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Former finance minister Shah AMS Kibria speaks at a view exchange meeting on 'Empowerment of women' at the National Press Club yesterday. Women Affairs sub-committee of the Awami League organised the meeting.

## Committee to develop tourism

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has formed district-wise committee for development of tourism as well as their management in different parts of the country.

Deputy Commissioners will head the committee. Senior officials of different departments such as police, roads and highways, zila parishad, water development board, power, environment and forest, UNO, UP chairman and owners of hotel and resorts will be member of the committee.

It was decided at an inter-ministerial meeting on Wednesday with State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Mir Mohammad Nasiruddin in the chair.

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, State Minister for Land Ukil Abdus Sattar, State Minister for Environment and Forest Jafrul Islam Chowdhury and high officials from the ministries of Finance, Communications, Home and Energy attended the meeting.

The committee will ensure security, discipline and facilities of the tourists and above all maintain overall development and management. Steps will be taken to supply electricity in the tourist spots.

The committee has been asked to find out suitable places for building exclusive zones for the foreign tourists.

It will recommend the higher authorities for expansion, beautification and carrying out other development works to attract tourists. The committee has also been asked to recommend for development of communications infrastructure in the tourist zones.

## Two businessmen shot in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two businessmen were shot and chopped in separate incidents at Hazaribagh and Ramna while criminals beat an employee of a sanitary shop after its owner refused to pay them in tolls at West Rampura in the city yesterday.

Shamsul Haq, 30, a leather trader of Hazaribagh, received wounds in his neck, ribcage, thigh and knee when criminals sprayed him with bullets at around 3:45pm.

"Four criminals stopped Shamsul near Gajmahal High School on his way to Hazaribagh from his house in a motorbike, and shot him four times," said Habibur Rahman, the victim's elder brother.

Shamsul was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) in a critical condition.

In Ramna, two miscreants chopped Abul Kashem, 50, a businessman and contractor of Faridganj in Chandpur with machetes after sneaking into a room of Hotel Mrigaya on Topkhana Road at about 3:00pm.

The miscreants took away his mobile phone, a gold chain and some money before leaving the scene.

Hearing Kashem's screams, hotel staff went to the spot and

found heavy bleeding from his wounds in head, ear and neck.

He was rushed to the DMCH.

In Rampura, five to six operatives of Kala Palash group went to the sanitary shop of one Abul Khair and beat his employee Mohammad Babul, 35, with GI pipes after he failed to give them Tk 2 lakh in illegal tolls.

"The criminals phoned the shop owner previous night and demanded the tolls saying they need the money to release their gang leader Kala Palash on bail," said Babul at the DMCH.

## US charge d' affaires meets Bhuiyan

UNB, Dhaka

Charge d' Affaires of US embassy in Bangladesh Judith A Chammas called on LGRD and Cooperative Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan at the latter's office yesterday.

They discussed different matters relating to the setting up of rural infrastructures and strengthening of local government institutions in Bangladesh besides bilateral interests, says an official release.



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Desa Chairman Brigadier General Abu Alam Muhammad Abdur Rob speaks at an open discussion on "electricity problem and its solution" in the city yesterday. Faridabad Kalyan Samity organised the discussion.

## 'Unite against fundamentalism'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

11 Party leaders yesterday called for unity with cultural groups in a greater movement against imperialism, communalism and fundamentalism.

They made the call at a roundtable on 'Imperialism and communalism-Bangladesh under the grip of fundamentalism' held at Feni Samity Auditorium in the city. The 11 Party organised the roundtable.

Identifying the operations of fundamentalist forces as the main threat to the nation in his introductory remarks, alliance Convener Morshed Ali said "This threat cannot be faced without the unity of the people from all walks of life."

"Fundamentalist forces are not only influential, they are currently sharing power in state administration allowing them to establish their control over educational and financial institutions," Ali said, adding that "On the other hand, militant parties are mushrooming across the country."

Rashed Khan Menon, president of Workers Party of Bangladesh, stressed the need for initiating a greater movement after a broad discussion on imperialism, communalism and fundamentalism.

Syed Abdul Maksud, a noted columnist, said "The rise of imperialism, communalism and fundamentalism is inter-related" adding that "Imperialism created communalism which, in turn, triggered the rise of fundamentalism."

"The mindset of the people of middle and ruling classes will have to be changed for a massive uprising. The movement against the fundamentalist forces cannot be fought separately," he added.

Saifuddin Ahmed Manik, Abdullah Sarkar, Prof Saaduddin of Dhaka University, Ajay Roy and Abdus Samad also spoke at the roundtable.

## Yussuf Abdullah Harun hospitalised

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Noted industrialist and former president of Federation of Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) Yussuf Abdullah Harun was admitted to ZH Shikder Medical Hospital at Gulshan following a heart attack in the early hours of yesterday, family sources said.

"He is now under observation. His condition is improving gradually," hospital sources said.

## Death anniversary

Today is the first death anniversary of Haji Abdul Majid Chamu, a politician and social worker, says a press release.

Qurankhwa ni, milad mahfil and distribution of food among the destitute have been arranged at his residences at Abdul Aziz Lane and at Nawabganj Lane after Juma prayers.



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Rashed Khan Menon, president of Workers Party of Bangladesh, addresses a roundtable on "Imperialism and communalism-Bangladesh under the grip of fundamentalism" at the Feni Samity auditorium in the city yesterday. The 11 Party organised the roundtable.

## ATTACK ON TARANA

### Two placed on 3-day remand

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday placed two arrestees on a three-day remand in two separate cases suspecting their involvement in the attack on TV artiste Tarana Halim.

Metropolitan Magistrate Abdur Rauf Khan passed the remand order upon a police prayer for a seven-day remand in an attempted murder case and a five-day prayer in the theft case.

The accused Akkas, 25, and Nantu, 23, were arrested on Wednesday from Jigatola and Mirpur on suspicion of their involvement in the incident.

"They are professional thieves and are involved in theft, robbery and murder in the capital," said the police in their forwarding report, adding, "The two need to be remanded for information and clues to the attack on Tarana."

"The investigation, done so far, has indicated their involvement," the report added.

## DHAKA TODAY

**Film show**  
Bishwasahitya Kendra will screen a film titled 'The Butterflies' directed by Mariano Barroso. Venue: Bishwasahitya Kendra auditorium, Bangla Motor. Time: 5:00pm.

**Academy Film show**  
The Academy Film Society will screen a British film titled 'Lawrence of Arabia', and an American film titled 'School of Rock'. Venue: Society auditorium, 21/C Jigatola. Time: 3:30pm and 7:30pm.

**WVA lunch**  
International Ladies Lunch of Women's Voluntary Association (WVA) will be held to raise fund for its benevolent projects for women and children. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 10:00am to 4:00pm.

**Seminar on education**  
Shiksha Andolon Mancha will hold a seminar on 'Problems in education sector and national education commission 2003 report'. Venue: Business Studies auditorium, Dhaka University. Time: 9:00am.

**Meeting on health**  
Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights organises an opinion sharing meeting on 'Health sector reforms: Hazardous to women's health'. Venue: TSC conference room of Dhaka University. Time: 4:00pm.

**Conference**  
The Institute of Rural Development organises a conference on 'Human Rights and Micro Credit'. Venue: CARITAS auditorium, Outer Circular Road. Time: 10:00am.

**Inauguration**  
The opening ceremony of a super store styled as 'Haat Bazar' will be held. Venue: Royal Plaza, Road-4.

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**Fruits exhibition**  
Dhakabasi (Residents of Dhaka) organises an exhibition of seasonal fruits and Bakarkhani with Communications Minister Nazmul Huda as chief guest. Venue: Novera Hall, National Museum. Time: 3:00pm.

**Discussion**  
Mass-line Media Centre organises a discussion on the 'Reforms of government advertisement policy'. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 10:30am.

**Meeting**  
An opinion sharing meeting on UN CEDAW Report, organised jointly by Ain O Salish Kendra, Bangladesh Mahila Parishad and Steps Towards Development, will be held. Venue: CIRDAP auditorium, Topkhana Road. Time: 9:30am.

**Discussion**  
Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote organises a discussion in memory of Mahub Khan Guin, former general secretary of Bangladesh Film Artists Association. Venue: Bishwasahitya Kendra auditorium, Bangla Motor. Time: 4:00pm.

**AGM**  
Annual General Meeting of Bangladesh Samabay Bank Limited will be held with LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan as chief guest. Venue: Mohanagar Natya Mancha, Gulistan. Time: 11:00am.

## WEATHER TODAY

### Light to moderate rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over the country with moderately heavy falls at places over Chittagong, Khulna and Rajshahi divisions till 6:00pm today.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said.

Highest temperature 35.6 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rangamati and the lowest 24.6 degree Celsius at Dhaka.

**The sun sets in the capital at 6:48pm today and rises at 5:12 am 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	33.4	24.6	85	76
Chittagong	33.4	26.5	92	76
Rajshahi	33.8	26.1	92	87
Khulna	33.0	25.5	86	84
Barisal	33.5	25.5	84	84
Sylhet	33.0	25.2	88	70
Cox's Bazar	32.3	25.5	88	83



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Participants of an inter-university quiz competition, Trivium, pose with University of Information Technology and Sciences (UITS) Vice-Chancellor Dr A Majeed Khan and faculty members on its Gulshan campus. The quiz contest was held on June 13.