

Weather Thundershower likely

Under the influence of severe cyclonic storm, rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at most places over Chittagong, Barisal, Khulna, Dhaka divisions and at many places over Rajshahi, Sylhet divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

The sun sets today at 6:37 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:13 am. Maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

Table with 4 columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning, Evening). Rows include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal.

Formation of wage board committee criticised

By Staff Correspondent

The central coordination committee of four journalists and press workers unions and federations yesterday strongly criticised the government for forming a wage board committee comprising some ministers and bureaucrats.

Leaders of the coordination committee at a meeting said that the government formed the wage board committee when it had already submitted the final report to the government recommending implementation of its suggestions within 30 days.

The coordination committee, representing Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ), Bangladesh Sangbadpatri Press Sramik Federation (BSPSF), Bangladesh Sangbadpatri Karmachari Federation (BSKF) and Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ), termed the action of the government 'illegal.'

The meeting presided over by Dainik Ittefaq Workers' Union vice president Md Shah Jamal was addressed by convener of co-ordination committee Fazel Imam, BFUJ president Amanullah Kabir, secretary general of BSPSF Bazur Rahman Khan, BSKF president Kamruzzaman Khan and other leaders.

New JP Int'l Affairs Secy

Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad has appointed Golam Moshfi, Chairman of Ershad Mukti Parishad, International Affairs Secretary of the party, says a press release.

He was vice-president of UK branch of Jatiya Party in 1985.

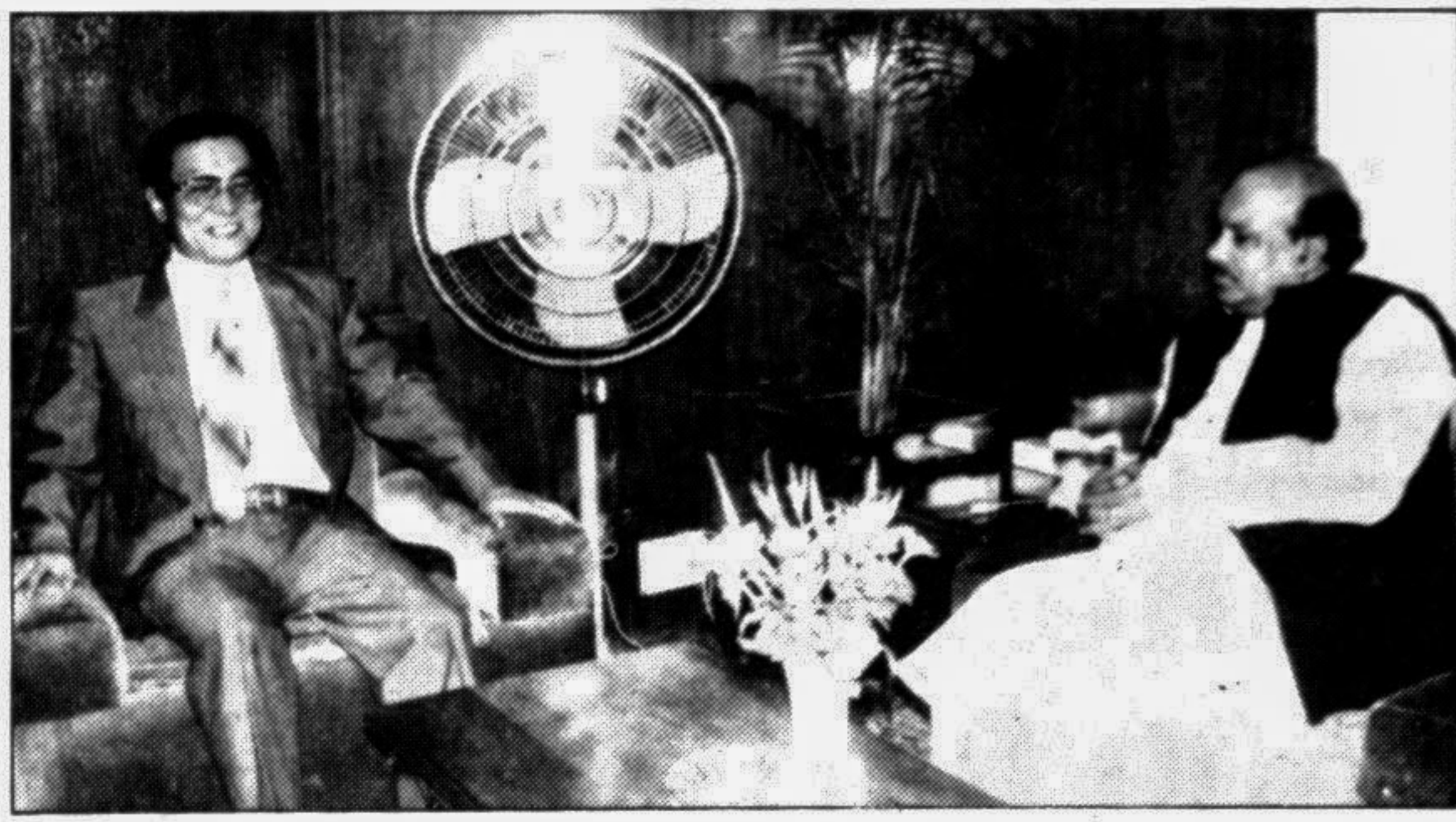
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In Memoriam

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North Korean envoy to Bangladesh Dr Kim Ki Duk called on Post and Telecommunications Minister Mohammad Nasim at his office yesterday. — PID photo

DPRK envoy calls on Nasim

Ambassador of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) to Bangladesh, Dr Kim Ki Duk, called on Mohammad Nasim, Minister for Post and Telecommunications and Housing and Public Works, at the latter's secretariat office yesterday, reports BSS.

They discussed issues of bilateral interest.

Tk 1.10cr Saudi donation for IIT

Saudi Ambassador to Bangladesh Abdullah Omar Barry has handed over a cheque of over Tk 1.10 crore to the Director General of Islamic Institute of Technology (IIT) Prof AM Patwari in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

The amount is Saudi Arabia's mandatory contribution to the IIT for the year 1996-97.

Obituary



Abul Mansur Mohammad Firoj, a chief engineer of PDB, died at BIRDEM Hospital on Sunday night. He was suffering from liver cirrhosis. He was 56, reports BSS.

A graduate in mechanical engineering of 1961 batch of BUET, Firoj served for a long time at Dhaka Electric Supply in various capacities. He was actively associated with Lions Club 61 and other social activities.

Firoj is survived by wife, one son, one daughter, a host of relatives and friends.

His namaj-e-Janaza was held at Baitul Mamur Masjid at Science Laboratory crossing after Magrib prayers yesterday. He was buried at Banani graveyard.

His gulkhwani will be held after Asr prayers today at 63 Laboratory Road.



Esha Khan, Lecturer in English of Rifles Public School and College, died at the Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases in the city on Sunday. She was only 27, says a press release.

She left behind her husband, Asif Islam, parents, a sister and a host of relatives.

She was the youngest daughter of Toab Khan, Advisory Editor, Dainik Janakantha.

Her gulkhwani will be held at 16/1, Lake Circus, Kalabagan tomorrow.

What's on today...

Ansar, VDP meet: A meet of Dhaka district Ansars and VDPs will be held. Venue: Agaraon Community Centre, Sher-e-Banglanagar. Time: 9:30 am. Chief guest: LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman.

Workshop: A research workshop on 'Environmental Impact of Textile Dyeing and Printing' will be held. Venue: Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 10 am-4:30 pm. Chief Guest: Satiyid Musharraf Husain, DG, Department of Environment.

Rotary Club of Ramna: The weekly Meeting will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 5pm. Guest speaker: Omar Hadi, Add'l Secretary, Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge (JMB) Division, will speak on 'The implementation status of JMB.'

Rotary Club of Dhaka New City: The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: FICCI, 35/1 Purana Paltan Line, Inner Circular Rd. Time: 5:45 pm.

Convention: The inaugural of Lions Club International, District 315 B3 session of the first annual district convention will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time 4:30 pm.

Commerce & Industries Minister Tofael Ahmed will be the chief guest.

Training of huge number of pry teachers underscored

Speakers at an international workshop in the city yesterday underscored the need for training of a huge number of primary school teachers to help eradicate the curse of illiteracy, reports BSS.

They were speaking at an international training workshop capacity building in distance education for primary teachers training jointly organised by the Commonwealth of Learning, Asian Development Bank, Bangladesh National Commission for UNESCO and Bangladesh Open University at Bangladesh Institute of Administration and Management (BIAM).

The speakers said that the training workshop would show the way for new opportunities in distance learning at large. A total of 17 representatives from Indonesia, China, Pakistan, India and host Bangladesh are participating in the 10-day workshop.

Presided over by Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh Open University (BOU) Prof Aminul Islam the inaugural session of the workshop was addressed also by Education Secretary Abdullah Haroon Pasha and UNESCO representative to Bangladesh Dr Ansar Ali Khan as special guests, pro-Vice Chancellor of BOU Dr RI Sharif and training specialist of Commonwealth of Learning Patricia McWilliam.

In his speech Abdullah Haroon Pasha referred to the low rate of literacy in Bangladesh and said that the government had attached priority to remove illiteracy from the country.

Pasha said that the government had taken steps including the Food for Education programme to remove the problem of school drop-outs.

Referring to the lack of adequately trained school teachers the education secretary called for imparting training to the teachers at the primary school level. Good teachers, he said, could make good students.

Prof Aminul Islam said distance education and open learning continue to grow rapidly in all parts of the world including Bangladesh.

He said the rapid expansion of distance education in Bangladesh had raised the need for technical and professional staff who were able to plan, install, operate and manage the mix of media devices so critical in the development and delivery of distance learning.

Evasion of VAT Kebab shop sealed off

Officials of Motijheel Customs, Excise and VAT Division yesterday sealed off a kebab shop at Bijoynagar in the city for nonpayment of VAT tax, reports BSS.

An official press release said, 'Zani Kebab Ghar' at 3/1, 1, North Bijoynagar, had long been abstaining from payment of VAT despite repeated reminders to the owners as per the law of the land.

The officials sealed off the shop with the cooperation of Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

Similar action would be taken against organisations which are yet to clear their VAT, the press release added.

Bhutanese envoy meets Motia

Bhutan is keen to exchange agricultural technology with Bangladesh as well as expand bilateral trade in agricultural goods, reports BSS.

This was stated by Bhutanese Ambassador to Bangladesh Lyonpo Tashi Tobgyel when he called on Agriculture and Food Minister Motia Choudhury at her Secretariat office yesterday, said an official handout.

The minister said both the countries could progress in the agricultural sector by exchanging locally developed technology. In this connection, she emphasised the need for exchanging information and experience.

The ambassador said Bhutan is keen to expand bilateral trade, particularly in agricultural sector.

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BIWTC Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation (An Inland Shipping Organisation) 5, Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000. Tender Notice for Appointment of Clearing and Forwarding Agents. Includes details about experience requirements and contact information for Md Abdur Rashid, Chief Purchase Manager.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer PWD Division, Gopalganj. Notice Inviting Tenders No 72 of 1996-97. Includes 8 numbered points regarding tender procedures, estimated cost, and contract terms.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Cabinet Division. Tender Notice Subject: Tender Notice for Supply and Installation of Computer Hardware, Software and Computer Network in Cabinet Division on a Turnkey Basis. Includes details about sealed tenders and contact information for Senior Asstt Secretary.

The City Bank Limited ESTABLISHMENT DEPARTMENT HEAD OFFICE, JIBON BIMA TOWER 10, DILKUSHA COMMERCIAL AREA, DHAKA-1000. TENDER FOR CAR/JEEP SALE. Includes details about sealed quotations and a table of vehicles for sale.

Table with 5 columns: Sl. No., Description, Registration No, Vehicles Inspection Area, Model. Lists 22 vehicles for sale, including Nissan Sunny, Toyota Land Cruiser, Toyota Starlet, and Proton Saga.

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