



Visiting Rotary International president Rtn Glen W Kinross called on President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday. — PID photo

Weather

Rise in night temp likely

Dry weather with partly cloudy sky is likely to prevail over the country during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Slight rise in night temperature is expected across the country during the period, Met Office said.

The country's highest temperature was recorded 24.0 degrees Celsius at Cox's Bazar and the lowest 7.1 degrees at Chuadanga yesterday.

The sun sets today at 5:26 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:43 am.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	19.0	11.5	95	89
Chittagong	22.2	12.8	100	85
Rajshahi	21.8	8.2	97	85
Khulna	22.4	8.4	95	84
Barisal	21.4	10.4	100	100
Sylhet	21.5	13.4	89	85
Cox's Bazar	24.0	14.0	89	80

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Rotary Int'l president meets Shahabuddin

The visiting President of Rotary International, Glen W Kinross, made a courtesy call on President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports UNB.

He was accompanied by his wife Heather Kinross. He is leading seven-member delegation.

Kinross apprised the President of the various on-going programmes of Rotary International in Bangladesh.

The programmes include supply of drinking water to rural areas through sinking tube-wells and a five-year education programme to eradicate illiteracy.

Welcoming the Rotary President, Justice Shahabuddin appreciated the service oriented activities of Rotary International in the country and thanked him for taking sincere interest in government programmes on poverty alleviation and promoting education.

Among others, Secretary to the President Muhammad Enamul Haq and Governor of Rotary International District 3280, Bangladesh M Jamaluddin were present.

Fake army major, 4 others placed on 2 days' remand

By Court Correspondent

A man impersonating an army major and four of his accomplices who were arrested on December 23, 1997 were placed on two days' police remand in connection with a dacoity case yesterday.

The Detective Branch (DB) police investigating the case produced the five before the Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon.

Police had prayed for seven days remand for interrogating the arrested men.

Mehbubur Rahman, the fake major, and his accomplices were arrested by Gulshan police for their alleged involvement in a dacoity and for possession of illegal firearms on Dec 23.

Later, on December 26, Mehbub and his gang were charged in another dacoity case in which they looted Tk 18 lakh from a businessman.

Gulshan police at the time interrogated the arrested and later transferred the case to the DB on Jan 3.

WB team meets DU VC

A four-member World Bank team led by its Principal Educator of South Asia Region, Himelda Martinez, called on Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof A K Azad Chowdhury at his office yesterday, says a press release.

During the meeting, they discussed matters of mutual interest especially regarding possibilities of providing WB assistance and cooperation for Dhaka University.

Meanwhile, Professor France Bhattacharya, Vice-President of the National Institute of Oriental Languages and Civilisations, Paris, called on DU VC Prof A K Azad Chowdhury at his office yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed matters of mutual interest. They particularly talked about renewal and implementation of the Agreement of Cooperation, which was signed between the Dhaka University and France in 1992.

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IGP addresses high police officials Rapid disposal of pending cases directed

Inspector General of Police (IGP) M Ismail Hossain yesterday asked the police officials to behave soberly when people come to police stations, reports UNB.

He also directed the DMP officials to take necessary steps for rapid disposal of the pending cases, warrants and conviction warrants.

The IGP was addressing a meeting with senior police officials of the Dhaka Metropolitan Police to review the law and order situation of the city.

He also gave directives to take appropriate action to prevent snatching and pick-pocketing on the city streets and at market places during the month of Ramadan.

The IGP instructed the DMP officials to deploy additional forces to ease traffic congestion

in the capital, particularly at the places where the problem is more acute.

Stressing the need for strengthening community policing and greater involvement of local people, he directed the police officials to take more effective steps to combat crimes.

Additional IGP's of Finance, Headquarters, Special Branch and CID, DIG Headquarters, all Deputy Commissioners, Assistant Commissioners and Officers in Charge of different police stations of DMP were present at the meeting.

The DCS, ACs and OCs informed the IGP about the law and order situation in their respective areas and the residential and transport problems of the police stations, according to a PID handout.

What's on today....

Inauguration: Vikrampur Dairy Limited will be inaugurated. Venue: 51, Shyampur, Kadamtali Industrial Area. Time: 4 pm. Chief guest: Food and Agriculture Minister Begum Motia Chowdhury.

Rotary Club of Shahbagh, Dhaka: The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Officers' Club, Bailey Road. Time: 6 pm.

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Narigrantha Prabartana: A discussion on recent Union Parishad (UP) polls will be held. Venue: Narigrantha Prabartana Office at 2/8, Sir Sayed Road, Mohammadpur. Time: From 10 am to 1 pm.

HERE and THERE

Shaheed Asad Parishad

President and General Secretary of Shaheed Asad Parishad Prof Dr Sakawat Ali Khan and Shamsuzzaman Milon Sunday urged all the patriotic people of the country to observe the Shaheed Asad Day on January 20 and Mass Uprising Day on January 25 with due solemnity, reports BSS.

In observance of Asad Day and Mass Uprising Day, the organisation has chalked out a five-day elaborate programme in the city including a discussion on 'Today's Tasks for Economic Emancipation'.

Supreme Court Bar Assoc

Bangladesh Supreme Court Bar Association has urged all, irrespective of party affiliation, to forge unity to protect the country's territorial integrity, independence and sovereignty, reports UNB.

"It is the responsibility of all to safeguard the soil and flag of the country," the Bar Association President, Barrister Nazmul Huda and Secretary Jamil Abedin said in a joint statement yesterday.

They said it is time for people from all walks of life, including the professionals, to take to the street with the demand of scrapping the 'so-called' peace agreement on CHT in order to protect the constitution.

The Bar Association leaders said there is no logic in spreading unrest across the country in the name of establishing peace in the Chittagong Hill Tracts.

"The constitution is directly violated and the fundamental rights of the people are undermined by the agreement," they alleged saying that the accord handed over the government's unitary power to a "regional government".

BSEHR

A human rights organisation has demanded of the government to reveal in public the mystery of kidnapping, missing or self-hiding of Kalpana Chakma and two of her brothers since long, reports UNB.

In a statement Secretary General of Bangladesh Society for the Enforcement of Human Rights (BSEHR) Adv Sigma Huda yesterday said the government has signed peace agreement on the problems of hilly people but is not taking any steps on mysterious missing or abduction of Kalpana Chakma.

Organising Secretary of Hill Women Federation Kalpana Chakma has been untraced since June 11, 1996. Her two brothers — Khudiram Chakma and Kalicharan Chakma — are also remained untraced.

BHBFOWA

AFM Zahirul Islam and Nazrul Islam Sarkar have been

elected president and general secretary respectively of the Bangladesh House Building Finance Corporation Officers' Welfare Association (BHBFOWA) for the year 1998-99, said a press release.

Other officer-bearers-elect are: Ziaul Haq, vice-president, Shanti Ranjan Dey, joint secretary, Abdus Salam Mandal, organising secretary, Shahjahan Mia, office, publicity, cultural and social welfare secretary and Saiful Haq, treasurer. The executive committee members are: Syed Anisur Rahman, Zahurul Islam, Abul Fazal Khan, Ojullah, Shahjahan Khan and Abu Bakar Siddiq.

IUBAT

International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) organised the second academic retreat on Saturday, at IUBAT campus. The programme is the only of its kind in Bangladesh and was well planned with leadership of Prof Dr M Alimullah Miyan the founder and Vice-Chancellor of IUBAT, says a press release.

The theme was "Quality in Higher Education", with special reference to Goals and Expectation of IUBAT. It was divided in four sessions: I) Educational Programming, II) Educational Delivery, III) Evaluation of Performance, IV) Feedback on Process of Learning.

Most of the faculty members cited their experiences in learning as well as teaching in countries, specially in America, England and Netherlands and expressed their satisfaction with the prevailing academic facilities and environment at IUBAT.

AL programme on Jan 10

Bangladesh Awami League has planned an elaborate programme to celebrate January 10, marking the return of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman to Bangladesh from Pakistani jail in 1972, reports BSS.

The highlights of the day-long programme include hoisting of national flag and the party flag at the central party office, Bangabandhu Bhaban and party offices throughout the country and placing wreaths on the portrait of Bangabandhu.

The central Awami League will hold a discussion on the life of the great leader at the auditorium of Engineers' Institute in the city at 11 am. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who is also the president of Awami League, will preside over the meeting.

Meanwhile, LORD and Cooperatives Minister and general secretary of Awami League has urged all the branch offices of the party to observe the homecoming of Bangabandhu in a befitting manner.



Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia hosted an Iftar party for ulemas at her official residence in Minto Road yesterday. — Star photo

47,000 primary teachers to be recruited in 5 yrs

Some 47 thousand primary teachers would be recruited within the next five years, it was announced at a meeting of the Estimate Committee of Jatiya Sangsad yesterday, reports BSS.

The meeting, held at Sangsad Bhaban, was presided by committee chairman Dr Mizanul Haque.

The meeting discussed the activities of Education Ministry and its sub-ordinate departments, including Primary Education Directorate, Non-formal Education Directorate, Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Directorate, Technical Education Directorate and University Grants Commission.

It also discussed budgetary allocation for development planning and development project under Education Ministry.

Roundtable on 'edn system' tomorrow

By Staff Correspondent

A roundtable conference on "The Education System of the Country is Non-Responsive to the Job Market Demand — Strategic Options to Make it Responsive and the Role of Media" will be held in the city tomorrow.

The roundtable, jointly organised by the Dhaka Reporters' Unity (DRU) and Institute of Diploma Engineers (IDE), will be held at 2 pm at the CIRDA auditorium, says a press release.

Two keynote papers will be presented — one by Abdur Rauf, Director General of the Directorate of Technical Education, and the other by Morshed Ali Khan, a senior staff reporter of The Daily Star.

Prof Zillur Rahman Siddiqi will be present as chief guest, while Dr Wahiduddin Mahmud, an advisor of the former caretaker government will chair the conference.

Dacoity at city house : Goods worth Tk 1.7 lakh looted

By Staff Correspondent

Dacoits looted cash, gold ornaments and valuables worth about Tk 1.7 lakh from a residence at Kadamtala under Shabujbag thana in the city early yesterday.

Police said a gang of about 13 armed men got inside after breaking the lock of the main door of the house of one Musa Mia at about 1:30 am.

They tied up the master of the house and confined the other family members in a room at gunpoint. After forcibly taking the keys, they then opened a number of cupboards and almirahs, police added.

The dacoits took Tk 57 thousand in cash, gold ornaments, electronic goods, clothes and other valuables from the house in a 30-minute operation.

A case was lodged with Shabujbag thana in this connection. However, none was arrested till the filing of this report last night.

RDRS distributes clothes among poor in N dists

Rangpur Dinajpur Rural Service (RDRS), an NGO engaged in development activities, distributed clothings among 8,000 very poor people especially women and children in the northern districts in the last two weeks of the cold spell now sweeping the country, a RDRS press release said.

The clothings included 3,053 sarees and 1,800 wrappers for women, 1,000 wrappers for men and 1,120 pieces of garments for the children and nearly two hundred pieces of used blankets.

Proshika donation for victims of cold wave

Proshika Manobik Unnayan Kendra employees have donated their one-day salary amounting to Taka 3.5 lakh for the victims of cold wave in the northern region, a Proshika press release said yesterday, reports BSS.

A meeting of the Proshika employees with director (programmes) Mahbubul Karim in the chair at Proshika Bhaban at Mirpur yesterday decided to collect winter clothes and money for the victims of the cold-wave in the northern districts.

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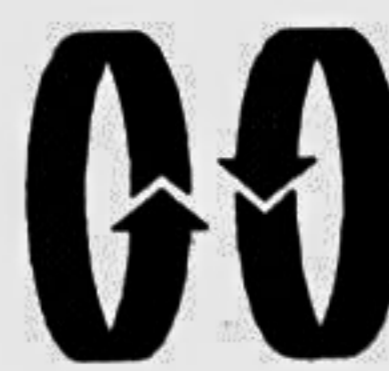
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