

## DHAKA TODAY

### Film show

Dhaka University Film Society will screen two Iranian films titled 'Where is my friend's house' directed by Abbas Kiarostami and 'Shadow of Imagination' directed by Hossein Dalir. Venue: Iranian Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi. Time: 3.30pm and 5.00pm.

### Talk

A talk on 'Security of South Asia: A US perspective', organised by Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS), will be held with Mary Ann Peters, US ambassador in Dhaka, as key speaker.

Venue: BISS auditorium, Elephant Road. Time: 3.30pm.

### Demonstration

A demonstration of Computer-based Braille Transcription System, organised by the National Forum of Organisations Working with the Disabled (NFOWD) and the Bangladesh Computer Council (BCC), will be held with BRAC Vice-Chancellor Prof Jamilur Reza Chowdhury as chief guest. Venue: Auditorium of the Department of Social Services, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar. Time: 9.00am.

### Rotary year

The inaugural ceremony of the Rotary Club Year will be held with Environment and Forest Minister Shajahan Siraj as chief guest. Venue: In front of National Museum, Shahbagh. Time: 7.00am.

### Rotary meet

An intercity meeting on World Peace and Understanding, organised by the district organisation of Rotary

International Dist 3280, Bangladesh, will be held with Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Moudud Ahmed as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 5.00pm.

### ICMAB discussion

An open discussion on National Budget 2003-04, organised by the Institute of Cost and Management Accounts of Bangladesh, will be held with State Minister for Finance and Planning M Anwarul Kabir Talukder as chief guest. Venue: ICMA Bhaban, Nilkhet. Time: 7.00pm.

### Cultural function

Kendrio Kelaghar Asar organises a discussion and cultural function to mark the birth anniversary of Rabindra-Nazrul-Sukanto. Venue: Bishwa Sahitya Kendra auditorium. Time: 5.00pm.

### Fashion show

Bangladesh Tant Board organises a fashion show and cultural function to mark the closing ceremony of its 10-day long exhibition with State Minister for Cultural Affairs Begum Selima Rahman as chief guest. Venue: Central Public Library auditorium, Shahbagh. Time: 7.00pm.

### Rotary Ramna

Weekly meeting of Rotary Club, Ramna will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club (Pool-side lounge). Time: 5.30pm.

### Rotary Sonargaon

Weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Sonargaon Dhaka will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 5.30pm.



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Newly appointed Chief Justice KM Hasan made a courtesy call on President Iajuddin Ahmed at the Bangabhaban yesterday.

## Human rights violation

### '663 killed in 6 months'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 663 people including 198 children were killed in incidents of human rights violation across the country in last six months, said a report prepared by Odhikar.

Odhikar, a human rights organisation, in its half-yearly report said 108 women were killed for dowry while 76 others killed after being raped.

The report, based on newspaper reports from January to June this year, said 195 people were killed, 2675 people injured and 1158 arrested in political violence.

At least 43 people lost their lives at jail custody while the law enforcers killed another 31 people, it added.

The report said 225 children were raped, 108 injured, 44 trafficked, 109 kidnapped while 27 became victims of acid throwing.

Besides, 60 children committed suicide and 21 were arrested, it added.

The report mentioned that 29 journalists were injured, 14 arrested and three assaulted during the period.

Besides, 38 journalists received threat, 17 were sued and one was kidnapped.

In Chittagong Hill Tracts, twelve people were killed, 44 abducted, 31 injured, 14 arrested, eleven missing and one raped during the period, the report added.



### Rafiqur, Nuruddin elected BPJA president, secy

BSS, Dhaka

Rafiqur Rahman and Nuruddin Ahmed have been elected president and general secretary of the Bangladesh Photo Journalists Association (BPJA).

Out of 39, 37 members cast their votes in the biennial election of the association yesterday at its central office, a press release said.

Journalists Saiful Alam, Swapan Das Gupta and Abdal Ahmed conducted the election.

Other elected office-bearers are: Vice presidents -- Asaduzzaman Asad and Tarif Rahman, Joint Secretaries -- Ataur Rahman Babu and Emran Hossain, Treasurer -- Khaled Haider and Office Secretary Kazi Borhan Uddin.

The executive committee members are: A K M Mohsin, Nabiul H a s a n, M u h a m m a d Kamruzzaman and Safi Uddin Ahmed Bitu.

## DU budget placed

DU CORRESPONDENT

Treasurer of Dhaka University Prof Syed Rashidul Hasan yesterday placed before the senate Tk 94.77 crore revenue budget for fiscal 2003-04 with a deficit of Tk 7.77 crore.

In the proposed budget Tk 12.83 crore has been allocated for education assistance sector, Tk 14.6 crore for expenditure in general activities and miscellaneous sector and Tk 57.77 crore for salaries and allowances of teachers, officers and employees.

## Obituary

BSS, Dhaka

Amena Khatun, wife of late BD Habibullah, died here on Sunday due to old age complications at the age of 89.

Amena Khatun died at her daughter's residence. She left behind her four sons, two daughters, a number of grand children and great grand children, a host of relatives and admirers to mourn her death.

Her eldest son Amanullah is a former MD and Chief Editor of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS). Her second son, a Senior Banker, is now in Kuwait.

The body was taken to Barisal for burial beside the grave of her husband.

### Masuma Khatun



M o s a m m a Khatun, wife of late Habibur Rahman, a former senior government official, died on June 27 at the age of 70, says a

press release.

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

Her kulkhwani will be held at her family residence at 37, Central Road, Dhanmondi.

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

## Police action on SCF rally in Ctg: 5 arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police yesterday prevented Samajtantrik Chhatra Front (SCF) from holding a rally at New Market intersection and charged baton to disperse them.

Police also arrested five SCF leaders including city unit president and general secretary.

At least five SCF leaders and activists were injured during police action.

The arrested are SCF city unit president Adnan Habib, vice president Sanjoy

Ghosh, general secretary Fakhruddin Kabir Atique, central committee member Abu Sayeed Sohel and city committee member Masud Khan Munna.

Witnesses said police swooped on SCF leaders and activists when they were taking preparation to hold a rally and bring out procession according to scheduled programme to press home its 8-point demand.

Kotwali police said the student leaders were arrested for attempt to hold rally and bring out procession on the streets without prior permission.

## Cancellation of SQ Chowdhury's nomination demanded

DU CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Jatiya Ulama Mashaikh Oikya Jote yesterday demanded cancellation of nomination of Salauddin Quader Chowdhury to the post of OIC secretary general.

They urged the government to nominate an Islamic scholar for the post of secretary general of Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC).

Speaking at a rally at the north gate of Baitul Mukarram Mosque, they also called on the government not to send Bangladeshi soldiers to Iraq.

The Jote staged the rally and took out a procession in the city to press for its various demands.

The other demands include cancellation of liquor licences and withdrawal of taxes on essentials.

Jote Secretary General Mufti Maulana Abdul Halim Siraji, Hafez Maulana Saiful Islam Jalali and Maulana Khaja Arifur Rahman Taheri spoke at the rally.

## CU vacation begins today

CU CORRESPONDENT

The month-long monsoon vacation of Chittagong University (CU) begins today.

Classes will remain suspended during the vacation while examinations will be held as per schedule.

Students have started leaving their dormitories with great difficulties as all transports including the shuttle train could not move due to indefinite siege laid by two organisations on the campus

## Tk 378.77 cr CCC budget announced

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Mayor of Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury on Sunday announced Tk 378.77 crore budget for the fiscal 2003-04.

He said top priority has been given to education followed by health sector.

Mayor Mohiuddin said the CCC has taken up 12 projects at a cost of Tk 5,670 crore depending on the commitments of foreign investors.

"These projects are aimed at accelerating the development of the port city and these can be implemented without the financial assistance of the government," he added.

The city mayor informed the journalists that the CCC has taken up a Tk 10 crore project to put an end to water-logging, a chronic problem for the 37-lakh city dwellers over the years.

He admitted that due to multi-faceted limitations, sufficient funds could not be allocated to the other



ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury

sectors like development of city roads.

The mayor also announced a Tk 120.50 crore revised budget for the year 2002-03 at the CCC auditorium yesterday morning.

Top officials of the corporation and ward commissioners were present on the occasion.



Bangladesh Jatiya Ulama Mashaikh Oikya Jote stages a demonstration in the city yesterday to press for its various demands including cancellation of nomination of SQ Chowdhury for the post of OIC secretary general.

# WEATHER TODAY

## Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at most places over Chittagong, Barisal, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions and at many places over Dhaka and Khulna divisions in the next 12 hours till 6pm today.

Moderately heavy to heavy falls is also expected at one or two places over Chittagong, Barisal, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions during the period. Met office said predicting slight rise in day temperature over the country.

Highest temperature 33.8 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and the lowest 24.2 degree at Bogra and Kutubdia.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:50pm today and rises at 5:15am tomorrow.

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

City/Town	Temperature	Humidity in percentage		
		in Celsius	percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	30.6	25.2	89	85
Chittagong	29.5	24.8	88	89
Rajshahi	28.0	25.2	96	95
Khulna	33.0	24.5	90	96
Barisal	31.5	26.0	94	93
Sylhet	28.0	24.8	94	90
Cox's Bazar	29.0	25.5	98	97