

# Nat'l Cub Camporee begins today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The sixth National Cub Camporee, a four-yearly scouting event, begins at the National Scout Training Centre at Mouchak in Gazipur today.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia is expected to inaugurate the week-long event at 11:00 am, said Chief National Commissioner of Scouts Muhammad Fazlur Rahman at a press conference yesterday.

The camporee is designed to facilitate an exercise of personal ability and skills through sharing experiences among the cub scouts for a better future, he said.

About seven thousand participants, mostly schoolchildren, from across the country will take part in the camporee with a view to creating better future for the nation-builders, Rahman said.

The participants also include 851 cub unit leaders, 69 contingent leaders, 400 scout officials and 400 volunteers.

Scout personalities, ministers, parliament members, bureaucrats and journalists are also expected to attend various events such as exhibition, sub-camp Jalsa and cub carnival.

The programmes, fashioned as Auntyshah, have been split into eleven events -- funfair, traditional sports, friend-making, discussion and teamwork.

There will be six sub-camps in the camporee. The sub-camps will be named after the birds -- Kokil, Moyna, Gangchil, Machhranga, Pankouri and Tia. The main arena will be named after the national bird Doyel.

The total cost of the camporee has been estimated at Tk 73 lakh, of which Tk 3 lakh has been generated from the registration fees of the participants and the rest from the government fund, the organisers said.

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman will attend the closing ceremony on December 30.

Camporee Committee Chairman AK Mirza Shahidul Islam, National Commissioner Jahangir Habibullah and Deputy Commissioners Abeda Akhtar and Shafik Alam Mehedi were also present at the press conference.

# Killing of RU teacher condemned

## 'Bring killers to book immediately'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Different political parties and professional bodies yesterday strongly condemned the killing of Prof Mohammad Yunus of Rajshahi University and demanded immediate punishment to the killers.

Unidentified assailants knifed and hampered the professor to death at Binodpur in Rajshahi yesterday morning.

Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League (AL) chief Sheikh Hasina termed it a pre-planned killing.

She blamed the Islami Chhatra Shibir, student wing of Jamaat-e-Islami, for the killing. The armed cadres of Shibir also tried to kill him several times earlier as he always upheld the spirit of the liberation war, she added.

The opposition leader also demanded exemplary punishment to the killers of Prof Yunus.

Bangladesh Economic Association blamed the zealots for the killing of Prof Yunus and termed it a part of a move to eliminate the

pro-liberation forces.

It urged the government to form a high-powered investigation committee to identify the killers and bring them to book.

In a joint statement, 315 teachers of Dhaka University condemned the killing of Prof Yunus and demanded exemplary punishment to the killers.

The signatories to the statement included Dhaka University Teachers' Association President Prof Arefin Siddique, General Secretary Akhtaruzzaman, Prof Sultana Shafi, Prof Mostafa Chowdhury, Prof Quazi Shahidullah and Prof Sharifullah Bhuiyan.

Protesting the killing, the Workers Party of Bangladesh called on the countrymen to unite against the rising fundamentalism.

The Communist Party of Bangladesh, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (Inu), Bangladesh Jubo Moitree, Bangladesh Awami Sechchasebak League and Bangladesh Chhatra Federation also condemned the killing.



Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon stages a demonstration on the second Buriganga Bridge in the city yesterday demanding cancellation of the Indian river-linking project.

# Incorporate HIV/Aids issue into textbooks

## Experts tell seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Experts at a seminar yesterday urged the government to incorporate the HIV/Aids issue into primary and secondary textbooks to create awareness about the disease at the grassroots level.

They also called on all to avoid abnormal sexual behaviours, and follow the religious teachings with a view to safeguarding them from Aids.

The seminar on the 'Causes of HIV/Aids transmission and its prevention' was organised by Bangladesh Institution of Medical Laboratory Technologist (BIMLT) in collaboration with Jubok Medical Services (JMS) at Birdem Hospital in the city.

Justice Mohammad Abdur Rauf, former chief election commissioner, attended the seminar as chief guest.

Bangladesh is a low prevalence but high-risk country as neighbouring India, Myanmar and Thailand are high prevalence countries, said the experts.

"HIV can be transmitted from one body to another through blood, semen, vaginal fluid and breast milk," said Hasibul Haque, head of behavioural change communication and country officer of Family Health International.

"According to an official estimate, about 7,677 people are infected by HIV in Bangladesh, but the UNAIDS puts the figure at 15,000," Hasibul told The Daily Star.

"Around 14,000 people are being infected by HIV globally everyday. Of them, more than 95 percent are in developing countries. About 2,000 of them are children under 15 years," said Sujit Dey, medical technologist of US Embassy, while presenting the keynote paper.

He said almost 50 percent infected patients are women.

"The trafficking of women in large number has also increased HIV/Aids risks in our country," said Prof Nazrul Islam, a member of National Aids Committee.

BIMLT President Janun Reza Chowdhury presided over the seminar addressed by Dr Richard Niculas, regional medical officer of American embassy, and Abu Mohammad Syed, chairman of JMS.

# Maintain unity to end misrule of govt: CPB

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The opposition political fronts must maintain their unity to bring an end to the 'misrule' of BNP-led coalition, said Monzurul Ahsan Khan, president of Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB), yesterday.

Addressing a rally in the city, he called upon all to make the December 30 no-confidence human wall from Sunamganj to Sundarbans a success.

The CPB would do as much as needed to make the opposition movement a success maintaining its individual organisational position, Khan said, adding that his party would not yield to any pressure or deviate from its principles in the face of any propaganda.

He said the CPB will hold public meetings at Mongla and Sunamganj on December 28 and carry out mass contact programme in Dhaka, Narayanganj, Manikganj and Narsingdi.

The CPB leaders, present at the meeting, also condemned the price hike of diesel and kerosene, saying that these will hurt the common people.

The government is also not concerned over the fate of millions of garment workers in the post-MFA era, they said.

# JU admission tests rescheduled

BSS, Savar

The authorities of Jahangirnagar University (JU) have shifted the admission tests scheduled for December 26 to December 29.

The admission tests of the departments of English, international relations, and drama and dramatics will now be held on December 29.

The decision was taken at an emergency meeting of the JU central admission committee on Thursday.

# Burglary at Philips showroom

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Electronic appliances worth around Tk 10 lakh were stolen from a Philips-Whirlpool showroom at Panthapath in the city in the early hours of yesterday.

A gang of burglars broke into the showroom at 43/R West Panthapath and took away television and VCD sets, music systems and other goods, said Harunur Rashid, owner of the showroom.

He said he and the employees rushed to the showroom after one of his friends called him finding the shutter of the showroom open at around 9:15am yesterday. They closed the shop at about 9:10pm the previous day.

Harun filed a case with Tejgaon Police Station in this connection. Police, however, could not arrest any criminal, nor could they recover the stolen goods.

# Death anniversary

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura



Today is the 11th death anniversary of Advocate Asaduzzaman, an organiser of the Liberation War and former lawmaker.

Former president of Magura district Awami League, Asaduzzaman was elected a member of parliament four times.

Magura AL, Jubo League, Chhatra League, Krishak League and Mahila Awami League have taken up various programmes, including discussion and milad mahfil, to mark the day.

# Dr Sofia Hasan Jahan Ali



Today is the eighth death anniversary of Dr Sofia Hasan Jahan Ali, a former professor of economics, Dhaka University, and a sports organiser, says a press release.

A doa mahfil will be held at the house of Dr Shaikh Maqsood Ali, at 135 Eastern Road, Lane # 5, New DOHS, Mohakhali after Maghrib prayers.

# Zahid Hossain Chunnu

Today is the ninth death anniversary of BNP leader and convenor of Jatiyatabadi Samajik Sangkritik Sangstha (JASAS) Zahid Hossain Chunnu, says a press release.

Chunnu died of a cardiac arrest on this day in 1995 when he tried to evade armed muggers who attacked him at Manik Mia Avenue in the city.

He played a vital role in the anti-autocracy movement.

A discussion will be held at the Bhasani auditorium in the city at 4.00pm.

# 'Cancel Tipaimukh dam, river-link projects'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a rally yesterday demanded cancellation of Indian river-linking project and Tipaimukh dam project immediately as they would have devastating impact on the environment of the country.

Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (Bapa), an environmental group, organised the rally on the second bridge over Buriganga river near Babubazar.

The speakers said the implementation of the Indian projects would result in desertification, increased salinity and destruction of the existing ecology.

They said the projects would also affect the agricultural and industrial productivity of the country. The projects might also trigger mass migration endangering this river-valley civilization, the speakers said.

Presided over by Bapa Joint Secretary Mihir Biswas, the rally was also addressed by Taksim A Khan, Dr Nuruddin Khan, Shamsul Momen Palash, Advocate Abul Kalam Azad, Bidhan Chandra Pal and Mujibur Rahman.



A two-day Ikebana exhibition of Maleka Khan began at the Gallery Kaya at Uttara in the city yesterday. Japanese Ambassador Matsushiro Horiguchi, left, inaugurated the show, which will remain open from 11.00am to 8.00pm.

## WEATHER TODAY

# Temperature may fall

UNB, Dhaka

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over the country during the next 24 hours till 6pm today.

Night temperature may fall slightly and light to moderate fog may occur in the morning, Met Office said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 30.5 degree Celsius was recorded at Cox's Bazar and the lowest of 13.2 degrees at Sayedpur.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:19pm today and rises at 6:39am 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	25.6	17.5	91	59
Chittagong	29.2	16.9	78	60
Rajshahi	24.1	14.2	95	82
Khulna	25.0	16.8	94	83
Barisal	25.7	16.0	100	91
Sylhet	26.2	17.0	89	80
Cox's Bazar	30.5	18.0	88	--

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# Invitation for Tender (IFT) Tender Notice

No-25/2004-2005

1. Govt of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a loan from Islamic Development Bank (IDB) towards the cost of the Greater Noakhali and Chittagong District Feeder Road Project and intends to apply a part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contract's as mentioned in para-2.

2. Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh represented by the Executive Engineer, LGED, District-Noakhali invites sealed tenders from LGED special class contractor/firm for the construction and completion of the following works. The tenderer must have to satisfy the post qualification requirement as detailed in tender documents.

Sl No	Package No	Name of the work	Tender security in Taka	Price of tender documents (in Taka)	Time for completion (Days)
1.	GNCP-09	Improvement of Sonapur-Char Jabbar-Steamer Ghat via Halim Bazar Road (Ch-4200-13200m) under Sadar, Noakhali.	8,00,000/=	10,000/=	120 days
2.	GNCP-07	Improvement of Char Kakra Abul Khayar Road (Teker Bazar Bapari School via Obaidia Forkania Madrasa-Sarwar Road) under Companiganj, Noakhali.	3,50,000/=	8,000/=	90 days
3.	GNCP-03	Improvement of Bangla Bazar-Razganj Road under Begumganj, Noakhali.	3,50,000/=	8,000/=	90 days

1. Name of project: Greater Noakhali & Chittagong District Feeder Road Project.

2. Source of fund: IDB.

3. Date and time of pre-tender meeting (optional): 15-01-2005 on 12-30 PM.

4. Last date, time & places of selling tender documents: 29-01-2005, on 4-00 PM  
A) Divisional Commissioner, Division-Chittagong.  
B) Project Director, Greater Noakhali & Chittagong District Feeder Road Project, LGED, LGED Hhaban (Level-09), Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.  
C) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, District-Noakhali.  
D) Superintendent of Police, District-Noakhali.  
E) Superintending Engineer (Regional), Region-Comilla.  
F) Office of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Feni & Laxmipur.  
G) Office of the undersigned.  
H) Office of the Upazila Engineer (Sadar/Begumganj/Companiganj/Senbag/Chatkhil/Hatiya), LGED, Noakhali.

5. Last date, time & places of receiving tender documents: 30-01-2005 on 12-30 PM  
A) Office of the undersigned.  
B) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Noakhali.  
C) Superintendent of Police, District-Noakhali.  
D) Office of the Upazila Engineer (Sadar/Begumganj/Companiganj/Senbag/Chatkhil), LGED, Noakhali.

6. Date and time for opening of tenders: 30-01-2005 on 3-30 PM, office of the undersigned.

3. All tenders must be accompanied by a tender security of amount as mentioned in table, para-2, in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order/Demand Draft drawn in favour of the Executive Engineer, LGED, District-Noakhali.  
4. Tenderer is expected to examine carefully the contents of the tender documents. Failure to comply with the requirements of tender submission will be at the tenderers own risk. Pursuant of Clause-27, tenders which are not substantially responsive to the requirements of the tender documents will be rejected.  
5. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or all tenders without assigning any reason therefor.

6. The tender can be in Websites: 1.) (www.lged.org)  
2.) (www.cptu.org.bd)

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Speaker Jamiruddin Sircar administers oath to Zakaria Taher, the newly elected MP from Comilla-7 constituency, at Sangsad Bhaban in the city on Thursday. Zakaria was elected on BNP ticket in the by-election held recently. The seat fell vacant after the death of BNP lawmaker Abu Taher, father of Zakaria.



# Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Alhaj Mohammad Zamir Ali, president of Bangladesh Muslim League, died at a hospital in New York, USA, yesterday at the age of 65, says a press release.

He left behind his wife, four sons, and a host of relatives to mourn his death.

Born at Char Alexander under Ramgati upazila in Laxmipur district in 1940, Zamir Ali was involved in politics from his student life. He joined the Muslim League in 1958.

UNB adds: President Iajuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia have expressed deep shock at the death of Zamir Ali and conveyed sympathy to the bereaved family members.



Poush Mela Celebration Committee organised a traditional cake festival at the open stage beside the Dhanmondi lake in the city yesterday.

## DHAKA TODAY

**Memorial meeting**  
Rhythm Cultural Society will hold a meeting in memory of the army officers killed in air accident in Benin last year with Water Resources Minister Hafiz Uddin Ahmed as chief guest. Venue: VIP lounge of the National Press Club. Time: 3.00pm.

**Children's art competition**  
Bangabandhu Shishu Academy organises an art competition, prize distribution and cultural function to mark the Victory Day. Venue: Central Shaheed Minar. Time: 2.00pm.

**Children's party**  
Dhaka Sheraton Hotel organises a children's party to mark the Christmas Day. Venue: Marble room of the hotel. Time: 10.30am to 12.30pm.

**Cultural function**  
In observance of Victory Day, SangBith, a socio-cultural forum, organises a discussion and cultural function with Jute and Textile Minister Shajahan Siraj as chief guest. Venue: Kendro Kachi Kacha Auditorium, Segun Bagicha. Time: 5.00pm.

## DHAKA TOMORROW

**Prize giving ceremony**  
The annual sports and cultural competition, and prize giving ceremony of the schools conducted by Shishubikash Chhaya will be held. Venue: Mohammadpur Eidgah Maidan. Time: 10.00am.

**Management Net meet**  
A meeting of the executive committee of Management Net will be held. Venue: 262/F, Elephant Road. Time: 5.00pm.

**Meeting on education**  
A meeting of the parliamentary caucus on education will be held with State Minister for Education A N M Ehsanul Haque Milton as chief guest. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 11.00am.

**Founding anniversary**  
The founding anniversary of Nalanda Bidyalay will be held. An exhibition of art drawn by the children will also be held. Venue: Poet Sofia Kamal Auditorium of the National Museum, Shahbagh. Time: 6.00pm.