

DHAKA TODAY

Drawing competition 10.00am to 8.00pm daily.

In observance of International Ozone Day, the Directorate of Environment organises a drawing competition for the children. The theme is 'Keep the sky intact: Protect yourself, protect ozone layer'. Venue: Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka. Time: 3.00pm.

Solo painting exhibition

The inaugural ceremony of a solo painting exhibition by Sadul Hasan Rafi will be held. Venue: Alliance Francaise Gallery, Dhanmondi. Time: 6.30pm. The exhibition will remain open till September 30 from 9.00am to 12.00pm and from 5.00pm to 8.00pm daily.

Workshop

A workshop on the protection of the rights of working children, organised by Angkar Samaj Unnayan Sangstha, will be held with Prof Dr Mahmuda Islam of Dhaka University as chief guest. Venue: Bangladesh Institute of Management. Time: 9.30am.

Meeting

A meeting of the central executive committee of Gono Sangskriti Front will be held. Venue: 118, Aziz Super Market. Time: 5.30pm.

Lecture

Biomedical Research Group of BIRDEM and Franco-Bangladesh Association of Scholars and Trainees jointly organise a scientific lecture on 'Speeding up time-consuming genomics computation'. Venue: BIRDEM auditorium, Shahbagh. Time: 1.00pm.

Memorial meeting

International Mother Language Institute Project organises a meeting in memory of national professor and poet Syed Ali Ahsan with Education Minister Dr M Osman Faruk as chief guest. Venue: BIAM auditorium, 63 New Eskaton. Time: 10.00am.

Briefing

A briefing on the outcome of World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg will be held with Environment and Forest Minister Shajahan Siraj as chief guest. Venue: Conference room of the Forum of Environmental Journalists Bangladesh. Time: 9.30am.

Poetry festival

A poetry festival, organised by Evergreen Society and Jhalak Foundation, will be held. Venue: Seminar room of the Public Library, Shahbagh. Time: 4.00pm.

ICAB workshop

The inaugural session of a three-day long workshop on 'International Accounting Standards', organised by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB), will be held. Venue: ICAB auditorium. Time: 5.30pm.

JP meeting

A presidium meeting of the Jatya Party will be held with party chairman H M Ershad as chief guest. Venue: House-75/E, Road-17/A, Banani. Time: 6.00pm.

City AL leader Salahuddin dead

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Salahuddin Ahmed, vice chairman of ward no 20 of Dhaka City Awami League, died at Mohakhali Metropolitan Hospital in the city yesterday at the age of 57.

He had been suffering from heart disease, diabetes and kidney problems for longtime.

Leader of the Opposition and AL President Sheikh Hasina visited the residence of Salahuddin and prayed for the salvation of the departed soul.

She also consoled the members of the bereaved family.

Sheikh Hasina was accompanied by party leaders Mohammad Hanif, AKM Rahmat Ullah, Abdul Haq Sabuj, AKM Laisuzzaman and Tipu Munshi.

In a statement, Mohammad Hanif, president and Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya, general secretary of Dhaka City AL expressed deep shock at the death of Salahuddin and consoled the bereaved family.

CUOA strike begins today

CU CORRESPONDENT

Chittagong University Officer's Association (CUOA) will go on a four-day strike from today for the second time to press home their five points demands.

The demands include raising the retirement age to 65 years and implementation of the proposed promotions of the officers.

Earlier, they observed a two-day work abstinence programme on September 4 and 5.

The CUOA at a press conference on September 5 announced that they would observe four-day non-stop work abstinence from today if their demands were not met by this time.

Aptech programming contest today

Aptech Worldwide Bangladesh Ltd is organising a nationwide programming contest as part of its 'World No. 1' campaign, says a press release.

The first phase of the contest will be held at all Aptech centres today.

Winners from each centre will participate in the final contest in Dhaka on September 29.

NUS attends at NGO consultation in Bangkok

Nari Unnayan Shakti (NUS), an NGO, working on development of women in Bangladesh attended and presented a paper on BCM at the Asian Regional NGO Consultation on Global Fund for TB, AIDS and Malaria (GFATM) held September 10-12, at Pathumwan Princes Hotel Bangkok, says a press release.

The UNAIDS had APCASO jointly organised the consultation. NUS is a member of Bangladesh Country Coordination Mechanism BCCM (a management board of 29 members from Government, NGOs Development Partners and Private Sector).

Global Fund for TB, AIDS and Malaria (GFATM) is Swiss-based donor agency is funding to fight on above three diseases going support addressed on TB, AIDS and malaria in Bangladesh.

The NGOs through the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare will implement the projects.

The main objectives of the consultation at Bangkok were to increase the knowledge and capacity of NGO participants of the Country Coordination Mechanism CCM on the GFATM principles, guidelines, processes and its activities to be implemented in the country level.



Leader of the opposition in parliament and Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina visited the residence of party leader Salahuddin Ahmed, who died of a cardiac arrest, at Mohakhali in the city yesterday. Photo shows Hasina offering munajat for salvation of the departed soul.

Morshed discusses ME issues with French minister

BSS, Dhaka

Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan, who is leading a Bangladesh delegation at the 57th session of United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), had a meeting with State Minister for Foreign Affairs of France Renaud Muselier in New York on Friday.

During the meeting, a wide range of issues concerning recent development in the Middle East and ways to further the causes of peace were discussed, according to a message received in the city yesterday.

They also discussed concrete steps to further strengthen the economic cooperation between France and Bangladesh.

The French state minister appreciated the positive role of Bangladesh to project the causes of the developing countries, especially the least developed countries.

N'ganj, Pirojpur NGO coordination bodies formed

Narayanganj and Pirojpur district NGO coordination committees were formed recently, says a press release.

Mohammad Saiful Islam Dildar, Managing Director of IRD was elected convener of the ten-member Narayanganj district committee at a meeting on September 6. Representatives from 27 NGOs working in the district attended the meeting.

Meanwhile Mohammad Ali Ahmed Khan, Chairman of CDB was elected convener of 12-member Pirojpur district NGO coordination committee on September 7. Fifty-seven NGOs of the district attended the meeting.

National NGO Coordination Committee would form district NGO coordination committees in all the districts in the country. Forty-one district committees were formed in the country so far.

Develop infrastructure for expansion of e-commerce Speakers tell seminar in ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Speakers at a seminar here have stressed the need for expansion of e-commerce in the country and infrastructural development for optimum use of information technology.

They also called for formulation of comprehensive regulatory guidelines and reforms in the existing laws to ensure security of data transmission and check cyber crimes.

Organised by the Institute of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB), Chittagong centre, and the Internet Service Provider Association of Bangladesh (ISPAB), the seminar on 'Internet access technologies & e-commerce for Bangladesh' was held at the IEB auditorium in the port city on Friday.

State Minister for Forest and Environment Jafur Islam Chowdhury was present as chief guest while Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI) president Amir Humayun Mahmood Chowdhury, IEB Chittagong centre Chairman Engr. M Shahja-

han and ISPAB president and FBCCI director M Akhteruzzaman also spoke at the seminar.

Ershad Shafi Chowdhury, chief information officer of Bangladesh Online Limited and secretary general of ISPAB, and Syed Faruq Ahmed, managing director of Global Online of Dhaka, presented two keynote papers in the seminar. IEB Chittagong centre seminar committee convener Khairul Mostafa presided.

Addressing the seminar, the state minister underscored the need for setting up necessary infrastructure for widespread use of information technology.

He said the government had already attached topmost priority to information technology considering its importance.

Initiative has already been taken to link the country with the information superhighway

through submarine cable and an agreement has been signed in this regard, he added.

Stressing the need for coordinated efforts to promote IT in the country, the state minister urged all government and non-government organisations, universities, research firms, businessmen and entrepreneurs to come forward with proper initiatives in this regard.

Ershad Shafi, in his keynote paper on 'Internet Access Technology', gave an overview of different means for access to internet such as dial-up connection, broadband connection and digital video broadcast.

Presenting another keynote paper on 'E-commerce for Bangladesh', Syed Faruq Ahmed discussed different ways to ensure security of data transmission in e-commerce.

'Films for life' begins at CU today

CU CORRESPONDENT

A three-day Film Festival titled 'Films for Life' will be held at the library auditorium at Chittagong University (CU) at 10 am today.

English Department in co-operation with the Chittagong University Film Society (CUFS) will organise the festival.

Vice Chancellor Prof A J M Nuruddin Chowdhury will inaugurate the festival.

The films -- Fourth Dimension, No Man's Land, The Runner, All Quiet on the Western Front, Kandahar, Limelight, One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, Khariz and Taxi Driver, will be screened in the festival.

The festival is being arranged for financial support of Tahera Yasmin Zinia, final year student of the department of English. Tahera is now undergoing treatment for kidney transplantation in Chennai, India.

AUB orientation programme held

The orientation programme of Asian University of Bangladesh (AUB) for the students of Fall Semester 2002 was held on its Uttara campus on September 13 and 14, says a press release.

Addressing the function as chief guest, Vice-Chancellor Prof Abul Hasan M Sadeq highlighted AUB's standard of teaching including dual mode, congenial atmosphere and discipline.



Acting Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof. AFM Yusuf Haider presiding over the syndicate meeting at DU yesterday. The meeting decided to reopen the university on October 3.



A five-member delegation of the Department for International Development (DFID), led by Ed Matthews (extreme right), visited LGED Headquarters in the city yesterday. Chief Engineer of LGED Md Shahidul Hassan apprised them of development activities of LGED.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Local Government Engineering Department
Office of the Executive Engineer
District : Sylhet
Memo No : LGED/XEN/SYL/5-268/2001-2002 Dated : 9-9-02
Cancellation Notice for Design-Build Tender
This is for information to all concerned that the tender invited vide Memo No. LGED/XEN/SYL/5-268/2001-2002/1038 dated 9-3-2002 for construction of bridge over Surma river at Kanaighat point on Sylhet-Gachbari-Kanaighat-Shahbag road has been cancelled for unavoidable circumstances.
DF: 2386-11/9/02 Executive Engineer LGED, Sylhet G-2131

Tender Notice
Sealed tenders are invited from bonafide traders/suppliers/importers & manufacturers for purchase of the undermentioned goods under Cotton Development Board's "Cotton Research, Seed Generation & Extension Programme Strengthening Project" finance during 2002-2003 financial year.

Sl. No.	Description of goods	Number	Earnest money (of total quoted amount)	Price of tender document (each)
1.(A)	Computer set	2 (two)	2.50%	Tk 400/= (four hundred) only.
(B)	UPS	2 (two)		
(C)	Printer	2 (two)		
(D)	Sterilizer	2 (two)		
2.	Photo copier	3 (three)	2.50%	Tk 400/= (four hundred) only.

Tender can be submitted in tender box kept at this office up to 12:00 Noon of 23-9-2002, Monday and the tenders will be opened on the same day at 12-10 PM in presence (if any) of the attending tenderers. Attested copies of tenderer's up-to-date Income Tax certificate, trade licence & financial solvency certificate from any scheduled bank should be submitted with the tender to be submitted. Interested tenderers can purchase the tender schedule from the cashier at this office on cash payment of the prescribed price (non-refundable) by applying in their respective firm's pad with paper cutting of this notice. No schedule will be sold on the date of submitting tender.

Rafiqul Haider
Deputy Director (HO)
&
Convener, Tender Committee
Cotton Development Board, Dhaka.

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Bangladesh Ordnance Factories
Gazipur Cantonment, Gazipur
Tender Notice

1. Sealed tenders in prescribed form (BOF No. 76) are invited from bonafide manufacturers/local agents/importers/suppliers for supply of the following items.

Sl No	Nomenclature	Last date of selling	Date of dropping	Date of opening	Currency	Price of schedule	TE No. & date
a.	Electric Over Head Travelling Crane Class-4 & Hand Operated Press	29-9-02 (From 0800 to 1200 hrs)	30-9-02 (By 1100 to 1200 hrs)	01-10-02 (at 1200 hrs)	Local	Tk. 400/- (Non-refundable)	BOF/39/Cap /D/Pur dt. 18-8-2002
b.	Arch way Metal Detector	29-9-02 (From 0800 to 1200 hrs)	30-9-02 (By 1100 to 1200 hrs)	01-10-02 (at 1200 hrs)	Local	Tk. 400/- (Non-refundable)	BOF/40/Cap /D/Pur dt. 17-8-2002
c.	i. Venting Machine ii. Groove Varnishing Machine iii. Visual inspection machine with Vent detector unit	06-10-02 (From 0800 to 1200 hrs)	07-10-02 (By 1100 to 1200 hrs)	08-10-02 (at 1200 hrs)	Local	Tk. 750/- (Non-refundable)	BOF/33/Cap /D/Pur dt. 15-8-2002
d.	Two Spindle carpenters copy milling machine	06-10-02 (From 0800 to 1200 hrs)	07-10-02 (By 1100 to 1200 hrs)	08-10-02 (at 1200 hrs)	Local	Tk. 750/- (Non-refundable)	BOF/38/Cap /D/Pur dt. 18-8-2002

2. Tender forms with details specifications and terms & conditions will be available from the representative of BOF in Directorate General of Defence Purchase Office, Ministry of Defence, New Air Port Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215 and the Purchase Office of Bangladesh Ordnance Factories.

3. Commandant, Bangladesh Ordnance Factories reserves the right to reject any or all of the tenders without showing any reason thereof.

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WEATHER TODAY

Light rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at one or two places over Rajshahi, Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and weather may remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country today.

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

Country's highest temperature 35.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Dinajpur and the lowest 24.8 degree Celsius at Srimongal.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:02pm today and rises at 5:45am tomorrow.

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	33.4	26.4	75	63
Chittagong	30.8	26.5	68	75
Rajshahi	34.0	26.2	80	78
Khulna	34.0	26.5	76	83
Barisal	33.6	25.8	84	77
Sylhet	34.3	25.3	92	77
Cox's Bazar	33.0	26.5	74	--