# DHAKA THURSDAY JULY 31, 2003

# NEWS

## The Daily Star

Installation ceremony

The installation ceremony of the newly

appointed office bearers of Lions Clubs

International District 315-BL

Bangladesh will be held. Venue

A seminar on 'Binary Pulsars and

Gravitational Waves', organised by

BRAC University, will be held. Venue:

University campus, Mohakhali. Time:

Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 9.00am.

**BRAC** seminar

## Integrate moral aspects in curriculum

### President tells AUB second convocation

WEATHER

**Thundershowers likely** 

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country,

Highest temperature 32.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday

The sun sets in the capital at 6:43pm today and rises at 5:28

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some

Min

24.9

25.2

26.0

25.7

26.0

26.6 24.8

in Celsius

Max

29.4

29.4

28.6 32.0

30.4

29.4

28.8

Humidity in

percentage

Morning

87

86

96 89

90

92

92

Evening

89

97 96

heavy to heavy fall at places till 6pm today.

major cities and towns yesterday were:

Temperature

at Khulna and the lowest 24.5 degree at Faridpur.

#### UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh.

UNB. Dhaka

Met Office said.

am tomorrow.

City/Town

Chittagong

Cox's Bazar

Rajshahi

Khulna

Barisal

Sylhet

Dhaka

President lajuddin Ahmed yesterday said education lacking moral and ethical standards can bring very little benefit to the society.

"All the moral aspects should be integrated in the curriculum of

convocation of the Asian University of Bangladesh (AUB) at Osmany auditorium here lajuddin said the institutions of higher learning should not be driven to commercially motivated subjects

higher learning", he told the second

programmes and limit them in acquiring universal knowledge. He laid emphasis on the need to "educate our people and turn them into human resources that can help us develop our economy and living only, as this would lead students to standards.

The president said the government had enacted the Private University Act in 1992 to allow establishment of private universities for expansion of higher education and "thus to save foreign exchange and to stop brain drain of our young generation. He said: "Now we have a good

compartmental academic

number of private universities which have been imparting gualitative higher education in the country."

But he regretted that the academic atmosphere and physical facilities in such private universities were insufficient.

He urged the authorities concerned to think deeply regarding this matter to raise the academic standard of private universities. PHOTO:PID The president, who is also the President lajuddin Ahmed gives away gold medals and certificates vester-

chancellor of AUB, congratulated day among the students at the second convocation of the Asian University of the graduates of the university for their achievement.

Education Minister M Osman Farruk, State Minister for Education ANM Ehsanul Haque Milon, University Grants Commission chairman Dr M Asaduzzaman, Dhaka University vice chancellor and convocation speaker Prof SMA Faiz, and AUB vice chancellor Prof. Dr. Abdulhasan M. Sadeg also

#### AL presidium Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at most places over the country with moderately

meets today

UNB, Dhaka

An emergency presidium meeting of the opposition Awami League will be held at its Dhanmondi office in the city at 5pm today Leader of the Opposition in

Parliament and AL President Sheikh Hasina will preside over the meeting.

issues of local government and possible future action' was based on the findings of a survey conducted by the Democracywatch in some union parishads of Mymensingh, Tangail and Gazipur districts.

director of Democracywatch, chaired the discussion while Muhammad Jahangir, executive director of Centre for Development Communications, was the modera-

Enam Ahmed Chowdhury, chairman of Privatisation Board, Jerina Rahman Khan, deputy chief of Associations in Rural Development (ARD), and Badrul Alam Majumder, country representative of Hunger Project spoke on the occasion.

Wazed Firoz, programme manager of Democracywatch, presented the keynote paper at the discussion.

The survey revealed that people do not know much about the local government system. Besides, lack of fund, transparency and inefficiency of the chairmen and members have

building is another big problem to house the office, they added. Mahbubur Rahman Fakir, an UP chairman, demanded more financial power to implement development projects

Referring to the existing friendly relation between China and

Bangladesh, Hasina emphasised the

bilateral cooperation, including joint

need for making it stronger through

Sheikh Rehana, AL presidium

## Death anniversary

The third death anniversary of Md Lutfor Rahman, senior tax lawyer and a patron of Ghasful, will be observed today. says a press

A milad mahfil will be held at the Chittagong Income Tax Bar Association and Ghasful office in Chittagong after Asr prayers.

### Concert

Lever Brothers Bangladesh celebrates the Prometheus's 18 years by organising a special concert titled 'Close Up Prometheus Moment'. Venue: Winter Garden of Sheraton Hotel. Time: 7.00pm.

#### Film show

Academy Film Society will screen two feature films titled 'Chandni Bar' and 'Dr No'. Venue: 21/C, Jigatola. Time: 3.30pm and 6.30pm

#### Lecture A discussion on the 'Use of IT in

3.30pm

A lecture on the 'Awareness and microfinance sector', organised by salvation in respect of earthquake' organised by Bangladesh Earthquake Society, will be held. Venue: BRAC University, Mohakhali. Time: 3.30pm.

#### Multimedia workshop

A free workshop on Multimedia, organised by the British Council, will be held. Venue: British Council Library, Fuller Road, Time: 3.30pm.

#### IT seminar

Discussion

A seminar on the 'Quality of IT and business education and the changing trends in the job market', organised by Dhaka campus of the University of Comilla, will be held. Venue: House-33, Road-4 Dhanmondi Time: 5 30nm

#### Publication ceremony

National Writers Unity organises the publication ceremony of a book titled 'Bangladeshe Nazrul111 Nazruler Bangladesh authored by Abdul Hye Shikdar. Venue: National Press Club.

on environment', organised by Manabik Sahajya Sangstha (MSS), will be held. Venue: MSS conference room, Banani. Time: 9.30am.

#### Workshop

A workshop on 'Treatment of chronic hepatitis B', organised by Bangladesh Association for Prevention and Treatment of Liver Disease, will be held. Venue: Association office, Elephant

quest. Venue: Osmani Memorial Hall. Time: 5.00pm. A seminar on the 'Role of Bangladesh

Seminar

immigration lawyers towards immigration laws of different countries of the world', organised by Bangladesh Immigration Lawyers' Samity, will be held. Venue: Supreme Court Bar auditorium. Time: 5.00pm.

Credit and Development Forum, will be held. Venue: IDB Bhaban conference room, Agargaon. Time: 12.00 noon. Medal giving ceremony function to award medal to four noted singers. It will be followed by a musical

Sargam Lolitkala Academy organises a

soiree. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi. Time: 5.00pm. DHÂKA TOMORROW

Film show

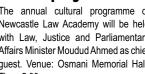
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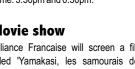
#### Movie show

Alliance Francaise will screen a film titled 'Yamakasi, les samourais des temps modernes' directed by Ariel Zeitoun (2000). Venue: Alliance Francaise auditorium, Mirpur Road.

Time: 10.30am and 6.00pm **Cultural programme** The annual cultural programme of

Newcastle Law Academy will be held with Law. Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Moudud Ahmed as chief





## Time: 4.00pm.

**MSS** seminar A seminar on 'Brick field and its ill effect

investment.

Speakers at a discussion vesterday laid emphasis on the reformation of union parishad (UP) system to

PHOTO:STAR

Taleya Rehman, executive

release.

Road. Time: 4.00pm.

Reunion The reunion of BUET 88 Club will be held. Venue: BUET auditorium. Time: 5.00pm.

ensure the rights and fulfilment of the needs of the people at grassroots level. The discussion on 'Significant tor.

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina at her Sudha Sadan residence yesterday.

all cooperation

in China next year. d' Affaires of Chinese Embassy in spoke on the occasion

Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League president Sheikh Hasina vesterdav assured China of her full cooperation

UNB, Dhaka

#### in holding the 3rd International Conference of Asian political parties

Her assurance came when Charge

her cooperation They elaborately discussed various bilateral, regional and international issues. As the Chinese Charge d'Affaires

Dhaka Duan Zhi Quan called on the

opposition leader at her Sudha Sadan

residence in the morning and sought

Charge d'Affaires of Chinese Embassy in Dhaka Duan Zhi Quan called on Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and

Hasina assures China of

3rd Int'l Confce of Asian political parties

#### member Kazi Jafrullah and AL presirenewed invitation to Hasina to visit dent's press secretary Abul Kalam his country, the AL president assured Azad were present at the meeting. him to visit China at a convenient time

## 'Reform UP system'

#### STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The students of science faculty of Dhaka University brought out a procession on the campus yesterday demanding implementation of their four-year honours degree as professional degree equivalent to previous three-year honours and one year masters degree.

weakened the whole system.

Due to autocratic attitude of the chairmen, the members do not find interest in working with them. In many cases necessary standing committees are not formed. Local people and female members are also deprived of their participation in decision making process and development activities.

According to the survey, there is also lack of co-ordination as most of the chairmen and members are not aware about their duties and responsibilities. They are also inefficient in budgeting, asset management and planning. Government authorities, NGO

workers, and local member of parliaments do not discuss with them, said some of the chairmen and members who participated in the discussion.

They said the union parishad gets only TK 4 lakh annually and they do not have any other alternative sources of income to implement their development projects. Lack of

Relatives and admirers have been requested to attend the milad and pray for the salvation of the departed soul