# METROPOLITAN

#### Cultural function

A discussion and a cultural function making the birth anniversary of poet Begum Sufia Kamal will be held. Venue: Liberation War Museum. Time: 6.30pm.

#### Film show

screen two films Siberiade (1979) and Tango and Cash (1989) as part of Andrei Konchalovsky retrospective. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre. Time: 4.00pm and 7.00pm.

### Musical evening

The Hamra Koyjan, Dhaka has organised a musical evening. Sarkar Mohiuddin Badal and Sharmin Sultana Rony will perform at the function. Venue: Shawkat Osman auditorium, 4.00pm, Public Library. Time: 6.30pm.

#### FBCCI seminar

The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) organises a seminar on 'Problems of Ports and Shipping in Matters Relating to Export with Shipping Minister Akbar Hossain as chief guest. Venue: FBCCI Conference Centre. Time: 2.30pm.

#### Islamic Foundation

The Islamic Foundation of Bangladesh organises a discussion on 'The Involvement of Religious Leaders in the Development of Human Resources' with State Minister For Religious Affairs Mosharraf Hossain Shahjahan as chief guest. Venue: Imam Training Academy auditorium. Time: 11.00am.

### Publication ceremony

The publication ceremony of a book titled 'Encyclopedic Compendium of the Laws of Bangladesh', organised by the Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust, will be held. Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar will attend the function as chief guest. Venue: Supreme Court Bar Association auditorium. Time: 4.30pm.

#### IBA seminar

The IBA Alumini Association and the Institute of Business Administration of Dhaka University jointly organise a seminar on 'National Budget 2002-2003. Venue: Hotel Purbani International, Time: 4.30pm.

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#### Film show

Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen two films titled 'The Odyssey' and The Zahir Raihan Film Society will 'Maria's Lovers' directed by Russian filmmaker Andrei Konchalovsky. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, Time: 5.00pm and 7.30pm respectively.

#### Mahila Parishad

In observance of 91st birth anniversary of Poet Sufia Kamal, Bangladesh Mahila Parishad organises a discussion on 'Movement against Repression on Women and Poet Sufia Kamal' Venue: National Press Club auditorium, Time:

#### ICAB seminar

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB) organises a seminar on 'Communication Skills' with Disaster Management and Relief Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yousuf as chief guest. Venue: ICAB auditorium. Time: 5.00pm.

#### ICC dialogue

The International Chamber of Commerce, Bangladesh organises a business dialogue on 'Budgetary Measures: Imperatives of Global Competitiveness' with Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 10.45am.

#### Roundtable

The weekly Mndu Bhashan organises a roundtable discussion on the 'Budget for 2002-2003' with former finance minister Shah AMS Kibria as chief guest, Venue: Grand Azad Hotel, 55 Purana Paltan. Time: 1.30pm.

The launching ceremony of Dandy Food Products will be held. Venue: Hotel Purbani International. Time: 12.00

#### Chhatra Moitree

The two-day national council of Bangladesh Chhatra Moitree will begin. Venue: TSC auditorium of Dhaka University, Time: 11.00am.

### |Malaysia urged to extend work permits of Bangladeshis

Information Minister Tariqul Islam stressed on promotion of cooperation between Bangladesh and Malaysia in the fields of Press and the Electronic Media, according to an official handout.

While talking to the Malaysian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Ashaary Sani, as he called on the Minister at his office yesterday morning, Tariqul Islam said, the two countries can benefit from increased exchange of training programmes for media personnel.

Tariqul requested the Malaysian envoy to persue his government for extension of work permits of Bangladeshi expatriates in Malaysia and recruitment of an increased number of manpower from Bangladesh.

High Commissioner Sani sought the minister's consent to hold the first meeting of Bangladesh-Malaysia joint committee on promotion of cooperation in the media sector. The proposal was accepted in principle.

Tasadduq Hossain Beg and Principal Information Officer Fazal M Kamal also took part in the discus-

Information Secretary Mirza

### BUET budget approved

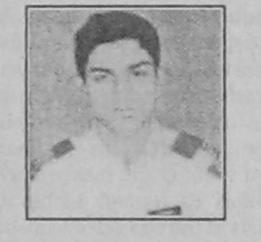
UNB, Dhaka

A Tk 28.49 crore budget of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) for 2002-2003 fiscal was approved at the syndicate meeting of the university on June 12 showing a deficit of Tk 1.85 crore.

A revised budget of Tk 28.79 crore for 2001-2002 fiscal was also passed at the meeting with Vice Chancellor and president of the syndicate Dr Nuruddin Ahmed in the chair.

Of the total budget allocation for 2002-2003 fiscal, University Grants Commission (UGC) will provide Tk 25.04 crore while Tk 1.60 crore will come from university's own resources.

About Tk 18.87 crore of the budget will go for payment of salary and pension of the teachers, officials and employees while about Tk 4.11 crore for education sector, said a press release.



Sadnan Sharif give patience and strength to bear the irreparable loss to

### BAF launches tree plantation drive 12 employees

UNB, Dhaka

The divider on the Mirpur Road near Dhaka College is now being used as a storage place by the hawkers who

run their trades on the footpaths nearby. In the process, the iron grills protecting the plants have been damaged,

causing many trees to die off. The hawkers have even removed a part of the grill to facilitate the movement of

rickshaws and rickshaw vans. The same is the condition of many road dividers in the city. The Dhaka City

Corporation has planted trees on the road dividers and raised the protection grills for crores of taka. But its

Engineering Department has failed to maintain the dividers properly. Also, in many areas of the city, hundreds of

abortive bid to grab a container of

Cardamom (Elachi) showing

nob Kanti Roy, a staff of a Clearing

and Forwarding Farm (C&F), in

connection with this forgery inci-

The American Centre will hold a

seminar on the Hubert H Hum-

phrey Fellowship Programme on

June 20 at 3:00 pm at the CIRDAP

for a Humphrey Fellowship for the

2003-2004 academic year are in-

vited to attend, a US embassy

All those interested in applying

The goal of the seminar is to

inform interested applicants about

the Humphrey Fellowship. Previ-

ous Bangladeshi participants in

about the application process and

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Seminar on

Humphrey

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auditorium in the city.

BSS, Dhaka

release said.

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of a three-member verification of the American Centre will speak

Earlier, an investigation com- fellowship programme will also be

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under suspension a senior out- expenses for the fellowship pro-

door assistant of its traffic de- gramme including airfare, tuition

partment Shyamol Banarjee for his and fees are paid by the United

alleged involvement in Sunday's States government.

Meanwhile, the CPA placed of study in the United States. All

Police yesterday arrested Pro-

forged documents at the port jetty.

billboards have been put up on the dividers with or without permission of the authorities.

Pilferage at ICD

punished

Chittagong Port Authority (CPA)

has taken punitive measures

against 12 employees posted at

Inland Container Depot (ICD) at

Kamalapur in Dhaka for their in-

volvement in pilfering imported

goods showing fake documents.

were from the security department

including two gate sergeants and

one assistant sub-inspector. Oth-

ers were from the traffic depart-

removal from service to suspen-

accused of taking away a container

full of imported fabrics for ready-

made garments from ICD on July.

23 last year. The fabrics were im-

ported by Honour Way Textile and

abandoned the container at a

The gang looted the fabrics and

CPA took the decision yester-

committee headed by Deputy

Secretary (PR) Syed Farhaduddin

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Apparels Limited at Savar EPZ.

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sion of some financial benefits.

The punishment ranges from

The punished employees were

Among the punished staff, six

CPA sources said yesterday.

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BSS, Cig

The Bangladesh Air Force (BAF) vesterday formally launched a week-long tree plantation programme in line with the national programme that began on June 15.

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Chief of Air Staff Air Vice-Marshal Fakhrul Azam inaugurated the programme by planting a star-apple sapling at the Air Force Headquarters premises.

Principal Staff Officers and senior officers of the Air Headquarters were present on the occa-

BAF Women Welfare Association has also joined the tree plantation programme. The BAF will plant 15,000 saplings this year, said an ISPR press release.

## Multi-storied parking lot to be constructed in city

UNB, Dhaka

A multi-storied parking lot will be constructed in the capital to ease traffic congestion.

A high-level meeting of Dhaka Transport Coordination Board at Nagar Bhaban yesterday decided in principle to construct the parking lot in the city's Motijheel-Dilkusha area. City Mayor Sadek Hossain

Khoka, also chairman of the Board, presided over the meeting which discussed the nagging problem of traffic jam in the city of Fazlul Haque, DMP Commissioner about 10 million people.

DCC press release.

implement all the decisions taken so far by the board to reduce the city's traffic problem.

Bangladesh Sarak Paribahan Sramik Federation president Shajahan Khan MP, BRTC Chairman Taimur Alam Khandakar, BRTA Chairman Jalal Uddin, DG of Bangladesh Railway Ataur Rahman, Divisional Commissioner of Dhaka Abu Solaiman Chowdhury, Savar Municipality Chairman Ashraf Uddin Khan Imu, BIWTA Chairman M Shahidul Islam Chowdhury, Joint Secretary of Local Government Division M Abdul Quaiyum, DC (Traffic) Abu The meeting also reviewed the Musa M Fakhrul Islam Khan, Diprojects being implemented under rector of the Department of Envithe board and stressed the need ronment Abdus Sobhan, Chief for greater coordination among Engineer of Roads and Highways the organisations involved, said a Division, administrator of Narayanganj Pourasava and high offi-Khoka urged the organisations cials of the agencies concerned concerned to work speedily and attended the meeting.

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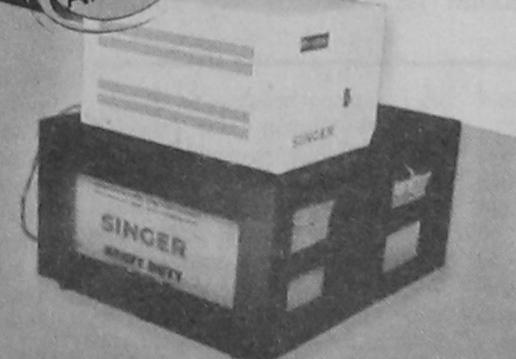
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