

DHAKA TODAY

Russian films

The Zahir Raihan Film Society and Russian Cultural Centre will screen a biographical feature film titled 'Tchakovskiy' directed by I Talankin and a ballet film titled 'Don Quixote'.

BACE meeting

The annual general meeting of Bangladesh Association for Community Education (BACE) will be held.

TV award

The distribution ceremony of Television Reporters Award 2001 will be held with Women and Children Affairs Minister Khurshid Jahan Haq as chief guest.

Uttarabanga meeting

A meeting of the executive committee of Uttarabanga Janakalyan Samity will be held.

BECA seminar

Bangladesh Energy Companies Association (BECA) organises a seminar on 'Crucial Time for Planning the future of the energy sector'.

Discussion

NGO Committee on Beijing Plus Five and FEMA will hold a discussion on direct election to reserve seat for women in parliament.

Launching ceremony

The launching ceremony of a CD and Cassette on Tagore song by Azzur Rahman Tuhin will be held.

Art exhibition

The inaugural ceremony of a collective art exhibition, organised by Alliance Francaise, will be held.

UAP discussion

The University of Asia and Pacific (UAP) organises a discussion to observe national education week.

Award giving ceremony

Bangladesh Bar Council organises its certificate awarding ceremony with Justice Mainur Reza Chowdhury.

Inaugural ceremony

The inaugural ceremony of Hotel Orchard Plaza will be held with Housing and Public Works Minister Mirza Abbas as chief guest.

Rotary meeting

Regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North will be held.

DHAKA TOMORROW

Day

The ministry of cultural affairs organises a five-day long programme in observance of National Revolution and Solidarity Day.

Film show

Chalachitra Film Society in cooperation with Indian High Commission will screen a feature film titled 'Kismet'.

Roundtable

A roundtable on 'Industrialisation in Bangladesh: Progress and prospect' will be held.

Ziaur Rahman ICT scholarship introduced

BSS, Dhaka

The government has decided to provide poor meritorious students with ICT (Information Communication Technology) scholarship for computer learning aimed at expanding ICT in the country.

The scholarship titled 'Shaheed Ziaur Rahman ICT Scholarship' has been introduced to encourage the student in learning information and communication technology to face the challenges of the 21st century.

Decision has also been taken to raise a fund of Tk 50 lakh initially with donations from different education boards for this purpose.

An education ministry committee led by its secretary will be in-charge of running the fund and the scholarship, the release said.

The scholarship will be given among the poor students studying computer in schools, colleges, madrasahs, BITS, polytechnic institutions, BUET and science and technology universities in the country.

Applications will be invited from students soon in this regard, it said.

Convocation of RRU MBA held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The first convocation of the MBA students of Royal Roads University (RRU), a Canadian government university operating in Bangladesh, was held in the city on Saturday, says a press release.

State Minister for Commerce Md. Barkat Ullah Bulu gave away certificates among 18 MBA graduates at the ceremony.

Speaking on the occasion, the minister hoped that the MBA graduates would make a significant contribution to the economy of Bangladesh.

Among others, M Moniruz-zaman, the managing director of PML, Nargis Akther, chairperson of PML, Dr. Eric West, dean, Business School of the RRU, and faculty members of PML attended the ceremony.



The Water Development Board demolishes unauthorised structures near embankment at Rayer Bazar in the city yesterday.

ICDDR,B seeks \$51m to fulfil mission

BSS, Dhaka

International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B) yesterday sought financial support from the government and development partners to fulfil its missions of developing and promoting realistic solutions to major health, population and nutrition problems.

ICDDR,B Chairperson Prof Richardo Uauy Dagach sought the support in his presentation on 'Supporting Common Goals of the Government of Bangladesh and ICDDR,B in the Health and Population Sector'.

BAF firing exercise concludes

The Annual Firing Exercise of the Bangladesh Air Force concluded at the BAF Firing Range in Rasulpur, Tangail yesterday, says an ISPR release.

Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan witnessed the spectacular firing exercise as chief guest.

In the firing exercise, a number of fighters, bombers and helicopters carried out live firing of varied nature and dropped bombs and rockets.

The demonstration was rounded off with a spectacular low level aerobatics carried out by the pilots.

rium in the city.

Hosted by the Economic Relations Division (ERD) of the Ministry of Finance and the ICDDR,B, the meeting was attended by representatives from the World Health Organisation, World Bank, UNFPA, European Union and German embassy here.

Prof Dagach sought 51 million dollar financial support in addition to the expenses for infra-structural development for eight years from 2002 to 2010.

If the support can be provided, ICDDR,B in partnership with the government, will be able to improve the lives and health of children and their mothers, cut disease burden from communicable diseases and population pressure and provide productive opportunities for local scientists, he said.

Explaining the causes of low life expectancy, high child deaths, neonatal and post-neonatal mortality and impact of infection on nutrition and growth, he said the problems must be resolved for the achievement of 'a world in which all people, especially the poor, are healthier and can reach their full potential through the application of new knowledge.'

Giving the breakdown of the budget for 2002-2010, he said 21 million dollars were necessary for hospital services, 27 million dollars for applied research and 3 million dollars for human resources development.

He said budget deficit was putting tremendous pressure on the ICDDR,B to run its Dhaka and Matlab hospitals that treat over 130,000 patients a year.

Representatives from the donor agencies expressed their satisfaction over the activities of the centre.

Plan to set up neuroscience institute

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Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khondoker Musharraf Hossain said yesterday the government was contemplating establishing 'the Institute of Neuroscience' and making it a centre of excellence in this field.

'We are respectful to the demand of the neurosurgeons and neurologists and we are seriously considering to meet their demand at shortest possible time,' he told the First National Conference of Neurosurgeons while speaking as chief guest.

Dr Musharraf said that although neurology is one of the oldest disciplines of medical science and developed faster after the invention of the CT Scan in seventies, its development in Bangladesh is not satisfactory.

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'Transport owners, workers hostage to toll collectors'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Transport owners yesterday demanded government ban on toll collection from vehicles at the bus terminals.

Speaking at a press conference at the Dhaka Reporters Unity auditorium, they also demanded investigation into the assets of the transport leaders.

The owners called for abolition of 'illegal committees' and election of new ones under the supervision of a caretaker body.

They said the transport owners and workers are now hostage to the toll collectors.

Harun-ur-Rashid Bhuiyan, former additional secretary general of Bangladesh Sarak Paribahan Samity, Atiqul Haq Khan Pavel, Kamaluddin Ahmed and Nazrul Islam were present at the press conference.

The condition of the owners and workers has been deteriorating day by day while penniless transport leaders are turning into multi-millionaire within a year, claimed Harun.

He alleged that toll collection has been recognised by some illegal transport organisations which enjoy tacit support from leaders of political parties.

A 10-point proposal was put forward at the press conference for solution of various problems facing the transport sector.

185 HC lawyers take oath today

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One hundred and eighty five lawyers, who have already been enrolled as advocates in the High Court, will take oath formally today to start their legal practice in the upper court.

Concern over deaths under army custody

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Forty-two teachers of Dhaka University yesterday expressed deep concern over the 'deaths under army custody' during the ongoing crackdown on crimes across the country.

In a joint statement, the teachers of different departments said that 18 people have so far died during army interrogation and violation of human rights are being reported by different media every day.

Terminating the army 'a symbol of independence and sovereignty' of the country, they urged the government not to use the army in petty interests or deploy them in any 'controversial' assignment.

They also said the law and order situation is deteriorating and people want to get rid of such situation. It is the responsibility of the government and the law enforcing agencies to ensure the security of lives and property of the people, they added.

The signatories to the statement include Dr Harun-ar-Rashid, Dr Muntasir Mamun, Dr AAMS Dr. Sirajuddin Haque, Dr M. Manjur, Dr MM Akash, Dr Sheikh Abdus Salam, Sharifullah Bhuiyan, Dr Sadeka Halim.

Death anniversary

The second death anniversary of Aroni Mohona Momen will be observed today, says a press release.

On this occasion, the Aroni Mohona Foundation has decided to introduce an award in her name.

The awardees will be one male and one female for their outstanding contribution in the fields of art, literature, science, peace, economics and politics at national and international level.

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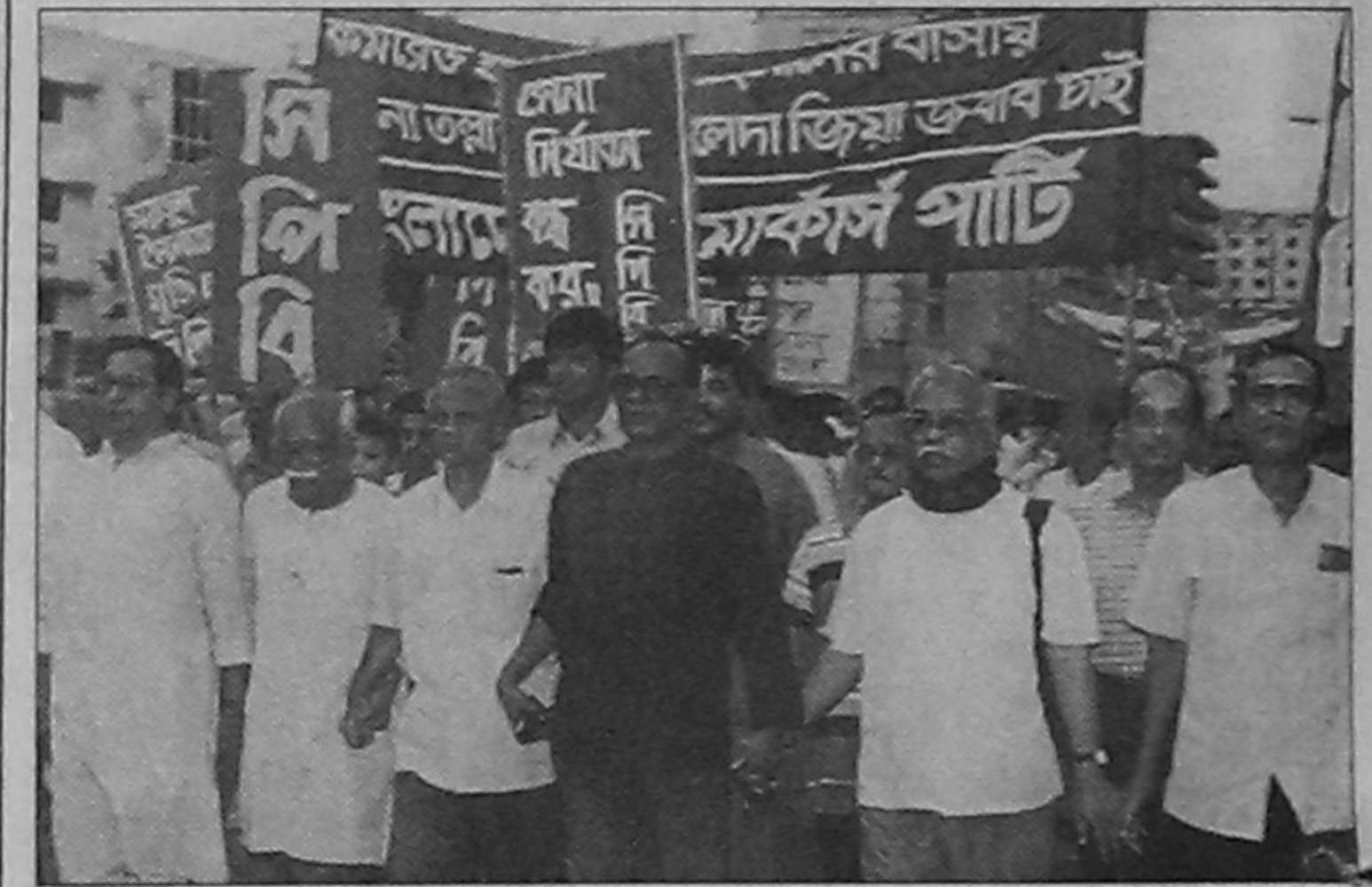
The award includes a gold medal, a certificate and a cheque for Tk 1 lakh.

Obituary

Sajeda Begum Chowdhury, wife of Alhaj Fazlul Kabir Chowdhury, opposition leader of the erstwhile East Pakistan provincial assembly, died in the early hours of yesterday at the age of 76, says a press release.

She left behind five sons, three daughters and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn her death.

Her namaj-e-janaza will be held at Laldighi Maidan in Chittagong this morning.



The left-leaning parties staged a demonstration in the city yesterday protesting army raids on the residences of their leaders and workers.



Dry weather likely

UNB, Dhaka

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry over the country with partly cloudy at places today.

Night temperature may fall slightly over the country, Met office said.

Country's highest temperature 32.5 degree Celsius was recorded at Khulna and lowest 18.9 degree Celsius at Sayedpur yesterday.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:18 pm today and rises at 6:07 am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

Table with columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning, Evening).



The Bangladesh Chhakra League took out a procession on the Dhaka University campus yesterday to mark the Jail Killing Day.

পাওয়ার গ্রীড কোম্পানী অব বাংলাদেশ লিঃ POWER GRID COMPANY OF BANGLADESH LTD. Red Crescent Concord Tower, 17, Mohakhali C/A, 6th Floor, Dhaka-1212, Bangladesh.

INVITATION FOR PREQUALIFICATION FOR CONSULTING SERVICES

Date: 4th November, 2002 Contract No: To be advised

- 1. The Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd (PGCB) on behalf of the Government of the Peoples' Republic of Bangladesh... 2. Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (kfW)...

The Secretary, Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd., Red Crescent Concord Tower, 17, Mohakhali Commercial Area (6th floor), Dhaka-1212, Bangladesh.

Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau, attn. Dr. Papenfuß (L 1 b 2), Palmengartenstrasse 5-9, 60325 Frankfurt, Germany.

not later than: 17th December 2002, 2:30pm Bangladesh Standard Time in PGCB and 2:30pm German Time in kfW.

and be clearly marked "Application for Pre-qualification as Consultant for Baghabari-Serajganj-Bogra 230kV Transmission Line Project. Contract No. (To be advised)."

8. Late applications shall be rejected

9. Applicants will be advised, in due course, of the results of their applications. Only firms and joint ventures pre-qualified under this procedure will be invited to bid.

Mohammed Salim Company Secretary

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