

Metropolitan

Weather

Temperature may rise

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over the country with exception of light rain at one or two places over Khulna division in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met Office says day temperature may rise by 1.2 degree Celsius during the period across the country and country's highest maximum temperature may attain 35-36 degree Celsius.

In its outlook for subsequent two days weathermen forecast little change while predicted increase in rainfall in the following five days.

Country's highest temperature 37.8 degree Celsius was recorded at Madaripur and the lowest 23.0 degrees at Rangpur.

Meantime, Barisal experienced the highest 17 mm rain in the last 24 hours till 6 pm yesterday. Dhaka had 12 mm shower during the period.

The sun sets today at 05:46 pm and rises tomorrow at 05:51 am.

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	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	34.7	25.4	69	77
Chittagong	34.4	25.2	83	78
Rajshahi	34.4	26.0	86	78
Khulna	34.0	25.8	73	72
Barisal	34.4	25.4	77	86
Sylhet	33.6	25.8	78	78
Cox's Bazar	33.3	26.0	72	79

Mugger beaten up in city

By DMC Correspondent

A suspected mugger was severely beaten by the angry people at Nazimuddin Road in the city yesterday morning.

Two notorious criminals were also arrested from a house at Razia Sultana Road in Mohammadpur.

The mugger identified as Masud was admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) under police custody, hospital sources said.

Police said, Masud, along with two others, waylaid a rickshaw passenger, Mosharraf Hossain at Nazimuddin Road and snatched Tk 5500 from him at about 6:30 am.

Local people caught Masud while he was trying to escape with the money and beat him up resulting in serious injuries.

A case has been filed with Kotwali thana. The two others managed to escape.

UNB adds: A special team of police acting on a tip off raided a house at Razia Sultana Road and arrested Zahidul Islam alias Manik 25, and his accomplice, Zahid Hossain alias Batali. Manik is said to be a leader of notorious Hares-Josef gang.

Police said Manik is an absconding accused wanted in 11 cases, including murder.

Batali is also an absconding accused wanted in five cases, including terrorism and mugging.

Police said the two criminals had created a reign of terror for long in Mohammadpur, Dhanmondi and Tejgaon thanas.

Sino-Bangladesh ties strengthened by PM's China visit: Zhang

Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Zhang Xu Jiang yesterday said that Sino-Bangladesh friendship was further cemented by the recent visit of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to China, reports BSS.

The ambassador was addressing a discussion, organised by Bangladesh-China Friendship Association at a city hotel to commemorate the 47th founding anniversary of People's Republic of China. Association president Mirza Golam Hafiz, senior vice president Dr Khondoker Mosharraf Hossain, National Press Club president Rezaulddin Ahmed, Left Front convenor Dilip Barua, principal Tofiqul Karim and principal Hamida Ali and association secretary general Nazmul Haq Nannu also spoke.

Describing the two countries as close neighbours having similar cultural heritage, the ambassador hoped that ties between these two tested friends would continue like the flows of rivers Padma, Meghna, Hwangho and Yangtzejiang.

Following the discussion, a grand cultural function was held.

Detention of Ctg BSU leader declared illegal

The High Court Division in a judgement declared the detention of A K M Arifuddin Ahmed Bachhu, president of Bangladesh Students' Union (BSU), Chittagong district unit, illegal and without lawful authority, reports BSS.

Upon a habeas corpus petition, filed by Huan Ferdous, vice-president of Bangladesh Students' Union, central committee, the vacation bench of the High Court Division comprising Justice Md Fazlul Karim and Justice Md Fazlul

Huq on September 26 pronounced the judgement.



Visitors at the concluding day of a four-day long AIDS poster exhibition at Shilpakala Academy Art Gallery in the city yesterday. Paricharja in collaboration with Actionaid Bangladesh arranged the show. — Star photo

SAARC workshop on R&D concludes Fund for commercialisation of results recommended

Scientists and technologists have called for creating a common fund under the SAARC secretariat for successful implementation of research and development (R&D) activities and subsequent commercialisation of R&D results, reports UNB.

The call came at the 2-day SAARC workshop on 'Successful Commercialisation of R&D Results' that concluded in the city yesterday at the Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR) conference room.

Secretary in charge of the Science and Technology Ministry M Fazlur Rahman was the chief guest at the concluding session, presided over by acting Chairman of BCSIR Dr F Z Mazid.

Delegates at the workshop adopted several recommendations for successful implementation of the activities in the SAARC countries and for accelerating and strengthening human resources development in the region.

The recommendations also included suggestions for incentives to scientists and technologists — the personnel directly involved in R&D activities — to accelerate commercialisation of R&D results.

Dissemination of agricultural R&D results among farmers, safeguarding indigenous technology based on industries and preparation of comprehensive directory of scientists and technologists were also highlighted in the workshop.

President, PM greet Cypriot President

President Abdur Rahman Biswas has greeted Glafcos Clerides, President of the Republic of Cyprus, on the occasion of his country's national day, reports BSS.

In a message of greeting, President Biswas expressed his confidence that the existing friendly relations between the two countries would be further strengthened in the years ahead.

In a separate message, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina felicitated Glafcos Clerides, President to the Republic of Cyprus on the occasion of his country's national day.

In her message of felicitations, Sheikh Hasina expressed her sincere hope that the existing friendly relations between the two countries would be further strengthened and expanded in the coming years.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina presenting Chowa Chakraborty with the International Sankar Painting Award '95 at the Osmani Auditorium in the city on Sunday.

New transport company floated

Unions will be linked with thana headquarters and thanas with the district headquarters. State Minister for Local government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Syed Abul Hossain said while inaugurating a newly floated transport company, the Mukttijoddha Poribahan Limited in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

He said in the annual development budget for the current fiscal year, highest allocation has been made for the development of the transport sector, which not only augments growth but also helps alleviate poverty.

Hossain said in the heavy transport sub-sector, duties on complete double-decker buses have been drastically reduced with a view to minimising transportation problem.

He said private sector is being given increasing patronisation in all sectors of national economy and urged all to take advantage of the governmental facilities.

Muktakantha Abritti Academy will distribute certificates among the participants of recitation training course at a function in the city soon. The guardians of the children who have completed their training course have been requested to be present at the Academy premises on 78/C Indira Road at 3 pm on October 4, says a press release.

BNP won't contest any poll under Abu Hena: Huda

BNP vice-chairman Barrister Nazmul Huda MP has said his party will not participate in any future election under the present Chief Election Commissioner, reports UNB.

"Chief Election Commissioner Mohammad Abu Hena must quit for his partisan rule," he told a protest meeting at the Traffic Point in Sunamganj yesterday.

The BNP leader alleged that Awami League came to power by rigging the June 12 election with the help of the then government and the Election Commission.

District BNP organised the meeting as part of the party's countrywide programmes, protesting 'rigging' by the ruling Awami League in the Sept 5 by election.

Khaleda condole deaths in Bogra tornado

BNP Chairperson and former prime minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday expressed deep shock at the loss of lives and property in Saturday's tornado that lashed Bogra and its neighbouring districts, reports UNB.

Begum Zia, in a message of condolence, prayed for the salvation of the departed souls and early recovery of the injured.

Meanwhile, the BNP Chairperson demanded adequate relief materials for the tornado-hit people and proper treatment for the wounded.

Habiganj-2 by-poll Acting CEC seeks cooperation of parties to hold peaceful poll

Acting Chief Election Commissioner Abdur Rahman yesterday sought cooperation of political parties to make the coming Habiganj-2 by-election free, fair and peaceful, reports UNB.

Their cooperation in this regard is essential, although adequate number of electoral officials and members of law enforcing agencies have been appointed, the Chief Election Commissioner told representatives of the political parties taking part in the election, when they called on him at Election Commission Secretariat yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed different aspects of the coming election and stressed the need for impartial role of the law enforcing agencies.

The representatives were: M Jai and Amir Hossain Ami of Awami League, Shah Mohammad Abu Zafar and Prof Humayun Kabir Hiru of Jatiya Party, A F M Mahbubul Haq and Moinuddin Khan Badal of Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal and Krishok Mohammad Sadek, Rafiqul Islam Miah and Taher Uddin of Bangladesh Krishok Samik Mukti Andolon.

Appointments and transfers

By Staff Correspondent

The Secretary of the Prime Minister's Secretariat, Syed Ahmed, has been appointed the Cabinet Secretary while Ataul Huq, the Secretary of the Statistics Division has been appointed Secretary to the Prime Minister's Secretariat, according to a PID handout yesterday.

Md Rafiqul Islam, the joint secretary of the Ministry of Establishment has been transferred to the Ministry of Education in the same post, replacing Khademul Islam, who has been transferred to the Ministry of Establishment.

The Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Md Mozammel Huq, has been transferred to the Economic Division in the same post and the project coordinator of General Education Project of the Primary and Mass Education Division has been transferred as the joint secretary of the Primary and Mass Education Division.

Md Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the joint secretary of the Local Government Division, has been transferred to the Ministry of Land in the same post, the hand out added.

Md Nurul Amin Patwari OSD (joint secretary) of the Establishment Ministry has been appointed joint secretary of the Internal Resources Division.

Besides, Md Zahiruddin Bhuiyan, Md Ashraf Ali and Syed Golam Kibria have been appointed as joint secretaries to the Ministry of Social Welfare, Jatiya Sangsad Secretariat and the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, respectively.

Itfikhur Hossain, the vice chairman of the Bangladesh Film Censor Board has been placed at the disposal of the Press Information Department, while the Deputy Secretary of the Information Ministry, Hasan Imam, has been appointed on temporary basis the vice chairman of the Bangladesh Film Censor Board.

Obituary

Engineer Md. Shahidul Islam Patwari, 45, a deputy director of Purchase Directorate, PDB, died on Sept. 28 in a road accident on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway near Gumti Bridge, says a press release.

He is survived by his mother, wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relations and admirers.

Patwari was buried at the Intellectual graveyard at Mirpur on Sept. 29. His qulkhwan will be held today after Asar Prayers at 54, Kalabagan 2nd Lane, Dhaka. All relatives and friends are requested to attend the qul.

What's on today....

Tourism Month-'96: The inaugural ceremony of the Tourism Month-'96 will be held. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will attend the function as chief guest and formally inaugurate the Tourism Month -'96. Venue: Osmani Memorial auditorium. Time: 4:30 pm.

Meet on Biological Nitrogen Fixation: The inaugural session of a day long working group meeting on Biological Nitrogen Fixation Associated with Rice-Production will be held. Chief guest: Matia Chowdhury. Minister for Agriculture, Food, Relief and Disaster Management. Special guest: Mrs Renée Veyret, French Ambassador to Bangladesh. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 9 am.

Talk on Int'l Day for the Aged: Bangladesh Association for the Aged will hold a discussion meet following by a debate in observance of International Day for the Aged. Chief guest: Salahuddin Yusuf, Minister for Health and Family Planning. Venue: Prabin Bhaban, Agargaon. Time: 4 pm.

Int'l Day for the Aged: The inaugural ceremony of the programme marking the Int'l Day for the Aged will be held. Bangladesh Association for the Aged and Ministry of Social Welfare have jointly arranged the programme. Chief guest: Dr Mozammel Hossain, State Minister for Women and Children Affairs. Venue: Shilpakala Academy auditorium. Time: 10:30 am.

Uttaran: Uttara Bank Limited is going to launch a new scheme to help finance its customers in purchasing consumer goods. The inaugural ceremony on the occasion will be held. Chief guest: UBL MD, M Anisuzzaman. Venue: Purbani hotel. Time: 11:30 am.

Children-Journalists meet: Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum (BSAF) has arranged a meeting between children and journalists in observance of 'Child Rights Week '96'. Venue: BSAF Secretariat, House 57-A, Road 15-A, Dhanmondi. Time: 11 am.

Habitat discussion: A discussion on 'World Habitat Day and Question of Rehabilitation of River Erosion affected people of Bangladesh' will be held. The Nadi Shikasta Gono Adhikar Forum (NASHGAF) has arranged the discussion. Venue: Jatiya Press Club auditorium. Time: 9:30 am.

Film show: Ms Claudia Lenssen from Gem Film and Television Academy, Berlin will give an introduction to the documentary film about the life and work of Leni Riefenstahl. Film 'The Wonderful & Horrible life of Leni Riefenstahl' will be screened. Venue: German Cultural Centre auditorium, House 10, Road 9, Dhanmondi. Time: 7 pm.

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BSPSF meet: An extended meeting of the leaders of Bangladesh Sangbadpatri Press Samik Federation will be held. Venue: Ittefaq Bhaban. Time: 11 am.

FBCCI workshop: The inaugural ceremony of the workshop on 'In Search of Enabling Environment' will be held. Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry has organised the workshop. Chief guest: Tofael Ahmed, Minister for Commerce and Industries. Venue: FBCCI Conference Centre. Time: 10 am.

Lecture-discussion: Don Johnson, former member of US congress will deliver a lecture on 'How Interest Groups Work to Affect Policy in the US'. Venue: Jatiya Press Club, VIP lounge. Time: 4:30 pm.

Notice
Our feature item *Dhaka Day by Day* could not be carried today due to space constraint. The inconvenience to the readers is regretted.

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- Name of work : Construction of District Jail at Magura (Sub-head: Sinking of 75mm dia Deep Tubewell).
- Estimated cost : Tk 2,98,557/- only.
- Earnest money : Tk 5,980/- only
- Contract documents consisting of Bangladesh Form No 2911, Schedule of items, add terms and conditions etc can be seen and obtained from the office of the undersigned and all the Executive Engineers under Jessore PWD Circle, during office hours.

Zahir Uddin Chaudhury
Executive Engineer
Magura PWD Division,
Magura
Phone: 505.

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Dhaka University Alumni Association

The Dhaka University Alumni Association is an organisation of the former students of the premier University of the country. The objectives of the Association include amongst others, creation of relations and understanding between the old and the new and help create a congenial academic atmosphere in the University.

The Annual General Meeting of the Grand Assembly will be held on October 31, 1996. On that occasion, election of the next Executive Committee and a cultural function will be held. The old students of the University who are interested to be members of the Association are requested to contact the undersigned. Members who do not receive letters of the Association because of change of their address are also requested to contact the following address:

Md. Nurul Islam
Secretary General, DUAA
Room No. 210
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406633 (Res)

Notice of Tender Military Engineer Services (Army)

- Applications are invited by AHQ, QMG's Br, DW & CE (Army) Dhaka Cantt for issue of tender documents for the following works. Applications to be submitted within 07 days from the date of publication of the advertisement:
a. Installation of 1x Deep tubewell incl constr of pump house with ancillary works at Chittagong Cantt.
- MES approved C&D class Contractors may apply quoting their Class & Index Number. Contractors must have VAT registration certificate and VAT will be recovered from the amount received on services rendered. It may be mentioned that application should be submitted by post.
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Calendar of Events

<p>Sheraton Chef's Special</p> <p>FROM OCTOBER 2 TO OCTOBER 30, 1996</p> <p>A competition of exotic dishes prepared by Sheraton Chefs every night during dinner time at the Bithika Restaurant</p>	<p>Autumn Mela</p> <p>FROM OCTOBER 3 TO NOVEMBER 15, 1996</p> <p>A traditional fair of local folk and rural handicrafts at the HOTEL'S MAIN ENTRANCE From 10 am to 10 pm</p>
<p>Horse Cart Ride</p> <p>EVERY FRIDAY FROM 4TH OCTOBER, 1996 AND ON OCTOBER 11, 18, 25 FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM.</p> <p>Take a nostalgic ride in the traditional carriages used by Nawabs of Bengal</p>	<p>School Children's Cultural Evening Programme</p> <p>MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1996 FROM 7 PM</p> <p>A lively cultural performance by School Children at the Winter Garden</p>
<p>Lalon Sangeet Shandhya</p> <p>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1996 FROM 7 PM at the Winter Garden</p> <p>An evening of mystic songs of Fakir Lalun Shah by artists of Lalun Academy Kushtia Tickets Tk. 200/- per person</p>	<p>Dhaka Food Street</p> <p>SATURDAY OCTOBER 26, 1996 FROM 7 PM at the Winter Garden</p> <p>Experience delicious food from colourful stalls prepared in a truly Dhaka Food Street manner. Enjoy a spectacular cultural evening by renowned artists. Main attraction Singer Alam Ara Misu. Tickets Tk. 650/- adult and Tk. 450/- child below 12 years</p>

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