

DHAKA
TODAY

Film show

The Zahir Rahan Film Society will screen three 'Golden Palm' award winning films titled 'Underground' by Emir Kusturica, 'Viridiana' by Luis Bunuel and 'The Piano' by Jane Campion. Venue: Goethe Institut, Dhanmondi. Time: 3.30pm, 6.00pm and 7.45pm respectively.

UDA seminar

University of Development Alternative organises a seminar on 'The Degradation of Youth Force and Ways to Overcome' with Speaker Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar as chief guest. Venue: Osmany Memorial auditorium. Time: 4.00pm.

Gana Forum meeting

Gana Forum organises a public meeting with its president Dr. Kamal Hossain as chief guest. Venue: Paltan mafan. Time: 4.00pm.

BEP rally

Bangladesh Environment Movement (BEP) will organise rally and meeting in support of their movement for saving Bunganga. Venue: In front of ZH Shikder Medical College. Time: 4.00pm.

Islamic Foundation

Islamic Foundation organises a discussion meeting in observance of the 21st death anniversary of former President Ziaur Rahman. Venue: Foundation auditorium (Baitul Mukarram Mosque). Time: 11.00am.

Discussion and blood donation

BNP BIRDEM Unit and Zia Cultural Foundation jointly organise a discussion and voluntary blood donation programme in observance of the 21st death anniversary of former President Ziaur Rahman. Venue: BIRDEM auditorium. Time: 11.00am.

IPE day

The Association of Industrial and Production Engineers (AIBE) organises IPE day-2 with Water Resources Minister Engr. AHLK Siddiqi as chief guest. Venue: BUET auditorium. Time: 5.00pm.

ESCB workshop

The opening ceremony of a three-day workshop on 'Computer Aided Analysis and Design of Structures' organised by, Engineering Staff College, Bangladesh, and the Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok. Venue: Engineers' Institution. Time: 9.30am.

Araces discussion

The Araces organises a discussion to mark the 26th death anniversary of

Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin. Venue: Sangskritik Bikash Kendra, 1/E/A Panbagh. Time: 6.00pm.

DU seminar

The Economics Practice Centre, Dhaka University will hold a discussion on 'Future Strategy for Alleviating Poverty'. Venue: Business Studies Faculty seminar room, DU. Time: 10.00am.

JP meeting

The central working committee of the Jatiya Party (Ershad) will hold a meeting with its Chairman HM Ershad as chief guest. Venue: Party's Banani office. Time: 10.00am.

Talk

Subas Biswas, former Director, Central Secretarial Library and Advisor, Government of India Library and Archives will give a special talk on 'Academic Library Management'. Venue: Seminar room of the Centre for advanced research in social Sciences, Dhaka University. Time: 11.30am.

Launching ceremony

The launching ceremony of a book titled 'Journalists' Views: Contemporary Agriculture in Bangladesh' published under the joint aegis of the Forum for Information Dissemination on Agriculture (FIDA) and Syngenta Bangladesh Limited will be held.

Venue: National Press Club. Time: 4.00pm.

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TOMORROW

Golden Palm' films

The Zahir Rahan Film Society will screen three 'Golden Palm' award winning films titled 'Dancer in the Dark' by Lars von Trier, 'A Taste of Cherry' by Abbas Kiarostami, 'The Tin Drum' by Volker Schlöndorff. Venue: Goethe Institut. Time: 3.30pm, 6.00pm and 7.45pm.

Film show

The inaugural ceremony of a two-day film show, organised by Jahanimgar Film Society, will begin. On the opening day a film titled 'Juthi Gallar Punti Malati Gallar Haar' will be screened. Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi. Time: 5.00pm.

No Tobacco Day

In observance of World No-Tobacco Day, Adhunik and CAT jointly organise a function with President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury as chief guest. Venue: BIAM auditorium. Time: 10.00am.

Seminar on Safe Motherhood Day 26,000 women die a year

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

About 26,000 women die every year in the country due to lack of safe maternity care.

This was revealed in a scientific seminar at the gynaec department of Chittagong Medical College (CMCH) yesterday.

The seminar was organised to mark the Safe Motherhood Day.

Principal of Chittagong Medical College (CMC) Prof. Abdul Mannan Sharmin attended the seminar as chief guest.

Chaired by Prof. Dr. Shamsunnahar, Head of the gynaec department of CMCH, the seminar was addressed by Prof. Dr. Syeda Nurjanah Bhuiyan, chief health advi-

sor of Chittagong City Corporation. Prof. Dr. Birjis Huq, Dr. Rawshan Akter, Dr. Shamima Siddiqui Rosy, Dr. Rokeya Begum, Dr. Banani Chowdhury and Dr. Mamtaj sultana.

The speakers stressed the need for ensuring proper healthcare services and raising awareness about safe maternity care to reduce the rate of maternal death.

Prof. Shamsunnahar pointed out that only five per cent women of the rural areas avail themselves of the healthcare facilities in hospitals.

She also observed that early marriage is another reason for the rise in maternal deaths in Bangladesh.

'Communication infrastructure to be developed'

BSS, Dhaka

Communications Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda yesterday said communication infrastructure across the country would be developed further to boost the pace of socio-economic development of the country.

He was addressing a meeting to review progress of the work relating to construction and maintenance of national and regional highways, feeder roads, bridges and railway structures under the Annual Development Project (ADP).

The meeting was informed that 204 development projects have so far been implemented in the transport and communication sector in the current fiscal year.

The minister said necessary expansion of communication infrastructure is must for ensuring high economic growth and poverty eradication. He directed project officials to complete work within stipulated time by maintaining highest possible transparency and accountability.

State Minister for Communications Salahuddin Ahmed, Deputy Minister Asadul Habib Dulu, Communications Secretary Syed Rezaul Hayat and officials concerned attended the meeting.

Milad at PM's Office

UNB, Dhaka

A milad mahfil was held at the Prime Minister's Office yesterday on the occasion of holy Eid-e-MiladunNabi.

Political Secretary to the Prime Minister Haris Chowdhury and officials and employees of the office attended the milad, said an officials handout.

Freedom fighter dead

UNB, Tangail

Valiant freedom fighter Khandaker Fazlur Rahman died of a cardiac arrest here yesterday morning. He was 58.

Rahman, who was a leader of Kaderia Bahini during the liberation war, is survived by his wife, three sons and three daughters.

He was buried at the Central Graveyard in the town with state honour after namaz-e-janaza at Tangail Jam-e-Mosque.

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan expressed deep shock at the death of Fazlur Rahman and prayed for the salvation of the departed soul.

BSS, Dhaka

Begum Mahtab Ara, mother of BSS Chief Reporter SM Zahirul Alam, died at a city clinic on Monday night at the age of 75.

Wife of late SM Rahman of Hatiya, Mahtab Ara left behind five sons, one daughter and a host of relations and admirers to mourn her death.

Her qukhwani will be held at the residence of her third son at House No 8/C, Road No. 14, Dhanmondi, after Asr prayers on May 31.

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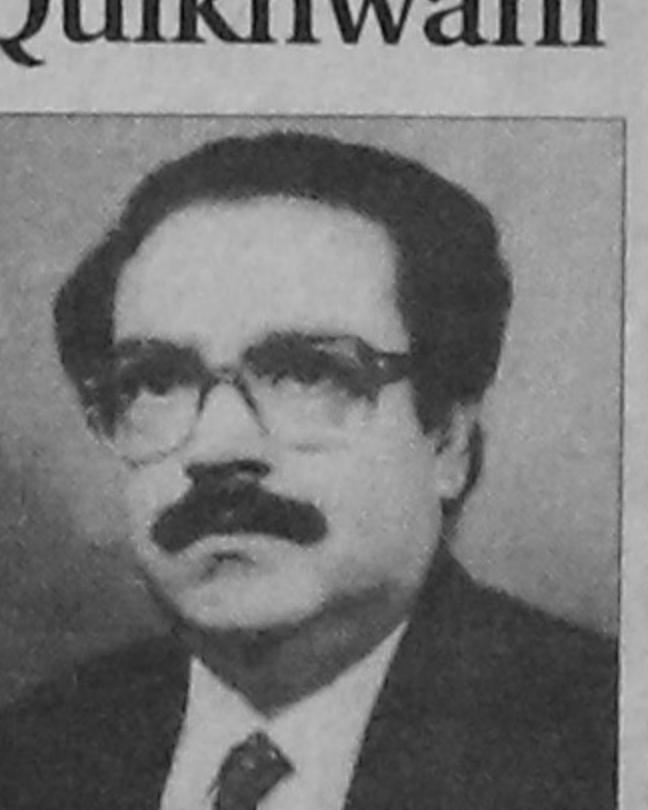
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Qulkhwani



The Qulkhwani of Late A K M Syedur Rahman, former Managing Director of Uttara Bank Ltd., will be held at his residence, House No-F41, Road-4, Banani, Dhaka after 'Asr' prayers tomorrow, 30th May, 2002. All his relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to attend the 'milad.'



The Bangladeshi Mahila Awami League took to the street in the city yesterday protesting increasing violence against women across the country.

Food Ministry reviews projects

BSS, Dhaka

The Ministry of Food in a review meeting here yesterday discussed the progress of its various projects and stressed on maintaining accountability and transparency during their implementation.

Food Minister Abdullah Al Norman chaired the meeting which was attended by Food Secretary Abdul Latif Mondol, Director General of Food Directorate Abdus Sattar Mia and Director General of Food Planning and Monitoring Unit Binoy Krishna Karmaker.

During the meeting, they put maximum emphasis on proper implementation of various food-related projects included in the Annual Development Program (ADP) of the current fiscal.

"There were large-scale irregularities in the past in the implementation of such projects with no minimum accountability and transparency," the food minister told BSS after the meeting. Besides, he said, these projects would have not achieved the desired goal due to procrastination in the implementation process in the past.

WEATHER TODAY

Thundershower likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowsers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at many places over Dhaka, Sylhet, Chittagong and Barisal divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi and Khulna divisions during the next 12 hours till 6pm today.

Moderately heavy falls may occur at places over Chittagong, Barisal and Sylhet divisions, Met office said.

The sun sets in the capital at 6.40 pm today and rises at 5:11 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	29.5	23.5	91	73
Chittagong	27.4	22.2	84	67
Rajshahi	30.6	23.5	79	91
Khulna	32.7	20.4	-	-
Barisal	30.8	20.4	75	76
Sylhet	28.5	22.4	100	81
Cox's Bazar	30.5	21.6	89	87

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Marie Stopes Clinic Society (MSCS), affiliated to Marie Stopes International, UK, is a rapidly expanding NGO committed to providing excellent reproductive health care. MSCS now operates a network of 23 clinics, 44 mini-clinics, and outreach work in 150 garment factories and among poor and vulnerable. Together, the network serves about 800,000 clients a year. Its present operating budget is approximately Tk. 120 million per year, projected to grow @ about 20% annually. There is a vacancy for the above position in its Dhaka Head Office.

This is a senior management position within MSCS. The incumbent will head the Finance and Administration teams and will be responsible for ensuring effective and efficient management of all financial and administrative functions at both head office and clinic levels. He will be closely assisted by, and will lead the Controller of Finance and Accounts and the General Manager Human Resources and Administration. The incumbent will provide strategic inputs to, and will develop and implement systems and processes to manage and sustain continuous growth and development of MSCS. S/he is expected to bring in state-of-the-art thinking and practices to the organization, leading MSCS to becoming a cutting edge organization in the field of reproductive health. The position will directly report to the Managing Director, and will closely work with other teams in the head office and clinics. The position will require local and international travel.

The candidate must be CA, CMA, or MBA (Accounting/Finance) with at least 15 years experience combining finance and management. Excellent leadership and inter-personal skills, capacity to work independently and under pressure and a charismatic personality are required. The incumbent should be less than