

DUTA election White & Blue panels finalise candidates

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP- and Jamaat-backed 'White Panel' and Awami League-backed 'Blue Panel' have finalised candidates for the election of the Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) scheduled for December 31.

Tomorrow is last day for submission of nomination papers. Left leaning 'Pink Panel' is abstaining from the fray.

Meanwhile, the candidates and their supporters are now busy with door-to-door campaign.

The Blue Panel has selected Dean of Arts Faculty Prof. Kazi Shahidullah and Prof. Anwar Hossain of Biochemistry Department as its candidates for the posts of president and general secretary respectively.

And the White Panel candidates for the two key posts are Dean of Social Science Faculty Prof. Mohammad Asaduzzaman and Provost of Fazlul Haq Hall Prof. Yarul Kabir respectively.

The other candidates of the White Panel are Prof. Abul Khair

nominated for the post of vice-president, Prof. Lutfur Rahman for the post of joint secretary and Prof. Serajul Islam for the post of treasurer.

Prof. Syaad Salehin Kadri, Prof. Taslima Mansur, Prof. Mahmud Hasan, Prof. Abu Ahmed, Prof. Nurul Amin Bepari, Tahmina Akhter, Prof. Ataur Rahman, Prof. Badrul Alam, Prof. Shahidur Rahman and Prof. Tazmeri SA Islam will vie for the posts of executive members from the White Panel.

The Blue Panel has nominated Prof. Hossain Mansur for the post of vice-president, Prof. Mizanur Rahman for the post of joint secretary and Prof. Khairul Hossain for the post of treasurer.

Executive member candidates of the panel are former vice-chancellor Prof. AK Azad Chowdhury, former pro-VC Prof. Mohammad Shahadat Ali, Prof. RIM Aminur Rashid, Prof. AAMS Arefin Siddique, Prof. Mostafa Chowdhury, Sharifullah Ibhuyian, Prof. Abdul Mannan Chowdhury, Khandaker Bazul Haq and Prof. Nazma Shahin.



People visit the military hardware exhibition at the National Parade Ground in the city. The show that began on December 16 on the occasion of Victory Day will end today.

Integrated water management policy can help reduce poverty

BSS, Dhaka

Experts at a seminar yesterday said integrated water management policy a must for poverty alleviation.

"Integration between government and environment experts is essential to make effective the water management policy which will help alleviate the country's existing poverty," they said.

They were speaking at the seminar on "Poverty Alleviation through Water Sector Interventions" held at the Science Annex Building of Dhaka University, jointly organised by the 2nd International Conference on Bangladesh Environment-2002 (ICBEN) and Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad (BUP).

Engineers Institute president Qamrul Islam Siddique presided over the seminar while BUP Chairman Dr Quazi Kholiquzaman Ahmed presented the keynote paper.

The water policy enunciates principles and directions for water

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President visits military hardware exhibition

BSS, Dhaka

President Iajuddin Ahmed yesterday visited military hardware display at the National Parade Square at Sher-e-Banglanagar here.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia inaugurated the display on the Victory Day on December 16.

Chief of the Army Staff Lt. Gen. Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury, Chief of the Naval Staff Rear Admiral Shah Iqbal Mujtaba, Chief of the Air Staff Air Vice Marshal Fakhru Azam and Principal Staff Officer of the Armed Forces Division Major General AM Mahmuduzzaman received the President at the display site.

The President witnessed a colourful joint exercise of the armed forces in which smart contingents of the army, navy and air force took part. He also witnessed a fly past of the aircraft of Bangladesh Air Force.

Members of the paramilitary unit added a colour to the exercise by making perfect landing from the sky with their parachutes.

Obituary

CU CORRESPONDENT

Begum Waresa Khatun, wife of Shafiqur Rahman, died of old age complications yesterday at the age of 92.

She hailed from Kalipur village under Banshkhali thana of Chittagong district.

Azhar Hossain Bhuiyan

Md Azhar Hossain Bhuiyan, sr. officer and sub-manager of Jinjira branch of Arab Bangladesh Bank Limited, died in a boat capsized in the river Buriganga on his way to office on Wednesday. He was 47, says a press release.

He is survived by his wife and two children.

Qul Khwani

Shamsunnissa Nizam, wife of B R Nizam of Chittagong, died of old-age complications in the city on Wednesday at the age of 77, says a press release.

Her qul khwani will be held at her residence in Nizam's Shankar Plaza, 72 Shatmasjid Road, Dhanmondi after Asr prayers today.

She is survived by her husband, one daughter, two sons and six grandchildren.

Habib Mawla Rono

Qul khwani of Habib Mawla Rono, director of Onix Corporation Limited, will be held at the Onix Corporation show-room at House

No. 47, Road No. 9/A, Dhanmondi at 3:00pm today, says a press release.

He died of a cardiac arrest while swimming along the beach at Cox's Bazar on December 12. He was 42.

He is survived by his wife, a daughter, father, brother and sisters.

Relatives, friends and well-wishers have been requested to attend the qul and pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

Chehlum

Chehlum of Dr A M A Zaman, noted cardiologist and founder of Gulshan Group Clinic, will be held on the clinic premises at House

6, Road-51, Gulshan-1 after Maghrib prayers today, says a press release.

Dr Zaman died on November 12.

Govt trying to tarnish image of opposition leader : Zillur

UNB, Dhaka

Awami League General Secretary Zillur Rahman yesterday said the government was trying to tarnish the image of opposition leader.

"This is a manifestation of political vengeance of the government." The government is trying to hide its failure and suppress information, he said.

Linking Saber to the confessional statement of Reuters' stringer Enamul Huq Chowdhury is a conspiracy, he added.

Termining the confessional statement a "stage-managed drama", the Awami League leader said there was an apprehension that the statement was taken through intimidation and government influence.

"The family members of Enamul Huq Chowdhury have already said that he was tortured and forced to sign the confessional statement," he claimed.

Zillur said the Prime Minister, from the very beginning, had been trying to divert the incident. "She blamed Awami League even before the judicial commission began its investigation into the incident," he added.

He urged the Prime Minister to refrain from undermining the image of Awami League and asked the government to release all the arrested political leaders and journalists, including Tofail Ahmed, Sabir Hossain Chowdhury, Shahriar Kabir, Muntasir Mamon, Mukul Bose, Abdul Latif Mirza, Bahauddin Nasim and Shafi Ahmed.

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Inadequate fund to threaten contraceptive security in developing countries

BSS, Dhaka

An estimated 212 million more women in the developing countries will use contraception by 2015 as its demand is growing day by day.

The supply of contraceptives was not keeping pace with the rising demand for family planning in many developing countries, where the number of contraceptive users was projected to grow by over 38 per cent in 15 years from 2000, according to population reports.

However, the costs of contraceptives will continue to grow substantially reaching a projected 1.249 million US dollars in 2015 to meet family planning requirements in these countries. If the costs for condoms to prevent HIV and related diseases are added, donors will have to provide 739 million US dollars in 2015.

An UNFPA estimates said the costs of supplying enough condoms would rise from 297 million US dollars in 2002 to 557 million in 2015 to address the HIV/AIDS pandemic in these countries. Therefore, the amount of money the developing countries need to provide will be 1,067 million US dollars in 2015.

Meanwhile, UNICEF's State of the World's Children report dis-

closed here that as many as 6,000 children and young people around the globe were being infected with HIV everyday.

"There is no scope to be complacent with low level of the prevalence of HIV/AIDS in Bangladesh, since the country is surrounded by several high prevalence countries," UNICEF Bangladesh Representative Morten Giersing said.

However, countries depending on donors' support to help meet the demand for contraceptives are facing a crisis. The total donors' support for contraceptives, after reaching 172 million US dollars in 1996, fell to 131 million in 1999 but rose to 154 million in 2002, the UNFPA estimates said.

Each one million US dollars decline in contraceptive assistance would mean 360,000 additional unintended pregnancies, 150,000 more induced abortions, 11,000 more infant deaths and 800 more maternal deaths annually, the estimates also said.

The Population Reports observed that inadequate fund from the donors for contraceptive would threaten contraceptive security in the developing countries, unless their own family planning programmes were strengthened and the private sectors' involvement expanded.

Morshed to attend BIMSTEC meet in Colombo

UNB, Dhaka

Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan yesterday left for Bangkok en route to Colombo to attend a BIMSTEC ministerial meeting scheduled for today in the capital of Sri Lanka.

He is expected to return to Dhaka on December 21 after attending the fifth ministerial meeting of the sub-regional grouping styled as Bangladesh-India-Myanmar-Sri Lanka-Thailand Economic Cooperation.

SAFLI meet held

A two-day meeting of the steering committee of South Asia Foundation Learning Initiative (SAFLI) was held at the BRAC Centre in the city on December 12 and 13, says a press release.

Nobel laureate Professor Amartya Sen inaugurated the meeting. BRAC University Vice-chancellor Dr Jamilur Reza Choudhury, Dr Kamal Hossain, Chairperson, South Asia Foundation, Bangladesh Chapter, and UN Goodwill Ambassador Madanjit Singh spoke on the occasion.

Vice-chancellors from Bangladesh, Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka and Nepal and officials representing higher education institutes in the Maldives and Bhutan attended the meeting.

The meeting decided to launch a Postgraduate Diploma in Environment and Sustainable Development as a first step in developing courses in the South Asian Studies Series.

The Foundation, set up by Ambassador Madanjit Singh, has chapters in all seven SAARC nations, and aims at promoting education, culture and information communication technology in these countries.

Launched in Kathmandu, Nepal, on December 12, 2001, the Foundation emphasises distant and open learning as a potent means of education among the masses.

Vice-chancellors of open universities of SAARC countries and a few other distinguished academics, including Dr Jamilur Reza Choudhury, are the members of the steering committee of SAFLI.



The Book Group distributed copies of a book titled 'Nana Desher Nana Manush, a follow-up reading materials for the 'Continuous Education Project' of BRAC, in grant recently. Photo shows Yez Nazmul Abdal, executive director of the Book Group, handing over copies of the book to Dr. Shafiqur Islam, programme coordinator of the project, at the BRAC headquarters in the city.



Temperature may fall

UNB, Dhaka

Weather is likely to remain dry over the country in the next 12 hours till 6:00pm today.

Light to moderate fog may occur at places over northern parts and river basins of the country in the early morning and night temperature may fall slightly over the country, Met Office said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 30.2 degree Celsius was recorded at Chittagong and the lowest of 13.6 degree at Rajshahi and Ishwardi.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:16pm today and rises at 6:37am tomorrow.

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

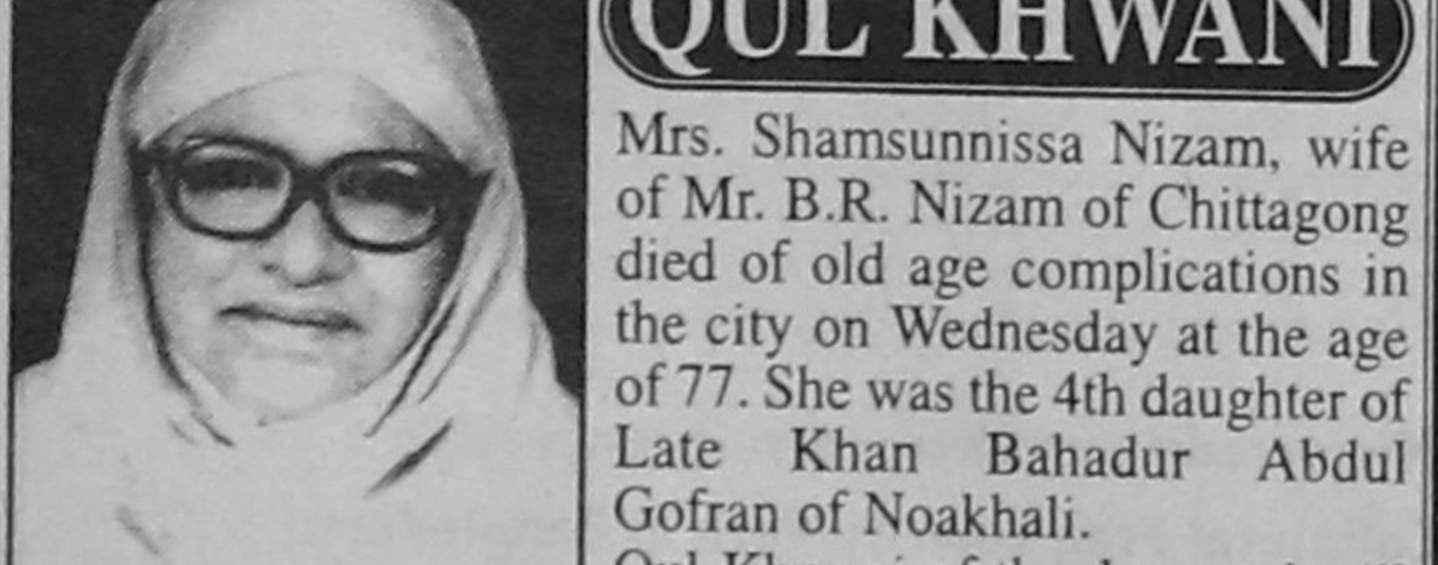
City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	27.7	18.0	72	63
Chittagong	27.8	16.6	76	64
Rajshahi	28.3	13.6	95	64
Khulna	30.2	19.0	92	87
Barisal	28.2	17.0	98	79
Sylhet	22.0	17.1	100	98
Cox's Bazar	28.8	17.2	77	85

Jiban Bima Corporation Auditor Appointment Notice

Application with profile of Firms are invited from the reputed and experienced Chartered Accountant Firms of Bangladesh for auditing the Accounts of Jiban Bima Corporation of the year 2002 and the application will have to be submitted to the undersigned within 10 (ten) days of publication of the notice.

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G-2329 Managing Director



Qul Khwani of the deceased will be held at her residence in Nizam's Shankar Plaza, 72 Shatmasjid Road, Dhanmondi, on Friday the 20th December after Asar prayers.

She is survived by her husband, one daughter, two sons, six grand children and a host of relatives and well wishers.

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DHAKA TODAY

Film show
Bishwa Sahitya Kendra will screen a film titled 'The Client' directed by Jeol Schumacher. Venue: Bishwa Sahitya Kendra auditorium, 14 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue. Time: 5:00pm.

Film retrospective
Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen nine films mad by celebrated Indian filmmaker Tapan Sinha in a retrospective of his films. On the inaugural day a film titled 'Kabulwala' will be screened. Venue: High Commission of India Cultural Centre, Salmajid Road, Dhanmondi. Time: 5:30pm.

Movie show
Alliance Francaise will screen a film titled 'La vie est un long fleuve tranquille' directed by Etienne Chatiliez. Venue: Alliance Francaise auditorium, Dhanmondi. Time: 6:00pm.

Tagore evening
Lions Club of Dhaka Gylidia organises an evening of Tagore song to be rendered by Farida Yeasmin Snigdha. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi. Time: 6:00pm.

Sculpture exhibition
The inaugural ceremony of a sculpture exhibition by Towficur Rahman will be held. Venue: Gallery Chitrag, Dhanmondi. Time: 4:00pm. The exhibition will remain open till December 31 from 10:00am to 8:00pm daily.

Award giving ceremony
The award giving ceremony of the 7th Berger Young Painters' Art Competition 2002 will be held. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 6:00pm.

Painting exhibition
The inaugural ceremony of the 4th Solo Painting Exhibition of Rafiqul Islam will be held with LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan as chief guest. Venue: Divine Art Gallery, Sonarghan Hotel. Time: 5:30pm. The exhibition will remain open till December 31 from 10:00am to 9:00pm daily.

Conference
The second national conference of Bangladesh Sangjukta Shikkhak Parishad will be held with State Minister for Finance and Planning Md Anwarul Kabir Talukder as chief guest. Venue: BCIC auditorium, Dikusha. Time: 10:00am.

Discussion
On the occasion of the Victory Day, Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Jubodol organises a discussion meeting with Housing and Works Minister Mirza Abbas as chief guest. Venue: City BNP Office, Naya Paltan. Time: 3:30pm.

PWEA conference
The annual conference of Public Works Engineers Association (PWEA) will be held. Venue: Public Works Directorate auditorium. Time: 10:30am.

Dialogue
The Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) organises a dialogue on 'WTO and Environment: Bangladesh Perspective'. Venue: Science Annex Building, Dhaka University. Time: 11:00am.

Meeting
A meeting of the central executive committee of Bangladesh Jatiya Manabdhikar Samity will be held. Venue: House-1, Road-2, Dhanmondi. Time: 4:30pm.

Lions meeting
The monthly meeting of the Lions Club of Dhaka South will be held. Venue: Mohanagar Community Centre, Dhanmondi. Time: 6:00pm.

unicef

"UNICEF-Bangladesh is requesting for applications from interested individuals for a period of eleven months to provide and assist in programme activities including planning and co-ordinating activities of NNP and to help Executive Director in ensuring logical synchronization of all components of NNP. The specific tasks are as follows:

1. Advise and assist in the procurement of services and goods for NNP;
 - 1.1 facilitate the timely implementation of procurement plan;
 - 1.2 follow up the decisions of the meetings relating to project implementation.
2. Maintain liaison with relevant persons/institutes/organization; and assist in Training;
 - 2.1 Facilitate the timely implementation of training activities
 - 2.2 Follow up the decisions of the meetings relating to training activities;
 - 2.3 Maintain liaison with relevant institutes (IPHN, BRAC, NIPORT and ICMH) responsible for training.
3. Advise and assist in the implementation of behavioral change communication (BCC) of NNP;
 - 3.1 Follow up and facilitate timely implementation of BCC activity;
 - 3.2 Ensure that BCC is well incorporated into the training programme;
 - 3.3 Maintain liaison with UNICEF as per instruction of the ED, NNP.
4. Help organize regular weekly meeting at NNP and monthly meeting at MOH & FW and follow up the decisions of those meetings.
5. Support co-ordinating and follow up activities with MOH & FW for smooth implementation of NNP.
6. Support co-ordinating and follow up activities with UNICEF, World Bank and other partners as per need.
7. Support in submitting monthly report on the status of different components of NNP to ED.
8. Any other duties assigned by the Executive Director.

The applicants should have post-graduate degree in the field of Public Health/Community Nutrition/Biological or Social Sciences or Management from reputed institution -- national or foreign. Minimum twelve years experience in the field of Community Nutrition/Community Health projects in developing countries with socio-economic background similar to Bangladesh. Must have ability to provide leadership and work with senior professionals and policy makers. Expertise in project/programme planning implementation and working experience with UN/relevant international agencies/ NGOs/Public Sector will be an advantage. Preparation of technical publications/reports in relevant field will be an added qualification. Applications with CV and recent passport size photographs should be forwarded to the Chief of Human Resources Section, UNICEF-Bangladesh, BSL Office Complex, Dhaka Sheraton Hotel Annex Building, 1 Minto Road, Dhaka by **January 4, 2003**. Kindly indicate the position on the envelope. Any form of canvassing, soliciting or influencing will be treated as disqualification. Applications from qualified female candidates are encouraged. UNICEF is a non-smoking working environment."

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