



The Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal organised a photography exhibition at Shilpakala Academy in the city yesterday to mark its founding anniversary.

## Govt using judiciary to harass opposition

### Speakers tell meeting

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Speakers at a meeting here yesterday criticised the coalition government led by BNP for backtracking from its election pledge on the separation of judiciary from the executive.

They said the government instead is using the judiciary as a tool to harass opposition leaders and workers.

The meeting was organised by Chittagong District Bar Council at the local Press Club in the afternoon.

Vice Chairman of Bangladesh Bar Council Barrister Amirul Islam was the chief guest at the meeting presided over by Chittagong Bar Council President Ferdous Ahmed.

City Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury, senior journalist and convener of Oikyabaddha Nagorik Samaj Muhammad Idris, General Secretary of south district Awami

League Moslemuddin Ahmad and bar council General Secretary Mujibul Haq also spoke at the meeting.

Barrister Amirul Islam said the current movement of the lawyer is aimed at resisting government's ill motive to politicise the bar council like other organisations.

"The movement also aims at establishing rule of law, human rights, good governance and freedom of judiciary," he added.

Barrister Amirul Islam alleged that the government had created a vacuum of 250 posts in the lower courts in an artificial way a few months ago only to fulfil those by pro-BNP men later on.

"Besides the government gave appointment to judges of its own choice at the higher courts ignoring the long-standing convention of consulting with the chief justice before the final approval of the appointment," he added.



The Breast Cancer Support Group took out a procession in the city yesterday to raise awareness about breast cancer.

## DHAKA TODAY

### Louis Mall retrospective

Under a retrospective of films by French new wave filmmaker Louis Mall, Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen two films titled 'Good Bye, Children' and 'Murmur of the Heart'. Venue: Alliance Francaise auditorium, Dhanmondi. Time: 5.00pm and 7.00pm.

### Film show

The Academy Film Society will screen two films titled 'Taal' and 'The last seduction'. Venue: 21/C, Jigatola. Time: 3.30pm and 6.30pm.

### Movie show

On the occasion of its 24th founding anniversary, Shishusahitya Parishad will screen a movie titled 'Sonar Kella' by Satyajit Ray. Venue: House-15, Road-7, Dhanmondi. Time: 4.30pm.

### Art exhibition

The inaugural ceremony of an art exhibition titled 'Transformation' by 14 artists from Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi and Bogra will be held with Khushi Kabir as chief guest. Venue: Gallery of Alliance Francaise, Dhanmondi. Time: 5.30pm. The exhibition will remain open till October 27 from 9.00am to 12.00 noon and from 5.00pm to 8.00pm daily.

### AAIU meeting

A meeting of the executive committee of Alumni Association of Islamic University (AAIU) will be held. Venue: Shaon Tower, Purana Paltan. Time: 5.00pm.

### Anaesthesia day

The inaugural session of a programme in observance of 157th year of Anaesthesia Day, organised by Bangladesh Society of Anaesthesiologists, will be held with Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharrif Hossain as chief guest. Venue: BCPS auditorium. Time: 9.00am.

### Science fair

The inaugural ceremony of a three-day science fair of Vigarunnisa Noon Science Club will be held. Besides science projects, the fair consists of quiz, debate and math

olympiad. Venue: School campus. Time: 10.00am.

### ICMA B workshop

The inaugural session of a two-day cost audit workshop on jute industries will be held with State Minister for Jute Lutfar Rahman Khan as chief guest. Venue: ICMA Bhaban, Nilkhet. Time: 6.30pm.

### Publication ceremony

Cuba Friendship and Solidarity Committee, Bangladesh organises the publication ceremony of two books titled 'Cuba' by Obeid Jaigirdar and 'Fidel Castro Mukhomukhi' by Jahanara Noori. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 5.00pm.

### BPKS programme

The presentation ceremony of wheel chair and certificate of computer training course among the disabled, organised by Bangladesh Protibandhi Kalyan Samity (BPKS), will be held with Social Welfare Minister Ali Ahsan Muhammad Mujahid as chief guest. Venue: BPKS Complex, Dakkhin Khan. Time: 12.45pm.

### Discussion

On the occasion of World White Cane Safety Day, the Association for Visually Impaired Students of Dhaka University organises a discussion and cultural function with Vice Chancellor Prof S M A Faiz as chief guest. Venue: Conference room of Business Education Faculty. Time: 3.00pm.

## DHAKA TOMORROW

### Film show

The Academy Film Society will screen two films titled 'Johnny English' and 'Just Married'. Venue: 21/C, Jigatola. Time: 3.30pm and 6.30pm.

### Art competition

Sheikh Russel Jatiya Shishu Kishore Parishad organises an art competition for the children to mark the 39th birth anniversary of

## Lawyers form human chain on SC premises

SC CORRESPONDENT

Lawyers formed a human chain on the Supreme Court premises yesterday as part of their month-long agitation to press home its demands.

The demands include separation and independence of judiciary and repeal of amendments to the civil procedure code and the Bar Council order.

The lawyers staged the demonstration under the banner of Six-point Demand Implementation Committee of Lawyers.

They urged the government to meet their demands immediately and put an end to controversial appointments superseding senior judges.

SC Bar Association Vice-President Advocate Subrata Chowdhury, Secretary Mahub Ali, Barrister Showkat Ali Khan, Abdul Baset Majumder, Abdul Matin Khosru, SS Halder, Yusuf Hossain Humayun, Mohammad Ullah, Sheikh Mohammad Morshed, Mohammad Abdul Hye, Mohammad Nuruzzaman Khan Hiru, Mohammad Giasuddin Ahmad, Nizamul Haq Nizam, Syed Ahmed and Shamsul Haq Tuku joined the programme.

## World Food Day today

UNB, Dhaka

World Food Day will be observed today in the country as elsewhere across the world with a call for international alliance in the fight against hunger.

Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations observes the day on October 16 every year marking its inception on that day in 1945.

This year's theme of the day is: "International Alliance Against Hunger".

On the occasion, a national seminar will be held at BARC auditorium at 10am today.

Agriculture Minister MK Anwar will inaugurate the seminar as chief guest while Food Minister Abdullah Al Noman and State Minister for Agriculture Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir will attend it as special guests.

President Iajuddin Ahmed, Prime Minister Khaleda Zia and UN Secretary General Kofi Annan gave separate messages on the occasion.

## Programmes to observe Nov 7

UNB, Dhaka

The government has drawn up an elaborate programme to observe the National Revolution and Solidarity Day on November 7 with due respect and enthusiasm.

The programme was finalised at a meeting yesterday at the Home Ministry with Home Minister Altaf Hossain Chowdhury in the chair.

President Iajuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia will issue separate messages on the eve of the day.

National flags will be hoisted atop all government and non-government buildings and roads and road-islands decorated with national flags. The government and non-government buildings will also be illuminated.

The day will be a public holiday and it will be observed in a befitting manner, maintaining sanctity of the holy Ramadan, the meeting was told.

Milad mahfils, special prayers and Ifars will be arranged at the mosques, seeking peace and progress of the nation. Prayers will also be offered at temples, churches, pagodas and other places of worship.

The national dailies will publish essays and supplements highlighting the significance of the day and Bangladesh Television and Bangladesh Betar broadcast special programmes.

DU CORRESPONDENT

Education system in both the developed and developing countries has been under a process of reform because of technological changes, speakers said at a seminar yesterday.

They suggested incorporating science, technology and skill development courses into the curriculum to prepare the students in a better way to face the challenges of global competition.

Also, better administration in the education sector, substance planning, required funding and international cooperation are needed to achieve a position in the globalised society, they said.

The Centre for Social Science and Public Research of the Independent University, Bangladesh, (IUB) organised the seminar on 'Education in a global society' as part of the university's 10th founding anniversary celebrations. The seminar was held at IDB Bhaban.

Speaking as chief guest, Education Minister Dr M Osman Farruk called for modernisation of the country's education system.

He said the private university act would be amended to ensure quality education as around 30 percent students are now studying at the private universities that offer market-oriented subjects.

In his keynote paper, guest speaker Dr Richard Hopper, education specialist of the World Bank, pointed out that globalisation had brought both opportunities and challenges and the developing countries would have to resolve the problems of quality education, structural changes and management practices.

Economist Dr Muzafer Ahmed, a

professor of the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) of Dhaka University, presented another keynote paper on 'Education in a global society - a developing country perspective'.

The education has become resource- and technology-intensive and the national policy for education needs to be geared towards reducing inequality of opportunities, Dr Ahmed said.

He said equitable, efficient and relevant education would create an environment for participatory process of acquisition of knowledge suitable for the emerging global society.

Former education minister ASHK Sadique said the private universities must ensure quality education to prepare the students in a global atmosphere.

He called on the government to take necessary steps to ensure quality education at the public universities as well as private universities.

IUB Vice-Chancellor Prof. Bazul Mobin Chowdhury, Ambassador Abul Hasan and Dr Ahmed S Abbasi also spoke at the seminar.

## GMG to operate additional Dhaka-Ctg flights

The GMG Airlines will operate additional flights on Dhaka-Chittagong route for next ten days from today, says a press release.

Flight No. Z5-105 will leave Dhaka at 11.30am daily and reach Chittagong at 12.15pm. And the return flight will leave Chittagong at 12.30pm and reach Dhaka at 1.15pm.



PHOTO: STAR

The Bangladesh Diploma Engineering Student-Teacher-Professional Coordinating Committee formed a human chain in front of the Public Works Bhaban in the city yesterday demanding reinstatement of engineers.

## DU Mourning Day observed

UNB, Dhaka

Dhaka University yesterday observed Mourning Day with due solemnity remembering the tragic death of 39 students, employees and guests who were killed in a building collapse at Jagannath Hall on this day in 1985.

The day's programme began in the morning with hoisting varsity flags at half-mast. Black flags were also hoisted atop of all the dormitories and administrative buildings of the university.

Teachers, students, officials and employees led by Vice Chancellor Prof SMA Faiz in a mourning procession from the foot of the Aparajeyo Bangla went to the Jagannath Hall at 6:30am. Later, they placed wreaths at the monument of the hall.

Different socio-political organisations including, Dhaka University

Teachers Association, Bangladesh Chhatra League, Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, Bangladesh Students' Union, Lokenath Seba Sangha, Bibekananda Shikha Parishad, Pahari Chhatra Parishad and Bangladesh Puja Ujapan Parishad also placed wreaths at the monument.

## Shoilee Kids Festival today

CU CORRESPONDENT

The "Shoilee Kids Festival-2003" will be held at the JM Sen Hall in the port city today.

Professor Dr. Anupam Sen of Chittagong University will be present at the function as chief guest. Shoilee publishing will organise the function.

## Canada relaxes immigration process

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Canada has relaxed its immigration process by fixing pass mark required for migration at 67 from 75.

The new pass mark was announced by Denis Coderre, citizenship and immigration minister of Canada, on September 18.

This was stated by Shah Jaheer Ahmed, chairman of Southeast International Ian Wong and Associates, at a press conference in the city on Tuesday.

He said the people having lower education but competent for technical jobs can now apply for immigration.

Ahmed said the pass mark is determined on the basis of applicant's age, educational qualification, working experience and language proficiency.

He said the students who have completed 16 or 17 years of education, can manage a job there.

Besides, anyone having either close relatives in Canada or spouse with 16 to 17 years of education can also apply for immigration, he added.

Ahmed said, "International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is a must for everyone for immigration."

He said each applicant has to pay 550 Canadian dollar to Receiver General of Canada for the entire process.

"If he or she wants to take his or her family will count extra 550 dollar for spouse or each child over 18 years and 150 dollar for children below 18 years," he added.

## German military team due today

UNB, Dhaka

A German military delegation, led by Vice Chief of Defence of the Armed Forces of Germany Lt Gen (GS) Dirk BOECKER, arrives here today on a three-day visit to Bangladesh.

The visit, first from German to Bangladesh at the highest military level, takes place against the background of a longstanding training cooperation between the armed forces of the two countries and a shared commitment to the peace-keeping operations of the United Nations.

## 1545 more held

UNB, Dhaka

Police arrested 1545 people, including five listed criminals, during their country-wide drive in last 24 hours ending at 6am yesterday.

## Clarification

The Bangladesh Muktijoddha Sangsad Kendriya Samonnoy Parishad in a clarification said Major (Rtd) Syed Ekramul Hoque Khandaker, former general manager of Tabani Beverage Co. Ltd., was not present at its press conference held on October 13, but his name was mistakenly mentioned in the report headlined 'Move to privatise Tabani Beverage Co protested' published in The Daily Star the next day.

## Chehlum



a press release.

Son of late Reaz Uddin Ahmed, former president of Bogra Press Club, Robu died on September 7 following a road accident.

Relatives, friends and well-wishers have been requested to attend the chehlum.



## Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light rain or thundershowers are likely at one or two places over Chittagong, Khulna, Dhaka, Barisal and Sylhet divisions and weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country till 6pm today.

Slight fall in day temperature is expected over southern part of the country and day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over northern part of the country, Met Office said.

Highest temperature 34.8 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Khulna and the lowest 22.0 degree Celsius at Chuadanga.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:32pm today and rises at 5:57am 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	32.6	26.1	76	73
Chittagong	34.4	26.8	76	83
Rajshahi	32.8	22.6	73	83
Khulna	34.8	24.5	77	98
Barisal	32.8	25.0	80	88
Sylhet	33.0	25.0	79	76



PHOTO: STAR

The Government Employees' Action Council stages a demonstration in the city yesterday to press for its five-point demand.

## Obituary



Tahura Khatun, wife of late Idris Uddin Thakur, died at Holy Family Hospital on Saturday at the age of 75, says a press release.

She is survived by her five sons and two daughters.

She was buried at her village home at Itna upazila in Kishoreganj district.

Her quikhwani will be held at her village home today.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the quikhwani and.

## Hashem Khan

Alhaj Md Hashem Khan, vice-president of the Anjuman Mufidul Islam, died at a city clinic on Tuesday at the age of 75, says a press release.

The executives of the organisation expressed condolence at his death and conveyed sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.



Andrew L Fawthrop, president and managing director, Unocal Bangladesh, hands over a cheque for Tk 1,58,120 to MA Taher, director of Surovi, recently in support of a scholarship programme for underprivileged children.