

NEWS IN
brief

Time of today's military hardware exhibition changed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Due to unavoidable circumstances, the inaugural ceremony of the exhibition, Military Hardware Display, 2012, will start from 12:30pm instead of 3:30pm today.

The invited guests are requested to be present at the programme by 12:15pm, says a press release of Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR).

The exhibition is being organised marking the country's Independence and National Day.

British HC closed Mar 26

METRO DESK

The British High Commission in Dhaka, its office in Sylhet, and DFID Bangladesh will be closed to the public on March 26 for Independence Day of Bangladesh, a press release said yesterday.

SCBA polls begin

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The two-day long annual election to Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) began yesterday with 1,547 lawyers casting their votes on the opening day.

The lawyers will elect 14 executives of SCBA, including president and general secretary.

Three panels are contesting the election and they are the Awami League-backed Sammilita Ainjibi Samannaya Parishad (SASP), the BNP-backed Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Ainjibi Oikya Parishad (JAOP) and neutral panel Niropekkho Ainjibi Oikya Parishad (NAOP).

There are a total of 3,829 voters.



Smoke rises from burning tires set alight by traders before Jagannath University in the city yesterday protesting the stabbing of their fellow trader at Nurul Haque Tower in Patuatuli area allegedly by some activists of the university unit Bangladesh Chhatra League. (Story on Page 1)

BCL workers assault student at DU

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A group of Bangladesh Chhatra League activists at Dhaka University yesterday assaulted a student before Teachers Students Centre (TSC) as he protested smoking inside bus.

The victim, Mustafizur Rahman Ovi, a third year student of marketing department, suffered injuries in the head and other parts of the body.

Witnesses said Raju Patwary, a first year student of finance department, along with a group of BCL workers clubbed Ovi with iron rods, cricket stumps, and waist belts around 1:30pm.

Sources said Raju was smoking inside a DU bus, Boishaki, which was going towards the campus from Mirpur 14 in the morning.

Photos selected for exhibition Autistic children's numbers unknown: Saima

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The selection of photographs to be exhibited on the sidelines of "The Daily Star Odommo Chattagram" festival was completed on Tuesday night.

The jury comprised Prof Abul Mansur of Institute of Fine Arts, Chittagong University, noted artiste Shoeb Farooqui, Alliance Française de Chittagong Director Samuel Berthet and photographer Moududul Alam.

The exhibition, to be held at Theatre Institute Chittagong from March 30 to April 5, will bring to light the many talented photographers from home and abroad who tried to capture in images the vibrant port city.

Shoeb said the organisers received around 650 images from 219 artistes, out of which 121 images were selected for the first phase and from which 80 would be selected for the final round.

Ten images would be awarded at the end of the exhibition, he added.

"We got many photographs on the

natural and scenic beauty of Chittagong but there were very few works on the city or its lifestyles," said Berthet.

The reason, he thinks, is that Chittagong is surrounded by hills, the sea and rivers and the photographers were more captivated by these scenic beauties.

Prof Mansur said there were many young and brilliant photographers in the port city having originality and artistic sense and they found different perspectives of the port city to high-light or focus.

The quality of a photograph was what they first looked for. "Then we considered the aesthetic, technical and compositional values and other dimensions," he said.

Moududul said, "Through the selections we tried to find out Chittagong's rich culture, history and

traditions."

The works also focused on indigenous lifestyles, Boli Khela (wrestling), rituals, and festivals alongside the natural beauties of Chittagong, he said.

"Though we received very few works on the architectural aspects of Chittagong, to me, they (the entrants) were all attentive and devoted to their work," he added.

Around 30 artistes from countries such as India, Afghanistan, the US, Korea, and Singapore, who came to visit the city, submitted the images of the lifestyle and natural beauties of the city they had captured, Shoeb informed.

"I think the exhibition will provide a window of opportunity for the city's photographers to learn how Chittagong looks in a foreigner's eyes," he said.

On the quality of the works, he said, "We are satisfied." They actually found it hard to come down with the selections as everyone submitted their best shots, he added.



(From left) Noted artiste Shoeb Farooqui, photographer Moududul Alam, Alliance Française de Chittagong Director Samuel Berthet and Prof Abul Mansur of Institute of Fine Arts, Chittagong University at Fulki auditorium in Chittagong city yesterday, making the final selection of the photographs to be exhibited at Theatre Institute Chittagong from March 30 to April 5 on the sidelines of "The Daily Star Odommo Chattagram" festival.

WEATHER
TODAY

Rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at one or two places over Rangpur, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions and the regions of Tangail and Mymensingh in next 12 hours as of 6:00pm today.

Weather may remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country, Met office said.

Mild heat wave is sweeping over Khulna divisions and the regions of Rajshahi and Pabna and it may continue.

Day temperature may rise slightly and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:10pm today and rises at 6:00am tomorrow.

Country's highest temperature 38.2 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and lowest 17.0 degrees Celsius at Sayedpur and Dinajpur.

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	33.8 24.4	85 55
Chittagong	30.0 23.5	71 85
Rajshahi	36.6 21.4	79 38
Rangpur	33.8 21.4	77 56
Khulna	36.5 24.5	88 54
Barisal	34.5 24.5	80 66

Biman officials threaten strike

Demand resignation of chairman, directors

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Biman Bangladesh Airlines is heading towards a stalemate as officials and staffs, demonstrating for immediate resignation of chairman and all members of Biman board of directors, threatened yesterday to go for indefinite strike if their demands were not met by March 26.

The warning came at a sit-in by several hundred agitated officials and employees of the national flag carrier at Biman's head office at Balaka Bhaban in the city from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

Under the banner of "Biman Bachao Oikya Parishad," seven trade unions of Biman demanded that Biman's Chairman and board members resign immediately taking liability of what they claimed as Tk 1,000 crore loss that Biman incurred due to inefficiency of the current board.

Meanwhile, sources said the Biman chairman met with the prime minister few days back and sought her interference to resolve the stalemate.

The sources also said, after Biman Chairman Air Marshal (retd) Jamal Uddin Ahmed returns from Saudi Arabia at this month's end, a decision may be taken whether the current board will be dissolved or not.

On Tuesday, Jamal Uddin had to cancel five free Biman tickets and purchase those to fly to Jeddah with his four family members for performing Umrah there.

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