

'Dhallywood' deadlock ends

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The three-day deadlock at the Film Development Corporation (FDC) ended yesterday following the talks between the information minister and the agitating Bangladesh Film Federation (BFF) and Bangladesh Film Producers' and Distributors' Association (BFPDA).

The federation called off its indefinite work abstention and the association withdrew its action programme.

The federation had been pressing for action against vulgar films while the association, a rival group, demanding cancellation of the membership of director Chashi Nazrul Islam and actor Ahmed Sharif from the Censor Board.

Information Minister Tariqul Islam and Information Secretary Mazmul Alam Siddiqi sat with leaders of both the organisations at the FDC at about 2.00pm. FDC Managing Director Washimul Bari Rajib was also present.

At the meeting, the federation and association leaders vowed to fight the vulgar films and video piracy from their respective positions, sources said.

"From now on, all of us will monitor the films from our respective positions. If any film has vulgar scenes, we will report to the information ministry for legal action," said BFF Joint Convenor Chashi Nazrul Islam after the meeting.

The government would also enact laws against video piracy to save the film industry, he added.

BFPDA General Secretary Ashraf Uddin Ahmed Ujjal said, "We have reached a consensus

on restoring congenial atmosphere in the film industry."

The government has also assured them that it would take steps to modernise the FDC, he said.

The minister gave the responsibility to Monwar Hossain Dipjal, member secretary of BFF, to settle the dispute between actress Sadeka Pervin Popy and a producer, BFF sources said.

The BFF had launched the movement after the BFPDA 'boy-cotted' Popy.

Injured PDB staff dies

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One of the four Power Development Board (PDB) staff, burnt critically in an accident on Friday morning, succumbed to his injuries at a clinic in Dhaka on Sunday night.

Body of lineman Abdul Monnaf, 50, was laid to rest at the station road graveyard in Chittagong following his namaj-e-janaza after Johr prayers yesterday.

His body was brought to Chittagong in the morning.

Monnaf, his brother and PDB driver Abdul Wahab, work assistant Md Wajiuallah and electrician Mohammad Idris sustained serious burn injuries while mending defects in a power transformer at the 33/11-KV stadium sub-station on Friday morning.

They were rushed to a city clinic.

Senior Medical Officer of PDB Dr Sadrul Haq said last night that the condition of Wahab was critical.



PHOTO: STAR

Police escort Hafizur Rahman after a speedy trial tribunal yesterday sentenced him to death for killing his wife and two sons.

Contraceptive requirements to double in 15 years

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a discussion yesterday called for developing a strategy for contraceptive security as the contraceptive requirements would double in the next 15 years.

The contraceptive users in the country has increased to 53.8 per cent in 2000 from 7.7 per cent in 1975.

"It will indeed be a great challenge to supply contraceptives to the growing number of users," said State minister for Health and Family Welfare Mizanur Rahman Sinha.

The JSI/Deliver Bangladesh organised the discussion on 'Contraceptive Security in Bangladesh' at a city hotel.

The state minister called on the authorities, including the health ministry, the Social Marketing Company and NGOs, to play a crucial role in meeting the population's contraceptive needs.

He said the total fertility rate had not declined in the last eight years and it remained stagnant at 3.3 (per woman).

To achieve the replacement level of fertility, contraceptive prevalence rate has to be raised to at least 70 per cent, Sinha said.

"And for this, we must ensure contraceptive supply to a growing number of users that will increase to over 27 million in 2015."

Md Nurul Hossain, chief of JSI/Deliver Bangladesh, presented the keynote paper.

He noted that all concerned should work together in achieving

contraceptive security.

He also emphasised the need for an accurate forecast of contraceptive requirements and coordination of financial resources.

Md Fazlur Rahman, director general of Family Planning Department, called for mass awareness campaign to achieve contraceptive security.

SM Wahiduzzaman, joint secretary of the health ministry, suggested reinvigorating long-term methods, improving market segmentation and strengthening the national supply chain management to ensure contraceptive security.

BMA Long Course results

The results of written examination for 53rd BMA Long Course of Bangladesh Army were published yesterday, says an ISPR press release.

Successful candidates will have to appear before Inter Services Selection Board (ISSB) for test/interview. ISSB will send call-up letters to the candidates in phases. Telephone numbers of ISSB are 9870011 Ext: 3862 and 8828735 (direct).

Following are the roll numbers of the successful candidates:

11003	11037	11039	11067	11075	11080	11084
11102	11125	11133	11170	11175	11207	11218
11237	11240	11264	11287	11337	11343	11348
11397	11422	11448	11449	11499	11517	11578
11585	11627	12018	12047	12067	12070	12110
12127	12144	12158	12172	12226	12230	12239
12240	12249	12252	12289	12336	12339	12403
12404	12437	12543	12560	12613	13004	13016
13019	13022	13036	13066	13135	13151	13200
13213	13244	13250	13252	13267	13269	13316
13335	13393	13413	13418	13427	13432	13437
13468	13469	13478	13480	13484	13485	13604
13614	14013	14016	14071	14076	14121	14126
14136	14170	14176	14183	14211	14232	14238
14239	14254	14309	14316	14329	14335	14349
14355	14378	14393	14428	14444	14454	14487
14488	14506	14513	14514	14521	14532	14533
14540	14561	14574	14579	14580	14582	14586
14592	14597	14598	15019	15038	15052	15077
15097	15144	15158	15209	15256	15288	15292
15295	15375	15425	15456	15460	15538	15575
16028	16048	16104	16111	16126	16135	16150
16201	16249	16259	16260	16264	16266	16270
16307	16331	16378	16412	16451	16471	16547
16565	16581	17030	17061	17133	17350	18057
18073	19286	19289	19388	20011	20030	20111
20173	20200	20210	20239	20278	21028	22058
22143	22147	22175	22176	22179	22240	22244
22261	22263	22400	23110	23128	23189	23199
23272	23354	23372	24002	24013	24084	24086
24101	24111	24122	24145	24148	24176	24180
24197	24203	24204	24229	24250	24260	24283
24305	24366	24368	24400	25004	26042	26055
26077	26087	26096	26115	26131	26151	26161
26193	26228	26275	26344	26379	27064	27087
27104	27106	27117	27147	27151	27160	27161
27201	27218	28012	28015	29004	30055	30066
30090	30098	30112	30130	31073	31081	31083
31098	31109	31120	31166	32043	32049	33005
33006	33007	33013	33016	33019	33077	33185
33283	33296	33316	33329	34004	34023	34239
34265	34268	34282	34307	34319	34360	35103
35110	35140	35161	35167	35245	35348	



Barrister Shafique Ahmed, president of Dustha Swasthya Kendra (DSK), speaks at its annual general meeting held at the YWCA auditorium in the city recently.



Dr Ferdousi Begum, executive director of DEBTEC, has been awarded for her contribution to promotion of medicinal plants at a reception organised by the Mohanagari Sangskritik Forum recently.

Khadija takes oath as MP

BSS, Dhaka

Mosammat Khadija Amin took oath as a member of parliament at a simple ceremony at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban here yesterday.

Speaker Muhammad Jamir Uddin Sircar administered the oath to the newly-elected MP from Netrakona-3 at this chamber.

The Netrokona-3 seat of the Jatiya Sangsad fell vacant following the death of Nurul Amin Talukder on June 4 last. Khadija, wife of late Nurul Amin, won the election with the four-party alliance ticket.

Secretary, Parliament Secretariat Kazi Raquibuddin Ahmed conducted the oath-taking ceremony.

Deputy Speaker Akhter Hamid Siddiqui, Chief Whip Khondoker Delwar Hossain, Adviser to the Prime Minister on Parliamentary Affairs Salauddin Qader Chowdhury, Whips Mohammad Ashraf Hossain, Alhaj Syed Wahidul Alam, Syed Shahidul Hoq Zamal, and Alhaj Mohammad Zahed Chowdhury and State Minister for Home Affairs Lutfuzzaman Babar were present on the occasion.

Polybags seized in city: 2 arrested

BSS, Dhaka

A joint drive by the Directorate of Environment (DoE) and police yesterday seized four bundles of banned polythene shopping bags from Fakirerpool Bazar in the city and arrested two persons.

The arrestees are Nannu and Shah Alam. Police nabbed them for selling and storing the banned polythene bags.

A case was also filed against them, a DoE press release said.



Cultural Reporters' Assoc executives

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Monirul Islam of the Al-Amin and Juton Chowdhury of Anandadhara have been elected president and general secretary of the Bangladesh Cultural Reporters' Association for 2003-2005.

And the vice-presidents are Dulal Khan (Ananda Binodon), Shamim Ahmed (Ajker Prottyasha) and Ali Imam Suman (Ajker Kagoj).

Other members of the executive committee include Mehdi Azad Masum (Ajker Khabar) -- joint secretary; Hamid Mohammad Jasim (weekly Bichitra) -- organising secretary; Ummul Wara Sweety (Asia Digest) -- finance secretary; Abeg Rahman (Jugantor) -- cultural secretary; Suman Rahman (Sarasoni) -- international secretary; Rafiq Mohammed (Ananda Din) -- literary secretary; Aslam Rahman (Manav Zamin) -- sports secretary; and Ahmed Siraj (Abas) -- office and publicity secretary.

And the members are Hasan Mahmud (Inqilab), Halim Muhammad (Ajker Kagoj), Ayub Ansari (Ekhon Somoy, New York), Supon Roy (NTV), Rafiqul Islam Panna (Dinkal) and Himel Chowdhury (Prothom Alo).

MIDAS training course from Sept 6

A six-day training course titled 'Start your own business' begins in the city on September 6, says a press release.

Organised by the MIDAS, the course has been designed on a German model called Competency-based Economies through Formation of Enterprise (CEFE) successfully implemented in more than 50 countries in Asia, Africa, South America and Europe.

The course will enable the participants to identify and select viable business project, prepare bankable business plans covering management, marketing and production aspects, analyse profit and loss and set up or expand business ventures.

Potential and existing entrepreneurs, enterprise development officers, small business trainers and consultants can take part in the course.

The course will be held at the MIDAS head office from 2:30pm to 6:00pm daily.

For details, interested persons have been requested to contact MIDAS, House # 5, Road # 16 (New), 27 (old), Dhanmondi; phone: 8116094-5, 8116186-7, 9117154, 0 1 7 2 0 6 0 5 2 8, e mail: midas@aitltd.net.

DHAKA TODAY

Film Show

Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen three films- 'Behind the Sun' by Walter Salles (Brazil), 'Intacto' by Juan Carlos Fresnadillo (Spain) and 'Atanarjuat (The fast runner)' by Zacharias Kunuk (Canada). Venue: Goethe Institut, Dhanmondi. Time: 2.30pm, 4.30pm and 6.30pm.

Movie show

Academy Film Society will screen a film titled 'Open your eyes'. Venue: 21/C, Zigatola. Time: 6.30pm.

Food festival

The inaugural ceremony of a weeklong Turkish Food Festival, organised jointly by the Turkish Embassy in Dhaka and Gemcon Food and Agricultural Products Ltd, will be held. Venue: Meena Bazar, Satmosjid Road, Dhanmondi. Time: 11.00am.

Seminar

Bangladesh Sangskritikendra organises a seminar on the occasion of the 27th death anniversary of national poet Kazi Nazrul Islam. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 4.00pm.

Memorial discussion

Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Sangsad Kendrio Command Council organises a discussion on the occasion of the 28th death anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 4.00pm.

Medical seminar

A seminar on the 'Present state of orthopaedic and neurology surgery in third world countries', organised by Arab Bangladesh General Hospital, will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 10.00am.

Orientation

The inaugural session of the orientation programme of Democracywatch will be held. Venue: Democracywatch auditorium. Time: 9.30am.

Rotary meet

Weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Sonargaon Dhaka will be held. Venue:

Dhaka Club. Time: 5.30pm.

Launching ceremony

The launching ceremony of TOTAL lubricants by Padma Oil Company will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 7.30pm.

DHAKA TOMORROW

Nazrul evening

On the occasion of the 27th death anniversary of national poet Kazi Nazrul Islam, the University Campus organises an evening of Nazrul song to be rendered by Subarna Kazi. Venue: Kendrio Kachi-Kancha auditorium, Segun Bagicha. Time: 6.00pm.

Press preview

Fortnightly Anannya organises a press preview on the occasion of the upcoming joint painting and photographic exhibition titled 'Innocence and Anguish' of painter Kalidas Karmaker and photographer Enam-al-Haque. Venue: Meeting room of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Segun Bagicha. Time: 4.00pm.

Movie show

Academy Film Society will screen a film titled 'Zulu'. Venue: 21/C, Zigatola. Time: 6.30pm.

Cultural function

Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy organises a discussion and cultural function in observance of the 27th death anniversary of national poet Kazi Nazrul Islam. Venue: National Art Gallery of the academy, Segun Bagicha. Time: 5.30pm.

Roundtable

A roundtable on 'The new law of international commercial arbitration in Bangladesh: A comparative perspective', organised by Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs (BILIA), will be held. Venue: BILIA auditorium, Dhanmondi. Time: 4.00pm.



Light to moderate rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

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

Highest temperature 35.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and the lowest 24.5 degree at Rangamati.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:23pm today and rises at 5:38am tomorrow.

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

City/Town	Temperature	Humidity in		
		in Celsius		percentage
		Max	Min	Morning Evening
Dhaka		34.2	26.5	86 61
Chittagong		32.5	25.8	75 74
Rajshahi		33.5	27.2	84 77
Khulna		34.4	26.5	77 76
Barisal		34.0	27.0	77 70
Sylhet		34.0	26.2	83 69
Cox's Bazar		33.0	25.8	74 86

None arrested yet in UNB correspondent Amin abduction case

UNB, Dhaka

The police are yet to arrest the criminals who had abducted UNB correspondent HMAmin.

Amin was abducted on Friday morning. The villagers rescued him from Chunkuta Bangalbari after three hours of his abduction.

He filed a case identifying the criminals but police could not arrest any of them.

Amin is also general secretary of the Dhaka Zila Sangabadi Union and member of the District Law and Order Committee.