

**DHAKA TODAY**

**Francois Ozon retrospective**

Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen two films in a retrospective to young French filmmaker Francois Ozon. The films are 'Demonlover' (2002) by Olivier Assayas and 'Sitoem' (1998) by Francois Ozon. Venue: Alliance Francaise auditorium, Mirpur Road. Time: 5.00pm and 7.15pm.

**Movie show**

Dhaka University Film Society will screen two films titled 'The Seventh Seal' by Ingmar Bergman and 'Full Metal Jacket' by Stanley Kubrick. Venue: German Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi. Time: 3.00pm and 5.30pm.

**Discussion**

Bangla Academy will hold a discussion to commemorate the death anniversary of poet Jasim Uddin. Venue: Seminar room of the academy. Time: 4.00pm.

**Launching ceremony**

The launching ceremony of a book titled 'Bangladesh Nari Bhu-Sampad Larai' by Aftab Parvez, will be held. Venue: IDB Bhaban, Agargaon. Time: 10.00am.

**Seminar**

A seminar on Rights, security and employment of women in Bangladesh sponsored jointly by Nari O Manabadhakar Foundation and Bangladesh Development Partnership Centre, will be held. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 3.00pm.

**Solidarity rally**

Sammilito Nagarik Samaj organises a

solidarity rally demanding immediate arrest and trial of the persons involved in the attack on eminent writer Humayun Azad. Venue: Central Shaheed Minar. Time: 4.00pm.

**Talk**

Under meet the reporters programme, Awami League General Secretary Md Abdul Jalil MP will give a talk on 'Bangladesh Politics'. Venue: Dhaka Reporters Unity auditorium, Topkhana Road. Time: 10.45am.

**Convention**

Under the auspices of the Oikya Prochasta, a national convention will be held with eminent lawyer Dr Kamal Hossain as chief guest. Venue: Paltan Maidan. Time: 1.30pm.

**Sramik League meeting**

A meeting of the central executive committee of Jatiya Sramik League will be held. Venue: 23, Bangabandhu Avenue. Time: 10.00am.

**Congress**

The opening ceremony of the 8th National Congress of Bangladesh Sarjuktia Sramik Federation will be held with LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan as chief guest. Venue: Mohanagar Natya Mancha, Gulistan. Time: 10.30am.

**Lions meeting**

Monthly meeting of the Lions Club of Dhaka South will be held. Venue: 44/22-A, North Dhanmondi, Panthapath. Time: 7.00pm.

**Sacked staffs refute attack on Adab meet**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A section of sacked Adab (Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh) employees yesterday refuted their involvement in the attack of its annual general meeting in the city on March 12.

In a statement, they said they were implicated in the attack with an evil design of diverting their agitation for their legitimate demands to a different direction.

The sacked employees have been agitating since February 26 to get their arrears salary for one year, the statement said, adding they went there to submit a memorandum to Adab President Kazi Faruq Ahmed to place their demands.

But, a group of 70 to 80 Proshika staff allegedly obstructed the sacked employees and later attacked them while they were staging a sit-in at the entrance of the meeting venue.

**Don't compare AL with BNP: Hasina**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Opposition Leader and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina yesterday came down heavily on those who drew a parallel between her party and the ruling BNP by saying that both the parties have failed to govern the country properly.

"They just want to make political gains without distinguishing between the evil and the good," she said while addressing the newly elected leaders of Dhaka Bar Association at the party's central office in the city.

She said people would not trust those who put the AL and the BNP on

the same scale.

"Do not compare the Awami League with the BNP. The previous Awami League government has many successes while the ruling BNP has totally failed to deliver," Hasina added.

The former prime minister accused the alliance government of plundering the national assets and leading the country to a suffocating situation in its 30-month rule.

She claimed that there was stability in prices of essentials during the AL rule, but now the prices have gone beyond the reach of the commonman.

The present rule is now marked with corruption, violence, human

rights violations, and repression on journalists and women, Hasina said.

Hasina's reaction came when some political parties are trying to get people's confidence blaming the two major parties for failure to govern the country.

Referring to the prime minister's call to shun hartal, Hasina said corruption, looting of public wealth and violation of human rights by the present government forced the AL to enforce hartals to topple it and restore good governance.

The AL president urged the people to unite to put an end to the alliance rule.

Awami League Law Secretary Shahara Khatun and Dhaka Bar Association President Mohammad Shahabuddin also spoke.

**Dawn View School celebrates silver jubilee**

BSS, Dhaka

The Dawn View Grammar School celebrated its silver jubilee on the school premises at East Rampura in the city on Friday.

The celebrations featured prize distribution, procession and cultural function.

After the inaugural ceremony, students, teachers and guardians took out a colourful procession in the area.

Vice-Chancellor of Patuakhali Science and Technology University Prof. AKM Abdul Hannan Bhuiyan attended the function as chief guest.

Shahjahan Mian, chief news editor of BSS, Syed Tasharuf Ali, editor of the weekly Robbar, Mohammed Farook, president of Ex-student Association of the school and general secretary Zahid Hossain, and ward commissioner Mohammed Akkel Ali were present as special guests.

Founder of the school Khandker Mohammad Jawher presided. Students and teachers performed at the cultural function.

**Sit-in in front of Ctg DC's office for third Karnaphuli bridge**

UNB, Chittagong

Greater Chittagong Development Action Committee staged a sit-in in front of the deputy commissioner's office for four hours yesterday demanding construction of a third Karnaphuli bridge.

About 200 people of different professional groups joined the demonstrations from 8am.

They said two other bridges over the river had already turned vulnerable and might collapse anytime, disrupting road links of southern Chittagong, including Cox's Bazar and Bandarban, with the country.

The third Karnaphuli Bridge project has been taken up 50 meters upstream Shah Amanat Second Karnaphuli Bridge. With Danish and Swedish grants, the then government allocated Tk 450 crore to build the 920-metre-long bridge three and a half years ago.

The first Karnaphuli Bridge at Kalurghat was constructed over 100 years ago and Shah Amanat Karnaphuli Bridge in 1988.

**Protests against Attack on Humayun Azad continue on DU campus**

DU CORRESPONDENT

Different student organisations yesterday brought out separate processions and held rallies on the Dhaka University (DU) campus demanding immediate arrest and punishment of the culprits who attacked eminent writer Humayun Azad.

They also demanded immediate resignation of Home Minister Altaf Hossain for his failure to nab the culprits even after 15 days.

At a rally Awami League backed Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) urged the DU authorities to fulfil its 12-point demand soon.

BCL President Liaqat Sikder, General Secretary Nazrul Islam Babu, Golam Sarwar Kabir and Hemayet Uddin Khan Himu addressed the rally.

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal backed BCL leaders demanded immediate arrest of Delwar Hossain Sayeedi, a Jamaat MP for his provocative speech against Humayun Azad.

The rally was addressed by BCL President Shariful Kabir Swapon,

Hossain Ahmed Tafsir, Moniruzzaman Monir, Sazzad Hossain and Yunusur Rahman.

Samajtantrik Chhatra Front (SCF), a left-leaning student organisation, and Progratishil Chhatra Jete leaders demanded immediate release of their supporters arrested during the demonstrations on the campus to protest the attack on Azad.

SCF General Secretary Mosharraf Hossain, Janardan Dutta and Abu Raihan spoke at the rally.

Meanwhile, Jatiyatibadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), student wing of the ruling BNP, has warned the BCL not to disrupt the congenial atmosphere on the campus.

At a rally, they alleged that the BCL has been trying to create a session jam at DU in a planned way to damage the future of the students.

Presided over by JCD DU unit President Amirul Islam Khan Alim, the rally was addressed by JCD President Shahabuddin Laitu, General Secretary Azizul Bari Helal, Sultan Sulauddin Tuku, Selimuzzaman Selim, Shafiq Bari Babu and Hasan Mamun.

**Mir Nasir warns Ctg mayor**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Mir Mohammad Nasiruddin has warned the Chittagong city mayor without mentioning his name of 'serious consequences' if the latter does not refrain from making objectionable remarks about him.

He gave the warning at a public meeting organised by Jamaat-e-Islami, Chittagong at Laldighi Maidan yesterday.

The state minister said, "He (City mayor) recently declared to resist me from coming to Chittagong. What I want to say is that Chittagong is not anybody's hereditary property. So, he should refrain from making such undesirable remarks in future."

At a meeting marking the historic 7th March in the port city, Mayor Mohiuddin Chowdhury said the Chittagong people would resist him (Mir Nasir) should he not stop repression against opposition leaders and activists.

Speaking as chief guest at the meeting, Jamaat chief and Industries Minister Matiur Rhaman Nizami said an internal as well as international conspiracy is on against the four-party alliance government.

"The people will have to pay dearly if the alliance government suffers any damage due to that conspiracy," he added.

City Jamaat Amir Shamsul Islam presided over the meeting.

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The 20th death anniversary of the eminent Tea Scientist Dr K A Hasan falls on today, the 14th March, 2004.  
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