

**DHAKA TODAY**

**Scientific seminar**

In observance of National Scientific Information and Documentation Day, a seminar will be held with Science, Information and Communication Technology Minister Dr. Abdul Moyeen Khan as chief guest. Venue: BANSDOC auditorium, Mirpur Road. Time: 9:00am.

**Russian Cultural Centre**

The Russian Cultural Centre in co-operation with Volga Club organises a colourful cultural evening to mark the National Day of Russian Federation. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre auditorium, Dhanmondi. Time: 5:30pm.

**Seminar**

A seminar on 'Ancient Glass Beads of Wari-Bateswar. An Archaeological Analysis' organised by the International Centre for Study of Bengal Art, will be held. Venue: Library Hall of the Centre, House 32-E, Road 7-A, Banani. Time: 5:00pm.

**Rabindra-Nazrul Joyanti**

As part of its monthly programme, Bangladesh Loksangeet Kendra organises a programme to celebrate Rabindra-Nazrul Joyanti. Venue: Seminar Hall, Central Public Library. Time: 5:00pm.

**Workshop**

A workshop on 'Child Rights' will be held with Chairperson of Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum Hamidul Haq Majnu as chief guest. Venue: WVA auditorium. Time: 9:30am.

**Munshiganjer Kagoj**

A discussion and cultural function will be held to mark the third founding anniversary of the Munshiganjer Kagoj with Land Minister M Shamsul Islam as chief guest. Venue: Osmany Memorial auditorium. Time: 4:00pm.

**Regional workshop**

A two-day regional workshop on 'South-South Exchange Programme', organised by the Asia-Pacific Forum of Environmental Journalists, will begin.

Venue: National Press Club. Time: 9:00am.

**DHAKA TOMORROW**

**Mrinal Sen Films**

Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen two films by world renowned Indian filmmaker Mrinal Sen on the first day of a five-day long Mrinal Sen Retrospective: 'Khanj' (The case is Closed) and 'Ekdin Protidin' (Quiet Rolls the Dawn). Venue: The High Commission of India Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi. Time: 5:30pm and 7:00pm respectively.

**Death anniversary**

A discussion will be held to mark the first death anniversary of noted journalist and a language veteran Sanaulah Noon with Law and Parliament Affairs Minister Barister Moudud Ahmed as chief guest. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 4:00pm.

**Tamuddun Majlish**

In observance of the birth anniversary of Poet Forrukh Ahmad, Tamuddun Majlish organises a literary meeting. Venue: 141, New Circular Road. Time: 5:00pm.

**Tree plantation**

The month-long tree plantation programme of Bangladesh Krishak League will formally be inaugurated by Awami League President Sheikh Hasina as chief guest. Venue: Bangabandhu Memorial Museum, Dhanmondi. Time: 3:00pm.

**ICAB seminar**

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB) will hold a seminar on 'Finance Bill 2000'. Venue: ICAB auditorium. Time: 4:30pm.

**Cancer seminar**

Aventis Pharma organises a seminar on 'Treatment of Breast Cancer'. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 7:00pm.

**French envoy meets Hasina**

UNB, Dhaka

French Ambassador in Dhaka Michel Lummaux paid a courtesy call on Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League president Sheikh Hasina at her Dhanmondi residence in the city yesterday.

During the meeting, the Ambassador expressed satisfaction over the strengthening of Bangladesh-France relations during the tenure of former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

He particularly appreciated Hasina's immediate past government for its continuous efforts to develop country's agriculture sector and flourish agro-based industries.

The former Prime Minister told the envoy that her government had attached priority to education, agro-based industries and Information Technology (IT). She said some 1.22 lakh small and medium enterprises were set up at private sector during the period as her government provided sufficient assistance to the entrepreneurs.

Hasina also briefed the developments took place during the AL rule in various sectors including communications, power generation and telecommunications. Kazi Zafarullah MP and Awami League chief's political secretary Saber Hossain Chowdhury were present on the occasion, said a party press release.



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**OIC environment ministers' confce Dhaka elected vice-president**

BSS, Dhaka

Environment and Forest Minister Shajahan Siraj has been elected one of the vice presidents of the Bureau of Environment Ministers of the Organisation of Islamic Countries (OIC).

He was elected at the first working session of the First Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers, which began in Jeddah on June 10. Forty ministers from OIC member states are attending the conference, according to a message received in the city yesterday.

The three-day conference is organised by the Presidency of Meteorological and Environment (PME), Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and the Islamic Scientific Educational and Cultural Organisation (ISESCO).

Prince Abdul Rahman Bin Abdul Aziz, Deputy Minister for Defence and Aviation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, formally inaugurated the conference.

**Mugger caught red-handed**

UNB, Rajshahi

A mugger was caught red-handed from near the Rajshahi University on Tuesday.

Police arrested Kabul, 22, along with a revolver and one bullet when he along with his three accomplices was snatching valuables from a student.

Kabul, a resident of Kazla area of the town, claimed himself to be a JCD activist.

Another report from Comilla adds: Police in separate drives arrested two people and recovered three firearms, 10 bullets, and 500 grams of hemp from Barura and Sadar upazila on Monday night.

Acting on a tip-off, the Detective Branch of police arrested Kamal Mostafa and recovered the hemp, one LG, one revolver, two cartridges and five bullets from the box of his bed at Digholgaon village in Barura upazila.

**Qulkhwani**

Qulkhwani of Masihur Rahman, founder-member of North South University Foundation and Director of the Southeast Bank Ltd., will be held after Asr prayers on June 14 at his residence at Gulshan in the city, says a press release.

Friends and relatives of the deceased have been requested to attend the milad mahfil and pray for salvation of the departed soul.

**Anwarul Afzal**

Qulkhwani of Alhaj Anwarul Afzal will be held at his residence at House-25, Road-6/A, Sector-5, Uttara Model Town after Asr prayers on June 14, says a press release.

Anwarul Afzal was a vice-president of the Prime Bank Ltd. He also served as a senior officer of Pfizer and Renata.

He died of cancer at a Bangkok hospital on June 9 and he was buried at Uttara graveyard in Dhaka the following day.

He is survived by his wife, one son and two daughters. Relatives and admirers have been requested to attend the qulkhwani.



Showkat Aziz Russell, president of the association of IUB Alumni Association (AIA), handing over the AIA Valedictorian Award to Ruhul Amin at the IUB's Convocation Dinner in the city recently. Vice-chancellor Prof. BM Chowdhury and AIA general secretary Sanjay Sandhan were also present on the occasion.

**BUETTA demands punishment to killers of Sony**

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology Teachers' Association (BUETTA) yesterday demanded exemplary punishment to the killers of BUET student Saqebun Nahar Sony.

Sony was killed in a crossfire on the BUET campus during a clash on June 8.

The demand was made at a meeting of the Association yesterday at the University Club with its president Dr Habibur Rahman in the chair.

The BUETTA expressed the hope that the inquiry committee which was formed to investigate the incident would soon identify the students involved in the criminal acts and expel them from the university.

It called upon all to cooperate the inquiry committee in probing the incident, said a press release.

**Robbery at six houses in Sirajganj**

UNB, Sirajganj

Robbers looted cash and valuables worth about Tk 14 lakh from six houses at Sharutia village in Rajganj upazila in the early hours of Monday.

Police said a gang of about 60 robbers swooped on the house of Pronob Sen and looted two licensed guns and cash and valuables worth about Tk 4 lakh.

They also looted valuables worth about Tk 10 lakh from the houses of Benu Sen, Ajay Sen, Manobendra Nath, Shoshanka and Jamaluddin.

Nine people were also injured during the robbery. Four of the injured, including Shoshanka and his wife Monika, were admitted to the hospital.

**THE INSTITUTE OF BANKERS, BANGLADESH**

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**NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Institute of Bankers, Bangladesh, will be held on Wednesday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2002, at 3.00 p.m. at the office of the Institute, BSRS Bhaban (10<sup>th</sup> Floor), 12, Kawran Bazar, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215 to consider and approve the substitution of the revised Rules of IBB for the existing Rules of the Institute of Bankers, Bangladesh. A copy of the proposed revised Rules of IBB may be collected by the members of the IBB from the IBB Secretariat located at the address given above.

2. All Members of the Institute of Bankers, Bangladesh, are requested to make it convenient to attend the meeting.

By an order of the Council  
(Md. Gousal Azam)  
Secretary General GJ-511  
Dated Dhaka, the 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2002.

**Nazrul Institute**

Kabi Bhaban House # 330-B, Road # 28 (Old) Dhanmondi Residential Area, Dhaka-1209 Phone: 8111621, 9114500, 9114602 Ref: NI/A/Pur-4(32)/2002/835 Dated: 4 June 2002

**Re-Tender Notice**

Tenders in their respective firms pad are invited from bonafide manufacturer/supplier firms for purchase of some stationery & related items for use in official work of Nazrul Institute. Tender schedule consisting terms & conditions can be collected from the Store Keeper of Nazrul Institute on cash payment of Tk 100/- (one hundred) only (non-refundable) during office hours up to 19 June, 2002. Tenders will be received in tender box kept at Room No. 205 of Nazrul Institute up to 12-00 Noon of 20 June, 2002 and opened on the same day at 12-30 PM in presence (if any) of the attending tenderers. No tender schedule will be sold on the date of submitting tender (20 June, 2002). The decision of Nazrul Institute authority in all other matters including the right to accept/reject any tender will be treated as final & legal.

DFP-15122-6/6 Deputy Director Nazrul Institute, Dhaka G-1639

**Half of 150m malnourished children live in S Asia**

BSS, Dhaka

More than half of the estimated 150 million malnourished children across the world live in South Asia, visiting head of Global Nutrition Programme of the World Bank (WB) Dr Milla Machlachlan said in the city yesterday.

"Malnutrition is more prevalent in south Asia than anywhere else in the world," Dr Milla said in the technical session of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Conference (ASCON) of International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B) at Sasakawa auditorium here.

The WB nutrition expert said children are not the only group affected, 78 per cent of pregnant women in the region are estimated to be anemic and between 25 and 34 per cent babies are born with low birth weight.

Dr Milla said micro-nutrient malnutrition is widespread and in addition to iron deficiency, and Vitamin A and Iodine deficiency disorders there are dietary deficiencies.

The expert observed that nutrition-related non-communicable diseases are beginning to take their toll.

**BRAC's Kabul office starts functioning**

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC) yesterday started activities of its office in Kabul, Afghanistan.

BRAC got registration of the Afghan government as a foreign NGO on May 2 last to participate in the rehabilitation and development works of that country, a press release said.

The NGO will initially set up two health clinics, 20 schools for poor Afghan children and implement income generating activities under a one-year pilot programme.



**Thundershowers likely**

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at most places over Chittagong, Barisal, Khulna and Sylhet divisions and at many places over Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions with moderately heavy to heavy falls at places over Chittagong, Barisal and Khulna divisions today.

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

Country's highest temperature 32.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Dinajpur and the lowest 22.8 degree Celsius at Khulna.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:47 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:11 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	28.7	25.9	93	92
Chittagong	30.0	25.0	78	86
Rajshahi	29.8	25.3	90	87
Khulna	26.5	22.8	100	100
Barisal	28.0	24.2	100	95
Sylhet	30.3	24.9	98	86
Cox's Bazar	30.3	25.2	91	95

**Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation**  
National Tourism Organization  
Works Division  
233, Airport Road, Tejgaon  
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**Re-Tender Notice**

For Feasibility Study-cum-Consultancy work for construction of 10-storied foundation Shopping Complex-cum-International Standard Hotel Project at Motel Saikat Compound, Chittagong. Sealed offers in two envelope system are hereby invited by Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation from bonafide reputed consulting firms for rendering architecture and engineering consultancy services as well as techno-economic feasibility study for construction of 10-storied foundation (1<sup>st</sup> phase upto 6-storey) Shopping Complex-cum-International Standard Hotel Project at Motel Saikat Compound, Chittagong.

- Interested local, foreign and joint venture firms having local and foreign collaboration may participate in the aforesaid work.
- Schedule of land: Dist. Chittagong, PS-Kotwali, Battali Mouza, JL No. 10 Plot No. 5288.
- Concept document with detailed description of project along with terms and conditions can be collected from the Accounts Division (Head Office) of the Corporation on cash payment of Taka two thousand (non-refundable) only on all working days up to 30 June, 2002.
- Earnest money of Taka ten thousand only in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation to be submitted along with the technical offer.
- The technical and financial proposals in separate sealed cover can be submitted to the office of the undersigned on 7 July, 2002 by 11:30 AM and the technical offer will be opened by the evaluation committee in presence of tenderers who wish to be present at 12:00 Noon on the same day.
- The technical offers will be evaluated on the basis of evaluation criteria as described in the concept document. The financial offer will be opened only for those tenderers whose technical qualification and experiences are judged by the authority to be adequate and are decided by authority as technically qualified for this project on a later date and the financial offers of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned in sealed condition.
- The above mentioned work will have to be completed by the selected consultant within the time schedule mentioned in the concept document of the project. The intending bidders are requested to visit the site at their own cost before quoting the rates as because they will have to submit a preliminary Architectural Drawing showing detailed floor plan and elevation of the proposed project along with other required documents in the technical offer. The tender without earnest money and architectural drawings will be summarily rejected.
- The Corporation's authority reserves the right to accept any or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

DFP-14829-4/6 Engr. Abul Kashem G-1598 General Manager (Works)