISS auditorium here.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Reaz Rahman, attended the function as the chief guest. Member, governing council of the Independent University Bangladesh, SM Al-Husainy chaired the function.

Prof Zillur Rahman Khan of the University of Wisconsin, the USA, presented the keynote paper, while Dr Mizanur Rahman Shelly, Chairman, Centre for Development Research, Bangladesh (CDRB) and Dr Abdur Rob Khan, Research Director of BISS, were the discussants.

Lt General (ret) M Noor Ud-din Khan, former chief of army staff, Prof Shahiduzzaman of Dhaka University, Prof Taj Hashimi of the Independent University, Brigadier (ret) Shakhawat

Chittagong Shishu Mela begins today

CU CORRESPONDENT

A four-day 'Chittagong Shishu Mela 2002', the largest children festival of Chittagong, will be held at the district council auditorium in the port city today.

Shishu Kendra, a leading child organisation of the port city, will organise the festival. Mustafa Monwar, eminent artist, drama director will inaugurate the programme.



At an exclusive jewellery exhibition organised by Allegro International Limited at the Ariel Centre in the city yesterday, a young girl was having a close look on bangles.

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Invitation of Bids for Website Development and Documentary Presentation CD making.

Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation invites sealed bids in double envelope system (technical and financial bids separately) from the bonafide IT firms to carry out infrastructure study and development of customised website and also CD presentation software development on Bangladesh Tourism.

02. The bid documents containing detailed terms and conditions may be obtained on a cash payment of Tk 2000.00 (two thousand) only (non-refundable) from the Cash Section of the Accounts Division of BPC at the above mentioned address during office hours on all working days up to 05 June 2002. While submitting bid, the bidder shall submit an earnest money of 5% of the quoted amount in the form of pay order or Bank draft issued by any Scheduled Bank in favour of Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation.

03. The intending bidders shall drop their bids in the Tender Box kept in the office of the undersigned on or before 12-00 noon of 6 June 2002. The technical bids will be opened on the same day at 12-30 p.m. in presence of the bidders or their representatives, if any. The technical bids will be evaluated on the basis of the Evaluation Criteria mentioned in the bid document. The financial bid of only technically qualified bidders will be opened in presence of the successful bidders, if any. The financial bids of the technically unsuccessful bidders will be returned unopened.

04. Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation reserves the right to accept any or reject all the bids without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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American week in Ctg in Sept

BSS, Dhaka

The USA will hold "American Week" in Chittagong in September next to boost bilateral trade and investment.

This was disclosed by US Ambassador to Bangladesh Mary Ann Peters when she called on Commerce Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury at his office yesterday.

Besides, display of catalogue, cultural programmes highlighting the American heritage and tradition will be arranged during the week. The festival will gradually be held in other big cities of the country, an official release said.

The US envoy said her country is very keen to provide technical assistance to increase capacity building in different sectors as it wants to have increased investment in Bangladesh. She said the local US mission is working for sending a Bangladesh business team to the upcoming fair on information technology in the USA. Bangladesh will have stall in the fair.

Welcoming the initiative, the Commerce Minister said Bangladesh highly valued the US assistance and sought US support for capacity building and boosting negotiation efficiency of Bangladesh in different fields of the World Trade Organisation.

High Tech Park

Another report adds: Mary Ann Peters hoped that the US investment in Bangladesh's information and Communication Technology sector would increase for the initiative of setting up of a High Tech Park here.

She said this when she called on Science, Information and Communication Technology Minister Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan at his secretariat office here.

The Minister told the US ambassador about the proposed High Tech Park on 260 acres of land at Kaliakoir near Dhaka, where information and communication technology related most modern installations would be available.

DU student assaulted by JCD armed cadres

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A resident student of Jasimuddin Hall of Dhaka University was beaten by the armed cadres of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) last night.

The victim was identified as Bakul. JCD cadre Jahangir along with five armed accomplices of Haji Mohsin Hall beat Bakul mercilessly in his room at Jasimuddin Hall, campus sources said.

Jahangir, backed by Monir group of JCD, is involved with the armed politics at the university, sources added.



Quamrul Hassan's solo exhibition begins today

A 15-day long special solo painting exhibition by eminent painter 'Patua' Quamrul Hassan will begin in the city today, says a press release.

Former foreign secretary and columnist Faruq Ahmad Chowdhury will inaugurate the exhibition dubbed "Quamrul Hassan's Art at the Shipangan Art Gallery in the city's Dhanmondi area at 5:30 pm. Eminent writer Prof Mostafa Nurul Islam will speak as the chief guest at the inaugural ceremony while artist Aminul Islam will preside over.

The exhibition on the famous works of the country's eminent painter will be put on display at the gallery till May 31 from 10 am to 8 pm daily.

Obituary

UNB, Dhaka

Mohammad Mujibullah, acting executive engineer (electricity) of Dhaka University, died of cancer at a city clinic

Wednesday afternoon at the age of 51.

He left behind his wife, one son, three daughters and a host of admirers to mourn his death.

The namaz-e-janaza for Mujibullah will be held at the DU Central Mosque premises after Juma prayers Friday.



Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) brought out a mourning procession in the city yesterday to protest the killing of Siddhartha Sarker, general secretary of Tejgaon College Students' Union and city BCL leader.

Separate judiciary from executive to establish rule of law

Speakers urge govt at lawyers' convention in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Lawyers at a convention in the city yesterday urged the government to separate the judiciary from the executive to help establish democracy and rule of law in the country.

They also criticised the government for failing to maintain law and order and protect human rights across the country.

The lawyers were speaking at a two-day national convention on 'Terrorism versus Democracy: Rule of Law and Freedom of the Judiciary' organised by the 'Sammito Anjibi Samannoy Parishad' at the Supreme Court premises.

Inaugurated by Barrister Shawkat Ali Khan, the convention

was presided over by Advocate Ozaer Faruk, president of the Supreme Court Bar Council.

In his inaugural speech, Shawkat Ali Khan said we are passing through a black period when the innocent people specially the members of the minority community are being repressed under the present government.

He called upon the people to be united for the protection of hard-earned democracy.

In his welcome speech, Barrister Amir-ul-Islam, convener of the convention, demanded complete separation of the judiciary.

"It's our constitutional responsibility to protect human rights and establish rule of law in the country" he added.

Advocate Syed Ahmed, Abdul

Baset Majumder, Barrister Shafik Ahmed, A N M Gaziul Haq, Advocate Sahara Khatun, S M Alfar Hossain and Z I Khan Panna also spoke on the occasion.

Advocate Syed Rezaur Rahman gave the vote of thanks to the audience.

Acting president of Awami League Abdus Samad Azad, General Secretary Zillur Rahman, Presidium Members Tofail Ahmed, Amir Hossain Amu, Abdul Jalil, Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury, Suranjit Mamun, Wahidul Haq, Shahrier Kabir, Borhanuddin Khan Jahangir and former vice chancellor of Dhaka University Prof AK Azad Chowdhury were present at the inaugural session.

President greets Norwegian King

UNB, Dhaka

President A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury yesterday greeted Norwegian King Harald V on the occasion of the Constitution Day of Norway.

In a message to Harald, the President hoped that the existing relations between the two countries would be further developed and strengthened in the years to come.

He wished the King good health and happiness and continued peace, progress and prosperity of the people of Norway.

In another message, Prime Minister Khaleda Zia congratulated Norwegian Prime Minister Kjell Magne Bondevik on the occasion of the Constitution Day.



Officers and employees of Dhaka City Corporation greet the newly elected Mayor Sadek Hossain Khoka with bouquet.

Dhaka for jt efforts to ensure food security in SAARC states

UNB, Dhaka

Dhaka called for joint endeavors for evolving sustainable technologies and mobilising adequate funds for increasing production of basic cereals to ensure food security of the peoples of SAARC region.

The suggestion was offered by Agriculture Minister Matur Rahman Nizami at the SAARC agriculture conference in Kathmandu on Wednesday, preparatory to World Food Conference.

Addressing the conference of the ministers of SAARC countries in the Nepalese capital the minister also stressed the need for in-

tensive research for increasing farm production, which is a prerequisite for food security.

"Regional cooperation is highly significant for meeting the food demand of tens of thousands of hungry people of South Asia," he told the conference. For expediting agricultural development there are ample opportunities for exchanging technical and technological know-how among the SAARC countries.

He also called for further expanding mutual trade opportunities among the neighbouring SAARC nations. Explaining the agricultural development policy of Bangladesh government he said increased farm production is the

highest priority for the country. The Agriculture Minister apprised the meet that agriculture is the largest sector of Bangladesh economy contributing 31 per cent to gross national products and providing 60 per cent of the total employment.

He also expressed the hope that this meet would play an effective role in charting programmes at the upcoming World Food Conference for ensuring food security in SAARC countries.

The Kathmandu conference adopted some specific proposals on a unanimous SAARC stand at the World Food Conference scheduled for June in Rome.



Hindu Buddha Christian Oikya Parishad observed a token hunger strike in front of the Press Club in Chittagong city yesterday demanding immediate arrest of the killers of Buddhist monk Gyanojyoti Mohasthor and Hindu priest Madan Gopal Goswami.

DHAKA TODAY

DHAKA TOMORROW

Job fair
The inaugural ceremony of the Job Fair organised by East West University Career Counseling Centre will be held with Commerce Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury as chief guest. Venue: LGED Bhaban auditorium, Agargaon. Time: 10.00am.

Film show
Under its weekly programme, Alliance Francaise will screen two films titled 'Coup de torchon' by Bertrand Tavernier and 'Mauvais Sang' by Leos Carax. Venue: Alliance Francaise auditorium. Time: 10.30am and 6.00pm respectively.

Conference
A two-day conference of writers, organised by Bangladesh Writers' Club, will begin with Dhaka City Mayor Sadek Hossain Khoka as chief guest. Venue: Bishwa Sahitya Kendra. Time: 10.00am.

Discussion
In observance of the World Telecommunication Day, Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board organises a discussion with Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 10.00am.

Art competition
In observance of the World Tobacco Free Day, Bangladesh Cancer Society will organise a Children Art Competition. Venue: Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka. Time: 9.00am.

Recitation festival
A two-day recitation festival, organised by Swanar, will begin. 'Nazim Mahmud Smiti Pronodona Award' will be introduced in the festival. Venue: Dhaka University Natmandal. Time: 7.00pm.

Rally
Green Force in collaboration with the Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon will organise a rally demanding an effective law for controlling the noise pollution. Venue: Central Shaheed Minar. Time: 10.00am.

Photography exhibition
A photography exhibition titled 'Heavy Metal' by Rune Larsen will open today. Venue: Drik Gallery, H-58, R-15/A (New), Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 5.00pm.

Award ceremony
The certificate award ceremony of the Management Training Course, organised by Rapport Bangladesh Limited, will be held with State Minister for Energy and Mineral Resources AKM Mosharraf Hossain as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 4.30pm.

Seminar
Bangladesh Museum Council organises a seminar in observance of the World Museum Day. Venue: Sufia Kamal auditorium of National Museum. Time: 10.30am.

Publication ceremony
The publication ceremony of an autobiography book titled 'My Football Life' by Sheikh Mohammad Aslam, will be held with Jute Minister Major (Retd) Hafiz Uddin as chief guest. Venue: Jatiya Krira Panshad auditorium. Time: 3.00pm.

WEATHER TODAY

Temperature may rise

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at one or two places over Rajshahi, Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and the regions of Jessore and Kushtia today.

Day temperature may rise by 1-2 degree Celsius over the country. Met Office said predicting that weather may remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country.

Country's highest temperature 35.8 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sayedpur and Dinajpur and the lowest 29.0 degree Celsius at Srimangol.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6.35 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.15 am.

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	34.0	25.0	67	50
Chittagong	33.5	24.5	75	69
Rajshahi	34.4	23.2	73	68
Khulna	34.2	25.4	71	-
Barisal	33.4	25.0	69	67
ylhet	35.0	23.8	65	63
Cox's Bazar	32.7	25.4	74	90

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Urgent Tender Notice

Tender Notice No 04/2001-2002 Dated: 9-5-2002/26-1-1409

Tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from Directorate of Public Health Engineering's 2001-2002 renewed 'D' category contractors/firms for installation of 38 mm dia No. 6 pump deep tubewell & 75x38 mm dia Tara deep tubewell under countrywide Rural Water Supply (GOB-4) Project. The said tender and other terms & conditions, papers will be sold at prescribed price (non-refundable) from the office of Executive Engineer, Directorate of Public Health Engineering, Jessore Division, Jessore & the undersigned during office hours up to 28-05-2002/14-02-1409 BS. Tenders will be received in tender box kept at the office of Executive Engineer, Directorate of Public Health Engineering, Jessore Division, Magura Division & the undersigned up to 1-00 PM of 29-05-2002/15-02-1409 BS. The received tenders, after being collected from the office of the Executive Engineer, Directorate of Public Health Engineering, Jessore & Magura Division, will be opened at the office chamber of the of the undersigned on the same day at 2-30 PM in presence (if any) of the attending contractors/firm representatives.

No tender will be sold on the date of receiving tender. Detailed information regarding this tender can be known & seen from the said offices during office hours up to 28-05-2002/14-02-1409 BS.

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