

DHAKA TODAY

Discussion

In observance of holy Janmastami, Mahanagar Sarbajamin Puja Committee organises a discussion with LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan as chief guest. Venue: Dhakeshwari National Temple premises, Lalbagh. Time: 5:00pm.

Roundtable

A roundtable discussion on 'Bangabandhu Liberation War Bangladesh', organised by Muktiyoddha Sanghati Parishad, will be held with Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina as chief guest. Venue: CIRDAEP auditorium, 17 Topkhana Road. Time: 4:00pm.

Inauguration

The inaugural ceremony of Diabetes Care and Education Centre will be held with Secretary General of Diabetic Association of Bangladesh Prof A K Azad Khan as chief guest. Venue: 7-13, Satmasjid Road. Time: 10:30am.

Launching ceremony

The Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) will hold the launching ceremony of 'Trade Cooperation and Economic Policy Reform in South Asia' project with Commerce Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury as chief guest. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 10:30am.

Film show

As part of Elvis Presley Retrospective, the Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen a film titled 'Elvis - That's the Way It Is' (1970). Venue: High Commission of India Cultural Centre, 754 Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi. Time: 6:30pm.

Shorot utshab

The inaugural ceremony of a week-long 'Shorot Utshab' organised by the Olympic Industries Ltd will be held. Venue: Agora, Rifle Square, Dhanmondi. Time: 10:00pm. The festival will continue till September 5.

Blood donation-orca

Orca blood for life in collaboration with Durtar Sangha organises a voluntary blood donation programme. Venue: Mohammadpur Sheheed Park. Time: 10:00am.

Boutique Isabelle

The relaunching ceremony of Boutique Isabelle will be held. Venue: UAE Moitry

Shopping Complex, Banani. Time: 6:00pm.

Conference

The biennial conference of Bangladesh Patha Natak Parishad will be held. It will be followed by a discussion titled 'Social thinking of Patha Natak and its style of art' with eminent cultural personality Mamunur Rashid as chief discussant. Venue: Kachikancha Bhaban, Segunbagicha. Time: 10:00am.

Blood donation

Dhaka Mariner Youngs Club in cooperation with the Quantum Foundation organises a day-long voluntary blood donation programme for dengue patients in the city. Venue: Motiheel Club Pavilion, Arambagh.

Cleanliness drive

As part of its dengue prevention programme, Bishwa Sahitya Kendra organises a cleanliness drive. Venue: Lalmita Women's College and Ramna Park. Time: 8:00am.

Rally

Ganosanghati Andolon will hold a rally and take out a procession in protest against the deteriorating law and order situation in the society. Venue: Muktiangan, Ramna. Time: 4:00pm.

DHAKA TOMORROW

Procession

The historic Janmastami procession, organised by Mahanagar Sarbajamin Puja Committee, will be inaugurated by Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation Sadeque Hossain Khoka as chief guest. Venue: Dhakeshwari National Temple premises, Lalbagh. Time: 3:00pm.

Discussion

A discussion will be held in memory of Begum Fazlatunnesa with Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina as chief guest. Venue: Institution of Engineers' auditorium. Time: 4:00pm.

Film show

As part of Elvis Presley Retrospective, the Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen a film titled 'This is Elvis'. Venue: High Commission of India Cultural Centre, 754 Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi. Time: 6:30pm.



Justice Moksudur Rahman dead

Justice Moksudur Rahman died at the Combined Military Hospital on Wednesday at the age of 75, says a press release.

Justice Rahman left behind his wife, two daughters, grand children and a host of admirers. His namaz-e-janaza was held yesterday at the High Court ground at 11:30 am and again at Mirpur 6 Mosque after Zohr prayers.

Later he was buried at the Mirpur Martyrs' Graveyard. Justice Moksudur Rahman was born in Bhandaria under Pirojpur district in 1928. He joined the High Court in 1961 as a lawyer. He was appointed the Deputy Attorney General in 1978. He took oath as a judge in the High Court in 1981. The European Union University, America recently gave him honorary degree on Human Rights.

The qukhani of the deceased will be held after Asr prayers today at his residence at House #2, Road # 7, Block-C, Section-6, Mirpur (Southern side of Mirpur Indoor Stadium).

Clarification

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs Abdul Matin Khosru has clarified a point in a report titled 'Lawyers demand execution of verdict' published in The Daily Star on August 29, on page 3.

He was quoted as saying... the government has been using the police and court for their own interest.

It should be read as, "... the government has been abusing the process of the court and the police for torturing, harassing and humiliating the opposition activist out of political vengeance," Khosru clarified.

PM hints at halting student politics on campus

UNB, Gazipur

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday once again dropped a broad hint at halting student politics in the educational institutions of the country.

"I have ventilated some of my thoughts and ideas regarding ensuring proper environment in the education sector," the Prime Minister said in an oblique reference to her earlier suggestion that all parties, including the major opposition, should discuss whether student politics could be stopped or not.

"I would expect that you yourselves come forward to maintain healthy environment of education following your glorious past. I want to see you on the frontline in this respect," she told the students reminding them of contribution of the community on various historic occasions of the nation.

"I myself and our government along with all honest and right-minded citizens who are your well-wishers are beside you," Khaleda Zia said this while she was addressing the second Convocation of Bangladesh Institute of Technology (BIT) here yesterday afternoon.

At the convocation, degrees were conferred upon some 1184 engineers who graduated between 1992 and 2001 from the institution set up nearly 22 years ago to provide degree-level technical education to diploma holders.

Ministers, MPs, politicians, elite, senior civil servants and a large number of students attended

the Convocation on the BIT premises.

Reminding the students that they were the future of the nation, the Prime Minister said, "You have to grow up as skilled and efficient citizens."

Referring to the unpleasant situation in many educational institutions, Khaleda told the students, "I feel frustrated and am hurt a lot when I find you gloomy, observe that your youth has been eclipsed and your future has been darkened."

"We want you not to be involved in extortionism and tender vandalism," she said warning that they (students) would be the ultimate losers for such deviations.

She recalled the glorious contribution of the students in nation's historic language movement, the liberation war, restoring democracy and other crucial junctures. "We are proud of that and the nation remembers those brave and fearless youths with deep gratitude," she said. Khaleda assured that her government was working to expand the employment opportunity for the students. "Removing all the past irregularities, we are taking steps to arrange BCS examinations regularly. We are taking steps to fill all the vacancies in government services. We are also encouraging the growth expansion of private sectors for more employment," she said.

If the present government can work smoothly to implement all its projects as planned, no educated

person will remain unemployed in the future, she told the function.

She requested all the chambers, industries, commercial enterprises, banks, insurance and other non-government employers to take necessary steps so that students can work during their long vacations to earn some extra money as well as gather practical knowledge.

She said ten best students from graduate and postgraduate levels would each year be given two-week internship in Bangladesh, Jatiya Sangsad and the PM's Office under the auspices of the Ministry of Education on recommendation of respective educational institutions for their familiarisation with day-to-day running of the highest executive and lawmaking organs of the state.

Stressing the need for building a society based on application of science and technology, she announced that her government had decided to convert all BITs to full-fledged Engineering Universities.

"Countries that excelled in science and technology are prosperous," she pointed out citing Asian countries like Japan and Singapore who achieved fabulous development and prosperity with the help of science and technology despite their paucity of resources.

The Prime Minister regretted that Bangladesh was lagging behind for inability to utilise the human and precious natural resources as the country does not excel in applied knowledge and

technology.

Addressing the teachers, she said only expansion of education was not the last word. "We need quality education which will be pragmatic, realistic and enlightened with moral values," she stated calling upon them to ensure a secured, calm and congenial environment for study and research in all institutions.

In context of the country's engineering education she said the departments, courses and curricula should be made dynamic and assured all sort of assistance from her government in this regard.

Education Minister and Chairman of the Council of BIT Dr M Osman Faruk, State Minister ANM Ehsanul Hoque Milon and Deputy Minister M Abdus Salam Pintu, Convocation Speaker Prof Emeritus Dr Iqbal Mahmud, Vice Chairman of the Council of BIT Dr Nazrul Islam and Chairman of the Board of Governors Dr Dipak Kanti Das also spoke on the occasion.

Earlier, the Prime Minister entered the Convocation premises in a procession.

She also distributed Gold Medals to the meritorious students of the BIT.

The Prime Minister mentioned the steps of the government and cooperation of all concerned in reduction of corruption, unrest, cheating and copying in examination centres this year. "We have to stop copying in the examinations totally. I seek everybody's cooperation in this regard," she said.

Lifebuoy Gold, Prothom Alo final debate competition today

CU CORRESPONDENT

The finals of Lifebuoy Gold-Prothom Alo Inter-School and College debate competition will be held at the Chittagong Club auditorium in the port city at 9:30 am today.

Drishty, a cultural organisation in cooperation with the Lifebuoy Gold and the Prothom Alo, a leading Bengali newspaper.

The school final debate will be held between Ispahani Public School and Chittagong Government High School while in the college final Chittagong Government Girls' College would compete with the Ispahani Public College.

Professor Moinul Islam of Economics Department of Chittagong University (CU) will be present at the concluding ceremony as chief guest and distribute prizes among the winners while Farid Ahmed Chowdhury, president of Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI), Sufi Ahmed Bhuiyan, cabinet secretary of Lions Club International, district 315, B-8, Ekram Hossain, executive vice-president of AB Bank Ltd., Nurul Alam, Chittagong bureau chief of The Daily Star, Abdun Nur Tushar, renowned debator and TV presenter and Hosne Ara Loma, brand manager of Liver Brothers (BD) Ltd. as special guests.

Abul Momen, resident editor of the Prothom Alo, will preside over the college final debate competition while Saif Chowdhury, general secretary of Drishty will be present as the speaker at the school final.

JCD cadres beat Sandwip College BCL leader

CU CORRESPONDENT

One leader of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) of Sandwip Government Haji Abdul Baten College was injured critically as the cadres of Jatiyabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), the student wing of ruling BNP, beat him mercilessly at the college compound on Wednesday.

The victim was identified as Md. Salahuddin Dalim, a degree student and organising secretary of the college BCL unit.

Some JCD cadres led by Md. Arif, son of local MP, kidnapped him from the college compound when he went there yesterday morning, sources said.

They beat him with hockey sticks in his hands and legs. Later, the cadres threw him down at a nearby riverside. They also threatened him not to file any case with police station.

Body to stop smuggling through ZIA

BSS, Dhaka

A joint committee comprising Civil Aviation and Biman Bangladesh Airlines has been formed to stop smuggling through ZIA and ensure safety and security of aircraft at the airport.

The committee will see the security of all aircraft after landing at ZIA, Minister of State for Civil Aviation and Tourism Mir Nasiruddin said yesterday.

Headed by Director (sales and marketing) of Biman, Mahmudur Rahman, the committee will also suggest ways to stop smuggling through the airport.

The state minister said smuggling through the ZIA is on the rise as there is no control of security department over the staff members of civil aviation and Biman.

Journalist Tariqul Alam dead

BSS, Dhaka

Mostafa Tariqul Alam, a senior journalist and member of the National Press Club (NPC) died of old age complications at his residence at the age of 65, family sources said.

He had been suffering from kidney problems and other diseases for long time.

Late Tariqul Alam worked in different newspapers and very lately he was working for the Financial Express.

The body of Tariqul Alam was kept at National Press Club for sometime to have last glimpse by his colleagues and admirers. His namaz-e-janaza was held on the club premises. Later, his body was taken to his village home Murapara under Rugganj upazila of Narayanganj district for burial.

Meanwhile, Khandakar Monirul Alam and Swapan Kumar Saha president and general secretary respectively of the NPC expressed profound shock at his death.

In a message of condolence, they conveyed sympathy to the members of the bereaved family and prayed for his eternal peace and the departed soul.



The ticket hand-over ceremony for the participants of '2002 South Asian Youth Invitation Programme' of the Government of Japan was held at the residence of the Japanese Ambassador in the city on August 28. The participants are seen with the Ambassador.

CU female students demand more shopping buses

CU CORRESPONDENT

Around 400 students of two female halls of the Chittagong University (CU) took out a procession on the campus on Wednesday to press home their several demands including increase of shopping buses and appointment of expert drivers.

The students of Shamsunnahar and Prtilata halls with over 400 signatures also submitted two separate memorandums to the Vice Chancellor of the university AIM Nuruddin Chowdhury to intensify their demands.

Students of two female halls of CU took resort to agitation programme following an accident in which three persons were injured seriously.

The accident occurred when a university shopping bus carrying over one hundred female students knocked a motorcycle at the Baluchara area under Bayezid thana in the city on Monday night.

Bird fair held at Noakhali

UNB, Dhaka

A daylong 'bird fair' was held at Gandhi Memorial School at Begunjan in Noakhali yesterday.

Bangladesh Bird Club organised the fair in cooperation with Gandhi Memorial Trust.

The main attraction of the fair was exhibition of photos of birds by photographer Enam Ul Haque and a painting workshop by painter Kalidas Karmakar.

Attempted rape case Hearing on charge-framing September 30

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The First Special Court for Prevention of Women and Children, Repression, Dhaka yesterday fixed September 30 for hearing on charge-framing in an attempted rape case against former Awami League lawmaker Kamal Ahmed Majumder and two others.

Judge M Shah Alam Miah passed the order after the case was placed before him.

The two other accused are -- Kamal's brother Anwar Hossain Majumder and one Nazma Hossain.

In the case filed with Pallabi thana, it has been alleged that on December 30, last year, eight men forcibly took a 35-year-old woman to Kamal's political office at Mohana in the city's Pallabi area where Kamal tried to rape her.

Later, the victim filed an attempted rape case with Pallabi thana under the Prevention of Women and Children Repression Act, 2000 against Kamal Majumder and two others.

They discussed issues of bilateral interests.

Malaysian envoy meets Land Minister

BSS, Dhaka

Malaysian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Ashaary Bin Sani yesterday called on Land Minister M Shamsul Islam at the latter's secretariat office.

They discussed issues of bilateral interests.



Faridabad Kalyan Samity organises an open discussion to resolve the traffic jam on the routes from Loharpul to Postogola in the old part of the city. Picture shows the members of the samity and traffic police officials who took part in the discussion.

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(Two envelope system)					
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WEATHER TODAY

Light to moderate rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

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

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country. Met office said.

Country's highest temperature 35.2 degree Celsius and lowest 23.2 degree Celsius were recorded at Srimongal yesterday.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:19 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:39 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	33.0	23.3	74	63
Chittagong	31.5	24.8	84	83
Rajshahi	33.8	26.4	72	71
Khulna	32.2	25.0	87	79
Barisal	30.4	25.8	95	83
Sylhet	35.0	24.5	77	77
Cox's Bazar	32.2	25.6	78	85