

DHAKA TODAY

Film show

The Rainbow Film Society will screen a contemporary West Bengal film titled 'Cancer'. Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium, Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi. Time: 6.00pm.

Bank seminar

A seminar on 'Money Laundering', organised by the Institute of Bankers, Bangladesh, will be held with Dr Fakhruddin Ahmed, Bangladesh Bank Governor as chief guest. Venue: BIBM auditorium, Mirpur. Time: 3.00pm.

Foundation laying ceremony

The foundation stone laying ceremony of Bangladesh Resident Mission Building of the Asian Development Bank will be held with Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman as chief guest. Venue: Agargaon. Time: 4.00pm.

Journalist conference

A national conference of journalists, organised by Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ), will be held. Venue: National Press Club auditorium. Time: 10.00am.

Law seminar

A seminar on 'Good governance in Bangladesh: Legal and judicial perspective', organised by Bangladesh Ain Samity, will be held. Venue: CIRDP auditorium. Time: 4.00pm.

Union conference

The inaugural function of a two-day conference on 'Trade Union Rights', organised by Public Services International, will be held. Venue: BCS Administrative Academy, Shahbagh. Time: 9.00am.

Blood donation

Orca blood for life organises a voluntary blood donation programme. Venue: American International University of Bangladesh. Time: 9.00am.

Reception

The University of Development Alternative (UDA) organises a freshers' reception with Education Minister Dr Osman Faruk as chief guest. Venue: Osmani Memorial auditorium. Time: 4.00pm.

Nari sangbadik seminar

Bangladesh Nari Sangbadik Kendra organises a seminar titled 'Women in Journalism: Bangladesh Perspective' with Dr Sakhat Ali Khan, chairman, mass communication and journalism department, University of Dhaka as

chief guest. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 11.00am.

Dialogue

A national dialogue on the 'Role of civil society in combating copy in examination, crime and erosion of moral values' with Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Purbani. Time: 3.00pm.

Installation ceremony

The installation ceremony of the new committee of Agrani Bank Officers' Samity Bangladesh will be held. Venue: Institution of Engineers' auditorium. Time: 4.30pm.

Basati seminar

Shah Cement Industries organises a seminar titled 'Basati Sabar Jonno' with Dr Sanwar Jahan, head of the urban and regional planning department, BUET, as chief guest. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 3.00pm.

DHAKA TOMORROW

Film show

The Rainbow Film Society will screen a contemporary West Bengal film titled 'Chakrabarty'. Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium, Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi. Time: 6.00pm.

Ananda mela

The inaugural ceremony of annual ananda mela, organised by the Officers' Club Mohila Committee will be held with Minister for Industry M K Anwar as chief guest. Venue: Club premises, Bally Road. Time: 10.00am. The mela will remain open till Nov 2 from 9.00am to 8.00pm daily.

Condolence meeting

A meeting to condole the death of Md Salar Khan, former professor of the botany department of Dhaka University will be held. Venue: Botany department gallery. Time: 10.30am.

Discussion and recitation

The Bangla Academy organises a discussion meeting and a session of recitation on the occasion of the death anniversary of poet Farukh Ahmed. Venue: Seminar room of the academy. Time: 11.00am.

Workshop

Step Towards Development organises a workshop titled 'CEDAW and Bangladesh' Venue: CIRDP auditorium. Time: 9.30am.



The army personnel arrested 14 people from the Geneva Camp in Mohammadpur in the city yesterday.

President seeks Iranian investment

UNB, Dhaka

President Iajuddin Ahmed has said there is a great potential to increase economic, trade and investment links between Bangladesh and Iran.

"There is still scope for further consolidation and widening of bilateral relations between Bangladesh and Iran," he said when outgoing Iranian Ambassador Mohammad Rezaei Nouri called on him at the Bangabhaban yesterday.

Expressing his satisfaction over the existing friendly and cordial relations between the two countries, Iajuddin said that the government attaches great importance to its relations with Iran.

Mentioning the liberal investment policy being pursued by the government, he said that the Iranian entrepreneurs may invest in Bangladesh for the benefit of both the peoples.

The President hoped that the

forthcoming meeting of the Joint Economic Commission scheduled for Tehran would open up greater avenues for further cooperation in different economic fields.

He also said that Bangladesh would appreciate if the Iranian government increase the number of scholarships given to Bangladeshi students for higher education in Iran.

Saying Bangladesh-Iran relations as excellent and cordial, the outgoing Iranian Ambassador said that the governments of both the countries are keen to develop their bilateral relations in economic, education and cultural fields.

He also hoped that the cooperation between the two countries would be deepened and diversified in future.

Mohammad Abdul Huq, secretary to the president, and Anwar-ul-Alam, additional foreign secretary, were present during the meeting, said a Bangabhaban press release.

Bhasantek-Cantonment road opened to public

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bhasantek-Cantonment road has been opened to public.

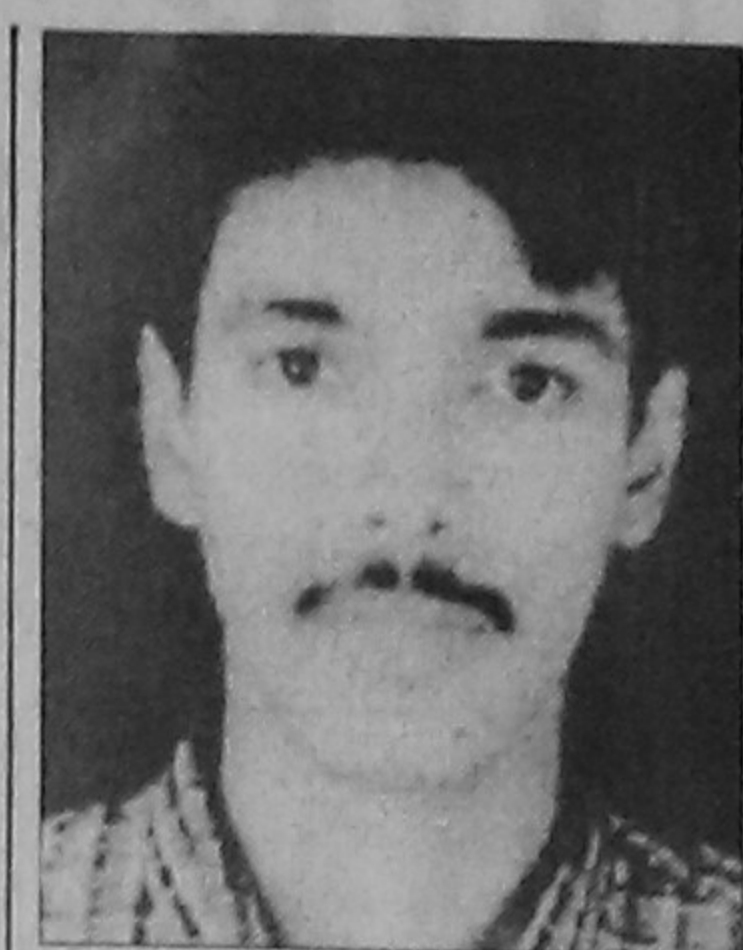
Dhaka Cantonment authorities yesterday formally opened the road for public movement considering the difficulties of the people living at Bhasantek, Manikdi and Cantonment areas.

State Minister for Expatriates Welfare and Overseas Employment Maj (Retd) Quamrul Islam and Army Chief Lt Gen Hasan Mashud Chowdhury were present on the occasion.

Obituary

BSS, Chittagong

Rebati Mohan Barua, a retired schoolteacher, died of old-age complications at his village home at Satabaria Dewanji para under Chandanaish upazila in the district on Monday at the age of 85.



Obituary

Shuvra Islam, son of eminent artist Aminul Islam, died of cardiac arrest at the Chittagong Medical College Hospital this morning at the age of 32, says a press release.

He is survived by his parents, sister and a host of friends and relatives.

He was laid to rest at Mirpur Intellectuals' graveyard after a namaj-e-janaza at his residence at Malibagh in the city.

Shuvra developed the web-site of The Daily Star, the Ittefaq and weekly Holiday.

His qulhwani will be held at the residence of his father at 420, Malibagh after Asr prayers on Friday next.

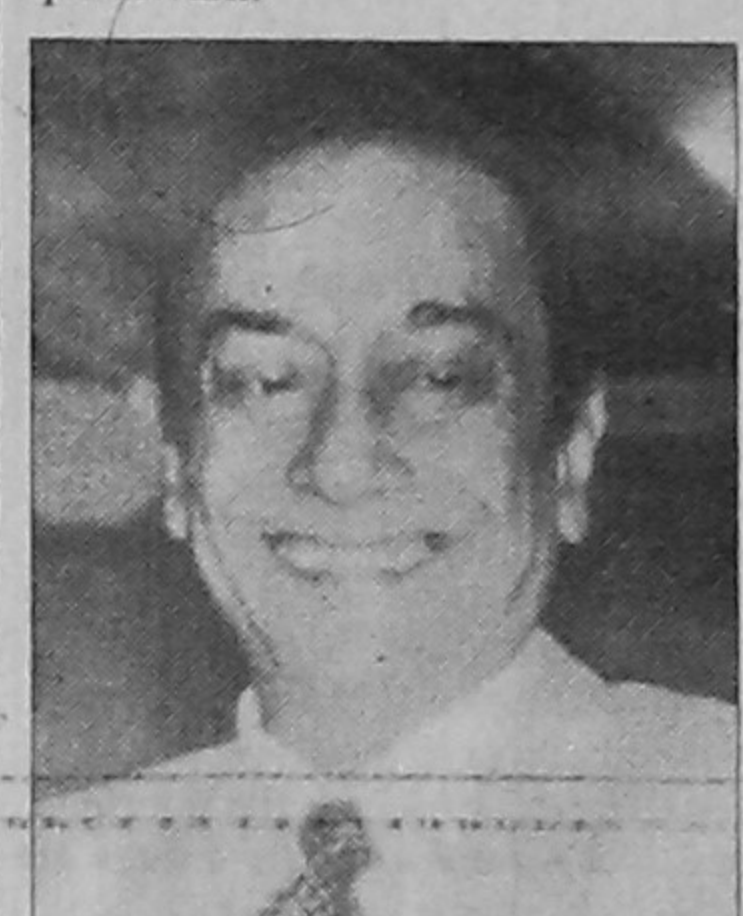
Abdul Berek Bhuiyan

Abdul Berek Bhuiyan, former deputy director of Customs and Excise, died of old age ailment at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University on Monday night. He was 83, says a press release.

He left behind his wife, four sons, one daughter and a number of grandchildren to mourn his death. He was buried at Banani Army Graveyard.

His qulhwani will be held at his residence at Gazi Bhaban (8th floor, 9C), 41 Naya Paltan after Maghrib prayers tomorrow.

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



Death anniversary

The third death anniversary of Iqbal Ansari Khan, a freedom fighter and social worker, will be observed today, says a press release.

To mark the day, a Quankhwani and a doa mahfil will be held after Maghrib prayers at his 23, Green Road residence.

All relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the programme and pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

Syed Rashidunnabi

The third death anniversary of Syed Rashidunnabi, former public relations officer of Bangladesh Biman, will be observed today, says a press release.

Syed Rashidunnabi had started his career as an announcer in the then Radio Pakistan. Later, he became a renowned photographer of the country.

Friends, relatives and admirers have been requested to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

Mominur Rahman

The third death anniversary of Mominur Rahman Shimul, organising secretary of Uttara Friends Club, will be observed today, says a press release.

On this occasion, Uttara Friends Club organises a milah mahfil at the residence of Shimul.

Shimul was killed after he launched a mass awareness campaign against the network of criminals at the club premises on this day in 1999.



Information Minister Tariqul Islam with the prize winners of a photography exhibition titled 'Life and struggle of working people' that concluded at the Bangladesh Photo Journalists' Association in the city yesterday.

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Qualification and Experience: Degree in Food Science and Technology, Skilled in food processing, food packaging and operation of advanced instruments on related field.
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Duration of Consultancy: 2-3 months.
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বিজিএমইএ'র সম্মানিত সদস্যবৃন্দ এবং তাঁদের পরিবারবর্গ/আত্মীয়-স্বজন যারা বিজিএমইএ'র ব্যানারে পবিত্র উমরাহ হজ্জ পালন করতে ইচ্ছুক (প্যাকেজ প্রোগ্রাম : ১০-১৯ রমজান) তাঁদেরকে ৬৮,০০০/- (আটষাট হাজার) টাকা ও আন্তর্জাতিক পাসপোর্টসহ বিজিএমইএ বরাবর আগামী নভেম্বর ০৪, ২০০২ এর মধ্যে যোগাযোগ করার জন্য অনুরোধ জানানো যাচ্ছে।
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LEGAL NOTICE
In the Supreme Court of Bangladesh High Court Division (Original Civil Jurisdiction)
Matter No.- 90 of 2002
In the matter of
An application under Section 151 of the Companies Act, 1994
And
In the Matter of
Mr. Lutfar Rahman
Director, Wata Chemicals Ltd.
- Versus -Petitioner
The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms.
.....Respondent
Notice is hereby given that the above named petitioner has filed an application under Section 151 of the Companies Act, 1994 before the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh for condoning the delay for submit of the return of share allotment, to the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and upon hearing his lordship Mr. Justice A.B.M. Khairul Haque has been pleased to admit the said Application vide order dated 19-10-2002 and fixed for hearing on 18-11-2002. Any person interested in the matter may appear before the Court either in person or through an advocate on or before the date of hearing.
Copy of the said petition may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of prescribed fees.
Jashim Uddin Ahmed
Advocate
Bangladesh Supreme Court
Ga-165/11, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.

Govt mulls separate deptt for welfare of children

UNB, Dhaka

The government is considering having a separate department to look into welfare of the children.

Women and Children Affairs Minister Khurshid Jahan Haq said this at a roundtable meeting at CIRDP yesterday that discussed development activities of her ministry.

She said 35 projects envisaged in the annual development programme have been undertaken for the welfare of women and children.

The projects included computer training for women in each

district and construction of five hostels for women workers in five districts.

The minister said empowerment of women would not be hampered if their participation in the decision-making level is ensured.

Steps are underway to increase women's representation in the local and national level, said an official paper that summed up last one year's performance of the ministry.

Women leaders representing government and NGOs took part in the discussion.

UK web site launched

BSS, Dhaka

A pioneering web site has been designed specifically to provide UK information and services to an overseas audience. The web site, www.i-uk.com, provides topical insight into the opportunities and attractions that the UK has to offer.

This is the first part of call for wide-ranging up-to-the-minute information. It contains links to useful websites, magazine-style features and answers to the most commonly asked questions about the UK, a British High Commission press release said.

The British Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, Jack Straw said, "The launch of i-uk.com is about making it easier for people to interact with the UK. The new web project showcases the best of British - our cultural heritage, our scientific and technological advancements and our enviable business environment. Ultimately, i-uk.com will promote UK trade and culture abroad and attract investment, tourism and talent to the UK."

There are four core subject areas which all demonstrate British creativity and innovation: "Life and Culture", "Education", "Business" and "Visiting the UK." Within this, i-uk.com provides a

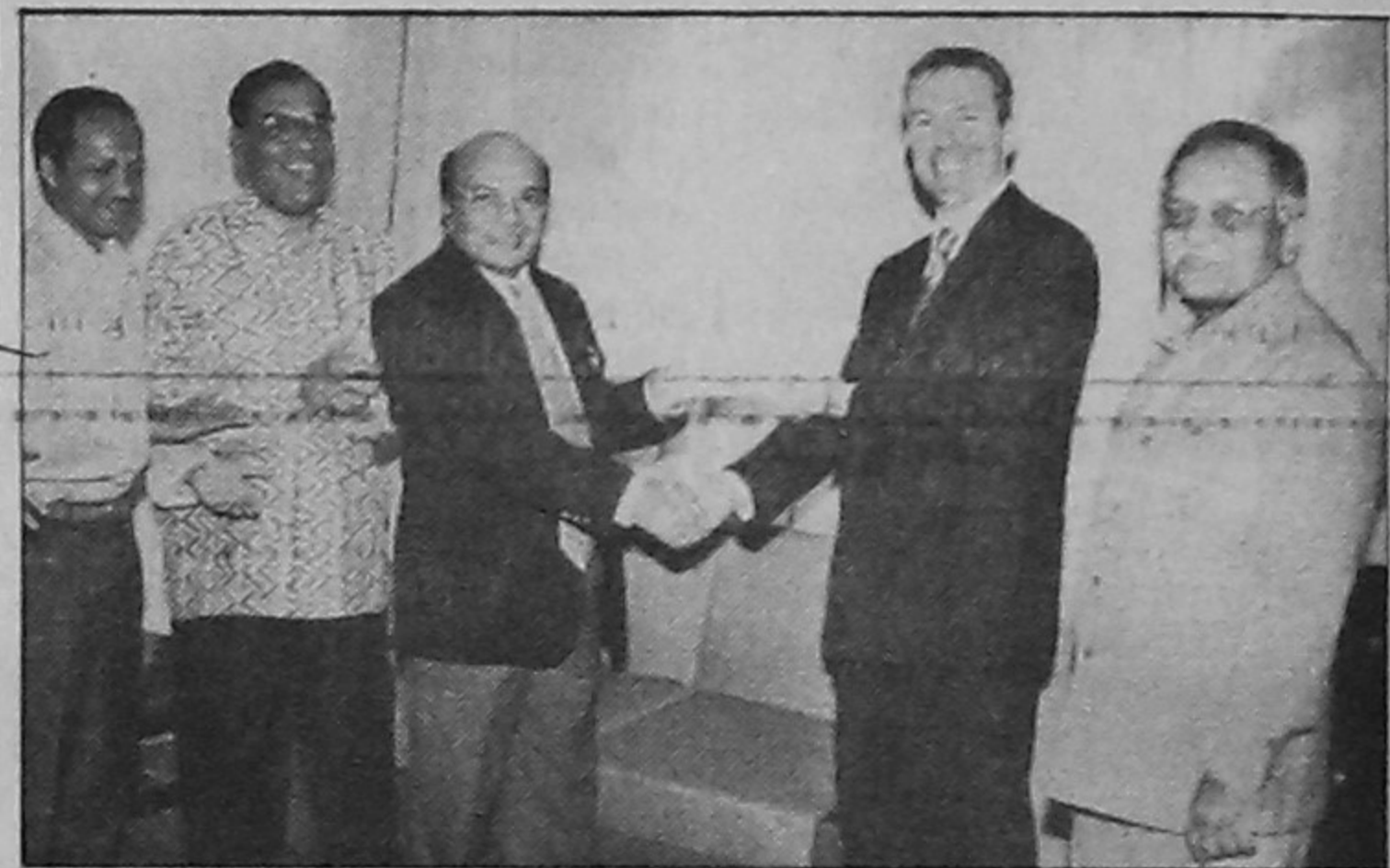
user-friendly directory of information about everything from UK fashion, music, sport and culture, travel, education, science, technology and tourism as well as trade and industry.

The project has been developed in association with the British Trade International (Trade Partners UK and Invest UK), the British Council and the British Tourist Authority.

BAT's contribution to Shandhani lottery ticket sale

The British American Tobacco, Bangladesh extended their support to Shandhani Andharyamochan (Blindness Relief) Lottery Tickets organised by Shandhani National Eye Donation Society. The company purchased significant number of tickets of the lottery and donated the same to Shandhani, says a press release.

Stephen Daintith, Managing Director of British American Tobacco formally handed over a cheque to Ruhul Amin Mozumdar, president of Shandhani National Eye Donation Society, at a ceremony held at the factory premises of British American Tobacco Bangladesh.



Stephen Daintith, Managing Director of British American Tobacco handing over a cheque to Ruhul Amin Mozumdar, president of Shandhani National Eye Donation Society, at a ceremony in the city.



Urban Technologies Ltd, franchisee of Aptech Computer Education, arranged a certificate award ceremony of English skill development course for its student on its premises in the city recently.

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NPIL-BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDED 11% CASH DIVIDEND
Notice is hereby given for general information of the shareholders and the investors that the Board of Directors of National Polymer Industries Ltd. in a meeting on October 29, 2002 ended at 15:30 hour recommended Cash Dividend @ 11% i.e. Tk. 11/- (Taka Eleven) per share of Tk. 100/- each for the year ended on June 30, 2002 to shareholders of the company whose name shall appear in the Register of the Members on 15th November 2002. The scheduled date for holding 15th Annual General Meeting of the company has been fixed at 28th November 2002.
The share Register and the Share Transfer Register shall remain closed from 16th November 2002 to 28th November 2002 (both days inclusive) in connection with holding 15th Annual General Meeting of the company.
By order of the Board
Sd/-
Dated : Dhaka
October 29, 2002
Md. Zahidul Huq Panni
Manager, Corporate Affairs