

DHAKA TODAY

Film show

Academy Film Society will screen a Japanese film titled 'Ring'. Venue: 21/C Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm.

Mango exhibition

The inaugural ceremony of Rajshahi Mango exhibition, organised by Rajshahi Mango Products, will be held. Venue: Guide House premises, New Baily Road. Time: 10.00am. The exhibition will continue till July 6.

Demonstration

A demonstration of Educational Software for people affected by Cerebral Palsy, organised by the National Forum of Organisations Working with the Disabled (NFOWD) and the Bangladesh Computer Council (BCC), will be held with Social Welfare Minister Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed as chief guest. Venue: Auditorium of the Department of Social Services, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar. Time: 9.00am.

Inauguration

The inauguration of Bangladesh Centre of the Institution of Civil Engineers (U K) will be held with BRAC Vice Chancellor Prof Jamilur Reza Chowdhury as chief guest. Venue: Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh. Time: 4.30pm.

Discussion

PROSHIKA organises a discussion to present the findings of a survey conducted by its Institute for Development Policy Analysis and Advocacy on strengthening local government. Venue: CIRDP auditorium, Tophkana Road. Time: 9.00am.

DHAKA TOMORROW

Academy Film Society will screen an Indian film titled 'Roza' and an American film titled 'Zandalee'. Venue: 21/C Jigatola. Time: 3.30pm and 6.30pm.

Drama

Purabi Sangskritik Chakra will stage a drama titled 'Becharmer Biay' directed by Sajjad Hossain on the occasion of its 24th founding anniversary. Venue: Mohila Samity auditorium. Time: 5.30pm.

Seminar

A seminar on 'The establishment of private TV channel and supervision and management of cable operators', organised by the Information Ministry, will be held with Information Minister Tariqul Islam as chief guest. Venue: National Institute of Mass Communication. Time: 9.30am.

Workshop

The opening session of a training workshop on 'Mediation Techniques: Alternative disputes resolution in civil justice delivery system in Bangladesh' will be held with Justice K M Hasan, chief justice of Bangladesh, as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 9.00am.

Inauguration

Inaugural ceremony of the Shaymoli Branch of The City Bank Limited will be held. Venue: Khilji Road, Shaymoli. Time: 11.00am.

WEATHER TODAY

Rise in temperature likely

UNB, Dhaka

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

Slight rise in day temperature is likely over the country. Met Office said. Highest temperature 33.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Chuadanga and the lowest 23.4 degree at Dhaka.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:50 pm today and rises at 5:15 am tomorrow. 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	31.1	23.4	83	76
Chittagong	31.0	25.0	75	74
Rajshahi	33.2	24.6	89	93
Khulna	32.8	24.7	92	76
Barisal	31.5	25.4	93	92
Sylhet	29.5	24.0	90	81
Cox's Bazar	31.7	25.2	77	78



Police intercepted a procession of National Teacher-Employee Front at the Paltan intersection in the city yesterday as the demonstrators were demanding 30 per cent dearness allowance.

'Build up social resistance against acid attack'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a discussion in the city have called for building up social resistance against acid attack.

They said vigorous campaign is needed to raise public awareness about the heinous crime.

More enactment of laws is not enough to stop acid attack, the speakers added.

The discussion was organised to release a report on the implementation of Acid Control Act 2002.

Legal Education and Training Institute (LETI) of the Bar Council in collaboration with the Acid Survivors Foundation (ASF) organised the discussion at the National Press Club on Monday.

Advocate Sigma Huda, chairperson of ASF, chaired the discussion.

Advocate Badrunnesa Khuku, legal coordinator of ASF, presented the report prepared on the basis of recommendations made at two workshops held in Dhaka and Rajshahi earlier.

The report mentioned some limitations of the government's health sector, law enforcing agencies and the judiciary while implementing the Acid Control Act and made some recommendations to overcome them.

These include appointment of more doctors at district and thana hospitals for treating acid victims and issuing necessary certificates to file cases against the acid throwers.

Besides, separate investigation cell will have to be formed to investigate the acid throwing cases being free from political and executive

influences, and ensuring accountability of the investigation officers regarding the progress of the cases.

The recommendations also included the formation of special tribunal for the trial of acid throwing cases.

Two laws on acid control and crime prevention act should also be included in school textbooks to raise awareness among the students against the heinous crime.

Taking part in the discussion, Barrister Amir-ul-Islam, vice-chairman of Bangladesh Bar Council, proposed to observe a 'week' to create awareness among the people about the acid attack.

He said people from all walks of life including NGOs, social workers, teachers and journalists will have to be included in national and district level monitoring committees to make them effective.

Manira Rahman, executive director of ASF, and M A Salam Talukder, chairman of Human Rights and Legal Aid Committee, Bangladesh Bar Council also spoke.



The Students' Movement Against Tobacco took out a cycle procession in the city yesterday to raise awareness about bad effects of smoking and drug abuse.

Release of SCF leaders demanded

DU CORRESPONDENT

Samajtantrik Chhatra Front (SCF) at a rally on Dhaka University campus yesterday demanded immediate release of its leaders arrested in Chittagong on Monday.

Addressing the rally the SCF leaders also demanded enactment of law to stop police attack in any democratic movement.

They said police attacked the SCF procession in Chittagong without any reason and arrested five of its leaders. At least 10 workers were injured in police action, they added.

They said ruling BNP-Jamaat alliance government would not be able to stop movement resorting to repression and torture on students.

The students' community has rejected the national budget as it is anti-people and anti-students, they said.

The SCF leaders threatened to stage demonstration across the country tomorrow if their demands were not met immediately.

The rally was addressed by SCF leaders Mosharraf Hossain Rashed and Janadern Datta Nantu.



New BYEA executives

AZM Saleh and Badrul Munir have been made president and general secretary of Bangladesh Young Economist Association (BYEA) for 2003-05 terms, says a press release.

Md Zahirul Islam Sikder, Shafiqur Rahman Khan, Md Tofazzal Hossain and Md Rafiqul Islam Bhuiyan have been made vice-presidents.

Siddiqur Rahman and AKM Kamrul Ahsan have been made joint secretaries.

Jameel Mahmud, Abdul Awal and Md Zamal Abu Naser have been made assistant secretaries.

Other office bearers are Shaheen Alam Bhuiyan-treasurer, Md Mozammel Haque-publicity secretary, Md Khalilur Rahman-organising secretary, Abu Monsur Md Saiduzzaman-office secretary, Rezaul Karim- planning and research secretary, Fazlul Karim Munshi-cultural and social welfare secretary, Salma Nasrin- women affairs secretary, and Md Mohsin-publication secretary.

Members are Md Mosharraf Hossain Majumder, Anamul Haque, Md Mobarak Hossain, Md Majibur Rahman, Iftekhar Ahmed (Ripon), Md Mizanur Rahman, SM Mahbubur Rahman, Alea Ferdousi, Moniruzzaman and Md Mizanur Rahman.

The new executives were made at the annual general meeting of BYEA at the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh on June 27.

Centre for Arsenic Mitigation opens

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Bangladesh-Australia Centre for Arsenic Mitigation was inaugurated at Dhaka Community Hospital (DCH) on Monday.

Australian High Commissioner Lorraine Barker opened the resource centre set up with the assistance from the government of Australia.

The centre would provide every organisation working for mitigation of arsenic contamination with necessary information.

The resource centre is part of the Bangladesh-Australia Centre for Arsenic Mitigation Project

(BACAMP). The DCH, government of Australia, AusAID, and GHD Pty. Ltd. are working together on this project.

Dr Quazi Quamruzzaman, chairman of DCH, said arsenic contamination is creating various social and economic problems. "We have to provide people with alternative source of pure drinking water to prevent arsenic contamination of ground water."

Syedur Rahman, joint secretary of Local Government Division, Peter Robson, project director, Dr Alison Baker, project manager and Janet Donnelly of AusAID also spoke.

Remain alert against grabbing lands of indigenous people

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of Bangladesh Adibasi Samity (BAS) have called upon its workers to remain alert against the grabbing of the lands of indigenous people by the forest department showing them as vested property.

The call was given at a rally organised by BAS in observance of historic 148th Santal-Peasants Revolution Day in Dinajpur on

Monday. The BAS leaders urged the government to initiate land reform and control the price of daily essentials.

Presided over by Sri Bishwanath Sing, president of BAS, the rally was addressed by Dr Samsunhar Khan Dolly, Mahmud Jamal Kaderi, ABM Solaiman Kaderi and Jaed Iqbal Khan.



Bangladesh Adibasi Samity took out a procession in observance of the historic 148th Santal-Peasants Revolution Day in Dinajpur on Monday.

