

Weather

Thunder shower likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at most places over Dhaka, Chittagong, Barisal, Sylhet, Khulna and Rajshahi divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 p.m. today, reports UNB.

Met Office says day temperature may remain nearly unchanged during the period across the country.

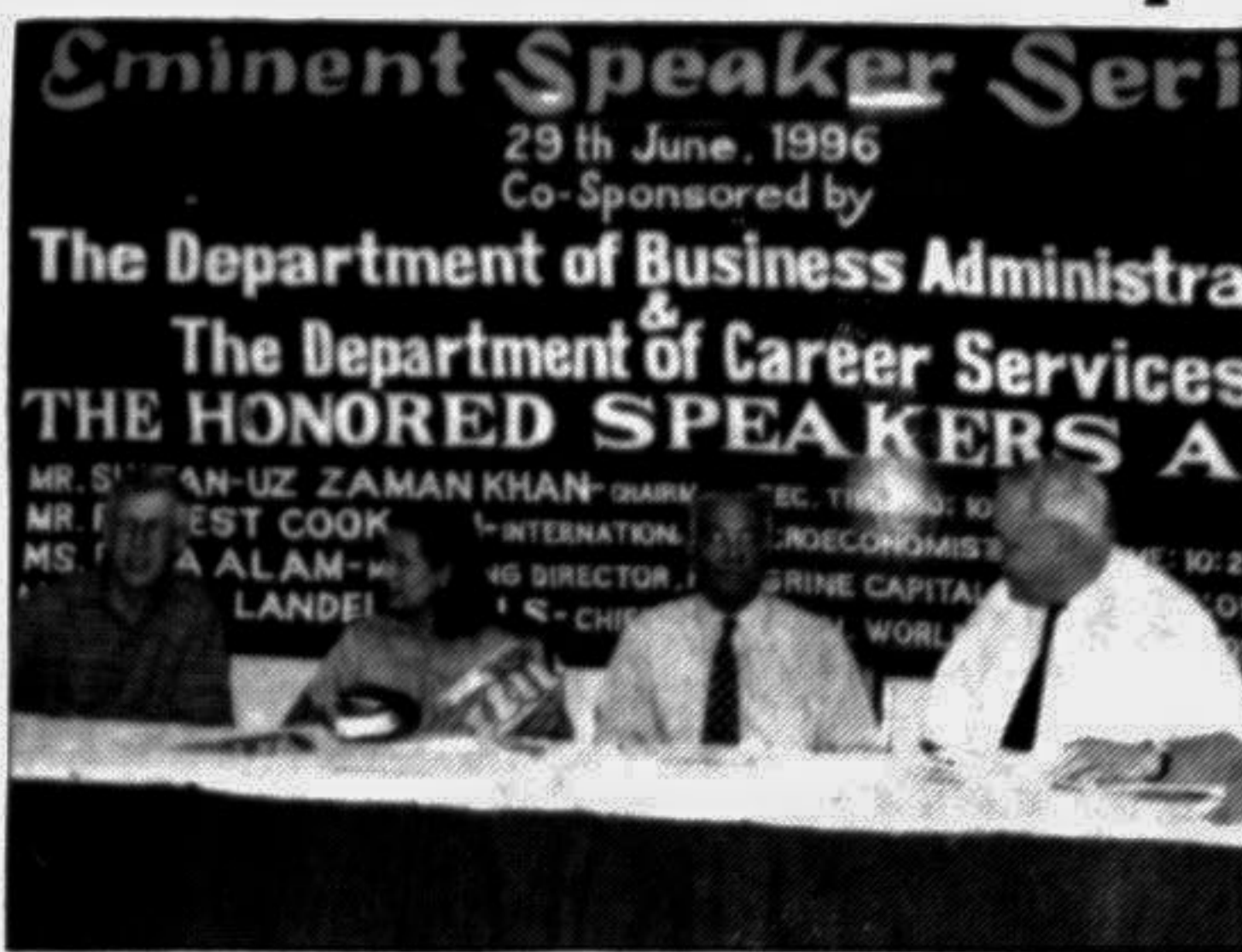
In its outlook for subsequent two days Met Office predicted little change. Gusty extended outlook for another five days weathermen forecast increase in rainfall activities.

Country's highest temperature 33.1 degree Celsius was recorded at Rangamati and the lowest 23.7 degrees at Kutubdia yesterday.

The sun sets today at 5:50 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:15 am.

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

City/Town	Temp. range in Celsius	Humidity in percentage
Dhaka	max 32.0 min 24.5	morning 90 evening 78
Chittagong	32.2 24.8	73 82
Rajshahi	32.5 25.6	88 96
Khulna	31.6 25.8	89 87
Barisal	29.0 25.6	86 86
Sylhet	30.5 24.5	90 92
Cox's Bazar	30.4 24.5	77 95



Speakers at the first 'eminent speakers series' held at the North South University in the city yesterday. — NSU photo

Call for creating awareness about AIDS prevention

A day-long orientation programme on prevention of AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome), held under the auspices of the Society for the Care and Education of Mentally Retarded, Bangladesh (SCEMRB) in cooperation with Voluntary Health Services Society (VHSS), emphasised the importance of creating mass consciousness about AIDS and its mortal danger, report BSS.

The inaugural function, held in the Alamgir M A Kabir auditorium of the National Institute of Mentally Retarded at Eskaton Garden, was attended by Maj Gen (ret'd) Dr A R Khan, former advisor in the recent caretaker government, as chief guest and presided by DP Barua, president of SCEMRB, Roushan Rahman, director of programmes, VHSS attended the function as special guest. JI Mamun, secretary general, SCEMRB gave the welcome address.

In his speech Maj Gen (ret'd) AR Khan described AIDS as the 'silent killer' leading to inevitable death and said there was no remedy against AIDS infection. He said AIDS was transmitted from an infected person and germs may be carried by tourists from abroad.

NSU 'eminent speaker series' begins

North South University yesterday launched its 'eminent speaker series' as part of its programme to honour those people who achieved distinction in their profession and contributed to the betterment of Bangladesh, reports BSS.

According to a press release of the university, World Bank Mission Chief in Dhaka Pierre Landell-Mills, Chairman of Securities and Exchange Commission Sultanuzaman, international macroeconomist Forrest Cookson and managing director of Peregrine Capital Limited Runa Alam took part in the first session of the programme and delivered address.

President of the university Muslehuddin chaired the function.

242 arrested in city

Police rounded up 242 people, including 23 wanted criminals, on various charges from different parts of the city in 24 hours till 6 pm yesterday, reports UNB.

All the arrested were produced before the court, said a DMP press release.

Notice for New Enlistment/Renewal of "A, B, C & D" class contractors under Bangladesh Power Development Board for the year 1996-97 (1403-1404 Bangla)

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Applications in prescribed form are invited from the established/experienced contractors/firms for new enlistment of "A" class and new enlistment/renewal of "B, C & D" class contractors under Bangladesh Power Development Board for the year 1996-97 (1403-1404 Bangla).

The prescribed form for new enlistment of "A" class and new enlistment/renewal of "B, C & D" class contractors shall be available from respective concerned offices on all working days between 9.00 A.M. to 1.00 P.M. at Dhaka and 11.00 A.M. to 4.00 P.M. outside Dhaka on payment of Tk. 100/= (Taka one hundred), Tk. 75/= (Taka seventy five), Tk. 50/= (Taka fifty) and Tk. 25/= (Taka twenty-five) only respectively (non-refundable) in the form of Bank Draft in favour of "Dy. Director, Accounts, COOAC, PDB, Dhaka" for new enlistment of "A" class only and "Addl. Director/Dy. Director/Asstt. Director" of concerned RAO offices for new enlistment/renewal of "B, C & D".

Application form for "A" class new enlistment and new enlistment/renewal for "B" class may be obtained from the offices of all concerned Chief Engineers/Addl. Chief Engineers, PDB & application forms for "C & D" class contractors may be obtained from the offices of all Superintending Engineers/Project Directors/Directors/Managers and Executive Engineers/Resident Engineers (XEN), PDB respectively from 01-7-96 to 24-7-96. The form duly filled in along with supporting papers/documents as per terms and condition as laid down therein be submitted to the concerned offices of PDB on or before 12.00 noon of 03-8-96.

The deposited applications of all "A" class for new enlistment will be sent to Member-Secretary "A" class Enlistment Committee, PDB, Dhaka i.e. Dy. Secretary (Distribution), PDB, Dhaka on or before 10-8-96 positively.

The renewal contractors of PDB are informed to submit their applications for renewal along with Enlistment Book and all papers/documents stated in the Enlistment Book to the Member-Secretary, "A" class Enlistment Committee, PDB, Dhaka i.e. Dy. Secretary (Distribution), PDB, Dhaka from 01-7-96 to 19-7-96 without fail. The incomplete applications will be liable to cancellation forthwith.

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Dr Muhammad Ahsan (3rd from left), vice-chairman, Rotary Club of Metropolitan Dhaka Foundation (RCMD) announcing the RCMD Award 1996 at a press conference in the city yesterday. — Rotary photo

Rotary award for Prof Shafiullah

Prof Muhammad Shafiullah has been declared winner of the RCMD Foundation Award 1996 for his outstanding contribution in the fields of science, education and economic development, reports UNB.

The name of Prof Shafiullah, the founder-director of the Institute of Business Administration of Dhaka University, was announced at a press conference by the Rotary Club of Metropolitan Dhaka Foundation (RCMD Foundation) at a local hotel yesterday.

The award carries a prize money of Tk 100,000 plus a gold medal and a citation. The RCMD Foundation introduced the award in 1995. Prof Muhammad Younus of Grameen Bank got the first award last year.

Addressing the press conference, Dr Muhammad Ahsan, vice-chairman of RCMD Foundation, said the Board of Trustees selected Prof Shafiullah for his worthy contribution, symbolised by the IBA itself in creating thousands of business managers and entrepreneurs in Bangladesh.

Talking to newsmen, Dr Ahsan, also member, Planning and Development, of Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission, said since the inception in 1982, Rotary Club of Metropolitan Dhaka (RCMD) had been engaged in a number of projects on economic development, including education, health, child-care, drinking water, sanitation, environment and irrigation — mainly in the rural areas.

The press conference was attended by members of the Board of Trustees Farid Hossain, Fazole Rabbi, outgoing general secretary of the RCMD Sagiruddin Ahmed, president-elect of the RCMD MA Matin and general secretary-elect MS Shafique.

The award will be distributed on July 15 at a ceremony. Either the head of state or government is expected to attend the prize-giving function. Last year, President Abdur Rahman Biswas attended the function.

DEUDAA annual meeting held

By Staff Correspondent

The annual meeting of Dhaka University Economics Department Alumni Association (DEUDAA) was held at a city hotel yesterday.

Dr. Wahiduddin Mahmud chaired the discussion session while Ayubur Rahman Bhuiyan of Dhaka University, Prof. Ali Rashid, Abdul Khalek (former IG, police), Dr. Atiur Rahman of BIDS, Dr. Mahbub Hossain of IIRI and Anwar Hossain, a government official, spoke on the occasion.

Obituary

Deputy Director of Khulna Fire Service and Civil Defence M Mostafa Hossain died of cardiac arrest while shopping at Thattari Bazar in the city at 12.45 pm Friday, reports UNB.

He was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where the attending physicians declared him dead. He was 51. He left behind his wife, three sons.

His body was taken to Sylhet on Friday and was buried after Asr prayers yesterday at his family graveyard in Sylhet town.

Earlier, his namaj-e-janaza was held at the fire service headquarters after Asr prayers on Friday which was attended by former and present DGs.

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Eminent educationist Md Mizanur Rahman Talukder, father of AKM Anisur Rahman, Project Coordinator, Power Rehabilitation Project, PDB died on June 25 at his residence in Bogra, says a press release.

He was buried in the family graveyard there. He left behind four sons, one daughter. He was 87.

PDB Chairman Kamol Golam Rahman and Bangladesh Water & Power Engineers' Association expressed deep sorrows at the death of Md Mizanur Rahman Talukder and prayed for the salvation of the departed soul.

PM receives more greetings

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has received more greetings from different heads of governments, reports BSS.

The Prime Minister of the Republic of France Alain Juppe in his message of felicitation said, "I convey to you my warmest congratulations on the occasion of your assumption of office of the Prime Minister of Bangladesh. I hope that under your able guidance Bangladesh will duly play its part to the economic development of the region."

I am certain that you will contribute to the continuation and reinforcement of dialogue and also to the cooperation between our two countries. I am delighted at the idea of working closely together with you towards this end."

Kang Song San, Premier, Administration Council, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, in his message stressed for strengthening the friendly and cooperative relations existing between the two countries in interest of two peoples.

Prof Burhanuddin Rabbani, President of the Islamic State of Afghanistan in his felicitatory message said "while the Islamic state of Afghanistan give special importance to strengthening bilateral relations between the two countries, I am sure, and believe, that close relationship which benefit the two nations and secure stability in the region, will get more strength during your excellency's term of office."



AKM Mohsin, general secretary, Bangladesh Photo Journalists Association, speaking at the biennial general meeting of the association in the city yesterday. — Star photo

Madhusudan's 123rd death anniversary observed

Bangladesh Post Office yesterday issued a commemorative postage stamp valued Tk 4, and a first day cover, valued Tk 6, on the occasion of the 123rd death anniversary of Michael Madhusudan Dutta, a special canceller was also used, reports BSS.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina formally released the stamp at a simple ceremony.

Minister for Posts and Telecommunications Mohammad Nasim, Secretary to the Prime Minister Dr Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir, Secretary, Posts and Telecommunications, MM Reza, Director General, Bangladesh Post Office, M Baduzzaman and other senior officers were present on the occasion.

The stamps and first day cover will be sold simultaneously from all head post offices including GPOs of Bangladesh. The commemorative postage stamp will subsequently be sold from all post offices including the extra departmental ones.

Another report adds: Speakers at a seminar yesterday paid tributes to Michael Modhusudan Dutta, the greatest epic poet of Bangla literature.

The seminar was organised by Bangla Academy at its seminar hall to mark the 123rd death anniversary of the poet.

Presided over by Prof Mohammad Moniruzzaman, the seminar was addressed, among others, by noted writer Syed Abul Maksud and Prof Nilufar Begum.

Rupa Chakrabarty presented a paper on 'recent research on Madhusudan'.

Earlier, Prof Mansur Musa director general of Bangla Academy, delivered the address of welcome.

The speaker stressed that modern methodology should be applied for the compilation of authentic biographies and conducting research on the invaluable works of Madhusudan. They observed that Michael played a great role in the cultural reawakening of the 19th century Bengal.

Michael Madhusudan Dutta was born on January 25, 1824 at Shagordari, a village under Keshobpur thana of Jessore district. His father was Rajnarayan Dutta and his mother Jahnnabi Devi.

In 1841, he was admitted to the senior section of Hindu College but after he converted to Christianity he left the Hindu College and resumed his studies in Bishop's College where he learned Greek, Latin and Sanskrit.

In 1848 he moved to Madras and got a job as a teacher in an orphanage school where he met and married

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