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Photography exhibition

Bangladesh Mountaineering and Trekking Club organises an exhibition of photographs and a slide show on mountaineering training. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 11.00am.

Andrzej Wajda retrospective

Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen two films in a retrospective to Andrzej Wajda, the world renowned filmmaker of Poland. The films are 'Landscape After the Battle' (1970) and 'The Birch-Wood' (1970). Venue: Alliance Francaise auditorium. Time: 5.00pm and 7.00pm.

Film show

Academy Film Society will screen an American film titled 'Anger Management' (2003). Venue: Society auditorium, 21/C Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm.

Drama festival

As part of the weeklong drama festival of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Natyabangla of Laxmipur will stage a drama titled 'Shesh Prahar'. Venue: Theatre hall of the academy, Segun Gachha. Time: 6.00pm.

CNRS seminar

The Centre for National and Regional Studies (CNRS) will hold a seminar on 'Tolerance and multi-opinion system in the light of Islam'. Venue: IDB Bhaban auditorium, Agargaon. Time: 10.00am.

ENT workshop

The ENT department of the BIRDEM organises a workshop on microsurgery of the ear. Venue: BIRDEM hospital, Shahbagh. Time: 7.30am.

Inauguration of cardiac hotline

The inaugural ceremony of DAB Cardiac Centre hotline will be held. Venue: BIRDEM hospital premises, Shahbagh. Time: 4.00pm.

Rover seminar

Dhaka District Rover of Bangladesh Scouts organises a seminar to discuss its various programmes as well as their implementations. Venue: Sarkari Bangla College, Mirpur. Time: 8.00am.

Installation ceremony

The installation ceremony of Dhaka-Rajshahi Customs, Excise and Vat Executive Officers Association will be held with Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman as chief guest. Venue: Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh. Time: 5.00pm.

JSD rally

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) (Inu) will hold a rally to express solidarity with the resistance of the Iraqi people against the occupation forces. Venue: In front of the GPO, Bangabandhu Avenue. Time: 4.00pm.

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Film show

Academy Film Society will screen an American film titled 'Underworld' (2003). Venue: Society auditorium, 21/C Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm.

Indian film show

The High Commission of India will screen a film titled 'Khoobsurat'. Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, Gulshan-2.

Sandhani

The opening ceremony of a full-fledged unit of Sandhani Central Parishad will be held. Venue: Bangladesh Medical College premises. Time: 2.00pm. It will be followed by a voluntary blood donation and cultural function.




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(Left)Prime Minister Khaleda Zia visited the tornado victims at Haluaghat Upazila Health Complex in Mymensingh yesterday. (Right) Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina talks to the tornado victims during her visit to Kanchanpur village in Netrakona.



WEATHER  
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Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty to squally wind is likely at one or two places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions and the regions of Jessore, Kushtia and Comilla in the next 12 hours till 6.00pm today.

Weather may remain nearly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country, Met Office said.

Mild to moderate heat wave is sweeping over the regions of Rajshahi, Ishwardi, Chuadanga and Jessore. It is likely to spread over rest of the area of Rajshahi and Khulna divisions.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 40.8 degree Celsius was recorded at Rajshahi and the lowest of 21.0 degree at Sylhet and Syedpur.

The sun sets in the capital at 6.21pm today and rises at 5:35am tomorrow.

The 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	35.2	27.8	76	68
Chittagong	31.4	27.4	76	74
Rajshahi	40.8	26.0	--	--
Khulna	35.5	27.7	74	72
Barisal	33.0	28.0	79	76
Sylhet	27.8	21.0	82	89
Cox's Bazar	31.5	27.0	82	82

RESERVED SEATS FOR WOMEN

Direct elections demanded

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Leaders of the Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD-Inu) yesterday called upon women to force the alliance government to resign to realise the demand for direct elections to the seats reserved for women in parliament.

They said this while addressing a rally held at the Bangabandhu Avenue in front of the JSD office yesterday afternoon.

Terming the government an obstacle to implementing the rights of women, the leaders alleged that the current parliament is conspiring against women's empowerment.

JSD President Hasanul Haq Inu in his speech reiterated the demand for at least 64 reserved seats for women in 64 districts and direct election in those seats to empower women.

He said that leaving the provision of direct election in the reserved seats aside indicates that this government holds a very negative view of women's empowerment.

JSD leader Shirin Akhter rejected the government plan of 45 reserved seats without the provision of direct election and said women would not go to parliament merely as an 'ornament'.

Women participants carrying placards that read 'we demand direct election in reserved women seats' gathered at the rally premises and chanted slogans in favour of the demand.

They brought out a procession and paraded the streets.

Dutch-Bangla Bank donates GCI sheets for tornado victims

The Dutch-Bangla Bank has donated 500 bundles of high grade GCI sheets for distribution among the tornado-hit people of Netrokona and Haluaghat, says a press release.

A relief team of the bank left Dhaka yesterday with two trucks laden with the GCI sheets and handed over the relief materials to the deputy commissioner of Netrakona for distribution among the affected people now living under the open sky.

As already reported, 66 villagers have been killed, over 2000 others injured and thousands of houses damaged in the twin tornadoes.

Death anniversary



Today is the 33rd death anniversary of Lt. Col. Muhammad Qadir, a martyr of the Liberation War, says a press release.

A milad mahfil will be held at his Gulshan residence after Asr prayers.

Colonel Qadir, after whom the Qadirabad Cantonment in Natore is named, was commissioned in 1949 and embraced martyrdom in Chittagong.

His family requests all to pray for salvation of the departed soul.

Prof. Golam Mostofa



Today is the 33rd death anniversary of Prof. Golam Mostofa, a martyr of the Liberation War, says a press release.

He formed the Mukti Sangram Committee in Pirganj, Thakurgaon, at the beginning of the Liberation War.

A milad mahfil will be held at his home in Pirganj.

Hashem Ali Khan



Today is the 42nd death anniversary of Khan Bahadur Hashem Ali Khan, a renowned politician and lawyer, says a press release.

A close associate of Sher-e-Bangla AK Fazlul Haq, he was also a minister in undivided Bengal.

Hashem Ali Khan Smriti Sangsad will hold a milad mahfil and discussions in Dhaka and Barisal to mark the day.

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