

NEWS IN *brief*

**Specialised outdoors at BSMMU**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) inaugurated 7 specialised outdoors under the pediatric outdoor on the 2nd floor of the cabin block yesterday.

Vice Chancellor of BSMMU Prof Pran Gopal Datta inaugurated the specialised outdoors at 10:00am yesterday.

The specialised outdoors include Neonatology, Pediatrics, Child Gastroenterology, Child Nephrology, Child Hematology, Child Rheumatology and Child Oncology.

**2 murder suspects freed on bail**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two suspected killers of the double murder in Gulshan in March last year were released from jail yesterday on bail from the High Court.

Rubel and his associate Mithun shot dead Sadequr Rahman and his wife Romana Nargis as they refused to let their daughter go with Rubel on March 24, 2010.

**BRTA drive against autos**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mobile courts of Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) yesterday filed 22 cases against the CNG-run autorickshaws and their drivers for not going by meters and some other faults.

The courts also fined them Tk 10,550 and dumped five CNG-run-three wheelers to dumping ground in this regard.

The BRTA in cooperation with the Dhaka district administration conducted three mobile courts in front of the Jatiya Press Club and at Manik Miah Avenue to ensure if the CNG-run three wheelers are using meters or not.

The drive will continue, said a BRTA official.

**WVA Meena Bazar tomorrow**

METRO DESK

Women's Voluntary Association (WVA) will hold its International Meena Bazar at Banani Chairman Bari Field in Road #1 in the city from 10:00am to 7:00pm tomorrow.

WVA has been holding this annual event since 1954 to raise funds for its charitable projects. Entry cards will be available at the gate, says a press release.

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**Brain Brats online quiz begins Feb 7**



Principals and teachers of some English medium schools pose for photograph after a meeting with the organisers of 'Brain Brats,' an inter-school online knowledge competition of The Daily Star and Champs21, at The Daily Star Centre in the city yesterday.

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**NU publishes Degree results**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The final results of Degree (pass) examinations of 2009 under National University (NU) were published last night with a pass rate of 63.94 percent.

A total of 60,940 students passed the final examinations of Degree (pass) course. Some 95,311 students took the exams, said an NU press release.

Of the passed, 3,715 students obtained first division, 46,149 second division, and 11,616 third division.

NU also announced the results of 1st year and 2nd year terminal examinations. Combined (1st, 2nd, and 3rd year), the average pass rate is 83.14 percent.

The results will be available on [www.nu-ba.info](http://www.nu-ba.info); [nu-bsc.info/deg](http://nu-bsc.info/deg); [www.nu-bbs.info](http://www.nu-bbs.info); [www.nu.edu.bd](http://www.nu.edu.bd), and [www.nuadmission.com/deg](http://www.nuadmission.com/deg).

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Daily Star in partnership with Champs21 is organising a nationwide online quiz competition titled "Brain Brats," the first ever in Bangladesh.

Speaking at a meeting with the principals and teachers of some English medium schools at The Daily Star Centre yesterday, the head of Champs21 Russel T Ahmed said all students from any English medium school can participate in the competition by logging on to [www.champs21.com](http://www.champs21.com), the first e-learning and online academic assessment service website in the country.

Scheduled to start on February 7, the competition titled Brain Brats is for class III to X students of English medium schools across the country.

"Children these days are drawn to the Internet more than books. The Internet is like a worldwide blackboard. This competition would be one way to prepare our kids for the global competition," said Ahmed.

The competition will be held in three phases and it will focus on science, math and general knowledge as per curriculum of the English medium schools.

During the first round, students taking part in the online quiz can take the test as many times as they wish within two weeks from the beginning of the contest. The system will only keep the best scores of the

participant.

All the questions will be asked from school syllabus. While participating the quiz, students will also be provided with supplementary reading materials, which include links to related educational websites on the particular topic.

For the general knowledge part, The Daily Star will publish a 'Knowledge Corner' in The Daily Star with two topics daily to help participants prepare for the quiz and assessments.

The second round will be offline. Ten students from each class of each school will be selected for the second round, which will be held on school premises.

The grand finale will take place on March 12 at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre. Selected participants from the second round would compete with a laptop. The grand finale will be telecast live on TV.

The winners from each class will be declared Brain Brats. The winner schools will be declared as the 'Champion School' while parents of winners will be Champion Parent. Special prize will go to mothers of each Brain Brat.

Shedding light on the competition, Editor of The Daily Star Mahfuz Anam said, "The idea of wealth has changed these days. Today it is judged by creativity and innovativeness. With the competition we are trying to challenge the creative minds."



**Fall in temperature likely**

UNB, Dhaka

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country in next 12 hours till 6:00pm today.

Moderate to thick fog may occur over the river basins and light to moderate fog may occur elsewhere over the country, Met Office said.

Night temperature may fall slightly over the country.

**The sun sets in the capital at 5:41pm today and rises at 6:41am tomorrow.**

Country's highest temperature 31.0 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Cox's Bazar and lowest 10.8 degrees Celsius at Srimongal.

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	26.1	16.0	71	62
Chittagong	29.5	14.7	59	41
Rajshahi	25.5	12.4	94	62
Rangpur	25.0	12.7	97	45
Khulna	25.7	15.5	77	62
Barisal	27.0	14.0	82	68



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