

Weather

Moderate rainfall likely

Rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty to squally wind may occur at many places over Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Barisal, Khulna and Rajshahi divisions during the next 24 hours till 6:00 pm today, reports UNB.

Met office said heavy to moderately heavy rainfall may also likely at places over Chittagong division.

Day temperature may rise by one to two degrees Celsius over the country during the periods.

Country's highest temperature 34.7 degrees Celsius was recorded at Jessore and the lowest 20.0 degrees at Srirangal.

The sun sets today at 6:42 pm and rises on Sunday at 5:11 am.

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

Table with 3 columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in Percentage (Morning, Evening)

Nomination for Gold Medal

Bangladesh Academy of Sciences invites the nominations of talented young scientist (below age 45) working in Academic and Medical Research institutions for the Bangladesh Academy of Sciences-Dr Sultan Ahmed Choudhury Gold Medal in Medical Sciences from all Fellows of Bangladesh Academy of Sciences; Principals of all Medical Colleges; Chairman, Bangladesh Medical Research Council and President Bangladesh Medical Association. Nomination must include justification highlighting distinguished achievements of nominees in the field of Medical Sciences. Nomination must reach the undersigned before 30th June, 1996. D-536

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A female activist registering her protest by burning cigarettes in front of the Jatiya Party Press Club, on World No-Tobacco Day yesterday. — Star photo

Ibrahim Khan Foundation advisory board

Following personalities have been nominated advisory board members of Ibrahim Khan Foundation, said a press release recently.

Prof Z H Bhuiyan, former VC Bangladesh Agri University; Prof Golam Ali Fakir, Vice Chancellor, Khulna University; Golam Sattar, former Director BARD and Manager RED BRAC; Habibur Rahman Sheikh, Chairman, editorial board, Dainik Jahan, Mymensingh; Prof Yunus Ali, Notredam College; Baharul Islam, Dist Judge Manikganj and DC, Mymensingh.

New president of NCFB

Samson H Chowdhury, Chairman, Square Group of Industries and President, Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industries (MCCI) was elected president of the National Christian Fellowship of Bangladesh (NCFB) at its annual general meeting, held May 29, says a press release.

S H Chowdhury is also the chairman of KOINONIA, a Christian voluntary development organisation and has served as vice president the Baptist World Alliance, an organisation of more than 40 million Baptists around the world.

Rotary district assembly June 21

The District Assembly 1996 of Rotary International (Dist 3280) Bangladesh will be held June 21 at the Sheraton Hotel, says a press release.

The day-long programme will be hosted by Rotary Club of Diluksha. Rotarians from different parts of the country will attend the assembly.

Interested Rotarians have been requested to enrol their names by June 13, at the office of Rtn Talibur Rahman, Jiban Bima Bhaban (3rd floor), 121, Motijheel.

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Plea to impose ban on tobacco sponsorship

Speakers at a seminar yesterday called for making Bangladesh a tobacco-free country, reports UNB.

The poison of tobacco not only damage health of the smokers but also affect those around the smokers, they observed and demanded of the government to declare offices and other important places as smoking free zone.

Referring to this year's theme of the World No-Tobacco Day: "Sports and the Arts without Tobacco", the speakers demanded ban on tobacco companies' sponsorships for sports and arts.

They also demanded ban on smoking in public places, including buses, trains, planes and other public transports.

The seminar at the Osmani Memorial Hall yesterday morning was jointly organised by Ministry of Health and ADHUNIK, a national anti-smoking organisation, in observance of the World No-Tobacco '96.

President Abdur Rahman Biswas, who was scheduled to attend the function as chief guest, sent a message for the seminar as he failed to turn up due to pre-occupations.

In his message, the President said tobacco in any form is poison and hoped that the world will be freed from tobacco one day.

Adviser for Health and Family Welfare Major General (ret'd) Dr A R Khan and Adviser for Education and Sports and Youth Prof M Shamsul Huq were the special guests at the function, presided over by ADHUNIK president National Professor Nurul Islam.

World Health Organisation (WHO) Representative in Dhaka Dr W Hadjotanojo and ADHUNIK secretary general Enayetullah Khan also addressed the function.

Speaking on the occasion, the Adviser for Health and Family Welfare stressed the need for creating public awareness about the health hazard of smoking.

Cautioning about the tobacco-related diseases which kill people, Dr A R Khan said there are some 4,000 types of poison in tobacco. Restriction should be imposed on smoking in public places, he added.

The adviser for Education and Sports and Youth lauded the role of ADHUNIK in anti-tobacco campaign and said the campaign should be taken up at the school level.

Tobacco merchants are putting up publicity very cleverly, Prof Shamsul Huq said, mentioning the sponsorship of the World Cup Cricket by a cigarette company.

The education adviser called for strengthening the anti-smoking campaign to free the country from tobacco.

World Health Organisation (WHO) Representative in Dhaka Dr W Hadjotanojo spoke of the bad effects of tobacco in the body system, calling for creating mass awareness and precautionary measures to free the society from tobacco.

He stressed on community participation for success in the movement against tobacco.

4 more candidates warned for violating COC

The Election Commission on Wednesday warned four more candidates against violating the election code of conduct in future, reports UNB.

EC earlier accepted the recommendations of district electoral enquiry committees against the candidates for violating different clauses and sub-clauses of the COC.

The candidates are: K M Obaidur Rahman (Faridpur-2) and Tanveer Ahmed Siddiqui (Gazipur-1) of the BNP, S M Akbar (Magura-1) of the Awami League and independent Golam Kibria Tipu (Barisal-2).

EC warned the candidates that punishment of fine would be taken if they violate the COC further, said an Election Commission press release.

Meanwhile, the EC refused an allegation of violating the COC by Awami League candidate for Gazipur-1 Advocate Rahmat Ali as the allegation was not acceptable.

Another report from Cox's Bazar adds: BNP and Awami League candidates for Cox's Bazar-2 constituency have been summoned by the district electoral enquiry committee on charge of violating election code of conduct.

The committee directed BNP candidate Alamgir Mohammad Mahfuzullah Farid and AL nominee Advocate Sirajul Mostafa to appear before it next Sunday.

According to the allegation, the AL candidate began his campaign through miking before 1 pm on May 20 while the BNP nominee joined an election meeting in a procession by five jeeps on May 17.

UK assistance for tornado victims

The UK-based Overseas Development Administration (ODA) has agreed to provide Tk 63,00,000 equivalent to 100,000 pound sterling grant assistance for the victims of the May 13 devastating tornado in Tangail. The assistance will provide help with medical care, particularly the ongoing medical treatment of the injured, and food supply for the most vulnerable groups, said a British High Commission news release yesterday. Grants amounting to Tk 36,54,000 equivalent to 58,000 pound sterling have been agreed through NGOs—CARE, Oxfam and Ganoshasthya Kendra, reports UNB.

Biswas apprised of Red Crescent activities in Tangail

Head of the delegation of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Society Bjorn Eder called on Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports UNB.

Acting Chairman of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society M A Jinnah accompanied him. Bjorn told the President that the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in its recent relief operations in Tangail helped 4,000 families with various relief goods. Two field hospitals also worked in the affected areas.

Talking to Eder, President Biswas, who is also the President of Bangladesh Red Cross and Red Crescent Society, said he visited several tornado affected areas to see for himself the sufferings of the people and damages caused by the tornado.

The government and the NGOs also mobilised relief operations and he himself distributed relief goods both cash and kind wherever he visited in Tangail, Biswas said.

President Biswas noted with satisfaction that the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies took much interest in rendering humanitarian services to the people.

He thanked the Red Crescent leaders for working for alleviation of poverty and strengthening the functioning of the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society.



Gano Forum president Dr Kamal Hossain speaking at a polls dialogue organised by Naripaksha, a women's body, at a community centre in the city yesterday. — Star photo

100 kidneys transplanted in last six years

Surgeons in Bangladesh had transplanted about 100 kidneys during the last six year and 85 per cent of the kidney recipient patients survived more than five years, reports ISS.

The kidney transplant unit at the Institute of Post-Graduate Medicine and Research (IPGMR) here conducts one kidney transplant operation on every Saturday under regular programme since 1988. Prof Harun-Ur-Rashid of IPGMR said here yesterday.

Giving a lecture on "Chronic Renal Failure" organised by the Academy of Family Physicians under its continuing medical education programme for the practicing general physicians he said, in Bangladesh kidney is taken for transplant only from near relatives like father, mother, brother and sister, and in secondary consideration from spouses and first cousins.

He said 70 per cent of the patients having kidney donated by blood relations survive while two-thirds of those from non-related donors die. He said trading on kidney is strictly prohibited throughout the world and it is both legally and ethically prohibited in Bangladesh.

Referring to the success of the Bangladeshi surgeons on kidney transplantation he said, trial operations started in 1982 and six such operation has done before start of regular programme in 1988.

Prof Harun said chronic renal failure never turns to normal functioning and in last state case it is sustained by dialysis and transplantation. He said 80 per cent of the chronic

kidney failure patients survive with dialysis and 20 per cent with transplantation. He also said that there are 30 kidney dialysis machines in the country of which 10 in the IPGMR and 20 in the private clinics and hospitals. He said 200 kidney patients surviving on regular dialysis annually, including 85 in the IPGMR.

Referring to costs involved he said each kidney transplantation take 2 to 2.5 lakh but the patients are charged only Taka 20,000 and the rest is borne by the government. Dialysis also costs about Taka two lakh annually, he said.

Quoting a study report on 526 kidney patients over a period of five years Prof Rashid said, 55 per cent of the kidney failures in Bangladesh were due to different types of nephritis, 24 per cent diabetes, 13 per cent hypertension, and five per cent due to obstruction.

He said kidney function could be reversed by early diagnosis, but it is difficult to diagnose at the primary stage as no symptom is found.

Giving emphasis on follow-up of investigation guidelines to diagnose the disease, he said, careful use of protein restriction, appropriate use of drugs, their doses and duration should be maintained.

He observed that in majority cases, the physicians use drugs without knowing the required doses and duration. In many cases, drugs also cause renal failure, he pointed out.



Dancing artistes performing at a function organised by Chamak, a cultural organisation, at the Shishu Academy auditorium yesterday. Chamak organised the function in connection with silver jubilee celebration of country's independence. — Star photo

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