

Dhaka Day by Day

When Weather Becomes Punishing

by A S M Nurunnabi

Lately the talk of the town has been the long spell of hot and humid weather which made our day-to-day life extremely uncomfortable. On a number of occasions we saw dark clouds in the horizon with peals of thunder which promised heavy showers. But alas such promise proved to be abortive. This is the month of dreaded 'kalbaisakhi'. Early in the month it wrought havoc in some outlying areas but its ultimate cooling effect has not touched the city people.

Nowadays nature does not seem to act in the usual pattern. For this erratic behaviour of nature, some people speculate whether this is due to 'greenhouse effect'. This form of speculation also applies to 'kalbaisakhi' which has become less frequent. In such a situation, we are left with no alternative but to implore fervently to the heavens for showers to relieve our distress.

Of course, the agony of those who suffer under the hot spell will not be understood by those who pass their time under aircooler. This class of people live in a world apart in which it matters little whether the temperature rises or if there is a sultry spell. But to the vast majority of people, particularly those who do manual work in the open, the scorching rays of the sun beating on them cause terrible distress. Even one staying in a shaded shelter may feel pained looking at these manual workers exposed to the punishing heat. Since, in most cases, the question of earning their bread is involved, they, of necessity, are less sensitive to the rigours of hot spell. The common city scene concerns the rickshawpullers who pedal their way in the intense heat of mid day. Recently we came across a newspaper picture of a resourceful rickshawpuller who rigged up an umbrella on the handlebar of his rickshaw to protect himself from the burning rays of the sun. Another distressing picture is that of roadworkers laying asphalt on a road in the scorching heat. Such sights are painful and cause you to wish that there were mechanical ways of doing their jobs. Someone wondered

why the work of laying asphalt can't be done after sunset when there will be less rigours of the heat.

In some areas of the city, the suffering caused by heat wave is compounded by water scarcity. On the other hand, the hot spell offers a bonanza period for the sellers of cold drinks, ice-cream and green coconut.

At the same time, we find in the city other contrasting pictures mainly in parks and tree-covered open spaces. There we find some people resting and relaxing in tranquility and with Lotus-eater attitude. These people seem to have no cares in the world. This kind of idyllic picture exerts a soothing influence on the taut and flustered nerves of servers on a hot afternoon. Such lounging in the open is a luxury with most busy people of the city.

However, some people who work under the glare of the sun, are found to take short brakes from their work from time to time. Hossain, a labourer from Noakhali is compelled to take such short periods of rest to recoup his energy. Some rickshawpullers are found to gather under the shade of a big tree. They may be resting after taking passengers on long trips. A tea vendor does brisk business nearby serving tea to the resting rickshawpullers, who do not seem to be keen on to king new passengers while they rest.

The main point is that those who have a living to earn can ill-afford to spend much time resting. Since their existence depends on doing work in all weather, fair or foul, the vagaries of nature matter very little to them. In fact, as we are geographically placed in the tropical zone, rise in temperature during this season is a normal phenomenon here, over which there should be no cause for grumbling. Yet human nature being what it is, we hear a lot of complaints whenever there is a high rise in temperature and there are no sufficient rains to relieve our distress. The weather then figures as an important topic of discussion with many people.



Rafiq granted conditional permission

By Court Correspondent

The District and Sessions Judge, Dhaka, has granted permission to Dr M Rafiquzzaman, arrested earlier in connection with the defalcation of a bank loan, to leave the country on condition that his lawyer and a US embassy official provide surety that he would return when needed during trial.

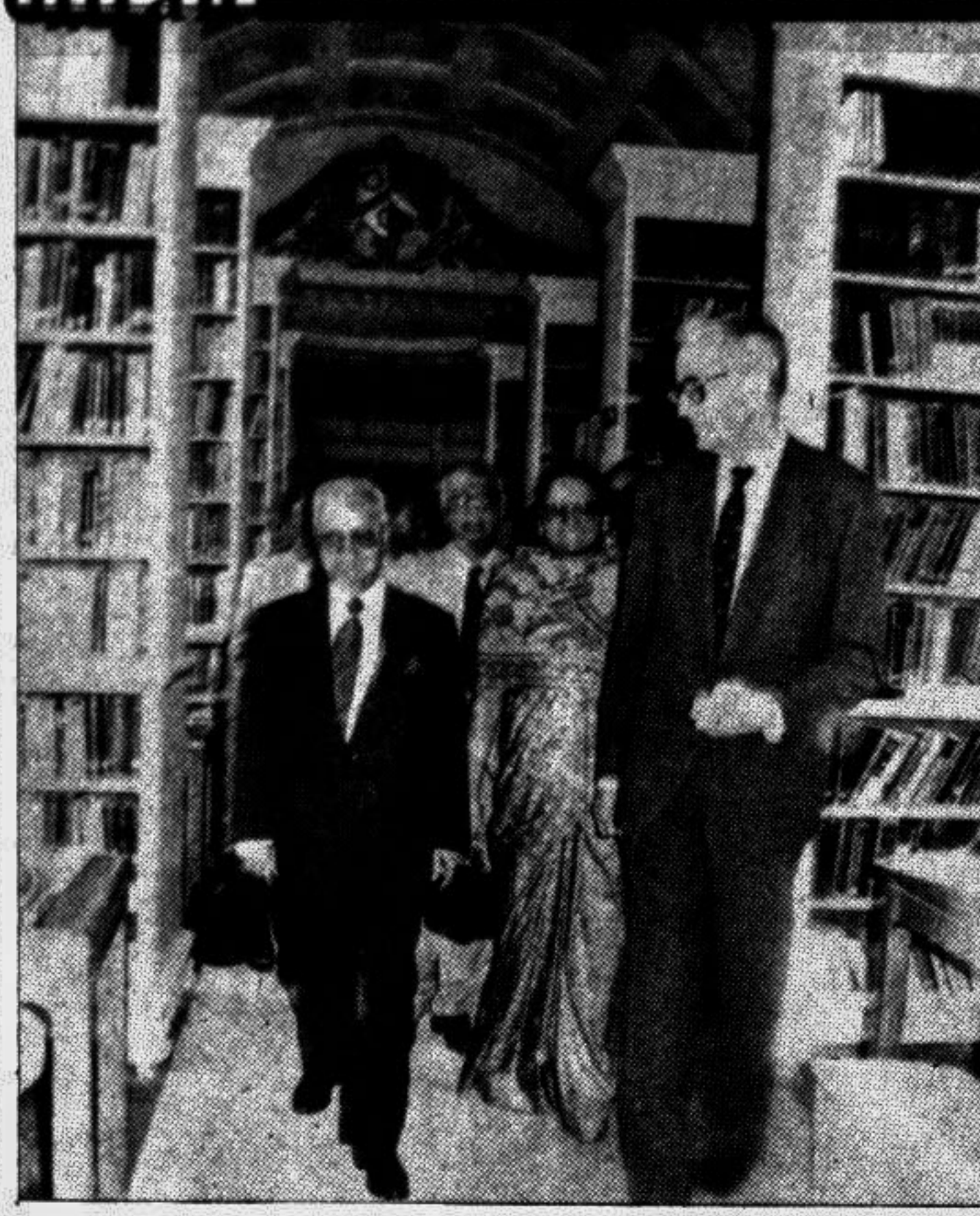
On Sunday last, while submitting a prayer on behalf of the accused, Barrister Moudud Ahmed said that the petitioner needs to leave the country for assuming his job as a professor of electrical and computer engineering at the California State University in the United States. He also submitted that there is no chance of the petitioner jumping bail and prayed he be allowed to leave the country on any terms and conditions.

The investigating officer (IO) of the Anti-Corruption Bureau opposed the prayer and submitted that there are allegations against the petitioner of misappropriating about Tk 11 crore in loans taken from the Bangladesh Shilpa Bank and if he were permitted to leave the country, there was every chance that he may never return to stand trial.

The court ruled that the petitioner may be allowed to leave the country till the completion of the investigation of the case on condition that the learned filing lawyer and one of the officers of the American embassy in Bangladesh shall stand surety upto the amount of Tk one lakh to ensure the production of the accused petitioner in the Court of the learned CMM, Dhaka, if and when needed.

Earlier, Dr Rafiquzzaman, a former adviser to deposed president HM Ershad, was sent to jail after being arrested by the Anti-Corruption Bureau in connection with the defalcation of the BSB loan taken by Rafi Systems Ltd, of which he is the chairman.

Later, while granting him bail, the District and Sessions Judge, Dhaka barred him from leaving the country without the permission of the CMM and the Home Ministry.



President Abdur Rahman Biswas, now in London, visiting the Brasenose College under Oxford University on Monday. Begum Biswas and principal of the college Lord Windlesham are also seen.

Biswas accorded reception in Stratford

STRATFORD ON AVON, May 9: President Biswas was accorded a reception by the mayor of Stratford Councillor Stephen Turner yesterday, reports BSS.

The Mayor welcomed the President and said he was happy to receive him on behalf of the people of Stratford.

In his brief speech, President Biswas referred to the commemoration function of the VE Day and said 'We should all work for peace and happiness of the people, he said peace could be established only through understanding and reconciliation and not by hostility.'

A water lily pond will be built at the Shakespeare Centre in Stratford, the birth place of the great English playwright.

The proposed lily pond will be built to Commemorate President Abdur Rahman Biswas' visit to the centre here Monday. The pond will be constructed by the local Bangladeshi community members.

Europe Day observed

By Staff Correspondent

Europe Day was celebrated in the city yesterday through holding of a Vin d' Honneur, at a local hotel.

The reception was hosted by Ambassador Michael Drury, Head of Delegation of the European Commission in Bangladesh.

This year the European Union (EU) held its annual celebration under the new name: 'Europe Day'. Previously May 9 was named in honour of Robert Schuman, a former French foreign minister whose declaration in 1950 inspired the creation of the European Community.

The Community, which began with six member states, recently had three new additions—Austria, Finland and Sweden—raising the total membership to 15.

Toilet

A one unit house at Mirpur, Road-3, Block-B, Section-12 with 2-bed, 2 toilet, drawing cum dining, kitchen, full mosaiced (Ground floor), please contact Phone No: 380569, 380012. S-244

Symposium on WW II held

A symposium was held in the city Monday in observance of the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II, reports UNB.

Noted historian Prof Salahuddin Ahmed chaired the programme, organised by the United Nations Association of Bangladesh (UNAB).

Prof Kabir Choudhury presented the key-note paper at the symposium, held at Scouts Bhavan auditorium.

5 dacoits held in Ctg

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, May 9: Five alleged dacoits were apprehended by police in a villager at Ghujra under Raozan thana last night.

Police recovered one pipe-gun, a knife and some ammunition from their possession.

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দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বাংলাদেশ উন্মুক্ত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের পরীক্ষার বাতা, ও. এম. আর ফরম ও এনভেলোপ মুদ্রণ ও বাধাই পূর্বক সরবরাহ করার জন্য প্রকৃত অফসেট মুদ্রণকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের কাছ থেকে বাউবির প্রকল্প পরিচালক/উপাচার্যের দপ্তরে সিন্ধোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে। আগামী ১৮মে ১৯৯৫ সন পর্যন্ত বাংলাদেশ উন্মুক্ত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় বাউবি-১৬, সেক্টর-২, ধানমন্ডি আ/এ, ঢাকা ১২০৫ এর অর্থ ও হিসাব বিভাগ থেকে অফেরখোলা নম্বর ৩০০/- (তিনশত) টাকার বিনিময়ে দরপত্রের সিডিউল ও শর্তাবলী সংগ্রহ করা যাবে। আগামী ২০ মে ১৯৯৫ সন বেলা ১-০০ টা পর্যন্ত দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হবে এবং এদিনই বেলা ১-৩০ টায় দরপত্রদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন। দরপত্র সোলা হবে। উপস্থিত কাজের নমুনা বোর্ডবাজার, গাজীপুর বাউবি ক্যাম্পাসের গ্রহণনা, মুদ্রণ ও বিতরণ বিভাগ থেকে দেখে নেয়া যাবে এবং একই স্থানে দরপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে। দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাউবির ক্ষমতা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় কর্তৃপক্ষ নগদগ্রহণ করে।

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BCIC International Tender Notice

বিসিআইসি'র পণ্য শিয়ারনে জাতীয় অগ্রগতির প্রতীক

Managing Director, Karnaphuli Paper Mills Limited, 92, Sadarghat Road, Chittagong invites sealed quotation on C&F(C) Chittagong basis under IDA/YES Credit/any suitable source of financing for the following items under two-envelope system:-

Tender No	Materials	Opening date	Cost of Tender
1. F/35B/MPIC-15/95/POP	S. S. Hollow Shaft	28-5-1995	Tk. 100/-
2. F/51A/MPIC-51/95/POP	Breast Roll	28-5-1995	Tk. 100/-
3. F/65/MPIC-42/95/POP	Dandy Roll with Cover	28-5-1995	Tk. 25/-
4. F/33/MPIC-36/95/POP	A. C. Induction Motor	4-6-1995	Tk. 25/-
5. F/40/MPIC-38/95/POP	Automatic Paper Sheet Counting Machine	4-6-1995	Tk. 50/-
6. F/12/MPIC/08/95/POP	Reduction Gear Box with Motor	4-6-1995	Tk. 100/-
7. F/58/MPIC-58/95/POP	Clycodur Bush	4-6-1995	Tk. 50/-

The quotation duly supported by 1% (min. Tk. 1000/-) earnest money will be received up to 11-00 a.m. in the mentioned dates and will be opened immediately thereafter in presence of the tenderers, if any. The tender documents on cash payment may be obtained from (a) Addl. Chief Accountant, Karnaphuli Paper Mills Ltd., 92, Sadarghat Road, Chittagong and (b) Controller of Accounts, BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha C/Area, Dhaka on all working days. No tender documents will be sold on the date of opening.

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General Manager (Commercial).

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Higher Secondary Education Project
 Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education
 House No 13, Road 4
 Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka

Tender No. HSEP/Pro-d/LM(ADB)/33/95/6/14 Dated: 02-05-95

Tender Notice for Local Competitive Bid for Procurement of Learning Materials

- The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a loan from Asian Development Bank [Loan # 1123-BAN (SF)] for Higher Secondary Education Project under the Ministry of Education. A portion of the loan proceeds has been earmarked for procurement of Learning Materials.
- The procurement will follow in three packages: Bengali type writer machine (package-4) & Bulletin Board, Steel Stand, Chalk, Duster, Duplicating ink & paper, Transparent sheet etc (package-5).
- The Programs Director, Higher Secondary Education Project, Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education, House # 13, Road # 4, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1205 now invites sealed tenders in prescribed form from the Manufacturers/Agents/Distributors/bonafide dealers of Learning Materials of ADB member countries for Institutions under this project.
- A complete set of each of the two bidding documents with terms & conditions can be obtained on submission of written application & on cash payment of Taka 750.00 (seven hundred and fifty) only (non-refundable) for each of the packages in favour of Programs Director, Higher Secondary Education Project, Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education, Road # 4, House # 13, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka directly or through their agent, on all working days from 20th May to 25th May 1995 between 10.00 AM to 1.00 PM from the Office of the undersigned or from the Ministry of Education (Sr. Asst. Secretary, Section-12, Room-1825, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka).
- The bid must be accompanied by the following documents:
 (a) Valid up-to date Trade License (b) Manufacturers and Agency/Dealership certificate, (c) Income Tax payment certificate, (d) Bank solvency certificate, (e) Experience certificate/Performance certificate (Tk. 10 lac in a single work order of similar nature).
- Each bid must be accompanied by a bid bond of 2% (two per cent) of the quoted amount in the form of Bank Draft/ Pay Order from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Programs Director, Higher Secondary Education Project, House # 13, Road # 4, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- All the bids should be dropped in the tender box placed in the office of the undersigned or Ministry of Education (The Senior Asst. Secretary, Section 12, Room 1825), Bangladesh Secretariat, Building No. 6, Dhaka on 30th May 1995 from 10-12 Hours & will be opened on the same date at 12.30 Hours in presence of the bidders or their representative (s) if any.
- The offer of the firm will be automatically cancelled if it does not fulfil the specifications, terms and conditions laid down in the Tender document.
- The quantity may be increased or decreased if & when the authority so desires.

The authority is not bound to accept the lowest priced bid and reserves the right to (a) accept or reject any or all bid wholly or partially without assigning any reason whatsoever; (b) drop out any all items; and (c) increase or decrease the quantity of any/all items.

Abdur Rashid
 Programs Director
 Higher Secondary Education Project

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Two killed in road accident

By DMCH Correspondent

At least two persons were killed and several others injured when a speeding Muktagacha bound minibus hit a number of push carts at the Tongi Board Bazar at 6:15 am yesterday.

The victims identified as Mohammad Hashem Khan, 60 and Kala Miah, 50, were declared dead after being taken to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

The injured who were admitted to the DMCH are Parvin, 35, Siraz 30, Mohammad Afsar Hawladar, 30, Abul Hossain, 25 and Babul, 22.

The body of the two push cart drivers were sent to the DMCH morgue for autopsy.

Meanwhile, police arrested two persons who were allegedly collecting tolls from a contractor in Paikpara under Mirpur police station yesterday morning.

The extortionists Mahbubul Alam, 25, and his nephew Mohammad Hossain, 22, were caught red-handed when they demanded money from one Mizanur Rahman at 991/1 South Paik Para about 11 am yesterday, witnesses said.

The local people beat them up severely. Both have been admitted to the DMCH under police custody.



Home-bound passengers sit on the rooftop of a bus in their mad rush to celebrate Eid-ul-Azha with their near and dear ones. This picture was taken yesterday. — Star photo

HC quashes writ against T&T

A High Court bench Monday rejected a writ petition against one Telephone and Telegraph Board's international tender notice inviting entrepreneurs to operate cellular radio telephone system in the country, reports UNB.

The notice against which Hatcheron Bangladesh Telecom Limited filed the writ was published on July 27 last year in the Financial Express.

The T&T Board invited international tenders to operate cellular radio telephone system in the country after a licence for monopoly business for five years had expired.

A total of 32 local and foreign firms had submitted tenders, but the T&T Board could not dispose of them due to an injunction given by the court.

The petitioner, Hatcheron Bangladesh Telecom obtained the right to operated cellular telephone system in the country from a company called Bangladesh Telecom Limited (BTL).

BTL got the licence on July 25, 1989 to operate cellular telephone, paging, riverine and radio trunking systems in Bangladesh for 20 years, including a five-year monopoly right.

Weather

Gusty wind, rain likely

Rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at a few places over Khulna and Barisal divisions and at one or two places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Chittagong divisions during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met Office says slight fall in day temperature is expected all over the country.

In its outlook for subsequent two days, weathermen predicted that rainfall is likely to increase during the period. Giving extended outlook for another two days Met Office says that weather may improve at the end of the period.

The country's highest temperature 37 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Dhaka and the lowest 20 degrees at Faridpur.

The sun sets today at 6:32 pm and rises on Thursday at 5:18 am.

The maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in percentage
	Max	Min
Dhaka	37.0	25.5
Chittagong	34.5	27.6
Rajshahi	30.8	21.8
Khulna	34.5	26.0
Barisal	34.5	26.0
Sylhet	34.0	25.5
Cox's Bazar	35.0	27.5
Mymensingh	32.8	24.2

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