



Rokia Afzal Rahman, former advisor to caretaker government, speaks at the inaugural ceremony of Arunima, a women's hostel, at Shyamoli in the city yesterday.

New women's hostel opens

Boarders will be provided training in market-oriented skills

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Proshanti Foundation, a non-governmental organisation, has opened a women's hostel-cum-employment generating project for widows, divorcees and unmarried women of over 30 years in Dhaka.

Diarrhoea claims 11 in Jessore

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Eleven people have so far died of diarrhoea at five upazilas in Jessore district. Upazila Health Officer Paritosh Kumar Kundu said diarrhoea broke out in an alarming form at Masna, Bahadurpur, Madhupur and Bharatpur villages towards the end of last month.

Environmentalists protest move to set up CNG stations on water bodies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Environmentalists yesterday protested the government move to set up CNG refuelling stations by occupying water bodies in Dhaka and levelling Batali Hill in Chittagong. The communications ministry has approved six CNG (compressed natural gas) refuelling stations and approval of seven others are pending all of which will be sited on Batali Hill, said a press release of Bangladesh Paribesh Andolan (Bapa) yesterday.



An artiste performs at the inaugural ceremony of One and Only Star Search 2004 competition at Sheraton Hotel yesterday.

Star Search contest launched

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The first Star Search was held in 1999. It opened a magical pathway for the musical group 'Vikings'. Star Search 2000 was even better. After the first success, they realised that it was unfair to select only one star. They introduced best band, best solo performer and eight other categories in Star Search 2000.

Girl burnt alive in Pirojpur fire

UNB, Pirojpur

A 12-year-old girl was burnt alive and two other girls sustained burns in a fire sparked off by a gas cylinder blast at a house near Jame Mosque in Nazirpur Upazila headquarters on Thursday night.

Extortionists kill timber trader at Rajbari

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A timber trader was gunned down by extortionists at Rajbari on Thursday night as he failed to pay the toll as demanded by them. The victim was identified as Nishikanta, 29, son of Anil Kanta of Gheekamal village under Baliakandi upazila.

Colony demolished in Noakhali

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

Noakhali district administration yesterday demolished a colony near the circuit house and the residence of the deputy commissioner in the town. Earlier, the colony styled as 'Freedom fighters and journalists colony' was demolished partially on May 10, 2003.

DHAKA TODAY

- Academy film show: Academy Film Society will screen a British film titled 'Octopus' (1983).
Rotary Dhaka Central: Weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will be held.
Rotary North West: Weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held.

Over 1,600 firearms recovered

UNB, Dhaka

Police arrested 1,669 people on various charges during their ongoing countryside drive in the last 24 hours till 6.00am yesterday.

WEATHER TODAY

Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at six places over Rajshahi, Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions in the next 12 hours till 6.00pm today.

Table with 4 columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning, Evening). Rows include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet.

Obituary

Nazera Begum, wife of engineer ARM Inamul Haq, died of a cardiac arrest at his home yesterday at the age of 77, says a press release.

Death anniversary

Today is the 73rd death anniversary of Dr Qazi Abdus Sattar, the first Muslim physician of undivided Bengal and an anti-British movement veteran, says a press release.

Prof. Md Asgar Ali

Today is the first death anniversary of Alhaj Prof. Md Asgar Ali, an educationist and language movement veteran, says a press release.

Principal Azmatullah

Today is the fifth death anniversary of Principal Azmatullah, a writer, social worker and religious personality, says a press release.



Children take part in a drawing competition on the Fine Arts Institute premises in the city yesterday. Bangladesh Cancer Society organised the event to mark the World Tobacco-free Day.



The Association of Regulatory Affairs of Bangladesh took out a procession in the city yesterday to raise awareness about Aids.