

Tariqul for stronger United Nations

BSS, Dhaka

Information Minister Tariqul Islam yesterday said the activities of the United Nations (UN) should be more dynamic to end conflicts and reduce tensions across the world.

"We want a stronger and lively United Nations capable of implementing its own mandates," the minister said while addressing a function in observance of UN Day at JDB Bhaban in the city.

United Nations Information Center (UNIC) organised the function in collaboration with UN Youth and Student Association of Bangladesh (UNYSAB).

Presided over by UNIC Director Jorgan Lissner, the function was addressed by Prof Nurul Momen, former chairman of International Relations Department of Dhaka University, Kazi Ali Reza of UNIC and Shaikh Imtiaz of UNYSAB.

Referring to wars and regional conflicts of the past century which claimed millions of lives, the information minister said the security of the mankind was being threatened again by terrorist activities.

Tariqul Islam said the people across the globe now want to see more active role of the UN body in Palestine to stop what is going on there and also to prevent war in

Iraq through dialogue and discussions.

Criticising the terrorist attacks on the Twin Tower on September 11 last year, the minister said the incident had created an economic recession in international market and Bangladesh was also a victim of it.

In his presidential address, Jorgan Lissner compared the UN with a government and said the world body sometimes achieves success and sometimes fails as happened with the government.

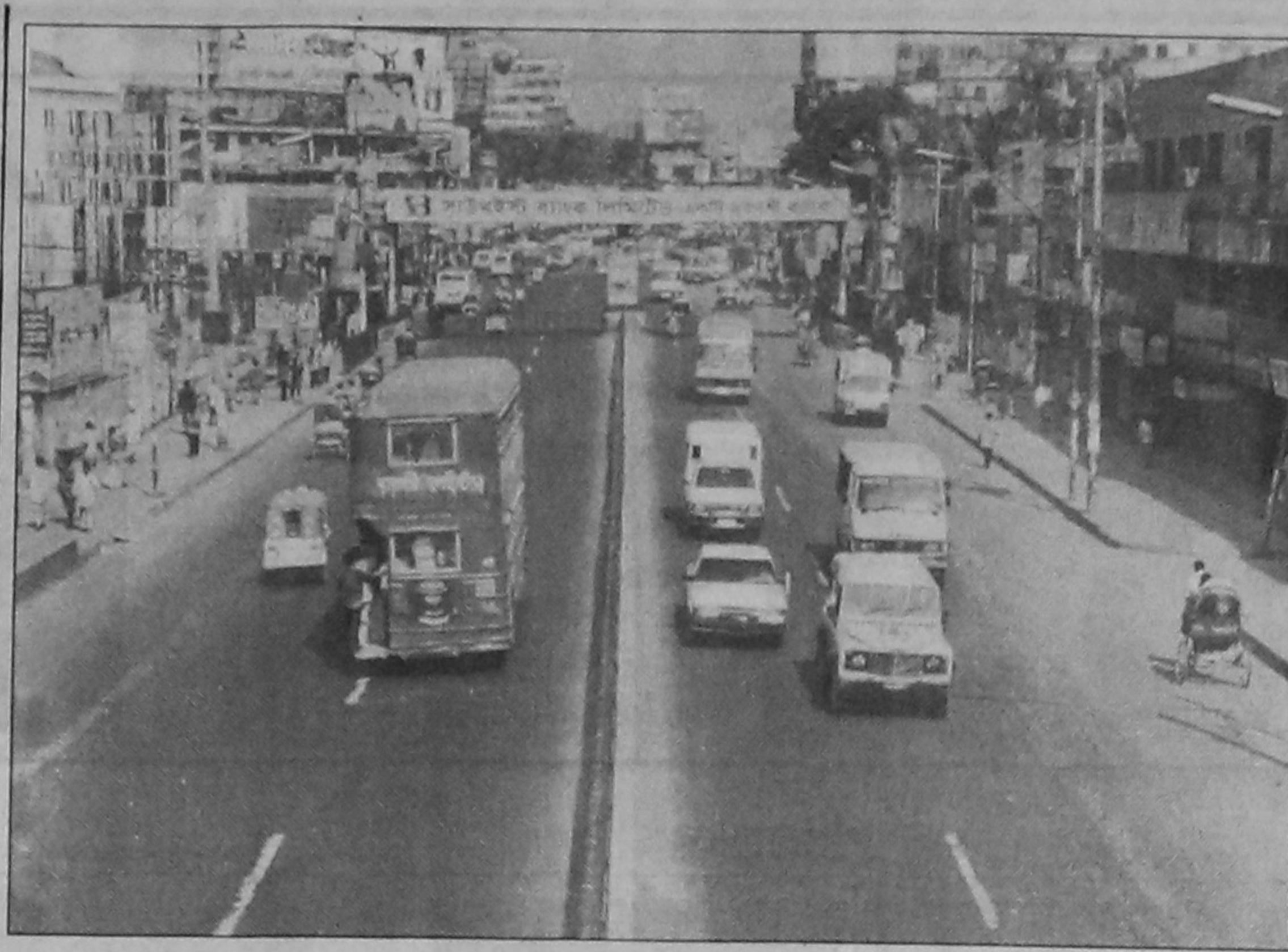
Later, the UNIC held a model UN General Assembly special session on terrorism participated by different student groups.

34 firearms recovered

UNB, Dhaka

Police recovered 34 firearms, 21 other weapons, 546 rounds of bullet and 1,266 explosives during their countrywide drive in last 24 hours ending at 6am yesterday.

They also arrested 1,801 people, including 43 identified criminals, and filed 16 cases against 23 people under Arms Acts, said a press release of the Police Headquarters.



Farmgate area in the city during yesterday's half-day hartal. The Dhaka city unit of Awami League and the Jubo League called the hartal in the capital in protest against the arrest of two AL leaders in the on-going anti-crime drive by the army.

Japan to provide assistance for infrastructure development

BSS, Dhaka

Shin Sakurai, special envoy of the Japanese Prime Minister, yesterday said the friendly ties and co-operation between his country and Bangladesh would grow further in strength in the days ahead.

Japan, he said, would step up its support, under its Overseas Development Aid (ODA) programme, to Bangladesh's priority sectors of educational and infrastructure development.

In an interview before ending his visit to mark the three decades of Japan-Bangladesh diplomatic ties, Sakurai said that Japan values its very friendly relations with Bangladesh.

Japanese ambassador to Bangladesh Jiro Kobayashi was present during the interview. Bangladesh, he said, effectively utilised Japan's ODA assistance to its education and infrastructure sectors.

Bangladesh's switching over to democratic system over the past decade, which saw change of three governments through elections, also witnessed intensification of bilateral cooperation and ties, he said.

Democracy, he said, was leading Bangladesh steadily on the path of progress and development.

Sakurai said that his country fully supports the stress given by the government of Prime Minister

Khaleda Zia to advancement of education for national progress.

He said that while education could contribute to human approach in development, economic competition could lead to conflicts.

He said that during his meetings with President Iajuddin Ahmed and Prime Khaleda Zia, he had a clear idea of the importance Bangladesh was attaching to promotion of education among its population.

Replying to a question, he said that a developed system of transportation of energy and electricity as well as other infrastructure could attract a higher level of private sector investment.

Shin Sakurai meets Iajuddin

BSS, Dhaka

Shin Sakurai, special envoy of the Japanese Prime Minister, made a courtesy call on President Iajuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday. Welcoming the envoy, President Iajuddin expressed his satisfaction that the overall bilateral relations and cooperation between Bangladesh and Japan are excellent.

He recalled the valuable moral support that Japan extended during the War of Liberation.

The president appreciated Japan's economic support to the development process of Bangladesh and mentioned particularly the construction of extensive road networks and bridges through Japanese ODA.

Iajuddin Ahmed also stressed the educational cooperation between Bangladesh and Japan and said that Japan can widen the scope of higher technology-oriented courses for Bangladeshi students.

The visiting special envoy thanked the president for receiving him. He expressed his satisfaction at the existing excellent Japan-Bangladesh bilateral relations.

He stressed the need for people-to-people contact along with government-to-government contact for promotion of bilateral relations.



Petrobangla Officers' Welfare Assoc executives

Mamun ur Rashid and Md Rafiqul Islam have been elected president and general secretary of the Petrobangla Officers' Welfare Association respectively, says a press release.

The election to the executive committee 2002 of the association was held at the BAPEX Head Office recently.

Other elected office-bearers are Md Abdul Mannan - sr. vice-president, Mobarak Hossain and R Q M Matin - vice-presidents, Md Nazrul Islam - joint secretary, Md Fazlul Haque and Md Mojidul Haque - asst. general secretaries, Md Mafiz Mia - finance secretary, Mohammad Ali - office secretary, Nasir Uddin Sarker - publication secretary, Quzi Mahbulul Alam - sports & cultural secretary, Md Aminul Haque Bhuiyan - organising secretary, Khorshed Alam - welfare fund secretary, and Momtaz Begum - women affairs secretary.

And the members are Md Kamruzzaman, Md Abul Bashar, Md Idris Mia, Md Nurul Islam, Md Gias Uddin and Md Abdul Karim.



The AI Baraka Bank Bangladesh Ltd. hosted a reception in honour of the delegates of London Borough of Tower Hamlets, UK at its Head Office in the city on Wednesday. Photo shows Helaluddin Abbas, Leader of the Tower Hamlets Council, speaking at the reception. Masum Ahmed Chowdhury, chairman, and CM Koyes Sami, executive president of the bank, are also seen in the picture.

Seminar on Immigrant Programme of Canada

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A seminar on 'Immigrant Investor Programme of Canada' (IIPC) was held in the city yesterday exclusively for successful businessmen of Bangladesh.

Organised by Immigration Law Consultancy Bureau (ILCB), the seminar was attended by a good number of local business people willing to become immigrant of Canada through investment.

Immigration law expert and ILCB president Major (Retd) Sudhir Saha conducted the seminar.

He said the investor programme has opened the door of golden opportunity for Bangladeshi businessmen.

"The door of fortune is now open for successful business people of our country to stand in same queue with qualified businessmen of the world to avail the opportunity of applying for the programme", he said.

"New law introduced in Canada in June last provides unique

opportunity for our businessmen to derive special benefits," Sudhir told the audience adding that "No condition is imposed to an immigrant under the investor programme".

He said under new immigration law one investor after landing in Canada may remain out of that country for three years in every five-year cycle and no permission is required for the absence.

"The new law has increased the age limit of children from 19 to 22 and the pass mark is only 35 out of 100", he added.

Sudhir said over age, less education or less proficiency in English language would not be obstacle for a qualified businessman to get immigration to Canada under the programme.

'Develop Osmani Udyan'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 'Movement to save 11,000 trees at Osmani Udyan' will stage a mass demonstration in the city on November 3 demanding protection, development and expansion of the udyan.

This was decided at a meeting of the organisers of the movement held in the city on Wednesday with its convener Prof Sirajul Islam Chowdhury in the chair.

The meeting strongly criticised the government and the city corporation for their failure to protect the park from illegal encroachers.

It also demanded immediate removal of police camp, offices of political parties and bus stand and dismantling of illegal installations there.

Sheikh Muhammad Shahidullah, Anu Muhammad, AFM Mahbulul Haq, Rubin Hossain Prince, Abdus Salam, Zonayed Saki and Nur Alam spoke on the occasion.

Free plastic surgery camp in Sylhet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A 13-day 'Free Plastic Surgery Camp' opened in Sylhet on Wednesday.

The camp has been organised by Nurjahan General Hospital in collaboration with 'Interplast' a registered charity organisation of the UK.

A team of five senior doctors headed by eminent Plastic Surgeon Dr Charles Viva, FRCS, OBE, is conducting the camp.

Mayor of Sylhet Badar Uddin Kamran formally inaugurated the camp.

The inaugural function was addressed by Dr Charles Viva, Dr Kabir Chowdhury and Dr Nasim Ahmed, managing director of Nurjahan General Hospital.

Dr Viva said he would help establish a small hospital for specialised treatment in plastic surgery in Sylhet with the assistance of the Charles Viva Foundation.

He said his team would also train the local doctors and technicians in plastic surgery.

Nurjahan General Hospital authority is providing the logistics support including the operation theatre, post operative care and other necessary medications.

Obituary

K M Shaded, youngest son of late Khwaja Shahabuddin and late Begum Farhat Shahabuddin, died in England on October 22, says a press release.

Born in 1927, Shaded was educated at St. Paul's School in Darjeeling and the Aligarh Muslim College. He had a long and illustrious career in the pioneering days of the jute and paper industry in the then East Pakistan. He subsequently joined the EPIDC and finally Bangladesh Oxygen Company Ltd.

Shaded is survived by his only daughter and son-in-law -- Sarwat and Amer Huq who live in England -- two brothers and a sister. Friends and relatives have been requested to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

Fatema Chowdhury

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Fatema Khatun, wife of former education minister and vice-chancellor of Dhaka University Mozaffar Ahmed Chowdhury, died of a cardiac arrest at Bangladesh Medical College Hospital yesterday at the age of 71.

She is survived by two sons and three daughters.

Her quikhwan will be held at her residence at House 19, Road-13-A, Dhanmondi after Maghrib prayers on Sunday.

Death anniversary

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The first death anniversary of Nasima Shahid Dolly, wife of Dr. Mohammad Abdus Shahid, a consultant surgeon of the Holy Family Red Crescent Hospital, will be observed today.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held at her residence at 12/10 Iqbal Road, Mohammadpur, after Asr prayers.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the milad mahfil.

Chehlum

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chehlum of Advocate Abu Muhammad Murtayish Kachi will be held at his village home at Dhanbari, Tangail today.

Kachi died of a cardiac arrest on September 13 at the age of 45.

He served as legal adviser to The Daily Star, BRAC, the City Bank and some other reputed organisations. He was appointed a legal advisor of Legal and Judicial Capacity Building Project financed by the World Bank.

Onyasha Chaderhat branch, Dhanbari Natya Padatik and Cricket Association will hold discussions in his memory at Dhanbari today.

Relatives, friends and well-wishers have been requested to attend the programme.

DHAKA TODAY

Discussion

The Junior Chamber Bangladesh in association with The Daily Star organises an open discussion on 'National Budget 2002: How does it promote IT and Agro/Agri based industry?' Venue: BRAC Centre Inn, Mohakhali. Time: 4.30pm.

Premiere show

The premiere show of the film titled 'Matir Moira', directed by Tareque Masood, will be held with noted journalist Obaidul Huq as chief guest. Venue: Modhumita Cinema Hall. Time: 9.40am.

Russian film show

Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen two films titled 'A Private Conversation' directed by Nikita Mikhalkov and 'A Cruel Romance' directed by Eldar Ryazanov. Venue: The Russian Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi. Time: 5.00pm and 6.30pm respectively.

French film show

The Alliance Francaise will screen a film titled 'Le Bossu' directed by Andre Hunebelle. Venue: Alliance Francaise auditorium, Dhanmondi. Time: 6.00pm.

Art exhibition

The inaugural ceremony of a combined art exhibition of eighteen artists from Nandan Art Centre will be held with State Minister for Power Division Iqbal H Mahmood as chief guest. Venue: Dink Gallery, Dhaka-58, Road-15A, Dhanmondi. Time: 5.00pm. The exhibition will remain open till November 3 from 3.00pm to 8.00pm daily.

DUPDAA reunion

The third reunion and annual general meeting of Dhaka University Political Science Department Alumni Association (DU'DAA) will be held. Venue: Teachers Students Centre auditorium. Time: 9.30am.

Seminar

A national seminar on 'Professional Right and Security of Journalists', organised by Bangladesh Journalists Rights Forum (BJRF), will be held. Venue: Seminar room of the Press Institute of Bangladesh. Time: 9.30am.

Discussion

The Moral Development Mission (MDM) organises a discussion on the

'Necessity of Moral Awakening'. Venue: Dr Kazi Deen Mohammad Shikha Bhaban, Kalabagan. Time: 4.00pm.

Book exhibition

A book exhibition, discussion and musical function will be held on the occasion of the 96th birth anniversary of National Professor Dewan Mohammad Azfar with Speaker Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar as chief guest. Venue: National Museum, Shahbagh. Time: 4.00pm.

Memorial meeting

The Satirha Sammilan organises a meeting in memory of journalist Mozaffar Hossain Manik. It will be followed by a milad mahfil. Venue: Officers' Club auditorium. Time: 3.00pm.

Closing ceremony

The closing ceremony of Plastic Fair-2002 will be held with Communications Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda as chief guest. Venue: Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre, Sheehar Banglanagar. Time: 6.20pm.

DHAKA TOMORROW

Film show

Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen a film titled 'The Siberiade' directed by Andre Konchalovsky. Venue: The Russian Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi. Time: 6.00pm.

Art competition

Shanta Marium Foundation organises a children's art competition with State Minister for Cultural Affairs Begum Selma Rahman as chief guest. Venue: House-1, Road-14, Sector-13, Uttara. Time: 3.00pm.

Dance evening

Nityanchal organises a dance evening. Belayet Hossain Khan and members of his group will present Bharat Natyam. Venue: Natmondol of Dhaka University. Time: 6.30pm.

Roundtable

A roundtable on the 'Review of the activities and co-ordination efforts' of the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief will be held with State Minister Ebaidul Rahman Chowdhury as chief guest. Venue: CIRDAP auditorium, Tophkana Road. Time: 10.00am.

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WEATHER TODAY

Light rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light rain or thundershowers is likely at one or two places over Chittagong, Barisal and Khulna divisions and weather is likely to remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country during the next 12 hours till 6pm today.

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

Yesterday's highest temperature of 33.5 degree Celsius was recorded at Chittagong and the lowest of 16.8 degree at Srimangol.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:24 pm today and rises at 6:01 am tomorrow.

The 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	31.2	20.5	60	64
Chittagong	33.5	23.2	61	75
Rajshahi	31.6	21.0	79	85
Khulna	33.0	22.2	69	83
Barisal	31.5	21.6	79	91
Sylhet	32.1	19.5	66	63
Cox's Bazar	31.5	25.5	89	77

AITAA-AGBM

The ASIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (AIT) ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BANGLADESH is going to organize the AITAA-Annual Governing Board Meeting (AGBM) during 15-18 December 2002 at Dhaka.

Alumni of AIT from different countries will join including representative from AIT administration.

In this connection a special meeting has been convened at BETS Centre, House-55, Road-4A, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1209 on 31 October (Thursday), 2002 at 3.30 PM.

All members and Affiliated Members of AITAA-Bangladesh are cordially invited to join the special meeting and AITAA-AGBM.

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