

# NEWS IN *brief*

## Stop display of indecent films or face action: Inu

UNB, Dhaka

The government will clamp-down on unlicensed cable TV operators and display of "uncensored and indecent" films on cable televisions if cable operators do not stop such practices immediately. Information Minister Hasanul Haque Inu said this to leaders and representatives of Bangladesh Cable TV Owners' Association and Cable TV Operators' Association of Bangladesh at a meeting at his secretariat office yesterday. Inu said there are specific allegations that a section of cable operators display indecent films

## Info commission settles 55 complaints this year

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Information Commission this year has settled 55 complaints filed with the commission by information seekers on different issues. Three out of seven complaints were settled yesterday in separate hearings at the commission's court while hearing date for the remaining four complaints had been fixed, says a press

## Woman 'commits suicide' in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A woman allegedly committed suicide at Bhujpur upazila in Chittagong yesterday. The deceased was Ayesha Begum, 25, daughter of Yunus, of Barabil village in the upazila. Police, quoting family, said Ayesha committed suicide by hanging herself from a branch of a tree near their house after her father rebuked her as she had an altercation with her stepsister and

## One dies as train runs him over

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A rickshaw-puller was killed as a train ran him over near Gharinda Railway Station in Tangail sadar upazila yesterday. Abu Bakar Khan, 30, son of Sobahan Khan of Taratia village in the upazila, died instantly while crossing the railway tracks near the station around

## Talent Connect launches its flagship campaign

METRO DESK

Talent Connect, a sister concern of Summerfield Educational Services, launched its flagship "Get Ahead Campaign" at its corporate office on Friday, said a press release. The campaign was held on the importance of getting prepared for preferred career choice in the competitive job market. Shareq Husain, CEO of Talent Connect, moderated the event while Anjum Husain, chairperson of Summerfield International School, also

Instead of staying inside Armanitola playground, leased out by Dhaka South City Corporation for a makeshift market for sacrificial animals, cattle traders showcase cows for sale on adjoining Babubazar Road in violation of a government ban on such markets on the city's roads ahead of Eid-ul Azha. The photo was taken yesterday.



PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

## Cattle markets set up on roads violating govt ban

HELEMUL ALAM

In violation of a government decision, some makeshift markets for sacrificial animals have been set up on the capital's streets, creating public nuisance and traffic gridlock. An inter-ministerial coordination meeting on October 3 decided not to allow the markets on roads and highways to avoid traffic gridlock ahead of Eid-ul Azha.

With eid still four days away, city dwellers are apprehending severe traffic congestion as it has become a common phenomenon for the markets, leased out on fields and open spaces, to spill out on adjoining roads.

This correspondent yesterday found one such market in Kamalapur's Balurmath taking up Kamalapur Culvert Road, roads before Sadeque Hossain Khoka community centre in Gopibagh and Dakkhin Kamalapur Bazar Road. Mizanur Rahman, owner of a depart-

mental store on Dakkhin Kamalapur Bazar Road, said the annual market causes his sales to drop by fifty percent.

Another market in Adarsha School field and its adjoining open spaces in Golapbagh took up two sides of Dhalpur Road.

Meanwhile, another market in the roadside open space in Baridhara Block J spilled out onto its adjoining internal roads. Being set up for the first time, the market is causing severe traffic congestion in Baridhara Natunbazar, said the locals.

Stating that the cattle on the roads belonged to the locals, Saifuddin Lavlu, in-charge of the Kamalapur market, feared that keeping the streets free would be difficult once the flow of the animals increase.

Dhaka South City Corporation Chief Estate Officer Tazul Islam Prodhan said they would start mobile courts against the markets on the streets from today.

## PHULBARI Experts okay open pit mining

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A committee of experts, formed by the government, yesterday submitted its report on suitable coal mining method in Bangladesh to the energy and mineral resources ministry, suggesting open pit mining in Phulbari coal deposit as a practical approach.

The 17-member committee, headed by former Petrobranga chairman Mosharraf Hossain, also suggested undertaking a small open pit mine project in the untapped northern part of Bangladesh's lone coal mine in Barapukuria.

For the remaining coal discoveries in Jamalganj, Dighipara and Khalashpir, the committee said those areas are not suitable for open pit mining and they should tapped using underground mining method.

Because of resistance to the open pit mining proposal for Phulbari made by Asia Energy earlier, the committee said Asia Energy's Environmental Impact Assessment report needed to be verified by the government's own study.

The Phulbari project has been suspended for the last seven years following a public protest in August of 2006 against the open pit mining proposal of Asia Energy.

Other members of the committee include officials of different ministries and experts from various universities.

## Remember wars to avoid future ones

Says friend of 1971 Liberation War

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Despite the agonies and trauma associated with war, people commemorate war tragedies not to fight a future one but to dream of a world without wars, said a friend of Bangladesh's 1971 Liberation War yesterday.

Narayan Desai, who received the "Friends of Liberation War Honour" on Saturday, was addressing the 41st anniversary of the publication of "The Testimony of Sixty" organised by Liberation War Museum on its premises in the capital.

He is one of the signatories of "The Testimony of Sixty" -- a broadsheet appealing to world leaders documenting facts of what was happening in the then East Pakistan.

On the recent attack on the Buddhist community, Julian Francis, organiser of Oxfam in 1971, pointed at his outfit made of cotton grown by Gujarat's indigenous people, spun and woven by Hindus and block printed by Muslims.

He said the outfit was made after the 2002 Gujarat riots as an inter-community initiative.

The museum trustees appealed to the world leaders to support Bangladesh bring to justice perpetrators of the 1971 genocide so that truth and justice for all humanity could be upheld.

The museum also honoured 38 Bangladeshis who marched from Bangladesh to Delhi in 1971 to raise support for the Liberation War.

## BCL VIOLENCE Moudud demands judicial probe

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP standing committee member Moudud Ahmed yesterday demanded a judicial probe committee to investigate the violence and criminal activities of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) in the country's educational institutions.

"The country's law and order situation has totally broken down. Chhatra League and Jubo League activists are getting involved in criminal activities. The government should investigate their destructive activities but we know that it will not be done," he said.

Moudud was delivering a lecture, "Violence in educational institutions", organised by Mukto Chinta Forum, a platform for human rights, in the capital's Dhaka Reporters Unity.

He said there was a big difference between pre- and post-independence activities of BCL, a pro-Awami League student organisation. "Now Chhatra League means violence."

Incidents of BCL activists assaulting teachers are really insulting and unimaginable. However, when the party itself insults honoured persons like Dr Muhammad Yunus, ABM Musa, Dr Kamal Hossain and Barrister Rafiq-ul Haque, it is possible for its student organisation to insult teachers, he said.

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**DHAKA**  
**TODAY**

**Human chain**  
Sammito Sangskritik Jote will form a human chain demanding an end to killing of Bangladeshis by Indian Border Security Force (BSF); Venue: Jatiya Press Club premises; Time: 10:30am.

Department, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) will arrange a seminar on "Public Health Education"; Venue: Block No-B (ground floor), BSMMU; Time: 10:00am.

**Seminar**  
Public Health and Informatics

**Programme**  
Tasmia Tahmid Breastcare will organise a programme on breast cancer; Venue:

**WEATHER**  
**TODAY**

Dry weather likely

UNB, Dhaka

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country in 24 hours till 6:00pm today.  
Light fog may occur over the river basins of the country during late night till morning, Met Office said.  
Day and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.  
**The sun sets in the capital today at 5:27pm and rises tomorrow at 6:00am.**  
Country's highest temperature 34.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sitakunda and lowest 19.8 degrees at Chuadanga.  
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	33.0	23.5	55	48
Chittagong	32.0	25.3	90	80
Rajshahi	32.0	21.0	77	64
Rangpur	30.8	21.8	64	72
Khulna	32.5	22.0	64	80
Barisal	32.6	21.8	67	92