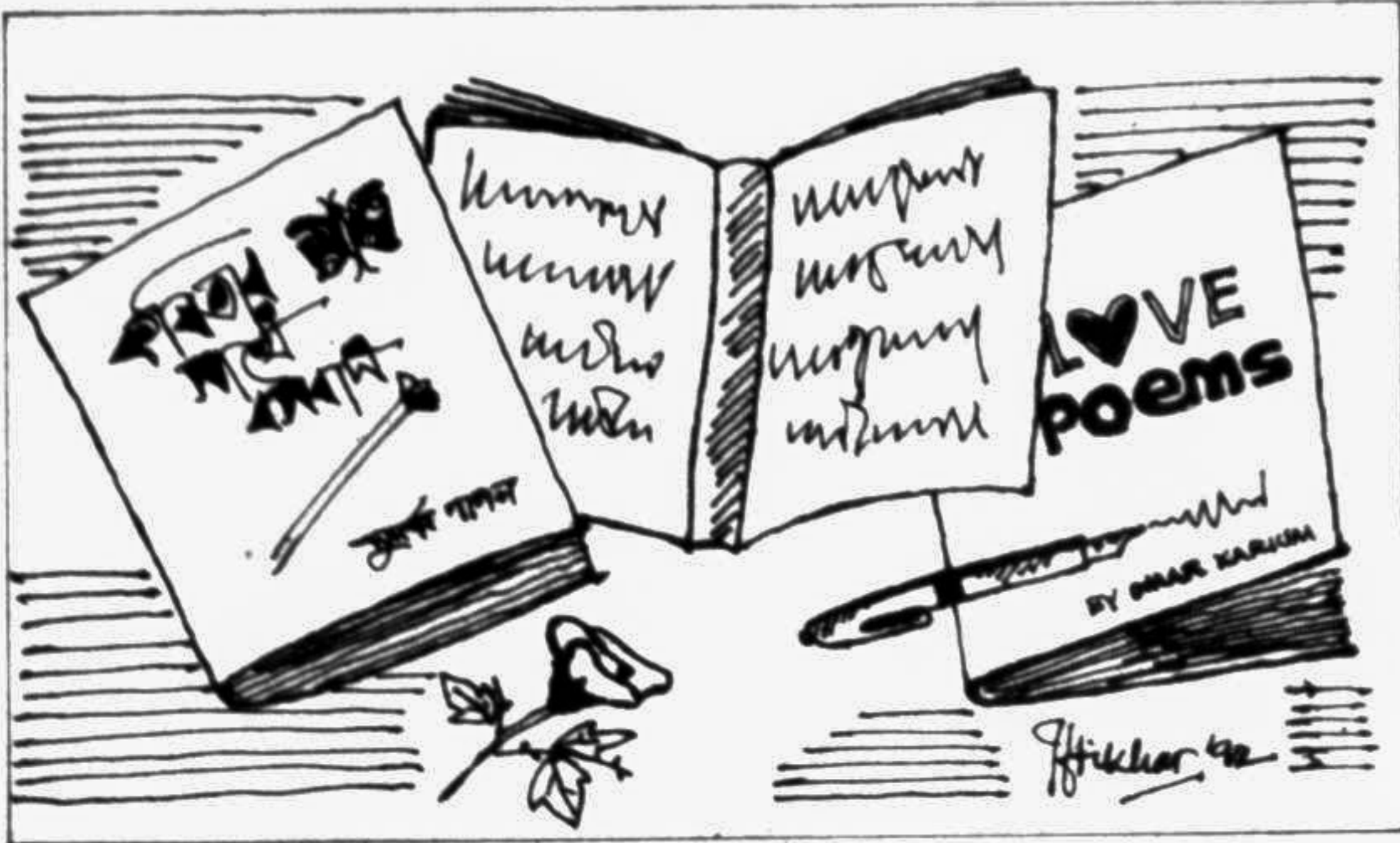


Dhaka Day by Day

On the Wings of Verse

by Dipak Kumar Karmaker



"There are as many poets as there are crowns in Bangladesh" — of course, it is not said by everyone, but by those who have a characteristic aversion to poetry. These people think that poetry is otiose in practical life and to their ears, a beautiful line of a poem sounds like cock-a-doodle-doo which just disturbs their materialistic slumber.

Although the above utterance is Philistine, you will see a panoply of poetry-books, if you visit a book-stall. Most of these books are written by young poets whose names are evernew.

Nowadays, many young people in our society dabble at writing poetry. Sometimes it is a fashion for them or they take it as a refined youthful adventure. People, these days, show interest in speaking correct bookish Bengali, and writing poetry may be somehow related to this.

Some write poetry in order to give people the impression that they are erudite, as the word 'poet' always gives rise to a wise and divine picture in the popular public mind. Mostly it is aimed at attracting the attention of the girls, but, how far successful one can be by applying this method is doubtful.

Once, Shishir, an acquaintance of mine, fell for a girl willing up in him an irresistible urge to write verse. However, when the girl responded to the boy's appeal favourably — it is difficult to say whether she loved the man or the poet — the latter lost all interest in poetry and he stopped writing.

Whoever is addicted to drug or has addict friends, knows how amazing an amity sometimes exists between drug and poetry. Some people who normally have not even little interest in poetry, feel violent passion for it in time of intoxication. However, this interest lasts only as long as the intoxication is there.

"Though there are a lot of books of poetry in the bookstalls written by very young poets, I do not see many poems, which conform to aesthetic and literary standards," says well-known poet Mohammad Nurul Huda. He has been writing since the mid-sixties. So far he has published about eighteen books of metrical compo-

sition. The name of his first book which was published in 1965, is "Shonite Samudrapat" (Sea-fall into blood).

Huda is a conscious poet, he loves to see life in all its aspects. But above all, he deals with the problem of identity and it is the national identity, not individual. In this regard, his "Shova Jatra Drabir Pratik" and "Jatiswatar Kabita" merit mention. Referring to the history of Bengal, the poet expresses the view that people living around Harikel and Samatat regions were always of particular characteristic. They never yielded to the tyrant's will, although the only exception was the British rule. "There was a time during the sixties," he nostalgically said, "when at Sharif Mia's or Madhur Canteen, poets used to sit and discuss literary subjects. These places were called poets' corner, but nowadays such places are rarely seen."

However, poetry, of whatever standard, is being written. When asked about the demand for it, most of the book-sellers say that people read poetry, but nowadays they get recitation-cassettes. People prefer audio-cassettes to books. They like it for they do not have to take all the troubles involved in reading as they listen to the recitation.

On the other hand, recitation by an agreeable voice along with background music compared to printing lines easily enhances the appeal of poetry to people. Recitation in the cassette works as a great incentive to the poets. Many young poets bring out cassettes of their own poems with their own expense. It is delightful and thrilling to hear one's own voice through the cassette. That is why even the "non-poets" occasionally try recitation in the cassette. Probably, people are only waiting for a time when they will enjoy poetic recitation through video.

However, it is clear, at least on the face of it that in our country poetry is gaining popularity. Our young poets may fail to produce poetry that conforms to the literary rules, but they are at least engaged in something good; they practise free thinking. They may not be good poets, but they must be good and refined men.



First solo art exhibition of Anisur Rahman begins at Shilpakala Academy Friday. —Star photo

Anisur's art exhibition opens

A week-long art exhibition of Anisur Rahman was opened at the Shilpakala Art Gallery in Dhaka yesterday, reports BSS.

Labour and Manpower Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan formally inaugurated the exhibition where 95 works of the artist have been put on display, an official handout said.

Speaking on the occasion the Minister urged the artists to portray through their canvases lives of the people as well as natural beauty of the country.

Bhuiyan said the government of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia was committed to ensure opportunities so that the artists and litterateurs could make their contributions freely in their respective fields.

Noted neuro surgeon Rashiduddin Ahmed also spoke on the occasion.

Anisur's chehum held

The chehum of the former Defence Secretary Anisur Rahman was held after Asr prayers yesterday at his family residence at Gulshan in Dhaka, reports BSS.

Dhaka, Pyongyang ties to be strengthened further

Vice President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea Pak Sung Chol has expressed the hope that the existing friendly relations between Bangladesh and DPRK would be strengthened further, according to message received in Dhaka, reports BSS.

Pak Sung was exchanging views with visiting State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahan Ara Begum when she called on him here yesterday. Jahan Ara Begum is now leading a Bangladesh cultural troupe to DPRK.

The DPRK Vice President said his government and the people of North Korea believed that the democratic government of Bangladesh under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia would be able to achieve the desired goal of happy and prosperous Bangladesh.

Reciprocating the sentiment Prof Jahan Ara Begum felicitated the government and people of DPRK on behalf of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia and the people of Bangladesh. She wished prosperity of DPRK and long life of the great leader of DPRK Kim Il Sung.

Meanwhile, the visiting

Speaker elected Vice-President of IPU

Speaker of Parliament Shaikh Razaque Ali has been elected Vice-President of the 88th conference of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) now being held in Stockholm, Sweden, according to a message received in Dhaka Thursday, reports BSS.

The Speaker is leading a four-member Bangladesh delegation at the six-day conference which began on September 7.

Eid-e-Miladunnabi observed

The holy Eid-e-Miladunnabi was observed throughout the country Thursday with due solemnity and religious fervour, reports BSS.

The day commemorates the birth and death of Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SM). The day was a public holiday. Government and semi-government offices, educational institutions and commercial establishments remained closed throughout the day.

National flag was hoisted atop public and private buildings. Road islands and road dividers of the city's main thoroughfares were decorated with national flag and banners inscribed with Kalama Tayeba.

A number of religious organisations brought out Jashne Julusa Eid-e-Miladunnabi processions in the capital as elsewhere in the country.

Various religious and socio-cultural organisations and educational institutions held seminars, discussions and mlad and was mahfil highlighting the works and life of the Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SM) and teachings and principles of Islam.

A mlad mahfil was held at Bangabhaban in the evening. President Abdur Rahman Biswas attended the mlad.

Bangla Academy, Bangladesh Shishu Academy, Dhaka University and Bangladesh Secrat Mission held mlad mahfil and discussions on the life and works of the prophet (SM).

Islamic Foundation and Radio Bangladesh jointly held a seminar Thursday on the third day of the foundation's fortnight-long programme on the teachings of Hazrat Mohammad (SM) on acquirement of wealth and its distribution.

Improved diet was served to the inmates of hospitals, jails, government shishu sadans, migrant centres and destitute welfare centres. The poor and the destitute were also fed by people in different parts of the city.

Newspapers brought out special supplements highlighting the occasion. Bangladesh Television and Radio Bangladesh put up special programmes befitting the day.

Anniversary of Najma Jesmin's death today

The third death anniversary of eminent writer and educationist Dr Najma Jesmin Chowdhury will be observed today, reports BSS.

The third Najma Jesmin Chowdhury memorial lecture will be held today at 4.30 pm at the Institute of Modern Languages of Dhaka University. Prof Anisuzzaman will deliver the lecture on "Women in the eyes of the educated Bengalees of the nineteenth century." Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof M Maniruzzaman Miah will preside over the function, says a press release.

A mlad mahfil will also be held in a local eatkhana for girls to mark the occasion.

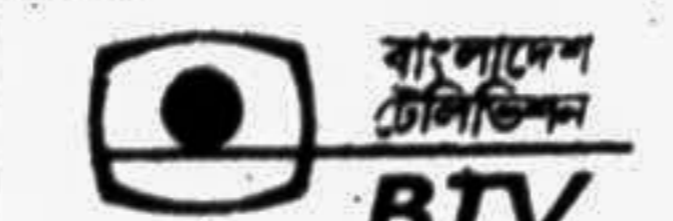
'Participation of people a must for uplift'

Information Minister Nazmul Huda yesterday said that concerted efforts were necessary for the all round development of the country, reports BSS.

Addressing, as the chief guest a meeting of the Dohar Thana Samity in Dhaka Wednesday, he said the present government had dedicated itself to the development works and involvement of the people was a must for the purpose.

The meeting discussed different aspects of the proposal for the reconstitution of the Dohar Thana for administrative and development reasons, an official handout said.

The meeting was unanimous that there was no need for the reconstitution of Dohar Thana at this stage since development activities in the thana was continuing in full-swing



- 5:00 Opening announcement
- 5:00 Al-Quran Programme summary
- 5:10 News in Bangla
- 5:20 Recitation from the Tripitaka
- 5:25 Documentary
- 6:00 Cartoon film: Care Bears Family
- 6:30 Mati-o-Manush
- 7:05 Barashri
- 8:00 News in Bangla
- 8:30 Prashasti
- 9:30 Abhinet
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:30 Drama series: Dallas
- 11:30 Khabar/The news
- 11:40 Sunday's programme summary
- 11:45 Closing

Special prayers were offered in the mosques and mlad mahfils and was mahfils were held seeking divine blessings for the continued peace, progress and prosperity of the nation as well as the Muslim ummah.

In Narayanganj, Eid-e-Miladunnabi was observed through holding procession, Quran khwani, mlad mahfil, was mahfil and discussion. The poor and the destitute were fed and special prayers were offered on the occasion.

The Narayanganj district units of Ahle Sunnat Wal Jamaat and Islami Chhatra Sena jointly brought out a religious procession in the morning.

Maizbandari-Procession
UNB adds: Anjuman-e-Rahmania Molnia Eshayte-Maizbandari brought out a procession in the city Thursday in observance of the Eid-e-Miladunnabi.

Devotees from all over the country joined the procession. President Ahle Sunnat Wal Jamaat Bangladesh, Shazada-e-Gouseil Azam Al Haj Hazrat Maulana Shah Sufi Sayed Moineddin Ahmed Al Hasan Maizbandari led the procession.

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A discussion meeting was held at the Awami League central office Thursday on the occasion of holy Eid-e-Miladunnabi.

Deputy Leader of the Opposition in parliament Abdus Samad Azad and Awami League leaders Sheikh Abdul Aziz, Abdul Momin Talukder and Abdur Razzak spoke on the significance of the day.

President of Awami Ulema Parishad Alhaj Abdur Awal presided over the meeting. Quran khwani and mlad mahfil were also held at the Awami League office to observe the day.

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BCL (M-I)
A political training course was organised by the Awami League backed Chhatra League (M-I) Friday at its central office.

Former Vice-Chancellor of Rajshahi University Prof Mazharul Islam addressed the course as the main speaker.

Prof Islam spoke on the controversy over Bangalee and Bangladesh nationalisms, and answered various questions raised by the activists of Chhatra League.

The course presided over the Chhatra League President Mainuddin Hossain Chowdhury was addressed, among others, by Awami League leader Obaidul Kader and Chhatra League General Secretary Iqbalur Rahim.

Ganatantri Party

The extended meeting of the central committee of the Ganatantri Party began Thursday with Azizul Islam Khan in the chair.

The meeting was attended by Nurul Islam, Mohammad Afzal, Saru Mia, Anisur Rahman, Mohibur Rahman, Saiful Islam, Shaful Maula Manik, Idris Mondol, Nandal Parsay, Kazi Aziza Idris and others.

Garib Dal

Bangladesh Garib Dal at a workers meeting here on Thursday called for formation of a united front of patriotic political parties to help root out violence from the society.

Presided over by Agjar Hossain the meeting was also

CEC calls to give democracy an institutional shape

The Chief Election Commissioner, Justice Mohammad Abdur Rouf, yesterday called for establishing peace, discipline and order in the society for giving the new-born democracy a permanent institutional shape, reports BSS.

He said 98 per cent of the people of the country had inherent discipline in their mind and it was well-established in the parliamentary elections last year. So we have no need to be pessimistic, he added.

Justice Rouf was addressing as the chief guest a seminar on "Democracy in Theory and

Practice" in Dhaka.

Organised by "International Solidarity for Peace", the seminar was also addressed by former Justice Abdur Rahman Chowdhury and journalist Sanaulah Noor.

The Chief Election Commissioner stressed the need for practising democracy in all spheres of life. The political parties should also practise democracy, he pointed out.

He expressed the hope that people's representation would come out gradually through the process of election in the national life.

Justice Abdur Rahman Chowdhury underscored the need for rule of law in the country, saying it is the safeguard of democracy.

He called upon the guardians to inject moral, religious and social values among their wards for keeping them away from rotting.

Justice Chowdhury urged the students to abide by some code of conducts for weeding out terrorism from the educational institutions.

Modhu Purnima celebrated

CHITTAGONG, Sept 11: Modhu Purnima, one of the major festivals of the Buddhists was celebrated here as elsewhere in the district with traditional enthusiasm and solemn devotion, reports BSS.

The Buddhist community celebrates the occasion on the day of Bhadra Purnima commemorating the honey offerings to Buddha by a monkey at partilya forest.

The day-long programmes included chanting of verses from the holy scriptures in all Buddhist monasteries, breaking of fasting, pindadan, shilgrahan discussion on high-lighting the day, modhudan and pradip puja.

In the port city, the main religious congregations were held in Chittagong Buddhist temple, Katalganj Nabapandit Bihar, Punyachar Bouddha Bihar, Sarbajanin Bouddha Bihar and Biswamatri Bihar.

In Enayetbazar Bouddha Bihar, the mass prayer was led by high priest of the temple, venerable Subudratna Mohathero, while Maha Sanganayak venerable Bishuddananda Mohathero led the prayer at Katalganj Buddhist Temple.

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The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Bangladesh seeks applications from female and male Bangladeshi nationals for the position of **Economist**. The broad responsibilities include sectoral analysis of the socio-economic and financial developments in the country, preparation of economic and financial feasibility studies for development projects and programmes as well as active participation in the formulation and periodic review of the country programme.

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Candidates who applied to earlier advertisement published in May 1992 should not apply again.

Applications marked confidential, and including a curriculum vitae (no copies of references certificates or professional papers should be submitted at this time) should be sent to the Office of Personnel Services Section, UNDP, P.O. Box 224, Dhaka-1000 by 27 September 1992.

Weather

Light rainfall likely

By Staff Correspondent

Light or moderate rain or shower may occur at many places over Chittagong and Khulna divisions and at a few places over Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Saturday).

According to met office forecast, day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country. Rainfall activities may decrease after two days, the Met office added.

The country yesterday (Friday) experienced light to moderate rainfalls at most of the places. Chief amounts of rainfall recorded in 12 hours from 6 am to 6 pm yesterday were: Sandwip 113 mm, Sitakund 82 mm, Patuakhali 50 mm, Kutubdia 45 mm, Khepupara 34 mm, Rangamati 29 mm, Feni 28 mm, Bhola 22 mm and other places below 20 mm.

The maximum temperature of 32.4 degree Celsius was reported both from Rajshahi and Dinajpur and the minimum of 22.9 degree from Sylhet yesterday.

The sun sets today at 6.05 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.44 am.

The maximum and the minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns of the country yesterday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	29.5	25.8	89	84
Chittagong	25.6	24.0	100	100
Khulna	28.5	24.5	92	82
Rajshahi	32.4	25.4	95	93
Cox's Bazar	29.5	25.0	88	91
Sylhet	30.0	22.9	90	84
Barisal	28.0	24.0	100	92
Dinajpur	32.4	26.0	85	88