

DHAKA TODAY

Discussion
The Ministry of Cultural Affairs organises a two-day discussion and cultural function on the occasion of one year of alliance government in office with State Minister Begum Selima Rahman as chief guest. Venue: National Museum, Shahbagh. Time: 3.30pm.

public meeting with party chief Sheikh Hasina as chief guest. Venue: Paltan Maidan. Time: 3.00pm.

Conference
The biennial conference of Anjuman-e-Farsi Bangladesh will be held with State Minister for Disaster Management and Relief Ebadur Rahman as chief guest. Venue: Iranian Cultural Centre auditorium, Dhanmondi. Time: 4.00pm.

Hepatitis B week
The inaugural ceremony of Hepatitis B Action Week 2002 to mark GlaxoSmithKline's global social awareness programme on the disease will be held with Commerce Minister Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury as chief guest. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 6.30pm.

Rotary Dhaka Central
Regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will be held. Venue: RAOVA Club, Mohakhali. Time: 1.30pm.

Rotary Dhaka North West
Regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held. Venue: Gourmet Garden Restaurant, Dhanmondi. Time: 5.30pm.

Opening ceremony
The opening ceremony of the 10th branch of Premier Bank will be held with Mayor of Dhaka Sadeque Hossain Khoka as chief guest. Venue: House-84, Road-7/A, Dhanmondi. Time: 11.00am.

DHAKA TOMORROW

Launching ceremony
The launching ceremony of the CDF Microfinance Statistics will be held. Venue: Dhaka Reporters Unity auditorium, Tophkana Road. Time: 4.00pm.

Roundtable
A roundtable on the 'Success and future prospect of Rural Development and Cooperatives Division' will be held with LGED and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan as chief guest. Venue: CIDRAP auditorium, Tophkana Road. Time: 10.00am.

Animation show
A special computer graphics and animation show will be held. Venue: Microland auditorium, House-104, Road-9/A, Dhanmondi. Time: 5.30pm.

ATSEC seminar
Action against Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Children (ATSEC) organises an advocacy seminar on 'A critical look at women labour migration and the trafficking within'. Venue: BRAC Centre Inn, Mohakhali. Time: 9.30am.

Workshop
The inaugural ceremony of a ten-day training workshop on 'Capacity Building of Trainers of CLC Facilitators', organised by Dhaka Ahsania Mission in cooperation with Asia Pacific Regional Bureau for Education of UNESCO, will be held. Venue: House-19, Road-12, Dhanmondi.

Seminar
Greater CNCs forum for development organises a seminar to discuss problems of arrival in and departure from Dhaka being faced by the people of eastern region of the country will be held with Finance and Planning Minister M. Safur Rahman as chief guest. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 3.00pm.

Course
Micro Industries Development Assistance and Services (MIDAS) organises a two-week long TOT course on 'Entrepreneurship Development'. Venue: House-5, Road-16, Dhanmondi. Time: 9.30am.

Reunion
The second reunion of Dhaka College Ex-students' Association will be held. Venue: Sultana Kamal Mohila Krira Complex, Dhanmondi.

Consultative meeting
A consultative meeting on the 'Conference of Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change' will be held. Venue: IDB Bhaban, Begum Rokeya Sarani. Time: 9.30am.

Publication ceremony
The publication ceremony of a bilingual book titled 'Dans le Sang et la Rosee' (Bangla and French) will be held. Venue: Alliance Francaise Library, Dhanmondi. Time: 7.00pm.

AL meeting
Bangladesh Awami League organises a



Artistes rendering Tagore songs at the Rabin德拉 Sangeet Mela organised by the Abhyudaya Sangeet Angan at the Liberation War Museum in the city yesterday.

Make educational qualification mandatory for drivers

BSS, Dhaka
Speakers at a seminar here yesterday underscored the need for strict execution of traffic rules and make the educational qualification of the driver mandatory during issuance of license.

Negligence and lack of education of the drivers cause most of the accidents and traffic congestion, they said. Angkurak, a social organisation in collaboration with Bangladesh Environment Lawyers' Association (BELA) organised the seminar on 'Alternative Transport System-Merits and Demerits' at the British Council auditorium, a press release said.

Environment and Forest Minister Shajahan Siraj attended the seminar as chief guest. BRTC Chairman Advocate Toyinur Alam Khandaker, Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof S M A Faiz, Director General of Bangla Academy Prof Monsur Musa, President of the Writers' Club Poet Nurul Huda, Director of BELA Syed Rezwana Hasan took part in the discussion.

Journalist Monjurul Ahsan Bulbul conducted the seminar. Addressing the seminar Shajahan Siraj stressed the need for developing waterways around the Dhaka City to ease traffic problem and meet increased transport demand of city people.

'From ancient time, waterways were one of the important transport system in riverine Bangladesh. But due to different problems the water transport system is about to be closed down in the country,' he added.

Students of different educational institutions also took part in the open session of the seminar and described their experiences and expectations.

Police investigation report on Satkhira bomb blast soon

BSS, Dhaka

Police are expected to submit the investigation report on the two Satkhira bomb blast incidents in which at least 50 people were injured on September 28.

DB police started the investigation on the sensational blast incidents on October 3. Local political leaders here, however, demanded that the case be transferred to CID for quick investigation.

The bomb blasts occurred at Roxy Cinema and at a circus at Satkhira stadium. Of the critically injured, Mefat-hul Alam Mukta, 15, Sheikh Hafizur Rahman Pinnoo, 20, and Selina Perveen, 38, later died in different hospitals in Dhaka.

Inspector of DB police Golam Sarwar Bhuiyan the investigation officer told BSS that they have got some important information about the bomb incidents but these are yet to be verified. Police have got some clues, which will be helpful in arresting the miscreants

suspected to be connected with the bomb planting. Bhuiyan said police have so far arrested 8 people, including Satkhira pourasabha ward commissioner Mominullah Mohon, in this connection. Of them, 6 were interrogated in Dhaka and later all were sent to Satkhira jail.

The other seven arrested are, Abdul Quddus, Prodip Ghosh, Dilip Ghosh, Zulfiqar Ali Tota, Jahangir, Bazlu and Nazrul Islam. Additional Superintendent of Police of Satkhira Khandaker Golam Faruk said police are investigating the incidents from different angles to find out the real motive - whether any political connection or intention is there to destabilise the local administration or any group conflict of the locality is behind the blasts.

In reply to a question whether the bombs were local made or came from outside the border, he said that according to the preliminary police report, there may be sulfuric acid in the bombs. He said an expert report from the Army is yet to be received to know the nature and origin of the bombs.

He said public life in Satkhira is now normal and the situation is under control.

The government is providing medical assistance to the injured persons admitted to Satkhira and Dhaka hospitals, he added. Convener of Satkhira district Awami League Engineer Sheikh Mujibur Rahman said local Awami League will form an enquiry committee to investigate the bomb blast incidents. The extortionists of the ruling alliance are behind this bomb attack, he alleged.

RMG export reinvigorating in foreign markets

BSS, Dhaka

Export of Readymade Garments (RMG) is reinvigorating along with new markets in foreign countries, according to the Bangladesh Garments Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA).

Export of RMG in Bangladesh faced serious downfall in the wake of global recession following terrorists' attacks on the twin towers in New York. The country is now recovering the downfall, President of BGMEA Kutubuddin Ahmed told BSS yesterday.

He said about 1,200 garment industries in the country were closed down after the twin tower incident. Of them, 250 garment industries have again started production and opportunities are being created for reopening other industries, he said.

Kutubuddin said Bangladesh has got marketing facilities for RMG in Canada. Under the facilities garments worth about 250 million US dollars have already been exported. The export will reach 500 million dollars very soon, he said.

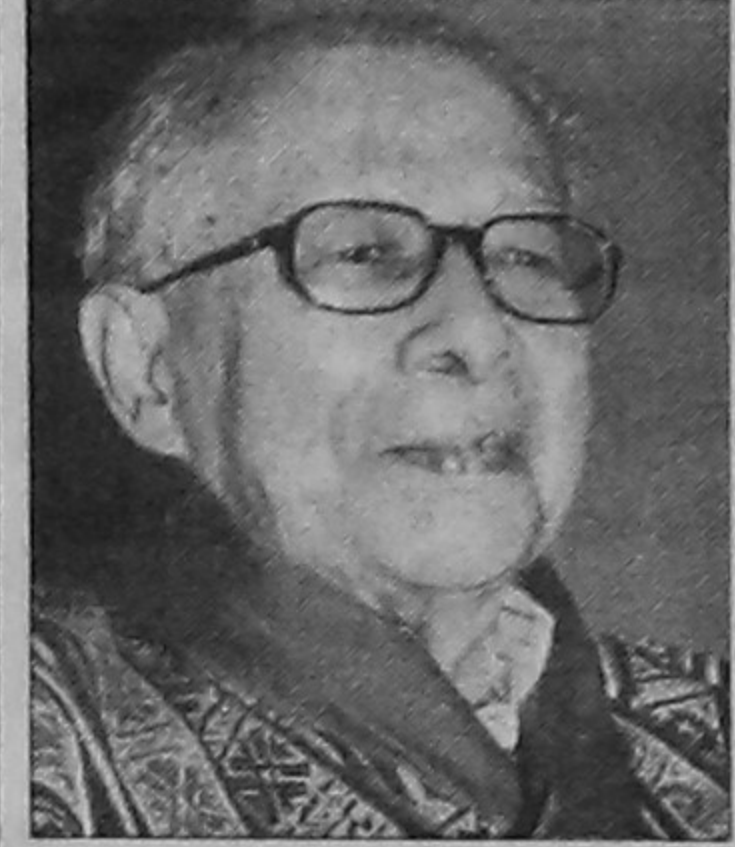
He said Bangladeshi RMG market in Canada may be increased due to border trade between Canada and USA. American people used to buy Bangladeshi RMG from Canadian border. And, as such, demand of Bangladeshi RMG will be increased in Canada to meet the growing demand.

He expected that Bangladesh would be able to export RMG to

the tune of two billion dollar in Canada.

The BGMEA president said the country earned 4.58 billion US dollars during 2001-2002 fiscal which is 76.57 per cent of total export of the country. Around 18 lakh workers have been working in garments sector, he said.

He said Bangladesh may be benefited if free-trade agreement is signed between Bangladesh and the USA. This matter is now under consideration of Commerce Ministry, he added.



Ex-Information Adviser Akbar Kabir dead

UNB, Dhaka

Akbar Kabir, former Information Adviser of the government, died of old-age complications at the National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases (NICD) in the city on Thursday night at the age of 87.

Kabir, father of Sigma Huda and father-in-law of Communications Minister Nazmul Huda, left behind two sons, three daughters and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death. NGO activist Khushi Kabir is his another daughter.

Born in 1915, Akbar Kabir was a member of the Advisory Council of late president Ziaur Rahman and discharged his duty in the Ministry of Information.

He was buried at his family graveyard at Kamarpur in Faridpur yesterday after a namaz-e-janaza at the playground of MA Aziz Institute.

Communications Minister Nazmul Huda, Disaster Management and Relief Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf, Matiur Rahman MP and local elite attended the janaza.

39 arrested for stealing T&T cable at Gazipur

UNB, Gazipur
Thirty-nine people were arrested on charge of stealing telephone cable of T&T.

Police said the arrested people stole 350 metres of underground cable of T&T worth Tk 40 lakh here Wednesday night.

They were arrested from Abdullahpur in Uttar while going to Dhaka in a truck. A case was filed.

Listed criminal, 2 others held at Rangamati

BSS, Rangamati

Kotwali police arrested three people, including a listed criminal, from Majherbasti in the town yesterday.

The arrested persons are Nirupam Tripura alias Kalaya, Fazal Karim and Razibur Rahman Bhuiyan.

Kalaya was wanted in six cases, police said.

Ramendu elected vice-president of ITI

Ramendu Majumdar, president of Bangladesh chapter of the International ITI, has been elected vice-president of the world body for next two years, says a press release.

He was elected to the post at the 29th World Congress of the ITI now being held in Athens. A nine-member delegation from Bangladesh is participating in the congress which opened in the Greek capital on October 14.

Ramendu Majumdar was also elected the president of the Communication Committee while Nasiruddin Yusuf was reelected president of the Cultural Identity and Development Committee. Sara Zaker became the secretary of the Dramatic Theatre Committee and Mofidul Hoque, the secretary of the Editorial Board of Communication Committee.

Other Bangladesh delegates, elected to the board of different committees of ITI are: Aly Zaker (Playwright Committee), Prof Shahi Ahmed (Theatre Education Committee) and Liaquat Ali Lucky (Music Theatre Committee).

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Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina speaks at a discussion at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the city yesterday. The Sheikh Russel Jatiya Shishu Kishore Parishad organised the discussion and prize distribution ceremony marking the 38th birth anniversary of Sheikh Russel.

বাংলাদেশ রপ্তানি প্রক্রিয়াকরণ এলাকা কর্তৃপক্ষ
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'Build elevated expressway to ease traffic jam'
BSS, Dhaka
Speakers at a conference of the Greater Dhaka District Roads and Highways Welfare Association yesterday stressed the need for construction of elevated expressway and monorail to ease traffic congestion in the city.
They also underscored the importance of development of the transport system and infrastructural development of the greater Dhaka district to reduce population pressure on the capital.
Chaired by convener of the association engineer Abdus Sattar, the conference was addressed by State Minister for Industries Prof Rezaul Karim, general secretary of the association Golam Mohammad and Additional Chief Engineer of Roads and Highways Abed Uddin.
Prof Karim said the government has attached priority to the development of greater Dhaka district in the national interest as its transport and infrastructural development would ease the population pressure on the city.
He said remarkable development of greater Dhaka district, especially in the transport sector, had been achieved when the BNP government took office in 1991.
The present BNP government is committed to maintaining the development trend, he said.
One beaten to death in city
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A young man was beaten to death by a mob at Damalcourt in the city's Kafrul area yesterday.
Jahangir Alam, a mason, was severely beaten up by the mob just before entering his house at Lala Sarail, Damalcourt on Thursday evening.
Later, he was handed over to Kafrul police who rushed him to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where he succumbed to his injuries at about 3:45am yesterday.
Victim's family members alleged that the mob was instigated by his two cousins named Babu and Osman.
The body was sent to the DMCH morgue for autopsy.

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