programme titled 'A Bondage of

Partnership', organised jointly by

Chalachitram Film Society and the

Goethe- Institut on the occasion of 20

years of Chalachitram Film Society and

40 yeas of Goethe-Institut, will be held.

During the 5-day long programme,

seven films will be screened. On the

opening day, a film titled 'Katz and

Mauz' directed by Hansjurgen Pohland

will be screened. Venue: German

Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi, Time:

The launching ceremony of Journal of

Bangladesh Studies, published by

Bangladesh Development Initiative

(BDI) and the Association for Economic

and Development Studies of

Bangladesh (AEDSB) in USA, will be

held with Prof Wahiduddin Mahmud of

Dhaka University as chief guest. Venue:

East West University, 53 Mohakhali,

The delegation of the European

Commission to Bangladesh organises a

seminar on Asia IT and C Programme

with Science, Information and

Communication Technology Minister Dr

Abdul Moyeen Khan as chief guest.

Venue: BRAC Centre, Mohakhali. Time:

Orientation programme

State University of Bangladesh (SUB)

organises an orientation programme for

its first batch students. Venue: SUB

campus, 2/16 Iqbal Road,

An opinion sharing meeting on 'I-PRSP

versus the demands of workers and

employees' will be held. Prof M M

Mohammadpur, Time: 10.00am.

Launching ceremony

6.00pm.

Time: 5.00pm.

Seminar

10.00am.

Meeting

# METROPOLITAN

## BNP urges AL to withdraw hartal

UNB, Dhaka

sition Awami League to withdraw this regard. its countrywide hartal programme Bangladesh Nationalist Party.

cal programme on any party's minister. important day. So BNP hopes that yan said in a statement.

had announced countrywide responsible."

prorgamme for celebrating its anniversary on September 1 and Ruling BNP called upon the oppo- all preparations had been taken in

"Calling countrywide hartal on for September 1, the day of 24th the same day despite knowing all founding anniversary of the this is just a bid to create trouble in political arena," said the ruling "BNP never announced politi- party secretary general and LGRD

Commenting on yesterday's other political parties will refrain reported attack on Sheikh Hafrom announcing programme like sina's motorcade in Satkhira, he hartal coinciding any of its na- said: "If anyone has done any kind tional programmes," BNP secre- of misdeed in Kalaroa, we contary general Abdul Mannan Bhui- demn the incident and call upon the government to conduct proper Expressing surprise over sud- investigation and give immediate den AL call for hartal, he said BNP exemplary punishment to those

## Resumption of ETV broadcast demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Over 100 teachers of Dhaka University (DU) in a joint statement yesterday demanded of the government to restart the legal broadcast of Ekushey Television (ETV). of information, the government get objective news. should not shut down a TV chanpresenting news objectively.

manded autonomy for Bangladesh the city yesterday. Television(BTV) and Bangladesh

The signatories to the state- at the Central Shaheed Minar. ment included Prof A K Azad

war Hossain, Prof Sheikh Abdus Salam and Prof Sharifullah Bhui-

The Viewers-Listeners Coordinated Council also urged the government yesterday to resume the telecast of Ekushey Television as They said in an era of free flow the people of the country want to

Bangladesh Udichi Shilpi nel which has earned credibility by Gosthi took out a silent procession and held a rally under the banner The DU teachers also de- 'We want to watch ETV again' in

> Starting from the National Press Club, the procession ended

Addressing the rally at the Chowdhury, Prof M Shahdat Ali, Central Shaheed Minar, Udichi Prof M Mustafa Chowdhury, Prof leaders and Shamsuddin Haider AAMS Arefin Siddique, Prof Mezba Dalim on behalf of ETV demanded Uddin Ahmed, Prof AZM Nausher immediate resumption of ETV Ali, Prof Kazi Shahidulla, Prof An-telecast with a new licence.

### Dhaka-Tongi shuttle train service from tomorrow

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Railway (BR) will introduce a special shuttle train service between the capital city and Tongi from September 1 in view of the ban on plying of twostroke three-wheelers and tem-

The train will leave Kamlapur station at 6am and 5:45pm and depart Tongi at 8:15am and 7:10pm respectively daily. It will make stoppage at all the rail stations between Dhaka and Tongi for carrying passengers, said a BR release.

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The BR has also taken special steps to carry the banned twostroke three-wheelers by Chittagong mail, Karnaphuli express and Dhaka-Akhaura 203 Up local train to the other towns on August

31 and September 1. Owners and drivers of the vehicles in the capital have been requested to contact the stationmaster of Kamalapur railway station for availing the opportunity.

Meanwhile, as part of the strict measures to phase out two-stroke three-wheelers, about three fourths of some 20,000 such vehicles will go off the streets on Sun-

Only 5,500 specially painted two-stroke three wheelers will be allowed to plying in the city streets until December 31.

Communications Minister Nazmul Huda addressing a function at BRTA in Mirpur yesterday hoped that this environmentfriendly step would help reduce air pollution in the city.

He thanked Dhaka Autotempo, Auto-rickshaw and Autotruck Owners-Workers Unity Council for cooperating with the government in its efforts to make the city pollution-free.

As per the rehabilitation programme for affected owners and workers of three-wheelers, the minister said 500 CNG-run vehicles would be handed over to them in the first phase.

Although BRTA says that there are nearly 17,000 two-stroke autorickshaws in the city, the actual number is more than 20,000, according to police and other sources.

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SME Fair begins Sept 15

UNB, Dhaka

Country's apex trade body FBCCI is organising a six-day trade fair from September 15 to promote products of small and medium enterprises, an emerging thrust sector for investment.

The trade show titled SME Fair 2002, first of its kind in the country, will be held at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia is expected to inaugurate the fair. Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman, LGRD Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan and Industries Minister MK Anwar would attend the opening function, the organisers said. "The initiative is aimed at

gradually converting the SME products to export items," FBCCI president Yussuf Abdullah Harun told UNB, explaining the significance of such event.

"We never looked after the

SMEs in the past," he said, terming SMEs the backbone of a country's economy. He said the problems of the sector, including financing and infrastructure, would be highlighted during the exhibition.

"The fair also aims at introducing the SME products, now much improved in quality, to the people," he said with an expectation that the domestic consumers would choose local products where it is possible.

FBCCI officials said a great array of SME products would be put on display in over 100 stalls for the visitors. Entry fee will be Tk 10.

The commodities include agrobased products, bicycle, ceramics and melamine, computer software, IT and e-commerce, cosmetics and beautification products, electrical and electronic products, furniture, food and beverage, gift and novelty items, handicrafts, household appliances, ink and paint, jewellery, leather and leather products and

light engineering products.

Facilities at the exhibition include communications centre with pay-phone service, electricity, seminar on SME issues, buyerseller meetings, fashion show and amity," she observed. cultural events.

The organisers also invited potential buyers and entrepreneurs from foreign business houses with an expectation that they would get a firsthand idea of the Bangladeshi products, FBCCI officials said.

In this regard, they said, the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry arranged special room rents for the foreign visitors with five major hotels in the city.

The SME Fair is likely to be held every year henceforth, they said, as the government continued the quest for newer export markets. Already different countries have offered duty-free market access for Bangladeshi products.



The Dhaka City Corporation took out a procession at Ward No. 44 in the city yesterday to raise awareness about dengue fever.

## Dhaka for affordable energy

BSS, Johannesburg

Environment and Forest Minister Shahjahan Siraj yesterday said Bangladesh is agreed with the opinion to improve access to reliable, affordable, economically viable, socially acceptable and environmentally sound energy services and resources. Siraj was addressing the ple-

nary session on energy at World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) at Sandton Convention Centre here. "We are all aware of crucial energy related environment prob-

lems, especially unsustainable consumption and production patterns," he said adding that in the poor countries continued reliance on bio-mass has created serious indoor health hazards especially respiratory diseases.

Bangladesh has underscored the disastrous impact on its fossil fuel consumption especially CO2 emissions. The most important question at Johannesburg remains whether developed countries are prepared to redesign their economies especially the renewable energy resources and undertake measures to implement the use of alternate energy and also whether they will abide by emission targets of the Kyoto Protocol.

Bangladesh, the minister said, has until very recently been energy starved, Despite discovery of modest reserves of natural gas, energy insecurity still persists. Most rural households still depend on bio-mass and low grade fuels. There is a crucial need for an effective energy management and regulatory policy to meet the encourage use of solar photo vol- by setting up of small scale hy-

needs of all people. A key emphasis will be the op- coastal areas.

timum development of different indigenous energy sources inenergy, he added.

by Bangladesh are reaching na- in rural areas. To achieve sustaintional consensus on the pattern of able development in the energy use of natural gas, keeping in sector, intensified regional and mind the long-term perspectives international co-operation are of energy security, replacing im- highly needed, he said. ported liquid fuels by Condensed National Gas (CNG) and market- (NEP) of Bangladesh was adopted ing of CNG especially in rural ar-

tion, transmission and distribution capacity especially in rural areas and facilitating private sec- meet the energy needs of the tor involvement in this process country, develop the indigenous and enhancing management capacity in the power sector are also our priorities, the environment minister said.

He mentioned the success of the Rural Electrification Board (REB), established in the late seventies by former President Ziaur Rahman, in reaching electricity to remote areas of Bangladesh through community participation

But, he said, it is not sufficient, resources are required for wider coverage. Reaching electricity to the rural sector especially for small and medium scale cottage industries is vital.

The percentage of people receiving electricity is still pitifully small around 15 percent only.

improved cooking stoves and production and marketing of biomass briquettes in rural areas and promoting investment in technol- the country having medium and ogy that can store electricity and small rivers, channels and creeks taic (SPV) electricity especially in droelectricity project,' he pointed

He referred to the implementation of the forest policy to including new renewable sources of crease supply of fuel-wood, promote afforestation and reforesta-The key priorities underscored tion through participatory process

The National Energy Policy in 1995 for the overall development of the energy sector, he said Expanding electricity genera- adding that the main objectives of the NEP were to provide energy for sustainable economic growth, energy sources to ensure sustainable use of energy, develop energy sector without causing damage to environment and promote public and private sector energy development simultaneously.

Siraj also mentioned formulation of separate Petroleum Policy, Oil Refining Policy and Lubricating Oil Policy. The NEP also formulated a separate policy for rènewable and rural Energy similar to that of the non-renewable energy. The NEP takes into active consideration the role of environment and recommends steps for its protection.

"Our government will take up more environment friendly energy projects such as, promotion of The minister laid emphasis on solar energy at remote villages and islands, production of hydroelectricity in the hilly areas of north eastern and south-eastern part of

### MBBS exams postponed

UNB, Dhaka

Dhaka University authorities have postponed all professional MBBS examinations scheduled for Sunday due to unavoidable circum-

The schedule of other examinations will remain unchanged, said a press release yesterday.

### Khaleda conveys Janmastami greetings

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday conveyed her heartiest greetings and good-wishes to the members of the Hindu commu nity of the country, on the occasion of the Janmastami, the birth day of Lord Sri Krishna.

In a message on the occasion. Khaleda Zia said Sri Krishna was the reformer of Hindu religion and fought against all injustices and oppressions. He played a great role in establishing love and fraternity among human beings.

Terming Bangladesh as an abode of the followers of different religions, the prime minister said, "People of this country are God fearing but not communal. From time immemorial, we the people of all religions, castes and creed have been living here in peace and

The prime minister said we have to uphold this existing tradition of communal harmony and added, "We have to consolidate and strengthen further our national unity nurturing tolerance and respect towards others."

Khaleda Zia wished the members of the Hindu community peace, happiness and prosperity on this occasion.

### Four listed criminals arrested

UNB, Dhaka

Police arrested 1,738 people, including four listed criminals, during their countrywide drive in the last 24 hours till 6am yesterday. The law enforcers also recov-

ered seven firearms, three other arms and 13 rounds of bullet and filed five cases against 15 people under the arms act in this connect

The arrested listed criminals are Shahidul of Jessore, and Ratan, Ohab Ali and Arman of Dhaka.

### Launch campaign against drug abuse

BSS, Dhaka

Food Minister Abdullah Al Noman yesterday said drug abuse has become a social problem that demands launching of a widespread campaign to combat this deadly menace.

"We must try to save our younger generation from drug menace, otherwise, the nation will be ruined," the minister said while speaking at a function organised by Shathi Natya Gosthi at Mohila Samity in the city.

The food minister said the vounger generation is being destroyed by the abuse of drugs. He said the drug addicts are not only destroying their own families but also resorting to anti-social activities like hijacking, rape, killing and other heinous crimes.

The minister stressed the need for massive public awareness campaign apart from treatment and rehabilitation facilities for them. He urged the NGOs to assist the government in its efforts aimed at rehabilitation of the ad-

Khaleda Yasmin of Sathi Gosthi presided over the function.

State Minister for Housing and Public Works Alamgir Kabir, A K M Fazlul Haq Milon MP, Prof A K Azad Khan and Prof Tofail Ahmedspoke at the function. The state minister said massive

social resistance should be built against drug abuse.

### Imam arrested for torturing wife in Sherpur

UNB, Sherpur

Police arrested an imam from Shiekhati area in the town on Wednesday for allegedly torturing his wife for dowry.

The arrested was identified as Ruhul Amin, 32, imam o Sheikhhati jam-e-mosque in the

Aided by his family members, Ruhul of Balughata village in Nalitabari upazila beat up his wife Mahbub Zakia on August 15, po-

He was arrested after a case was filed with local court. He was sent to jail hajat.

According to local people, Ruhul had been demanding Tk 40,000 as dowry from his in-laws since his marriage. He married Zakia six years ago.

Procession

The historic Janmastami procession, organised by Mahanagar Sarbajanin 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 Fazilatunnesa 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.

### Memorial discussion

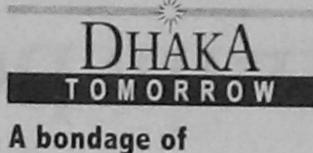
A memorial discussion titled The father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in the eye of the journalists' will be held. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 10.00am.

### Human chain1

Projonmer Chetona, a social organisation, will form a human chain demanding immediate measures to combat diseases like dengue, diarrhoea and malaria. Venue: Muktangan, Ramna, Time: 11.30am.

### Rotary Dhaka North West

The 27th installation ceremony of Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held with Prof Rehman Sobhan. chairman, Centre for Policy Dialogue as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Purbani International. Time: 7.15pm.



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Akash, chairperson of People's Empowerment Trust, will present the keynote paper at the meeting. Venue: 21/2. Purana Paltan. Time: 10.00am.

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