

## Khoka for appropriate ways for waste management

**BSS, Dhaka**  
Mayor Sadek Hossain Khoka yesterday stressed the need for finding out appropriate ways for garbage management in the city.  
"We should immediately consider a project for converting the daily garbage of the city into resources," he said this while he was inaugurating a daylong workshop on "Solid Waste Management and Composting under the Environmental Sanitation, Hygiene and Water Supply in Urban Slums and Fringes Project" at a hotel here.  
The workshop was jointly organised by Public Health Engineering Department (DPHE), UNICEF and Waste Concern. Chaired by Chief Engineer of DPHE engineer Ishaq Ali, the function was also addressed by Chief of Waste Section of UNICEF Colin Davis, Programme Coordinator Rosella Morelli and Prof

Mujibur Rahman of BUET. Khoka also Minister for Fisheries and Livestocks said the corporation had already started bargaining with the government for selecting three more places for dumping city garbage.  
The speakers of the workshop criticising the dumping process of garbage and its management and the callousness of people, said the uncovered garbage on the city streets are not only hampering public health but also obstructing movement of pedestrians on footpaths.  
Stressing the garbage processing and conversion of organic waste into compost as essential, he said the organic waste could be converted into resources by reuse and re-cycling.  
Chairman of nine municipalities also took part in the workshop.

## Indian NDC team calls on president

**UNB, Dhaka**  
President Iajuddin Ahmed has said close cooperation and exchange of ideas among defence officials of India and Bangladesh would widen their knowledge and professional expertise.  
He said this when the visiting delegation of Indian National Defence College (NDC) called on him at Bangabhaban yesterday.  
Welcoming the 21-member delegation, the President said their visit would help develop understanding among defence officials of the two countries.  
Later the delegation left for home ending their four-day visit.  
Senior military officials and officials of Indian High Commission saw off the Indian delegation at the Zia International Airport, said an ISPR press release.  
Prior to their departure, the delegation members met Defence Secretary KM Ehsanul Haq at Defence Ministry in the morning.



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## Call for constitutional recognition of indigenous people

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
Speakers at a publication ceremony yesterday called for constitutional recognition of the indigenous people, including Santals, to protect the endangered communities.  
They said the members of the indigenous communities are a part of our society, but they are not recognised constitutionally although all the citizens of Bangladesh are identified as Bangladeshi.  
The publication ceremony of the book, 'In Search of a Withering Community: Santals of Bangladesh', published by the Empowerment Through Law of the Common People (ELCOP), was held at the National Press Club in the city yesterday.  
Former chief advisor of the caretaker government Justice Habibur Rahman launched the research-based book on the life, problems and status of Santals in our society.  
Some Law students of Dhaka, Rajshahi, Chittagong and Islamic Universities conducted the research on the Santals Community in Dinajpur.  
Prof. KAAF Qamruddin, chairman of ELCOP, presided over the ceremony.  
Zahirul Haq Tutul, one of the researchers, said that the Santals are losing their identity as well as their culture and land because of the dominance of the majority communities.  
He said the majority communities of the country have no harm

mony with the Santals and they make the Santals territorially isolated. "The Santals are now failing to preserve their own culture, norms and values because of the rude behaviour and provocation of the majority communities."  
Another researcher Md. Ashraf H Chowdhury said the governance system of the Santal community is not a primitive one - it is a unique system that ensures people's participation and accountability in their community.  
Prof. Mesbah Kamal of Dhaka University said the 'cultural hegemony' of the majority section of the society is leading to the abolition of the indigenous culture.  
Justice Habibur Rahman said the problems of the Santals can be solved under the existing laws.  
Rabindra Nath Saren, general secretary of the advisory Parishad of the book, urged the government to recognise the constitutional rights and restore the land rights of the Santals.

## CHT Bhaban to be set up in Dhaka

**BSS, Dhaka**  
'Parbatya Chattagram Bhaban (CHT Bhaban)' will be constructed in the capital soon to create infrastructures for housing infocultural centre for 13 CHT tribes.  
The CHT Bhaban will also provide temporary accommodation to visiting people from Rangamati, Khagrachhari and Bandarban.  
The multi-storied Parbatya Chattagram Bhaban will be constructed in Dhanmondi or Tejgaon area, State Minister for Housing and Public Works Alamgir Kabir said yesterday.

## Students observe Rimu Day

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
Different student organisations observed Rimu Day in the city yesterday.  
On this day in 1993, Rimu, a leader of Bangladesh Chhatra Mouree (BCM); Rajshahi University (RU) unit, was killed by Islami Chhatra Shibir cadres on the campus.

## National policy for examination demanded

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
Bangladesh Federation of Teachers' Association (BFTA) yesterday urged the government to set up a task force immediately to formulate a national policy for examination, says a press release.  
Termining the failure of lakh of students in HSC examination this year 'a national wastage', the BFTA said the ineptness of the current examination system has once again been proved through this disastrous result.  
The BFTA urged the authorities to set up the task force comprising experienced teachers, education experts, guardians and teachers' representatives to formulate a suitable national policy for examinations.  
It would extend all possible help in this regard, the BFTA added.

## 547 attacked with diarrhoea

**BSS, Dhaka**  
A total of 547 people were attacked with diarrhoea yesterday across the country but none died, Health Directorate Control Room sources said.  
The sources said 74,727 people have been attacked with the disease since July 1. Of them, 46 died during the period.  
A total of 1,220 medical teams are working and 21 makeshift camps offering treatment in 106 upazilas under 21 districts of the country.

## Lawyers stage sit-in

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
The Bangladesh Tax Lawyers' Association (BTLA) staged a three-hour sit-in in front of the National Board of Revenue (NBR) office in the city yesterday to press home their six-point demand, including reinstatement of judges from judicial department in the income tax appellate tribunal to ensure proper trial.  
Raising income tax ceiling for an individual to TK one lakh from TK 75 thousand, which was fixed in the current fiscal year, is another demand of the lawyers.  
Representatives of the 58 bar associations across the country joined the sit-in. Later, the lawyers also held a rally there.  
The BTLA leaders also submitted separate memoranda to the prime minister, the finance minister and the chairman of NBR.  
Addressing the rally, the association leaders demanded withdrawal of a notification issued by the NBR on July 7, saying that such notification is tantamount to intervention in judicial system.  
The leaders also said that allowing chartered accountant firms to identify new income tax payers is a violation of law.  
Presided over by association president MA Salam Talukdar. The rally was addressed by Syed Ahmed, Dabir Uddin Ahmed, Abul Bashar Talukdar, Selim Khan, Monirul Huda and Badrudduza.

## Traffic police killed in road accident

**UNB, Monikgonj**  
An on-duty traffic police was killed when a speeding truck hit him from behind at Paturia ferry ghat truck terminal on Wednesday night.  
Locals said the truck knocked down traffic constable Abdul Barez, 43, at about 12.30am. He died on the spot.  
Police arrested the truck driver Ishaq Ali and seized the vehicle. A case was filed with Shibbalaya thana.  
The body was sent to the deceased's village home at Pangsha upazila in Rajbari district.

## BHRC confce in Cox's Bazar Oct 4

The Bangladesh Human Rights Commission (BHRC) will organise a National Human Rights Conference at Cox's Bazar city Public Hall on October 4 at 9:30am, says a press release.  
Hundreds of human rights activists including foreign delegates from 20 countries will attend the conference.

## Death anniversary

The first death anniversary of Qazi Siddiquzaman, former chairman of M/s Access Telecom (BD) Ltd and M/s. Fourzees, will be observed on September 22, says a press release.  
Friends and relations are requested to attend the *Doa Mehfil* at his Gulshan residence at 4:30 pm.

## Chehlum

The chehlum of Al-haj Nehal Uddin Ahmed, a retired Deputy Finance Controller of Military Finance and the eldest son of Late Mohiuddin Ahmed of Farua under Brahmanbaria district, will be held at his village home at Farua of Brahmanbaria today after Juma prayers, says a press release.  
Nehal Uddin died of a severe heart attack on August 9.

## Dhaka reaffirms commitment to global coalition against terrorism

**UNB, Dhaka**  
Bangladesh reaffirmed its role as a committed and active partner in the global coalition against terrorism, saying that terror is not at all connected to any particular faith or religion.  
"It's a global phenomenon that requires to be tackled by means that are both legitimate and consensual," said Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan speaking at the UNGA general debate in New York Wednesday.  
"Showing commitment to global peace, Bangladesh has voluntarily given up nuclear option and signed the NPT (Nuclear Proliferation Treaty) and CTBT (Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty) and encourages all concerned in South Asia to exercise restraint and seek solution to their differences through dialogue and meaningful engagement," he told the meet of world leaders.  
While renewing commitment to the global fight against terrorism, the foreign minister said

in all these areas and continued UN engagement in the task of prevention and resolution of conflicts", said a message received here yesterday.  
The foreign minister apprised the secretary general of steps taken by the government of Bangladesh to strengthen democracy, eradicate of poverty and empower women.  
He also discussed with Kofi Annan the UN peacekeeping operation and the contribution being made by Bangladesh in different parts of the world.  
Annan deeply appreciated the proactive role of Bangladesh in support of various UN initiatives to promote peace, security and broad-based development benefiting both developed and developing countries.  
The UN secretary general hoped Bangladesh and the world body would continue to work together to advance the cause of peace and development in the years ahead.

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## Dhaka Bar forms human chain

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Dhaka Bar Association (DBA) formed a human chain on the premises of the District and Session Judge's Court in the city yesterday to realise their six-point demand.  
These included separation and independence of judiciary, repeal of all black laws, withdrawal of increased court fees, expansion of the jurisdiction of district judges and appointment of efficient and honest judges sensitive to human rights.  
Speaking on the occasion, Advocate Altaf Hossain, president of the association urged the government to meet the demands immediately. Otherwise, the government will have to face a tough agitation programme to be participated by 30 thousand lawyers across the country, he added.  
A large number of lawyers including Advocates Sardar Mohammad Suruzzaman, Shudhangshu Shekhor Haldar, AKM Sohrah, Anwarul Kader, Khondaker Abdullah Mannan, Md Nuruz-zaman, Md Abdullah Abu, Mohammad Israil, Md Kamrul Islam, Momtazuddin Mehdi, Sheikh Sirajul Islam, Md Khorshed Mia Alam, Md Abu Abdullah Bhuiyan, KM Sajjadul Huq Shihab, Sayema Khan and Moklesur Rahman Badal took part in the human chain.

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### DHAKA TODAY

**SME Fair**  
The closing ceremony of SME Fair-2002, organised by the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry, will be held with President Iajuddin Ahmed as chief guest. Venue: Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre, Sher-e-Banglanagar. Time: 3.30pm.

**Painting exhibition**  
The inaugural ceremony of a painting exhibition by distinguished artist Farida Zaman, professor and head of the Department of Drawing and Painting, Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka, will be held. Venue: Gallery Chittrak, House-21, Road-4, Dhanmondi. Time: 5.00pm. The exhibition will remain open daily from 10.00am to 9.00pm till October 5.

**Film show**  
Under its Friday movies, Alliance Francaise will screen two films titled 'Le plaisir' directed by Max Ophuls and 'La bete humaine' directed by Jean Renoir. Venue: Alliance Francaise auditorium, Dhanmondi. Time: 10.30am and 6.00pm respectively.

**National congress**  
The inaugural session of the 1st National Congress of Dhaka University Political Science Alumni Association (DUPSAA) will be held with Akhtar Hamid Siddiqui, Deputy Speaker of the Jatiya Sangshad as chief guest. It will be followed by a seminar on 'Challenges of Democracy and Working of the Parliamentary System in Bangladesh'. Venue: Teachers Students Centre of Dhaka University. Time: 9.00am.

**Award ceremony**  
The third Gold and Silver Medals and Scholarship Award Ceremony 2002, organised by Bhuiyan Computers, will be held with State Minister for Education A N M Ehsanul Hoque as chief guest. Venue: Institution of Engineers' auditorium. Time: 5.00pm.

**Discussion**  
Bangladesh Garments Manufacturers and Exporters Forum organises an open discussion of the entrepreneurs in the ready made garment sector on the present crisis faced by the industry. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 4.00pm.

**Photography exhibition**  
The inaugural function of the first solo photography exhibition of Babu Ahmed under the title 'A glimpse of Bangladesh Heritage' will be held with UNESCO representative Wolfgang Vollmann as chief guest. Venue: Drik Gallery, House-58, Road-15 A, Dhanmondi. Time: 3.00pm. The exhibition will remain open till September 30 from 3.00pm to 8.00pm daily.

**Memorial meeting**  
A two-day discussion meeting in memory of Dr Muhammad Enamul Huq, former director of Bangla Academy will begin. Venue: Seminar Room of Bangla Academy. Time: 11.00am.



The Bangladesh Red Crescent Society distributed relief materials among the flood victims at Mesra and Kaowakhola in Sirajganj district on Wednesday. Second Secretary of German Embassy Schwenn Kay and programme officer of International Federation of Red Cross John Haldar were present at the distribution ceremony.



The Samajtantrik Chhatra Front staged a demonstration in the city yesterday demanding withdrawal of expulsion order on agitating BUET students.

### WEATHER TODAY

#### Light to moderate rain likely

**UNB, Dhaka**  
Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind may occur at many places over Chittagong, Khulna and Barisal divisions and at a few places over Dhaka, Sylhet and Rajshahi divisions today.  
Moderately heavy falls may also occur at places over the country during this period. Met office said predicting slight fall in day temperature.  
Both the highest and lowest temperature of the country which were 36.6 degree Celsius and 24.5 degree Celsius were recorded at Simongal yesterday.  
The sun sets in the capital at 5:57 pm today and rises at 5:47 am 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	34.8	26.4	69	78
Chittagong	35.0	27.2	72	78
Rajshahi	34.6	26.0	76	80
Khulna	36.0	27.5	89	76
Barisal	35.0	26.6	86	76
Sylhet	36.2	25.0	65	80
Cox's Bazar	33.6	26.0	74	76