

The Baily Star

directors of the Lions Club Of Dhaka

South will be held. Venue: Panthapath

The annual general meeting of the

Coalition for the Urban Poor will be held.

Venue: WVA auditorium, Dhanmondi.

DHAKA

TOMORROW

The central council 2003 of Bangladesh

Krishak League will be held with Awami

League President Sheikh Hasina as

chief guest. Venue: Mohanagar

Natyamancha, Gulistan. Time:

The draw of Shishu Swasthya

Foundation, Bangladesh lottery will be

held with State Minister for fuel and mineral resources Mosharraf Hossain

as chief guest. Venue: Foundation

The inaugural ceremony of a three-day

postage exhibition titled 'Childpex-

2003', organised by Philatelists'

Association of Bangladesh, will be held

with Law, Justice and Parliamentary

Affairs Minister Moudud Ahmed as chief

guest. Venue: GPO auditorium. Time:

office, Mirpur Section-2. Time: 5.00pm.

Childpex-2003

Uttar Dhanmondi. Time: 7.00pm

Ensure safe future AL demands for mother, child

Tariqul tells publication ceremony

BSS, Dhaka

Information Minister Tariqul Islam yesterday called upon all to work unitedly towards ensuring a safe future for mother and child.

The minister made the call while speaking at the publication ceremony of "Ma-O-Shishu", a compilation of special features on the condition of mother and child of Bangladesh, at the Press Information Department (PID) here

The book was jointly pub-lished by PID and UNICEF.

The minister said the present government has taken various pragmatic steps to ensure better future for mother and child.

"As a poor country, Bangladesh has been facing various problems due to rapid growth of population," he said adding, "We, irrespective of all opinions, should work together to address these problems.

Information Secretary

A student of Dhaka University (DU)

was injured when a bus helper

pushed him down from the bus he

was travelling in near the Fazlul

Ekushey Hall, was coming from Mirpur by a Gulistan-bound bus.

He requested the driver to stop the

bus in front of the Fazlul Haque

Hall, but the bus helper pushed him

Protesting the incident, agitated

Azad, a resident student of Amar

DU CORRESPONDENT

Haque Hall yesterday.

onto the road instead

Nazmul Alam Siddiqui, Chief Communication and

Information Officer of UNICEF Naseem-ur-Rahman, Joint-Secretary and Project Director (BADC). Mizanur Rahman Majumder also spoke at the function, chaired by Principal Information Officer

(PIO) Khandaker Manirul Alam. Nazmul Alam Siddiqui said the book depicts a complete picture of mother and child and 'it would help us take a pragmatic

workplan. Naseem-ur-Rahman said we should take steps to publish this type of book every year to know the real condition of the mother and child of Bangladesh.

Mizanur Rahman said the book, with 33 features, 25 pictures and six cartoons, will be a permanent source of information about health, security and development of mother and child.

Journalists and high officials took part in the discussion.

students of the Ekushey Hall gath-

ered on the road and damaged a

DU student pushed

bus.

and helper

in bus accidents there.

down from bus

withdrawal of **BADC engrs'** dismissal order **DU CORRESPONDENT**

Awami League General Secretary Mohammad Abdul Jalil, MP, has demanded the withdrawal of dismissal order on 525 engineers of Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation

In a statement yesterday, he termed the dismissal order as inhuman and said it is a repression of the alliance government on nocent people.

Abdul Jalil said family members of the dismissed engineers would face serious economic hardship as the prospect of new job market is very bleak. He also criticised the govern-

ment for price-hike of daily essen-tials which has created an unbearable situation for the common people.

SKOP protests govt move to downsize

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

manpower

Sramik Karmachari Oikva Parishad (SKOP) at meeting yesterday condemned the government's move to downsize the manpower from its various organisations, says a press release

Terming the move imprudent, the SKOP leaders said such a decision by the government would bring sufferings to thousands of workers and create anarchy in the

They demanded restrictions on industrial sector as well. movement of heavy vehicles on the They urged the government to road and punishment of the driver refrain from either selling or closing down 12 industrial units and three corporations.

The DU students have long been demanding that the road from High Presided over by Safiuddin Court Mazar to Banga Bazaar be Ahmed, the meeting was made off-limits to heavy vehicles as addressed by Doctor Wajedul a number of students were injured Islam Khan, Abdul Kader Hawlader, Advocate Delwar Hossain Khan and Abdullah Additional police were deployed to avoid any untoward incident. Sarkar.

Association (BNPA) ended vester-Syed Margub Murshed, chair-

Telecommunication Regulatory Commission, attended the closing

Alam presided. Margub Murshed gave away prizes among four winners from in the last 25 years. It also holds auction of stamps every month.

their stamps. A total of 17 students of different schools took part in the exhibition. Certificates were also given to

Amendment to Drug Control Act demanded

RU students submit memo to health minister

departments of Rajshahi University yesterday demon-strated on the campus demanding an amendment of the 'disputed' section 13 (1) of the Drug (Control) Ordinance 1982.

The students under the banner of 'Movement for amendment of medicine policy' also handed over a memorandum to Vice-Chancellor Prof Faisul Islam Faruki for sending it to the health minis-

In the memorandum, they requested the health minister for immediate amendment of the ordinance which has been creating problems for them in the job mar-

Receiving the memorandum at his office, the vice-chancellor assured the students that he himself would meet the minister and apprise him of their problems.

Earlier, the students took out a silent procession on the campus and formed a human chain in front of the administrative building in support of their demand.

The government has decided to appoint Alimul Haque, at present additional Foreign Secretary, as ambassador of Bangladesh to the Federal Republic of Germany.

A career diplomat, Alimul Haque was Bangladesh High Commissioner to Pakistan from March, 2000 to May, 2003.

He also performed various diplomatic assignments in Bangladesh Permanent Missions in New York and Geneva as well as Bangladesh Missions in Muscat, Beijing, Pretoria and New Delhi, a foreign office press release said.

APE Alumni

Painting show

A painting show by Mohammad Yunus will be inaugurated by eminent artist Sved Jahangir. It will be followed by a Bonsai display by artist Jahira Hussain. Venue: House-25, Road-10, Sector-9, Uttara. Time: 6.00pm.

Film show

Film show

AGM

Time: 10.00am

Academy Film Society will screen a Bangla Academy organises a solo feature film titled 'Before the rain'. lecture on the occasion of the first death Venue: 21/C, Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm. anniversary of Syed Ali Ahsan, a noted scholar and educationist. Venue: Seminar room of the academy. Time:

Council

10.00am

Lottery

11.00am.

Discussion

IER celebration

11.00am

Memorial lecture

The special education department of the Institute of Education and Research (IER) of Dhaka University organises a function to celebrate its first decade of establishment with Vice-Chancellor Prof S M A Faiz as

chief guest. Venue: IER auditorium. Time: 11.00am.

Seminar

A seminar on 'Health services of Bangladesh and present government', organised by Awami League, will be held with Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim, MP and former health minister, as chief guest. Venue: CIRDAP auditorium, Topkhana Road. Time: 3.00pm.

Meeting

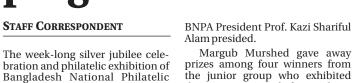
Lions meeting

The monthly general meeting of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh will be held. A paper on 'Contemporary world: Human crisis and its solution' will be presented by Prof Aminul Islam of Dhaka University. Venue: Old secretariat road. Time: 5.00pm.

The first meeting of the board of

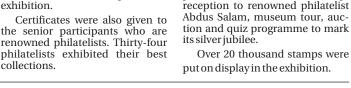
A discussion on 'Science in history', organised by the Organisation for spreading the light of science and civilisation among the people, will be held. Venue: Atomic Energy Commission, Time: 3.00pm

ceremony as chiefguest, held at the Dhaka General Post Office (GPO). RU Correspondent

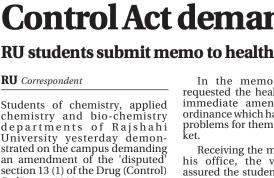


the junior group who exhibited

renowned philatelists. Thirty-four philatelists exhibited their best collections. **Alimul new**







'Buy improved

variety of jute'



Prof. Shariful Alam said the association, formed in 1978, has

The association organised a

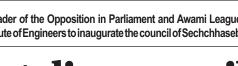
philatelic exhibition, workshop,

organised 20 philatelic exhibitions

envoy to

BSS, Dhaka

Germany



NEWS

PHOTO: STAR Children greet Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina with flowers when she arrived at the Institute of Engineers to inaugurate the council of Sechchhasebak League.

Philatelic assoc silver jubilee programme concludes

Academy Film Society will screen an American feature film titled 'Roman Holiday'. Venue: 21/C, Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm

Students of cadet colleges who secured GPA-5 in the SSC examinations this year pose with their principals at a meetthe-press programme at Dhaka Cantonment Officers' Club yesterday.

139 cadet college students secure GPA-5

BSS, Dhaka

Cadet college students who secured GPA-5 in the SSC examinations this year and the principals met the media for the first time at Dhaka Cantonment Officers' Club vesterday.

The Inter Service Public Relations (ISPR) arranged the meeting to introduce the meritorious students and project the educational activities of the colleges.

A total of 139 students of 10 cadet colleges obtained GPA-5 (A+).

Of them, 42 students are from

Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Advocate Mozammel Hossain, an eminent lawyer and member of the provincial assembly of the then East Pakistan, passed away here yesterday

He died of old-age complications at a city clinic at the age of 83.

He left behind wife, three sons, four daughters and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death.

His first namaj-e-janaza would be held at Chittagong Court Building premises after Zohr prayers while the second one at Jamiyatul Falah Mosque premises at Dampara after Asr prayers.

Halima Jalil

Halima Jalil, wife of late A S M Abdul Jalil, former principal of the government Devendra College, Manikganj passed away on July 25 at the CMH at the age of 73.

Halima left behind her son Dr Miftahur Rahman, chairman, department of Computer Science and Engineering, North South University and five daughters to mourn her death.

Her qulkhwani will be held at Kabbo Kunjo, Manikganj town after Asr prayers today.

Mirzapur Cadet College (MCC), 32 students from Pabna Cadet College (PCC) and 32 students from Mymensingh Girls' Cadet College (MGCC).

Chairman of the Cadet College Governing Body and Adjutant General of Bangladesh Army Major General Jalaluddin Ahmed and ISPR Director Lt. Col. Mohammad

Nazrul Islam were also present. Principals of the cadet colleges welcomed their students with flowers.

MCC principal Rafiqul Islam said the government has been providing support for only science and arts disciplines in the cadet colleges, but introduction of commerce subjects would be considered at the next governing body meeting

He also said establishment of more girls' cadet colleges depends

on the government decision. Most cadets attributed their success to their principals, teachers, college staff and parents.

Farhana, a student of Mymensingh Girls' Cadet College, said she wants to be a teacher and scientist like Prof. Muhammad Zafar Iqbal

Asif Arefin of Pabna Cadet College aspires to become an aeronautical engineer.

Over 2,000 Indian sarees

recovered **STAFF CORRESPONDENT,** Ctg

Bangladesh Coast Guard personnel recovered 2,113 Indian sarees worth about Tk 22 lakh in

Chittagong city on Saturday night. A Coast Guard patrol team found the sarees in a truck abandoned by a gang of smugglers near Reazuddin Bazar.

The gang fled the scene after sensing the presence of Coast Guard men, says a press release.

Seminar on professional challenges

PHOTO: STAF

MBA Club of North South University (NSU) organised a seminar on 'Professional challenges of business executives: Role of NSU' on its campus on Saturday, says a press release.

The purpose of the seminar was to learn from professionals and business leaders about the skills necessary for MBA graduates to achieve success in their career.

The curriculum of NSU MBA programme and the kind of training students are getting at NSU were also highlighted at the seminar.

The speakers underscored the importance of long-term collaboration between industry and university.

The guest speakers were Managing Director of Bank Asia Syed Anisul Huq, Managing Director of Prime Bank Shah Md Nurul Alam, Deputy Managing Director of Dhaka Bank Khandaker Fazle Rashid and Senior Executive Vice-President of Southeast Bank Syed Imtiaz Hasib.

NSU Vice-Chancellor Dr Hafiz GA Siddiqi and Dean of the School of Business Dr ANM Meshquat Uddin also spoke at the seminar.

Sitakunda Pourasava budget

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A Tk 9.15 crore budget of Sitakunda Pourasava for the fiscal 2003-2004 was announced here on Saturday. Sitakunda Pourasava Chairman Md Abul Kalam Azad announced the budget at a meeting. Engineer LK

Siddiqui MP was present. In his speech, the chairman sought cooperation from all for implementation of the budget.

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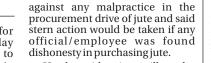
State Minister for Jute Lutfor Rahman Khan Azad yesterday asked the officials concerned to buy improved variety of jute to ensure high standard of jute products in earning more foreign exchange for economic uplift.

"Jute plays a significant role in fetching foreign currency and contributing a lot to the development of country's economy," he said while addressing the all pro-jects heads of state-owned jute mills at BJMC auditorium here.

Azad urged them to come forward to make all State Owned Enterprise (SOE) a profitable concern by maintaining good management Secretary of the ministry A S M

Abdul Halim and acting chairman of the BJMC Mohammad Mojibur Rahman were present.

The state minister warned



He also said no jute mills under the SOE would run as losing concern in future.

Meat festival at Nandan

Nandan Mega Shop at Gulshan has

Nandan is offering different types of fresh beef and mutton items. On every purchase of meat worth Tk 700, the customer will receive 500 grams of Radhunipagol rice of Dinajpur, 40 grams of turmeric, 40 grams of chilli and 40



The Alumni Association of Applied Physics and Electronics (APE) Department of Dhaka University will hold a general meeting to form its executive committee on August l, says a press release.

The convening committee of the association invites all the exstudents of the department to be a member and attend the meeting beginning at the TSC Cafeteria DU, at 10.00am.

Membership forms are available at the department (1.00pm to 2.00pm) and at the meeting.

For details, interested persons can write to the following e-mail addresses: letter2issa@vahoo.com; ahmedul@bjitbd.com; sazzad@udhaka.net; monir@petrobangla.org; info@promiti.com; and tcore@bdcom.com.

1242 more held UNB, Dhaka

Police arrested 1,242 people includ-ing four listed criminals during their countrywide drive in the last 24 hours ending at 6am yesterday.

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Hasanul Haq Inu of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal speaks at a press conference at the National Press Club vesterday.

JSD places 11-point demand

lection

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Iativa Samaitantrik Dal (ISD) at a press conference yesterday placed 1-point demand including separation of judiciary from the executive. formation of a bicameral parliament, scrapping of Official Secrecy Acts, formation of independent anti- corruption commission and establishment of women's rights.

They called upon the govern-ment to set up gas based industry and stop move to export gas with-JSD General Secretary Syed Jafar Sajjdd read out the written statement at the press conference at the National Press Club while President out meeting internal demand at least for 50 years. Hasanul hoque Inu replied to different questions of journalists.

Pradhan and Advocate Habibur The JSD leaders demanded women's seats at every district in Rahman Khan were present.

the lower house through direct

to cancel Gram Sarkar and hold elections to Union parishads and

criminals' from the cabinet they

urged the government to ban poli-tics based on religion.

upazila parishads immediately.

They also urged the government

Demanding removal of 'war

Shirin Akther, Nazmul Hoque



Keraniganj Garments Traders and Shop Owners' Samabaya Samity forms a human chain at Aganagar yesterday demanding punishment to the killers of Delwar Hossain.

No change in temperature likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty to squally wind is likely at many places over Rajshahi, Dhaka, Khulna and Barisal divisions and at a few places over Chittagong and Sylhet divisions till 6pm today.

The day's temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period, Met Office said

Highest temperature 35.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sylhet and the lowest 24.7 degree at Teknaf.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:44pm today and rises at 5:26 am tomor-

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

City/Town	Temperature		Humidityin		
	in Cel	sius	percer	percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening	
Dhaka	31.8	26.8	74	64	
Chittagong	32.5	26.4	74	77	
Rajshahi	31.7	26.5	80	77	
Khulna	31.8	26.1	90		
Barisal	30.6	26.4	94	83	
Sylhet	35.0	25.8	66	60	
Cox's Bazar	32.0	25.0	74	93	



arranged a meat festival which will continue till August 8, says a press release

grams of coriander free.