

DHAKA TODAY

Seminar

A seminar on 'News Editing: Legal Aspects', organised by Dhaka Sub-Editors' Council (DSEC) will be held. Venue: VIP Lounge of National Press Club. Time: 11.00am.

Foundation-laying ceremony

The foundation-laying ceremony of 'Kar Bhaban' will be held with Finance and Planning Minister Saifur Rahman as chief guest. Venue: Agargaon. Time: 11.00am.

Discussion

In observance of 72nd birth anniversary of Sheikh Fazilatunnesa Mujib, Bangamata Parishad will hold a discussion meeting and milad mahfil with acting Awami League president Abdus Samad Azad as chief guest. Venue: 23, Bangabandhu Avenue. Time: 5.00pm.

Rotary meeting

Regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Greater Dhaka will be held. Venue: CIRDAP Cafeteria. Time: 5.30pm.

AGM

The annual general meeting of Carmichael College Old Students' Association will be held. Venue: Planning and Development Academy auditorium. Nilkhet. Time: 4.00pm.

Musical evening

Protisrishi, a cultural organisation, will arrange a musical evening with poet Shamsur Rahman as chief guest. Venue: Shoukat Osman auditorium. Central Public Library. Time: 6.00pm.

Rally

The Council of Hill People will organise a rally and take out a procession to realise their seven-point demands. Venue: Mukhtangan Ramna. Time: 4.00pm.

Memorial meeting

The Ministry of Cultural Affairs organises a discussion meeting on the life and works of noted poet and National Professor Syed Ali Ahsan with State Minister for Cultural Affairs Selima Rahman as chief guest. Venue: Poet Sufia Kamal auditorium, National Museum. Time: 11.00am.

Concluding function

The concluding function of 'AutoCAD, 3D' training course will be held with Science, Information and Communication Technology Minister Dr. Abdul Moyeen Khan as chief guest. Venue: Engineers' Institution. Time: 5.00pm.

DHAKA TOMORROW

Film show

The Academy Film Society will hold a Hitchcock Season over the month of August. On the first day, the film titled 'North by Northwest' will be screened. Venue: 21/C, Jigatola. Time: 6.00pm.

Publication ceremony

The publication ceremony of two cassettes of Alpina Chakma on Tagore songs and selected Chakma songs will be held. Venue: Indian Cultural Centre auditorium, Salmajid Road. Time: 7.00pm.

Day

The inaugural ceremony of International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples 2002 will be held with Dr. Sirajul Islam Chowdhury as chief guest. It will be chaired by Jyotindra Bodhipriya Larma. Venue: Central Shaheed Minar. Time: 9.30pm.

Conference

The biennial conference of Mahanagar Sarbajamin Pujya Committee will be held with poet Shamsur Rahman as chief guest. Venue: Dhakeshwari National Temple auditorium. Time: 10.00am.

Bush's effigy burnt in Kolkata

PTI, Kolkata

An effigy of US President George W Bush was burnt near the heavily-guarded American Centre in the eastern Indian metropolis Tuesday by activists of the All-India Anti-Imperialist Forum on 'Hiroshima Day', observed also by other organisations.

Hundreds of Forum activists marched in a procession to the Centre, before being stopped by the police. They shouted anti-US slogans and burnt an effigy of President Bush.

The activists took a pledge to fight 'imperialist machinations, intrigue and war mongering of the US' on the pretext of fighting terrorism.

At a seminar, organised by the World Peace and Friendship Society, West Bengal Governor Viren J Shah said ensuring peace had become a multi-dimensional, multi-organisational and multi-national activity 'mainly because the very nature of conflicts is changing'.

Shah said peace has a place of fundamental importance in India's ethos, and a part of the very essence of Indian consciousness.

One electrocuted in Pabna

BSS, Pabna

A young man was electrocuted at Gopalnagar village under Faridpur upazila of the district yesterday morning.

Police and family sources said Jahangir Hossain, 22, was electrocuted when he came in contact with an electric wire at the paddy field near his house. As a result he died on the spot. Police recovered the body from the field.

A case was recorded with Faridpur thana in this connection.



Indian Sikhs and Muslims shout anti-Pakistan slogans before burning an effigy of Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf during a demonstration near the Pakistani embassy in New Delhi yesterday to protest the killing of Hindu pilgrims by suspected Islamic militants at a pilgrims camp in Kashmir. Nine Hindu pilgrims were killed and over 25 were wounded in the attack on Tuesday.

Joint Bangladesh-US exercise

Beach landing operation in Himchhari

BSS, HIMCHHARI, Cox's Bazar

A combined group of Bangladesh Armed Forces and the US Army Special Force yesterday conducted an amphibious beach landing manoeuvre in the sandy coasts of the Bay of Bengal under the on-going 'Balance Buffalo' exercise.

Officers and soldiers from the First Para-Commando Battalion of Bangladesh Army, Bangladesh Navy, Bangladesh Air Force and the Operation Detachment Team Alpha (ODA) of the US Army Special Force took part in the amphibious mission that started in the small hours.

Bangladesh Navy Ships BNS Omar Farooq and BNS Abu Bakar served as mother vessels for the commandos who made 'perfect landing' in the coast using their diving gears and underwater equipment.

BAF helicopters took part in the exercise as part of the search and rescue (S&R) team.

Mission co-ordinator and commanding officer of the First Para-Commando Battalion Lieutenant Colonel Nazmul Hussain who led the mission said Bangladesh-US joint 'Balance Buffalo' exercise had started on July 13 and it will continue till August 15.

He said ODA-125 (Operation detachment Team-Alpha) and ODA-162 of the US Army Special Force are participating in the exercise with their Bangladeshi counterparts. The two US groups came here from Washington and Okinawa (Japan) base.

LI Col Nazmul said the 'Balance Buffalo' exercise is featured by Military Operation in Urban Terrain in Chittagong area, Beach Landing Operation in Himchhari coast and Airborne Operations in Jessore.

"Though it takes years for achieving perfection in the amphibious beach landing manoeuvres, Bangladeshi officers and soldiers displayed remarkable excellence," remarked Master

Sergeant Mark Lopez of the US Army Special Force who participated in the beach landing operations.

Mark, who took part in many combined military exercises with armed forces of several Asian countries, told BSS that Bangladeshi troops are very good in English and they are also very polite and perceptive. "The soldiers are very eager to get advanced training."

General Officer Commanding (GOC) of the 21 Infantry Division Major General Muhammad Abdul Matin, who visited Himchhari coast yesterday morning, said the joint Bangladesh-US exercise

would be beneficial for members of our armed forces as the US Army Special Force is one of the best equipped and trained in this specialised arena.

Major General Matin said military cooperation between Bangladesh and the United States would bolster our existing capabilities in the field of disaster management as "we have to deal with off-shore islands and coastal areas very often (when cyclone hits the coast)."

Lieutenant General Henry C Stackpole, Commander of the Okinawa-based US third Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF), was in command of the Operation Sea Angel.

Doubly victimised

UNB, Panchagar

Police in collusion with some local influential people have shared the money realised as fine from an official of a poultry farm in Tetulia for violating a widow.

The village elders, who held an arbitration meeting, asked the violator to pay Tk 40,000 in compensation to the victim.

The poor woman was given Tk 10,000 and the rest of the money was shared by police and their village cronies, alleged the rape victim and the villagers.

Hanufa Begum (not her real name), widowed in her late 30s, used to work at the poultry farm at Katapara in Buraburi union. When she came in the morning of July 27, the manager of the farm called her in to clean up his room.

But she was violated after she entered the room. The manager also warned the widow of dire consequences if she ever divulged the incident.

Cursing her fate, the hapless woman left the farm not to return for work.

The following day, the owner of the farm came and enquired about the absence of Hanufa. When called, she along with some relatives met the owner and narrated the reason of her deserting work.

As the news spread, several hundred villagers, led by former Union Parishad (UP) chairman Lutfar Rahman and UP member Majibuddin, laid siege to the farm on August 2 demanding punishment to the manager.

On information, officer-in-charge of Tetulia thana rushed to the spot and arrested the manager. Soon came a group of influential people of the area in a bid to rescue the manager. They quickly organised an arbitration meeting where the manager was fined Tk 40,000.

Confirming the incident, duty officer of Tetulia thana said: "The manager attempted to rape the woman. The matter was locally settled and the accused was set free."

The police officer denied the allegation of taking any share of the money realised as fine from the manager.

Monno assures flood-hit people of all help

BSS, Manikganj

Minister Harunar Rashid Khan Monno yesterday assured the flood and river erosion affected people here of all kinds of help and cooperation from the government and his own behalf.

"We will not let anyone to die without food and treatment during and after this calamity," he said while addressing the affected people at Jafarganj Bazar under Shibhalay upazila here.

Local MP Shamsuddin Ahmed, Deputy Commissioner Golam Nabi and the minister's daughter and Mohila Dal leader Afroza Khan Rita, among others, also spoke on the occasion.

Consoling the people, particularly those whose houses were devoured by the river Jamuna, Monno said the affected persons would be provided with more assistance including materials for constructing the damaged houses and money in cash after the flood.

The minister visited different river erosion and flood affected areas including Jafarganj, Alokdiachar and Teota Bazar under Shibhalay upazila and distributed 30 metric tons of rice and Tk 50,000 in cash as gratuitous relief provided by the government.

He said flood and erosion are not only the problems of Hari-rampur and Shibhalay upazilas, but also of most of the areas of the country and we have to survive by fighting with these calamities.



A model presents an outfit by Indian designer Neeta Bhargava during the sixth day of the Lakme Indian Fashion Week 2002 in New Delhi yesterday. Over 50 of India's top designers are taking part in the week-long event which also showcases new talents in the fashion industry.

WEATHER TODAY

Light rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

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

Day temperature may remain unchanged over the country during the period, Met Office said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 35.6 degree Celsius was recorded at Syedpur and the lowest of 27.7 degree Celsius at Srirangol.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:37 pm today and rises at 5:31 am tomorrow.

The highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

Table with columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning, Evening). Rows include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet, Cox's Bazar.

RAJDHANI UNNAYAN KARTRIPAKKHA RAJUK BHABAN, DHAKA. EXTENSION OF TIME FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL PLOTS AT PURBACHAL NEW TOWN. Corrigendum Notice. Includes details about the extension of time for application submission.

রাজশাহী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়. বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং-০৫/২০০২. তারিখ: ২৮/৭/২০০২. ইংরেজি বিভাগে ২ (দুই) টি স্থায়ী সহকারী অধ্যাপক/প্রভাষক পদ পূরণের জন্য বাংলাদেশী নাগরিকদের নিকট হইতে দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে।

Tender Amendment Notice No 6/2002-2003. Under unavoidable circumstance the undermentioned amendments are issued to the tender invited vide this office Memo No. E/M-7-126/150 dated 15-7-2002/31-3-1409 BS & Tender Notice No 2 (2002-2003):

Janata Bank Computer (System) Division Head Office. Tender Notice. Sealed quotations for supply, installation and full commissioning of Micro Computer, Printer, UPS, Network Accessories, Motorola Codex Modem and associated peripherals for expansion of SWIFT Network System at Janata Bank in Bangladesh on "Turn Key" basis are invited from tenderers having the following qualifications.

ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশন. প্রকৌশল বিভাগ, অঞ্চল-৩. আপনার পরিবেশ সুন্দর ও পরিচ্ছন্ন রাখুন আপনার শিককে টিকা দিন. জরুরি সংক্ষিপ্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি. নিম্নে বর্ণিত কাজটির জন্য ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের তালিকাভুক্ত ঠিকাদারগণের নিকট হইতে বাংলাদেশ ফরম নং ২৯১১ তে সীলমোহরকৃত বামে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে।