

NEWS IN *brief*

**Govt to 'fall' before budget: Oli**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will "fall" before the next national budget through people's mass movement, said Oli Ahmad, president of Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) yesterday.

Oli Ahmad made the remark while addressing the party's central representatives' meeting at a city hotel.

"The government has been committing so many wrongdoings that people want to get rid of the present government," said Oli.

**Modernisation of police admin urged**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a view-exchange meeting stressed the need for modernisation of police administration to upgrade law and order situation of the country.

BLAST and Commonwealth Human Rights Initiatives, Delhi, organised the meeting at CSS auditorium in Khulna on Friday, says a press release.

**JU admission tests start Oct 8**

A CORRESPONDENT, JU

The first year honours admission tests at Jahangirnagar University (JU) for academic year 2011-12 will begin on October 8 and continue till October 17. The details of the admission will be published in newspapers soon.

**IMA team leaves Bangladesh**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A four-member delegation team of Indian Military Academy (IMA) left Bangladesh for India yesterday after a seven-day official visit.

The delegation led by Maj Niraj Mishra visited different training programmes of cadets at Bangladesh Military Academy (BMA) in Chittagong, said an ISPR release. They also visited East Bengal Regimental Centre and Naval Academy in Chittagong.

**Workshop on autism ends**

DU CORRESPONDENT

The three-day professional training workshop on autism ended at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) on Friday.

Chairman of Bangladesh National Advisory Committee on Autism Saima Wazed Putul stressed the need for increasing training on autism for treatment and rehabilitation of autistic children.

Saima Wazed, also daughter of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, sought co-operation from all to formulate a training manual on autism.

BSMMU VC Prof Pran Gopal Datta also spoke.

**Hanging body recovered in city**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered the hanging body of a woman from her bedroom at Zoarshahara of Badda in the city on Friday night.

The deceased is Lucky Begum, 20, wife of Mehdi. Police said they broke the window of the tin-shed house around 8:30pm and recovered the body.

**Govt-civil society ties to implement RTI act stressed**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Building mass awareness on the right to information (RTI) act is imperative to ensure transparency and accountability at all levels, said speakers at a discussion yesterday.

It requires cooperative engagement between the government and civil society bodies, competent officials and political will, they said.

The discussion on RTI act and challenges of its implementation was organised by Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) in the city's Cirdap auditorium.

Elected governments have not been able to overcome the legacy of secrecy, said Chairman of TIB trustee board Sultana Kamal.

TIB Executive Director Dr

Iftekhazzaman underscored the need for a designated lead agency to implement the RTI act, modernising information management and adoption of voluntary disclosure policy by both public and private organisations.

The culture of secrecy still prevents the demand for and supply of information in the country's governance system, said Shaheen Anam, executive director of Manusher Jonno Foundation.

She urged all to patiently work for the act's implementation.

The government and civil society must mutually engage towards the act's implementation, said Maja Daruwala, director of Delhi-based Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI).

A guide book on implementation



(From left) Dr Iftekhazzaman, Maja Daruwala, Sultana Kamal, Muhammad Zamir, Shaheen Anam, M Hafizuddin Khan and Prof Dr Sadeka Halim hold a guide book on implementation of the right to information act after unveiling it in the city's Cirdap auditorium yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

of the RTI act, jointly published by TIB and CHRI, was unveiled at the discussion, attended by Chief Information Commissioner Muhammad Zamir and chaired by M Hafizuddin Khan, former chairman of TIB. Information Commissioner Prof Dr Sadeka Halim also spoke.

**Judges' weakness hampers judiciary**

Says Justice Ebadul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Independence of judiciary is being hampered due to personal weakness of some judges, and the chief justice should play courageous role to end this, said Justice Kazi Ebadul Hoque, a former Supreme Court judge.

He told a meeting on "Independence and Transparency of Judiciary and Role of Lawyers" organised by Lawyers for Transparency Bangladesh in Supreme Court Bar Association in the city yesterday.

Kazi Ebadul stressed transparency in appointments of judges to ensure freedom of judiciary.



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**Making waves throughout the land**

**DHAKA TODAY**

- Human chain**  
Bangladesh Social Workers Forum will hold a human chain; Venue: in front of Jatiya Press Club; Time: 11:00am.
- Consultation**  
Institute of Water Modelling will organise a consultation; Venue: Local Government Engineering Department Bhaban, Agargaon; Time: 9:30am.
- Human chain**  
Gono Forum will hold a human chain; Venue: in front of Jatiya Press Club; Time: 4:00pm.
- Dialogue**  
WaterAid will organise a dialogue; Venue: Spectra Convention Centre, House 19, Road 7, Gulshan 1; Time: 10:00am.
- Programme**  
Dhaka Transportation Coordination Board will organise a programme; Venue: its auditorium; Time: 10:00am.
- Awarding ceremony**  
Bangladesh Academy of Sciences will hold an awarding ceremony; Venue: Osmani Memorial Auditorium, Abul Gani Road; Time: 11:30am.
- Seminar**  
Brac will organise a seminar; Venue: National Economic Council conference room, Planning Commission, Agargaon; Time: 11:00am.

**WEATHER TODAY**

**Change in temperature unlikely**

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over Ranpur, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Rajshahi, Khulna, Dhaka and Barisal divisions in next 24 hours till 6:00pm today.

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

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:43pm and rises tomorrow at 5:28am.

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	34.7	28.5	68	63
Chittagong	32.2	26.2	77	78
Rajshahi	35.6	27.0	75	70
Rangpur	32.8	25.6	80	78
Khulna	35.5	27.5	67	67
Barisal	33.8	27.5	77	77
Sylhet	33.3	25.9	83	70
Cox's Bazar	33.0	26.5	80	78

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