

Weather

Light rain may continue

Light and moderate rain is likely to occur at many places over Dhaka, Khulna, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Chittagong and Barisal divisions during the next 12 hours till 6 pm yesterday, reports UNB.

According to the Met office, night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

Country's highest temperature 28.5 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Cox's Bazar and the lowest 12.0 degrees at Dinajpur.

The sun sets tomorrow at 5:38 pm and rises on Friday at 6:42 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
Dhaka	15.1	12.5
Chittagong	26.4	16.5
Rajshahi	16.0	13.0
Khulna	14.2	13.4
Barisal	16.6	14.2
Sylhet	15.7	13.7
Cox's Bazar	28.5	18.0
	Morning	Evening
	92	93
	74	82
	96	—
	100	100
	87	—
	96	96
	81	78

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ENLISTMENT OF SERVICE PROVIDERS

An international development agency based in Dhaka is planning to create a database of firms / institutes / individuals, who are capable of providing competent service in the following functional areas:

1. Photography (conceptualization/design, shooting), photographic exhibition, maintenance of picture library.
2. Video production/documentation (script preparation, shooting, recording, editing, duplicating, transfer etc. in VHL, PAL, NTS, Betacam, U-matic).
3. Audio/video maintenance.
4. Facilitating agency (training, workshops, meetings etc.).
5. Multi-media/programming/design/scanning and hardware & software maintenance, installation, upgrading, LAN support, accessories etc.
6. Logistic support and facilitating visits (event management, secretarial support, setting up itinerary etc.).
7. Clearing and forwarding (packing/crating, customs clearance, issuance of pass book, no-objection certificates, transportation etc. by air or sea).
8. Quality assurance/inspection (of imported products).
9. Storage & maintenance of artwork (log-in, log-out).

Firms/institutes/individuals who have at least 5-7 years of experience in the relevant field and 30 occasions of work experience with UN/Development agencies are requested to send a letter of intent, mentioning experience, qualification of key personnel and organisational setup to: Box No. A-135, C/o. The Daily Star, Dhaka by 31st January, 1998.

Office of the Chief Administrative Officer Ministry of Defence 198, Dhaka Cantonment Dhaka-1206 Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are invited from bonafide manufacturers/importers/suppliers for purchase of the undermentioned office machines:

- Duplicating Machine, electric & manual —04 (four) Nos**
 - (1) Cyclose brand, Model-M206 R/latest model made in Czechoslovakia.
 - (2) Rex-Rotary, Model-450 (Denmark)/latest model.
 - (3) Rex-Rotary, Model-RR 820 (England)/latest model.
- Bengali Typewriter machine, 18" roller size —04 (four) Nos.**
 - (1) Olympia brand, steel body, Munier Keyboard made in Mexico/latest model.
 - (2) Optima Munier, steel body, Munier Keyboard (Germany)/latest model.
 - (3) Facitt brand, steel body, Munier Keyboard (Sweden/Brazil)/latest model.
- English Typewriter machine, 18" roller size —13 (thirteen) Nos.**
 - (1) Olympia brand, steel body, Munier Keyboard made in Mexico/latest model.
 - (2) Optima Munier, steel body, Munier Keyboard (Germany)/latest model.
 - (3) Facitt brand, steel body, Munier Keyboard (Sweden/Brazil)/ latest model.

2. Tender should be deposited in the tender box kept at this office within 1300 hours of 12-2-98. Tenders will be opened on the same day at 1400 hours before the tenderers present. Earnest money at 2% of total quoted amount (refundable) should be submitted with the tender through Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in favour of Chief Administrative Officer. The proposed price should remain valid for three months from the date of opening tender. Original operation manual, one superior quality dust cover, two brushes & one oil can should be submitted with each machine. Unit price of each machine & total price should be written in figures & words. Free servicing should be provided for 01 (one) year after supply of the office machines. During the period, if any fault is found with the machine or spare parts needed, the supplier should repair/supply the same at own cost/free of cost. If any machine is found to be non-operative due to basic fault in assembly, then it should be replaced by supplying new machine. Sample should be produced after opening of tender/receiving work order. The machines should be reached to the seeking organisation at own cost within 10 (ten) days after receiving the work order. Terms & conditions of warranty/guarantee should be stated clearly & in detail.
3. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject all or any tenders without assigning any reason.

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Sonargaon Hotel hosts iftar party for orphans

By Staff Correspondent

The Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel hosted an iftar party for around 100 orphans from six different orphanages of Dhaka yesterday.

The iftar party was arranged in accordance with the hotel's 'philosophy of caring for the under privileged people of the society under its 'Community Care Programme'.

Children from Salimullah Boys and Girls Orphanage, UCEP, Dakkhin Khan Orphanage, Foundation for Childhood Cancer and Kawan Bazar Orphanage were present at the iftar party.

General Manager of the Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel Elbridge J MacEwan was the special guest while Managing Director of Hotels International Limited Adiluzzaman was the chief guest.

Human Resource Director of the hotel Azam Sultan Chowdhury, Public Relations Coordinator Tanveer Qamrul Islam and Director for Education and Development of the hotel Zulfia Asaf, among others were present on the occasion.



The Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel hosted an iftar party for the orphans at the hotel ballroom yesterday. —Star photo

Absconder held

By Staff Correspondent

The Detective Branch (DB) of police arrested an absconder accused in several cases and recovered firearms and ammunition from Gopibagh under Shabujbagh thana in the city Tuesday.

Police said the arrested was identified as Abdur Razzak alias Chima, 26.

Acting on a tip-off, a DB team arrested Razzak with a motorcycle on R K Mission Road at about 7 pm.

Police recovered two revolvers and four rounds of bullets after searching his body.

Police said Razzak had been involved in activities like extortion and snatching at gunpoint in the locality.

A case was lodged with Shabujbagh thana in this regard.

Teachers' salaries sent to banks

Cheques of government portion of the salaries and allowances of teachers and employees of non-government educational institutions (school, college and madrasa) and non-government technical SSC (vocational) and HSC (business management) institutions for the current month were sent to the head offices of Janata, Agrani, Rupali and Sonali banks yesterday, reports UNB.

The heads of the educational institutions have been asked to collect the money from the concerned branches of the banks within January 28, 1998, said a handout.

Meanwhile, cheques for the amount of allowances for salaries of teachers of all government recognised individual Eabtydaye madrasahs for the period of October 1997 to December 1997 has already been sent to the concerned banks.

Instructions have been given to the concerned banks so that the heads of all madrasahs can collect the money before January 28.

The last date for collecting the money is February 15, 1998, the handout added.

Navy recovers contraband worth Tk 12 lakh

Bangladesh Navy ships operating from both Chittagong and Khulna naval areas recently recovered smuggled goods worth about Taka 12 lakh 38 thousand during separate anti-smuggling and anti-piracy operations in the Bay of Bengal, an ISPR press release said yesterday.

The Navy ships Tawfiq, Surovi and Tamjeed held nine mechanised and non-mechanised boats during these operations. The Navy personnel also arrested 19 pirates, three thieves and three smugglers from the boats.

The recovered contraband included teak wood, sundari wood, foreign sanitarywares, stolen rice and foreign hardware items.

The arrested persons and the impounded goods were later handed over to concerned authorities.

UNB, ABC accord signed

United News of Bangladesh (UNB) has entered into an agreement with Asia Broadcast Centre, Asia's largest independent full-service hub for television programme production, post-production, playback and satellite transmission, reports UNB.

Asia Broadcast Centre provides a gateway for television programmes into the rapidly expanding Asia marketplace, where today there are over 400 million television households.

Special talk

By DU Correspondent

Dr Srikanta Chatterjee, Professor of Applied and International Economics, College of Business, Massey University, New Zealand, will give a 'special talk' at 3:30 pm today in the seminar room of the Centre for Advanced Research in Social Sciences at Dhaka University.

Dr Chatterjee will talk on 'Personal Experiences of Living with Different Cultures.'

What's on today....

Zahir Raihan Film Society: A film titled *Raja* will be screened. Time: 6:15 pm. Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium, Road 2, Dhanmondi R/A.

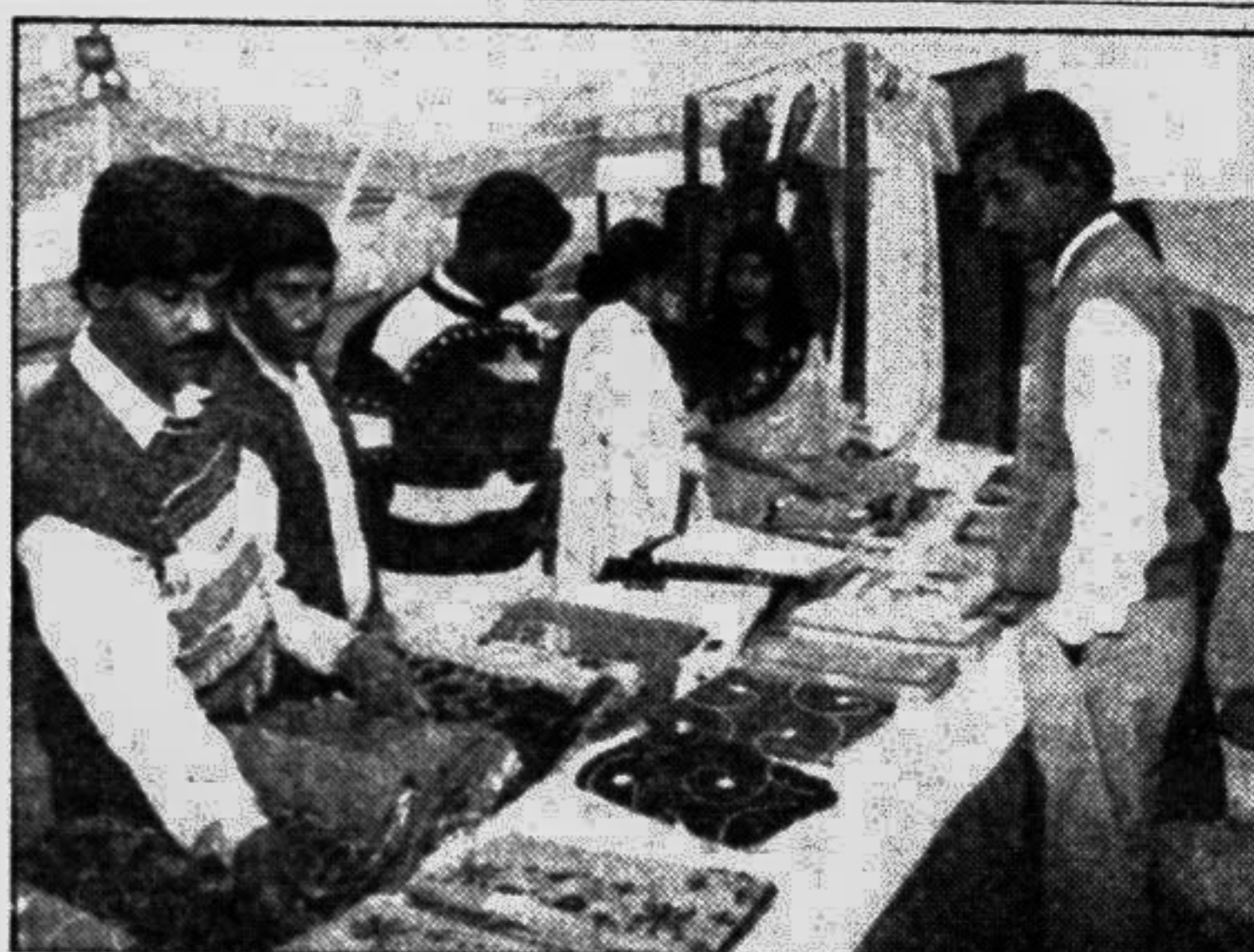
Goethe Institut: Two films titled 'Jacob The Liar' and 'The Hiding Place' will be screened. Time: 3 pm and 6:30 pm respectively. Venue: Goethe Institut auditorium.

Prize giving ceremony: The prize giving ceremony of the 2nd International Photography Competition organised by Bangladesh Photographic Society (BPS) will be held. Time: 3:30 pm. Venue: DRK gallery, House 58, Road 15/A, Dhanmondi.

Rotary Club of Dhanmondi: The Board meeting will be held followed by the weekly meeting of the club. Time: 3:30 pm and 4:15 pm respectively. Venue: Dhaka Club Upstairs Family Lounge.

Rotary Club of Jahangirnagar Dhaka: The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Time: 4:30 pm. Venue: Hotel Ashrafee, 12 Outer Circular Road, Rajarbagh.

Certificate giving ceremony: The certificate giving ceremony of the training programme on 'Farming Systems Research and Development Methodology' will be held. Venue: BARC conference room.



Crowd are seen in the week-long Eid Dress Fair organised by Suchi Shailee in the city at its own premises, 29 New Elephant Road (opposite Sonali Bank), Majid Mansion, Dhaka. The Dress Fair will remain open till 25th January from 10 am to 8 pm.

'Country's population per square km to exceed 1700 in 30 yrs time'

There were 861 people per square kilometre in 1997 and there will be more than 1,700 in the same area in 30 years time in Bangladesh, reports BSS.

This was disclosed by a recent publication of the offices of the UN System in Bangladesh which also said country's future was bound up inextricably with the fate of the natural environment.

The offices of the UN System including World Bank, UNFPA, UNDP, UNESCO, UNICEF, FAO, ILO and IMF together compiled the performance of Bangladesh in various fields over the years in their publication titled 'The dancing horizon — human development prospects for Bangladesh.'

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Stranded Pakistanis inform minister of problems

A delegation of the stranded Pakistanis in Bangladesh led by Alhaj Nasim Khan called on Home Minister Major (ret'd) Rafiqul Islam Bir Uttam in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

The delegation members informed the minister of their various problems in different camps during the meeting.

The minister gave them a patient hearing and assured of solving their problems.

He also instructed the concerned authority to take necessary measures immediately for the solution of their problems.

Workshops on crime reporting Saturday

The concluding session of two workshops on crime reporting, organised by Dhaka Reporters' Union (DRU), will be held at the VIP Lounge of Jatya Press Club on Saturday, reports UNB.

Home Minister Major (ret'd) Rafiqul Islam will attend the function as chief guest while Adviser of DRU academic sub-committee Hasan Sayeed will preside.

Bangladesh Centre for Development Journalism and Communication sponsored the workshops.

The concluding session of the workshops will be followed by an iftar party, said a press release yesterday.

key sectors where these offices dwelt briefly evaluating the past activities and giving a clear sense of direction for the future.

However, the publication said people, land, rivers, crops, fish and trees — the survival of each will depend on the survival of all.

In the years to come, these ties of mutual dependency will be tested to breaking point, it said.

According to the publication, Bangladesh is already facing severe environmental pressures from intense cultivation, excessive extraction of water, flood control measures and commercial fish farming.

Add to these the pollution from human excreta and industrial production side by side a host of other issues from deforestation, shrinking biological diversity and inundation from global warming.

The publication said, the destruction of forests has been largely a product of poor management and commercial exploitation that has dramatically reduced the number of trees over the years.

During the period 1981-90, deforestation was running at 3.3 per cent per year and forests now account for only 14 per cent of the total land area with actual trees cover at only 9 per cent.

'Particularly hard hit has been the Sunderbans mangrove forest which has shrunk by over one-third,' the publication said adding, 'Poor people have also been affected by embankments built to control floods.'

BNFWA distributes clothes in Khulna

Bangladesh Navy Family Welfare Association (BNFWA) recently distributed warm clothes in Khulna as part of its warm clothes distribution programme launched in Dhaka recently, reports BSS.

The BNFWA distributed 2358 pieces of warm clothes worth Taka 42,651 among the distressed people in Khulna and adjoining areas. They collected 426 pieces of warm clothes from donations from the local members of BNFWA.

The present warm clothes distribution programme launched by the BNFWA brought relief to the people.

ATTENTION ENGLISH SPEAKING FOREIGNERS WILLING TO LEARN BENGALI LANGUAGE

A private international Organisation proposes to provide the following three-tier training to English speaking foreigners in learning Bengali language. Those working with the Government of Bangladesh & NGOs and especially working with the Blind or Partially Sighted will get preference. Interested candidates may apply along with their Bio-data and photograph. Write to Box No. A-136 C/O The Daily Star, House No. 11, Road No. 3, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1205 within 15 days.

Special Supplement

The New Nation in addition to its weekend magazine have joined with Kriralok (the No-1 sports magazine in Bangladesh) to bring out a special supplement on The Coca-Cola Independence Cup on Friday. It will consist of colour pictures, exclusive interviews of Azhar, Sachin Tendulkar, Rashid Latif and Ijaz Ahmed. Special reporting from foreign journalists and a lot more...

Other feature includes:

Azhar and Sangeeta gave a special photo session for The New Nation just before their departure. Don't forget to ask your Hawker for a copy!!

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The above prices are subject to tax & service charge. Iftar will be served at Cafe Bazar during Ramadan.

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ENLISTMENT NOTICE

Applications are hereby invited for enlistment with a major international development agency from firms and individuals who may be called upon to provide services in the functional areas listed below:

1. Graphic design of folders, leaflets, brochures, book-covers, calendars, etc.
2. Writing services of articles, reports researches/case-studies, speeches, texts, conference papers, technical documents, etc.
3. Translation (Bangla to English, English to Bangla), editing, correction, word-processing of written materials and audio/video
4. Distribution, warehousing & data maintenance of publications/documents
5. Advertising agency
6. Media monitoring (for specific events / issues, others)
7. Research / pre-testing
8. Press-clipping
9. Rent-a-car service

Applications should clearly specify contact details and functional areas in which applicants would be able to provide services (using the numbering system mentioned above). Selected applicants will be contacted for assessment and will be required to provide further details about their capabilities, resources, experience and client references.

It should be clearly noted that consideration for enlistment will only be given to those applicants who have at least five to seven years of experience in the relevant field(s) and who would be able to demonstrate that they have successfully provided such services to an international organization.

Interested applicants should write within 3rd February 1998 to Box A-134, Daily Star, Dhaka 1205.