

Weather

Thundershower likely

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

Met Office says no appreciable change in day temperature is expected throughout the country.

Country's highest temperature 35.8 degrees Celsius was recorded at Jessore and the lowest 19.9 degrees at Bhola.

In its out look for subsequent two days weathermen predicted little change but forecast increase in rainfall activity in the following five days.

Meantime, Rangpur had the highest 25 mm shower and Dhaka 14 mm in the last 24 hours till 6 am yesterday.

The sun sets today at 6:29 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:22 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	34.4	23.5	65	59
Chittagong	32.0	26.0	72	80
Rajshahi	34.8	23.2	61	53
Khulna	35.3	25.2	77	65
Barisal	34.2	24.4	81	78
Sylhet	34.5	23.5	71	82
Cox's Bazar	34.0	25.5	68	66



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina addressing a rally organised by Jatiya Sramik League on the occasion of May Day at Tongi on Thursday. — PID photo

PM urges concerted effort for economic development

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has underscored the need for concerted efforts of all, irrespective of party affiliation and opinion, to bring success in national life and ameliorate the lot of the working class, reports UNB.

"There may be differences in politics and ideology, but none should dissent from exerting united endeavour for well-being of the nation and the country," she said at a May Day discussion at Osmani Auditorium in the city Thursday.

She also called on the politicians, economists, social workers, artists, writers, intellectuals, professionals, students, teachers and labour leaders to come forward for achieving economic emancipation of the working class ridden by hunger, poverty and curse of illiteracy.

The discussion, organised by Labour Directorate, was also addressed by State Minister for Labour and Manpower M A Mannan, director of ILO, Bangladesh, Paul J Bailey, employers' leader Abdul Awal Mintoo and labour leader M Ahsanullah MP. Acting secretary of the ministry M Ahsan

Ali Sarkar presided. Elaborating government policies on different sectors and steps taken to realise those, Hasina said her government is determined to establish the rights of workers and peasants.

Sheikh Hasina mentioned that despite various obstacles and limitations, the government has taken initiative for formation of wage commission, a long standing demand of labourers. The pay commission has already been formed, she said.

On child labour, the Prime Minister said present government is committed to discourage under-aged workers and eliminate child labour phase by phase.

Praising women labourers in the garments sector, she urged owners of factories to build dormitories and hostels for female workers. "If necessary, we are ready to cooperate with you," she said.

She said her government believes in equal wages and dignity of both male and female workers. The Cabinet has already decided to ratify the ILO convention in this regard.

Govt may set up 'grameen library' in each village

The government is actively considering to establish 'grameen library' in each village to provide necessary information to eradicate poverty, illiteracy and malnutrition, reports UNB.

LGRD and Co-operatives Minister Zillur Rahman disclosed this while addressing the inaugural session of a day-long national seminar on 'Grameen Library' at Dhamrai thana TTDC auditorium yesterday.

'Grameen library' as an information power house, will help in boosting production in agriculture, fisheries, livestock, poultry and other economic activities to make each village self-reliant, the LGRD Minister explained. Such libraries will create social awareness on various national issues among the rural people, he added.

The seminar, organised by Bangladesh Library Association with co-operation of BANSDOC, was chaired by the association president Khondoker Fazlur Rahman, said a PID handout.

State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Kader, Emiratus professor of Bangladesh Research Council Dr Kazi M Badruddoza, Director of ILIS A K M Abdun Noor, Dhaka University Librarian Dr Fazlul Alam, Chairman of DU Library Science Madhab Chandra Dev also spoke.



Road transport workers brought out a procession in the city commemorating May Day on Thursday. — Star photo

What's on today . . .

Seminar: A four-day international seminar on 'Planning and implementation of rural infrastructure development projects', organised by the Local Government Engineering Department in cooperation with the Islamic Development Bank, will be inaugurated. Venue: LGED Bhaban, Agargaon. Time: 10 AM. Chief guest: LGRD Minister Zillur Rahman.

Publication ceremony: Freedom Fighters Cultural Command has arranged the public ceremony of a book, commemorating 26 years of independence, titled 'Atandra Ekattar'. Venue: Muktijuddha Jadugar. Time: 4:30 PM.

Training course: A 3-week in-service training course for subordinate and assistant sessions judges, organised by the Judicial Administration Training Institute, will begin. Venue: Old High Court Building. Time: 10 am.

Rotary Club of Shyamoli-Dhaka: The weekly meeting will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 5:30 pm.

Announcement of 5th Wage Board Award demanded

Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalist (BFUJ) has demanded that the government announce the final recommendations of the Fifth Wage Board Award for newsmen and newspaper employees by May 8, reports UNB.

The demand was voiced at a discussion meeting organised by BFUJ at Jatiya Press Club on Thursday in observance of historic May Day, said a press release.

BFUJ leaders blamed the government for an 'evil attempt' to amend rules in order to delay the announcement of the recommendations.

BFUJ president Amanullah Kabir and general secretary Zahurul Haq, Gias Kamal Chowdhury, DUJ general secretary Rabul Amin Gazi, Quaiym Khan Milon addressed the meeting, among others, acting president of DUJ Abu Saleh presided.

Liu meets Ershad

The visiting president of Chinese Institute of Foreign Affairs, Liu Shu Ging, called on Jatiya Party Chairman H M Ershad at his office in the city yesterday.

He was accompanied by the Chinese ambassador in Bangladesh Wang Chun Gui and other members of his delegation, a JP press release said.

US envoy calls on Home Minister

The outgoing US ambassador, David N Merrill, called on Home Minister Rafiqul Islam at his office on Thursday, reports UNB.

They exchanged views on various bilateral matters and hoped that existing friendly relations between the two countries would be strengthened further in future.

The US ambassador also thanked Rafiqul Islam for his ministry's cooperation during his tenure in Bangladesh, said a PID handout.

Theatre to perform in Calcutta

Theatre, one of the leading drama groups in Bangladesh, left Dhaka for Calcutta to stage three of their productions there, reports BSS.

At the invitation of Natya Samhati, Theatre will perform 'Sordha' on May 2, 'Kokilara' on May 3 and 'Meraj Faktr Ma' on May 4 at Madhusudan Mancha.

This is for the first time a theatre group from Bangladesh will perform three different plays at a time in Calcutta, a press release said.

Led by Ramendu Majumdar, the 35-member team includes Abdullah Al-Mamun, Ferdousi Majumdar, Abdul Quader, Bhaskar Chakraborty, Tropa Majumdar, Tanveer Sweety.

President, PM greet Polish President

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed has congratulated the President of the Republic of Poland Aleksander Kwasniewski on the occasion of the national day of his country, reports BSS.

President Shahabuddin, in a message sent to the Polish President, yesterday expressed his firm conviction that the existing bonds of friendship between the two countries would be further developed in the years to come.

In a separate message, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, congratulated President Aleksander Kwasniewski on the occasion of his country's national day.

In her message, the Prime Minister said, "I have much pleasure in extending to your excellency and through you to the government and the people of the Republic of Poland our warmest greetings and felicitations on the happy occasion of your national day."

Hanif goes abroad for treatment

Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) Mohammad Hanif left Dhaka Thursday for Calcutta for treatment, a corporation press release said in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

Ward Commissioner Dr Moazzem Hossain will perform the routine work of the mayor during Hanif's stay abroad. Mayor Hanif is expected to return home on May 4.

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Sealed tenders are hereby invited by the Managing Director, North Bengal Paper Mills Ltd., Paksey, Pabna from BCIC enlisted A-3 & above class contractors for repair of factory canteen [second phase, estimated cost Tk 1,53,975/42 (Taka one lakh fifty-three thousand nine hundred seventy-five & forty-two paisa only), time limit for completion of work 30 (thirty) days and tender purchasing price non-refundable Tk 200/00 (Taka two hundred only)].

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Interested contractors may visit the site of work prior to submitting their respective rates. The tenderers should submit earnest money, at the rate 2% of tender quoted amount in the form of DD/Pay Order/Sanchayapatra from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favour of Managing Director, North Bengal Paper Mills Ltd, Paksey, Pabna with the tender (without which tender will be rejected). Earnest money of the successful tenderer will be treated as security deposit. Earnest money of unsuccessful tenderers will be refunded within 15 (fifteen) days of issuing work order. Conditional tender will not be acceptable.

The tenders will be received simultaneously by the Civil Engineer, North Bengal Paper Mills Ltd., Paksey, Pabna and Senior General Manager (Construction), BCIC, Dhaka up to 11-00 AM of 12-05-1997 and opened on the same day at 11-30 AM before the tenderers (if any) present. Tenders of those quoting rate more than 5% above & 15% below the estimated cost will be treated as cancelled outright. Tenderers quoting rate 5%-10% below must submit rate analysis and those quoting rate 10%-15% below must submit additional 10% earnest money along with rate analysis. Otherwise tender will be treated as rejected at the time of opening.

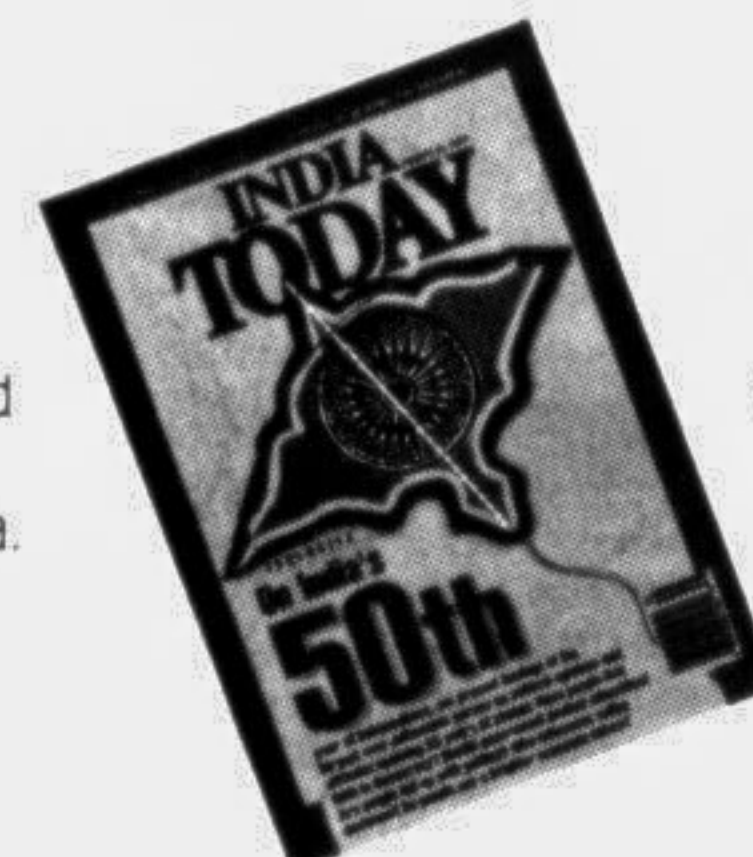
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