

NEWS IN *brief*

Diabetic assoc to provide free health advices to hajj pilgrims

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Diabetic Association of Bangladesh will provide free health advices to the country's hajj pilgrims through its different branches across the country from September 15. Prof Azad Khan, president the association, said this at a press conference at its conference room in the capital yesterday. The association will provide the advices at its 65 branches, 12 national healthcare projects and 10 other health care development project centres and

JU admission test registration starts

JU CORRESPONDENT

Registration for the admission tests of first year honours programmes at Jahangirnagar University (JU) for the academic sessions 2012-13 began yesterday amidst protest by students against the hike in the admission form fees of different faculties. JU Vice-Chancellor Prof Anwar Hossain inaugurated the online registration process yesterday, said

OBR chapter to be launched in capital tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

One Billion Rising (OBR), an international campaign to end violence against women, will launch its Bangladesh chapter tomorrow at Goethe Institute in the capital's Dhanmondi.

V-DAY, a global movement to end violence against women, has initiated the campaign, says a press release of V-DAY.

The chapter, which will be led by feminists representing numerous organisations across Bangladesh, will implement a series of initiatives in the country in the lead up to the 15th anniversary of V-DAY on February 14 next year.

A number of organisations, including Manusher

Australia to give scholarships to 50 Bangladeshis

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Australia will provide development scholarships to more than 50 Bangladeshis under the Australia Awards this year.

Australian High Commissioner in Dhaka Gregory A Wilcock announced this while inaugurating a two-day Australian Education Exhibition at Hotel Ruposhi Bangla in the capital yesterday.

Currently, around 7000 Bangladeshi students are studying in Australia, he said.

Representatives from 21 leading Australian universities are present at the exhibition to provide higher educa-

Youth held for murder

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police arrested a youth yesterday in the capital's Tejgaon on charge of stabbing a vegetable trader to death at Farmgate on Sunday.

The arrestee, Md Shahdat Hossain, 35, has confessed to killing of Md Anis.

Quoting his statement, Tejgaon Police Station Sub-Inspector Kazi Sahan Haque said Shahdat and his wife lived near Anwara Park. Anis used to visit them and at one stage he built up an 'extramarital relationships' with his wife. Shahdat stabbed Anis to death as he was found with his wife on Sunday night, the SI added.

Illegal makeshift shops have sprung up around Dhaka South City Corporation building in the capital. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR



The Daily Star's new Ctg bureau office opens

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The new office of the Chittagong bureau of The Daily Star was inaugurated at AS Tower in Hill View Residential Area of the port city yesterday.

The Daily Star Editor and Publisher Mahfuz Anam was present on the occasion to greet guests.

Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) Mayor Manjur Alam, former CCC Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury, BNP leader and former commerce minister Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury, entrepreneurs, leaders of trade bodies, and representatives of social, cultural and political organisations visited different departments of the office since the morning.

They expressed hope that the daily would continue to highlight the culture, traditions, business and other potentials, and future prospects of Chittagong.

BCL ATTACK ON JCD MEN DU security chief suspended

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The chief security officer of Dhaka University was suspended yesterday for his alleged negligence in duty during Bangladesh Chhatra League's attack on some Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal activists on the campus Monday. The security officer is Kamrul Ahsan.

The DU authorities also formed an investigation committee to look into the matter.

On Monday, Chhatra League activists assaulted Chhatra Dal men, injuring seven of them, as they arrived at the campus to call on Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique.

AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION Dhaka, Thimphu sign MoU

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh and Bhutan yesterday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on agricultural cooperation between the two countries.

Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury and visiting Bhutanese Agriculture and Forests Minister Lyonpo Pema Gyamtsho signed the MoU at Bangladesh Secretariat on behalf of their respective governments.

About the purpose of the MoU, Matia said, "The purpose is to promote technology transfer as well as technical cooperation in the field of agriculture between Bangladesh and Bhutan."

Under the agreement, agricultural research and Germplasm may be exchanged between the two countries and Bangladesh may offer human research development for the scientific professionals in the Integrated Pest Management (IPM), horticulture development, and crop improvement programme of Bhutan. Bangladesh can also impart training to

Bhutan in soil fertility management through organising training programme and exchange visit.

There are 11 articles in this agreement describing various sorts of important bilateral cooperation between the two countries.

The broad areas of cooperation mentioned in the MoU are agriculture, including animal and plants, highland agriculture development, natural resources and biodiversity management and conservation and other related areas.

Recalling the contribution of Bhutan, Matia said Bhutan is the first country in the world who recognised Bangladesh immediately after the war of liberation.

Bangladesh Agriculture Research Council (BARC), Ministry of Agriculture and Forests and the Council for RNR Research of Bhutan (CoRRB) will implement the MoU.

A five-member delegation of Bhutan headed by the Bhutanese minister arrived in the capital on Monday on a five-day visit.

GLOBAL PEACE PM for united efforts of Muslim countries

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday emphasised on the united efforts of the Muslim countries to ensure welfare of the people and establish peace around the world.

The prime minister came up with the view when Director General of Islamic World Academy of Sciences (IAS) Dr Moneef R Zou'bi met her at her office.

PM's Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad briefed reporters after the meeting.

During the meeting, Azad said the prime minister and the IAS DG discussed issues relating to development of the Muslim Ummah.

Moneef invited Hasina to attend the 19th Conference of Islamic World Academy of Sciences scheduled to be held in Dhaka next May as the chief guest. Sheikh Hasina accepted the invitation.

The IAS DG said 56 OIC member states would participate in the conference.

Hasina lauded the contributions of IAS to the OIC countries in achieving socioeconomic advancement through the prudent use of science and technology.

Ensure security of students at all univs Urges university teachers' assoc

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A total of 475 teachers of University Teachers' Association of Bangladesh (UTAB) yesterday urged the authorities concerned to ensure congenial educational atmosphere at all universities in the country.

In a statement, they also demanded that the authorities ensure security of all students on the campuses so that they can attend classes and sit for examinations.

"We are concerned as a planned conspiracy is on to destroy the country's higher education system as well as creativities and talents of the students," reads the statement.

They said they were surprised at a recent incident of attack by a student organisation on some students in presence of the law enforcing agencies on the Dhaka University campus.

The university administration failed to ensure minimum security of the students. Activists of a student body with the help of the administration and police took an attacking stance, the UTAB teachers said.

They termed the statement of DU vice chancellor about the incident ridiculous and puzzling.

About the recent crisis of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet), they said the crisis has not been resolved yet due to the government's rigid stance and stubbornness.

Prof AFM Yusuf Haider, Prof Tahmina Akter, Prof Abdul Aziz, Prof Khalilur Rahman, and Prof Ashrafur Islam Chowdhury are among the signatories to the statement.



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Director General of Islamic World Academy of Sciences (IAS) Dr Moneef R Zou'bi meets Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at the latter's office in the capital yesterday.

DHAKA TODAY

Programme
Dhaka Wasa will organise a programme to present a sewerage master plan; Venue: Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel; Time: 3:00pm.

Discussion
Creative Development Programme will hold a discussion; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 11:00am.

Science festival
Viqarunnisa Noon Science Club will open a four-day science festival; Venue: Viqarunnisa Noon School and College premises; Time: 11:00am.

Discussion
Doctors Association of Bangladesh



The journalist community forms a human chain in front of Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday demanding withdrawal of a case filed against 59 journalists by ATN Bangla Chairman Mahfuzur Rahman within the next 24 hours and a proper investigation into the murder of journalist couple Sagar-Runi.

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PRESERVATION OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES Bangladesh seeks Indian help

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Bangladesh has invited Indian archaeological experts for preservation of the ancestral house of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in Tungipara and important historical sites like Mahasthangarh in Bogra and Moynamati in Comilla. After a meeting with Indian Information and Broadcasting Minister Ambika Soni in New Delhi yesterday, Information Minister Abul Kalam Azad told reporters that both sides also agreed to explore the possibility of allowing their TV channels to be watched in each other's territories. Emerging from a meeting with Indian Culture Minister Selja Kumari at Taj Mansingh Hotel, Azad told reporters that India has agreed to provide assistance and training to Bangladesh in preservation of the historical sites and for this the two countries will exchange visits of each others' experts. India's help has been requisitioned since it has much expertise and experience in preserving its own innumerable historical sites, he said.

Azad said India has agreed to provide technical supports and training to Bangladeshi experts to the historical sites including Bangabandhu's ancestral house in Tungipara, Mahasthangarh, Moynamati and a city excavated in Narsingdi.

Referring to allowing showing of TV channels of India and Bangladesh, he said experts and officials of the two countries will study their regulatory frameworks and other codes to see if the channels could be permitted to be watched. Azad is now on a four-day official visit to India.

WEATHER TODAY

Rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

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

Moderately heavy falls are also likely at places, Met Office said.

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

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:05pm and rises tomorrow at 5:44am.

Country's highest temperature 33.2 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sayedpur, Chuadanga and Barisal and lowest 24.4 degrees at Hatiya.

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	32.0	27.3	79	73
Chittagong	29.4	25.4	97	87
Rajshahi	32.0	25.7	97	93
Rangpur	32.0	26.7	76	81
Khulna	32.5	26.0	94	92
Barisal	33.2	26.2	96	80