

**State Minister for Religious Affairs says  
Khatib masterminded disruption  
of Miladunnabi function**

State Minister for Religious Affairs Nurul Islam on Sunday refuted a statement of Khatib of Baitul Mukarram Mosque, published in several newspapers, in which he denied his involvement in disrupting the Eid-e-Miladunnabi function at the mosque on July 17, reports BSS.

In a rejoinder, the state minister termed the statement by Khatib Ubaidul Haq as 'unrealistic' saying that there cannot be any rivalry or enmity between Khatib Ubaidul Haq and himself but there are several reasons to believe that the Khatib masterminded the disruption of the holy function, at-

**Attack on  
Miladunnabi  
function slated**

Tahfiz-e-Haramine Parishad, Bangladesh has condemned the 'attack' on Eid-e-Miladunnabi function at Baitul Mukarram mosque on Thursday, reports UNB.

In a statement yesterday, Haramine President Maulana Sadek Ahmed Siddique said the untoward, unruly and inhuman incident that took place in presence of the President is very heinous, tragic and regrettable.

National Olama Council yesterday strongly condemned the attack on the Eid-e-Miladunnabi function and dishonour to President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed by the anti-liberation fundamentalist forces at an Islamic Foundation function recently.

President and general secretary of the council Maulana Abdul Awal and Maulana Wahiduzzaman in a joint statement urged the government to take stern measures against the persons responsible for the attack.

**প্রাণ এশিয়ান মার্কেটিং কোম্পানী লিমিটেড (PRAN)**  
প্রাণটি হাইটস, ১২ আর কে মিশন রোড, ঢাকা-১২০০

**বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

- সম্মিলিত শেয়ারহোল্ডারগণকে এই মর্মে অবহিত করা হচ্ছে যে, রাইট শেয়ার সার্টিফিকেট ইতোমধ্যে অতি অক্ষম থেকে যথারীতি বিতরণ তত্ত্ব করা হচ্ছে। যে সম্মত শেয়ারহোল্ডারগণ রাইট শেয়ারের সার্টিফিকেট এখনও অক্ষম থেকে এহন করেন নাই, তাঁদেরকে অতি সত্ত্বর ব্যাক বিসিনি প্রদান পূর্বক নিজ শেয়ার সার্টিফিকেট প্রদান করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হচ্ছে। উল্লেখ্য যে রাইট শেয়ার সার্টিফিকেট ব্যবস্থার সভার সিক্ষাত্ত অনুযায়ী বিভাজন (Split) করা হচ্ছে।
- সম্মিলিত শেয়ার হোল্ডারগণকে এই মর্মে আরো অবহিত করা হচ্ছে যে, IPO তে ইস্যুকৃত শেয়ার সার্টিফিকেট সমূহ বিশেষ সাধারণ সভার সিক্ষাত্ত অনুযায়ী বিভাজন (Split) করার উদ্দেশ্যে আগমানী ২৫.০৭.৯৭ ইং তারিখ থেকে ৩১.০৮.৯৭ ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত অতি অক্ষম জমা দেয়ার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হচ্ছে। ৩১.০৮.৯৭ তারিখের পরে জমাকৃত সার্টিফিকেট কোম্পানীর শেয়ার বেজিটারে প্রাপ্ত শেয়ারহোল্ডারের নামে বিভাজন (Split) করা হচ্ছে।

কর্তৃপক্ষের আদেশ অনুমতি দেওয়া হচ্ছে।  
মোঃ শিয়ার উদ্দীপ্ত একাডেমিক  
কোম্পানী সচিব



Visiting Deputy Procurator General of the Chinese Supreme People's Procuratorate Wang Wenyuan called on President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday.

— PID photo

**40,000 flood-hit  
families to be  
brought under VGF  
programme**

CHITTAGONG, July 21: The district administration will bring some 40,000 worst affected families of eight thanas of the district under Vulnerable Group Feeding (VGF) programme as part of its post-flood relief operation, reports BSS.

According to a press release of the District Relief and Rehabilitation Office, each distressed family will be provided with 32 kgs of rice for two months under the VGF programme.

Meanwhile, the district administration has so far disbursed Taka 1.50 lakh in cash 20 metric tons of rice, 400 pieces of sarees, 180 tons of half-metric tons of chira and 500 kgs molasses for the flood-affected people.

Anwara, Satkania, Chandaish, Patiya, Banskhali, Lohagara, Hathajari and Raniganj are the worst hit thanas of the district, the sources said.

The overall flood situation in the district is now under control, the sources said, adding that under the influence of monsoon depression, formed in the north-east Bay, the Chittagong region has been experiencing light to moderate rainfall for the last two consecutive days.

According to control room of the Civil Surgeon, a total of 196 medical teams with buffer stocks of medicines are working round-the-clock in the flood-hit areas.

The medical teams are also imparting health education messages to the affected people to prevent diarrhoea, the sources added.

**Deputy Speaker  
back home**

Deputy Speaker M Abdul Hamid advocate returned home yesterday after a three-week visit to the United States, reports UNB.

Hamid paid the visit at the invitation of the US-based Council for Materialising the Dreams of Bangabandhu.

**Pronk meets Razzaq, Alamgir  
Dutch aid for reexcavation  
of Gorai river sought**

The visiting Dutch Minister for Development Co-operation, Jan P Pronk, who is leading a 12-member delegation, called on Water Resources Minister Md Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir at his Secretariat office yesterday.

During the meeting they discussed matters of mutual interest and bilateral relations, including those relating to the 5th five-year plan, education, flood protection, planning and construction of Ganga barrage.

The Ambassador of the Kingdom of Netherlands to Bangladesh, RA Vernis, was also present.

UNB adds: An environmental group has appealed to the Dutch Development Cooperation Minister Jan Pronk for an immediate moratorium of all activities related to the Flood Action Plan (FAP-20) project in Tangail.

Environmental Activists Group, Bangladesh, in a letter to the Dutch minister demanded independent evaluation of the project activities and compensation for all affected people.

It said there must be a financial audit and complete evaluation of expenses in the project to date, and people's participation must be ensured in all stages of water resources management.



Shipping Minister and Secretary General of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) A S M Abdur Rab speaking at a discussion marking the death anniversary of Col Taher in the city yesterday.

— Star photo

**Weather**

**Heavy rain likely**

Under the influence of monsoon depression over northwest Bay, moderate to moderately heavy rain or thundershower with temporary gusty or squally wind may occur at most places over the country during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met Office also forecast heavy to very heavy rainfall at places over the country during period.

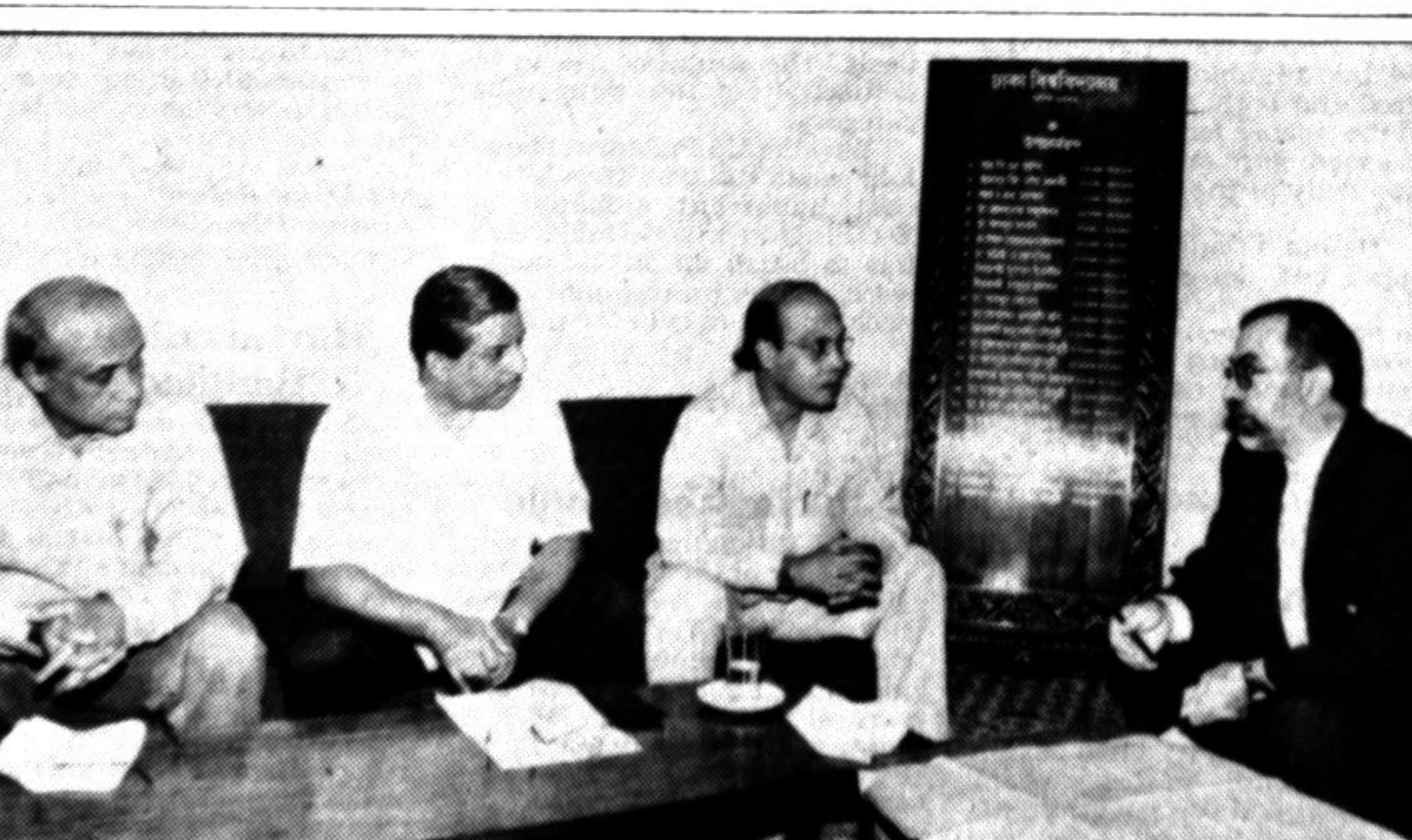
Day temperature is likely to fall by 1-2 degree Celsius across the country.

The country's highest temperature was recorded 31 degree Celsius at Dinajpur, Rangpur and Sathkhira and the lowest 27.7 degrees at Kutubpur.

The sun sets today at 6:47 pm and rises on Wednesday at 5:24 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	27.5	25.0	95	92
Chittagong	27.2	25.0	97	95
Rajshahi	27.6	25.3	98	94
Khulna	29.6	25.2	92	87
Barisal	26.5	24.3	98	92
Sylhet	29.2	25.0	88	89
Cox's Bazar	28.4	24.0	95	--



Ambassador of Iran to Bangladesh Mahmoud Bayat (R) called on Prof A K Azad Chowdhury (2nd R), Vice-Chancellor, Dhaka University, at his office yesterday. Pro-Vice-Chancellor of DU Prof Shahiduddin Ahmad and Treasurer Prof M Shamsul Huq were also present.

**Chinese team of  
law officers meets  
Shahabuddin**

The visiting Chinese delegation of law officers made a courtesy call on President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports UNB.

The Deputy Procurator-General of the Supreme People's Procuratorate of China, Wang Wenyuan, led the 5-member delegation.

Welcoming the delegation, President Shahabuddin said the close cooperation between the law officers of Bangladesh and China is essential.

He observed that exchange of such visit would strengthen the existing Bangladesh-China friendship and cooperation.

The Chinese Deputy Procurator-General said that China and Bangladesh share common views on many regional and international issues. He also said that they were enlightened to see the existing legal system of Bangladesh.

The Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh, Wang Chunguy and Attorney General Barrister K S Nabi were present there on the occasion.

**Meets Samad,  
Abul Hasan**

Another report says, the visiting six-member Chinese delegation led by Wang Wenyuan, deputy procurator general of Supreme People's Procuratorate of China, called on Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad at his office yesterday.

Wenyuan explained about Chinese legal system and recalled the ancient friendship between the two countries. Samad Azad informed the delegation about the activities of Law Commission formed by the present government.

Meanwhile, the delegation also called on State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury at his office.

Wenyuan and Hasan exchanged views on mutual interest of the two countries with special reference to legal system of both the countries.

**BFUJ meeting in  
Bogra August 1**

An executive committee meeting of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) will be held on August 1 at 10 am at the Notraman Bhaban in Bogra, BFUJ press release said, reports BSS.

All officials and members of the committee from Dhaka, Chittagong and Mymensingh will leave city for Bogra on July 31 at 1 pm from the Jatiya Press Club. Others will go to Bogra directly.

**Rab calls for  
immediate trial  
of Col Taher's  
'killers'**

Secretary General of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) and Shipping Minister ASM Abdur Rab yesterday said that the trial of the 'killers' of Col Taher should be started immediately, reports BSS.

The Shipping Minister was addressing a discussion organised by JSD to mark Col Taher's death anniversary, according to a JSD press release.

Rab said, "Col Taher, one of the sector commanders of the Liberation War, was killed in a mock trial in the name of justice. During the last 21 years, all section of people have been demanding the trial of the killing from different governments. But nobody took any initiative, though, there was no legal barrier."

He added that as a government of national consensus and pro-liberation is now in power, the trial of Taher's 'killing' should be started without delay.

The discussion was presided over by JSD President Noor Alam Jiku and leaders including Syed Zafar Sajid, Abdul Malek Ratan and Ataul Karim Faruque.

**Bangladesh team  
visits refinery  
in Iran**

The four-member Bangladesh delegation now visiting Iran led by Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Lt General (retired) Muhammad Noor Uddin Khan visited the Isfahan Refinery and Petrochemical Complex Sunday, reports BSS.

Governor of Isfahan received the delegation.

**Tofael leaves for Bangkok today**

Commerce and Industries Minister Tofael Ahmed leaves today for Bangkok on a six-day official visit to Thailand, reports UNB.

Foreign office sources said the visit is taking place at the invitation of Thai Deputy Prime Minister Korn Dabbaransi who is also in charge of industries.

During the visit, Tofael will call on the Prime Minister and meet with other ministers of

Thailand.

He will hold official talks with his host, covering the entire gamut of bilateral relations, particularly matters of expansion of trade and economic cooperation between the two countries.

In the Thai capital, Tofael, accompanied by a 40-member business delegation, will address a seminar on the investment facilities in Bangladesh.

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