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Lalan evening

Purnima Basar organises an evening of Lalan song by Shahnaz Belly. Venue: Mohanagar Natya Mancha, Gulistan. Time: 7.00pm.

Launching ceremony

The launching ceremony of a CD containing songs of the movie titled 'Chandrakatha' by Humayun Ahmed will be held. Venue: Hotel Sheraton Time: 5.30pm.

Film show

Academy Film Society will screen a comedy film titled 'White men can't jump'. Venue: 21/C, Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm.

Bangabandhu discussion

Bangabandhu Parishad organises a discussion in observance of 28th death anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Venue: Institution of Engineers' auditorium. Time: 4.30pm.

Publication ceremony

The publication ceremony of a book titled 'Under the Krishnachura' (Fifty Years of Bangladeshi Writing) edited by Niaz Zaman, will be held with National Professor Kabir Chowdhury as chief guest. Venue: Alliance Francaise Library, Mirpur Road. Time: 6.00pm.

Meeting

The 28th meeting of Bangladesh Jatiya Samaj Kalyan Parishad will be held with social welfare minister as chief guest. Venue: Office of the social service directorate, Agargaon. Time: 10.15am.

Lecture

On the occasion of its silver jubilee celebration, Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS) organises a lecture on 'Economic security of a least developed country' to be delivered by Dr Joseph Stiglitz, a Nobel Laureate. Venue: BISS auditorium, Old Elephant Road.

Workshop

A workshop on the dissemination of findings and recommendations of the study 'Assessing male psychological

attitude towards violence against women' will be held with Women and Children Affairs Minister Begum Khurshid Jahan as chief guest. Venue: BETS Centre, Dhanmondi. Time: 9.30am.

BLFCA workshop

A workshop on Artha Rin Adalat Ain, 2003, organised by Bangladesh Leasing and Finance Companies Association (BLFCA), will be held with Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Moudud Ahmed as chief guest. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 4.00pm.

Talk

A talk on 'Law, crime and morality in colonial India', organised by Asiatic Society of Bangladesh, will be held with Dr Tazeen M Murshid of University Libre de Bruxelles as guest speaker. Venue: Seminar room of the society, Old Secretariat Road. Time: 5.00pm.

Seminar

A seminar on 'Justice delayed, justice denied: Causes and remedies' will be held with Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Moudud Ahmed as chief guest. Venue: BCS Administration Academy, Shahbagh. Time: 11.30am.

Gonoforum meeting

A meeting of the standing committee of Gonoforum will be held with forum president Dr Kamal Hossain as chief guest. Venue: 7/C, New Bailey Road. Time: 6.00pm.

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Film show

Academy Film Society will screen a film titled 'Matrix Reloaded'. Venue: 21/C, Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm.

Reception

Vigaranunisa Noon School and College organises a reception for the students who made excellent results in SSC examination with LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan as chief guest. Venue: School premises. Time: 1.00pm.

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Bangladesh Teacher Employee Coordination Council stages a demonstration at Muktangan yesterday to press for their various demands.

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The City University and Korea Agency for Digital Opportunity and Promotion signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on the university campus yesterday to promote higher education, particularly in the field of Information and Communication Technology. Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr M Shamsul Haque and KADO representative Kyong Seok Min signed the MoU.

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President of the Central Committee for Prevention of Begunbari-Kunipara Land Acquisition Syed Mohammed Hossain addresses a press conference at the National Press Club on Monday, protesting the government move to acquire 333 acres of private land along the proposed Panthapath-Pragati Sarani link road. Nearly five lakh people will be evicted if the land is acquired, he said.

Suraiya's death condoled

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A condolence meeting in memory of Suraiya Begum, associate professor of the Department of Information Science and Library Management, Dhaka University, was held at the department on Sunday.

The speakers discussed the life and works of Suraiya Begum and paid tribute to her.

Suraiya Begum, wife of late Tawfiq Aziz Khan, former executive

editor of The Daily Star, died of a cardiac arrest at the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Hospital on August 2 at the age of 52.

Expressing deep condolence at her untimely death, the speakers proposed that the seminar library of the department be named 'Suraiya Begum Seminar Library'.

A milad mahfil was also held at the central mosque of the university after Zohr prayers on the day.

PHOTO: STAR

Students of Gono Bishwabidyalay organised a press conference at the National Press Club yesterday demanding that the dental surgery department be registered with the Bangladesh Medical and Dental Council.

Bachelor of dental surgery dept registration GB students seek president's intervention

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Students of bachelor of dental surgery (BDS) department of Gono Bishwabidyalaya (GB) have sought the intervention of the President to resolve the registration complication of their department immediately.

Addressing a press conference at the National Press Club yesterday, they expressed their deep anxiety about their professional carrier as their department has no registration with the health ministry and approval of Bangladesh

Medical and Dental Council (BMDC) although the first batch students of this department are going to complete their course soon.

"We have been deceived by the authorities concerned as they provided us wrong information through prospectus during admission test that the department is recognised by the government," they alleged.

"When a BMDC team came to inspect the university in 2000, we came to know that the BDS department has no registration," said the

students.

They also alleged that the GB authorities did nothing regarding the registration other than giving them false assurances.

"We will not be able to take part in final examination even after completing five years as the department has no registration," said the students.

Earlier on August 5, they confined the vice chancellor and the registrar to their rooms on the campus demanding registration.

The students will form a human chain in front the National Press Club and submit a memorandum to the Prime Minister on Sunday to press for their demand.

Garment workers' Int'l Solidarity Forum Aug 18, 19

Bangladesh Garment Workers Protection Alliance (BGWPA) will hold an international "Solidarity Forum for Garment Workers of LDCs" on August 18 and 19 at the Bangladesh Institute of Administration and Management auditorium here with a view to protecting the interest of garments workers of the least developed countries, says a press release.

Minister for Commerce Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury will attend the inaugural function as the chief guest.

The main objective of the Solidarity Forum is to campaign for protection of the rights, interests and livelihood of the garment and textile

workers of LDCs.

This Forum will build an alliance and develop collective strategies to launch a worldwide campaign for a development-based world and national trade regimes and highlight concerns of the garment workers of Bangladesh. It will create a broader alliance of organisations and workers' groups to collectively lobby and advocate at the global/bilateral/national levels.

The Forum will be participated by representatives of garment and textile workers' federation, women's groups, human rights organisations, global civil society networks, consumers' groups and international trade experts.

200 forged DU certificates found

BSS, Dhaka

Dhaka University (DU) has recently detected 'a good number of fake certificates' on the basis of letters received from different government and non-government offices, foreign missions and institutions requesting verification of those certificates.

Sources said University Transcription Section has detected as many as 200 fake certificates while investigating 309 allegations of fraud.

The controller of examinations of DU has received about 200 letters in this regard from 16 universities in Canada, US, New Zealand and Australia through their diplomatic missions in Dhaka.

The Bar Council also recently submitted nine such allegations to the DU officer for verification of LLB and LLM certificates. Last year, the DU detected 40 forged certificates of BA, MA, M.Com, MSS, M.Sc, LLB and LLM. In June, the DU discovered a fake LLB certificate belonging to SM Hafiz Uddin following a complaint lodged by Dhaka Bar Council in April.

Talking to the news agency, DU Vice-chancellor Prof. SMA Faiz said the fake certificates were not issued by the university, adding that neither the department concerned nor the university publish those results.

He further said, "On behalf of the university, law enforcing agencies have already been informed to take

necessary actions so that such incidents do not recur."

Former vice-chancellor Prof. Shahid Uddin Ahmed said a commission for investigation for abuse of authority should be formed to investigate the matter.

Quoting an AFP news, Prof. Ahmed said an anti-corruption body in Nepal has charged 101 public servants with entering government service on fake educational certificates

Wanted criminal held in Sylhet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet.

Kabir, a notorious criminal and a gang leader of heroin trade, was arrested yesterday at Khadimpara Union in Sylhet Sadar upazila.

A fugitive for long with a jail term of 10 years, Kabir was wanted in at least 8 criminal cases, police said.

Acting on a tip off, a police raided the house of Enam, a member of Khadimpara union and arrested Kabir. He attacked a reporter and photographer of the Daily Jugantar on June 11.

He was interrogated by the DIG of Sylhet Range and Additional SP of Sylhet yesterday afternoon in Kotwali thana.

Save Wrettyik

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Students of Fine Arts Institute, Dhaka University, has organised an art exhibition in aid of Wrettyik, a six-year old boy, who has been suffering from viral encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain caused by a virus, since March 2002.

Wrettyik, the only child of his parents, used to draw beautiful pictures, but the disease has left him incapacitated.

He was treated in the Dhaka CMH and in Bangkok but still suffers from seizure disorder.

Doctors have advised his parents to take the boy abroad for advanced treatment which will cost a huge amount ranging from Tk 27 lakh to Tk 51 lakh.

The students have appealed to the generous people to extend a helping hand to save the boy by buying an artwork from the exhibition.

The exhibition is being held at the Institute of Fine Arts, open from 10.00am to 7.00pm daily.

Obituary

Surjaban Begum, mother of Md Shirajul Islam Mollah, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of Prime Bank Limited, passed away August 9 at her village home at Baznab in Narsingdi at the age of 80, says a press release.

She is survived by five sons, three daughters and a host of relatives to mourn her death. She was laid to rest at her family graveyard.

On the occasion, a day long Qurankhwani, milad mahfil and feeding to the destitute will be held on Friday at her village home.

The 11th installation ceremony of the Rotary Club of Sonargaon Dhaka was held at a city hotel recently. The newly elected board members pose with the guests, including Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed, Enamul Haque Mustafa Shahid MP, and District Governor Mir Anisuzzaman.

Japan to support Bangladesh in facing earthquakes

BSS, Dhaka

Japan yesterday expressed its willingness to extend all out supports to Bangladesh in facing the challenges from possible earthquakes.

The assurance came when Japanese Ambassador Matsushiro Horiguchi called on Disaster and Relief Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf at the latter's office here.

Experts fear that Bangladesh, which is frequently been shocked by mild tremors in recent times, may face severe earthquakes in near future. The Port City Chittagong and northern region are more prone to the future tremblers, sources said. Mild tremors measuring above 5 in Richter Scale hit twice Chittagong in last two weeks.

Meeting sources said the Japanese ambassador asked Bangladesh to make official proposal to his government seeking all

necessary supports to manage earthquakes, a common phenomenon in Japan too.

Chowdhury Yusuf told the ambassador that Bangladesh had achieved expertise in forecasting floods and cyclones, but lack adequate knowledge in warning and managing disasters like earthquake.

As we don't have adequate knowledge and advanced technologies to ascertain earthquakes, any such shock may put the entire nation into a big trouble, the minister was quoted as saying in the meeting.

Recalling Japan's long contribution to Bangladesh, Chowdhury Yusuf said the country could again come forward to help manage earthquakes in Bangladesh. Japan is the single largest bilateral donor for Bangladesh.

No change in temperature

UNB, Dhaka

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

Moderately heavy to heavy falls are also likely at one or two places during the period, Met Office said forecasting nearly unchanged day temperature over the country.

Highest temperature 33.9 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sylhet and the lowest 24.0 degree at Teknaf and Faridpur.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:34 pm today and rises at 5:33 am tomorrow.

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

City/Town	Temperature		Humidity in	
	Max	Min	percentage	
Dhaka	29.7	25.1	98	81
Chittagong	30.5	25.0	90	83
Rajshahi	33.6	26.8	87	87
Khulna	33.0	25.7	97	97
Barisal	31.7	26.7	87	80
Sylhet	33.9	26.0	89	73
Cox's Bazar	28.0	24.8	100	92