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## BFUJ backs tomorrow's grand peace rally

President and secretary general of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and its eight affiliated unions yesterday expressed their solidarity with the "grand peace rally" to be held at Paltan Maidan tomorrow to accord "civic reception" to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for her leadership in signing the peace agreement on Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT), reports BSS.

In a statement the journalist union leaders said that the present Awami League government implemented the long cherished CHT peace accord successfully leading the protracted negotiations with the tribal leaders of "Shanti Bahini" that started during the past governments.

They pointed out that opposition to the peace agreement and the subsequent CHT bills passed by parliament would reverse the peace process and lead to resumption of the old tribal insurgency in CHT.

## Outgoing Qatari envoy calls on Prime Minister

The outgoing Ambassador of Qatar in Bangladesh, Atiq Nasser Sultan Al-Badr, made a farewell call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office yesterday morning, reports BSS.

The envoy said he had received about cooperation from the government during his tenure in Dhaka and tried his best to strengthen the existing friendly relations between the two countries.

Sheikh Hasina acknowledged the support and assistance given to Bangladesh during the envoys' stay in Bangladesh.

She referred to the invitation extended to the Amir of Qatar by her government and expressed the hope that the Amir would visit Bangladesh.

The Prime Minister said Bangladesh can send more technical and skilled persons to Qatar if needed.

The ambassador said Qatar has been issuing visas to take more people from Bangladesh.



The outgoing Ambassador of Qatar in Bangladesh, Atiq Nasser Sultan Al-Badr, made a courtesy call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office yesterday. —PID photo

## 'BNP, killers of 71, '75 trying to create anarchy in country'

Political Advisor to the Prime Minister Dr SA Malek yesterday said that attempts were made to destroy Awami League, but the evil designs failed due to people's confidence in and love for the party, reports BSS.

Speaking as the chief guest at the extended meeting of Dhaka City Awami Jubo League (north), he said BNP and the killers of 1971 and 1975 were trying to create anarchy in the country.

The successes of the present government during the last two years in bringing about peace, ensuring harmony and national development surpassed the achievements of the last twenty-one years, he said.

A Milad Mahfil will be held tomorrow, the 15th of July '98 after Asar prayers at the VHSS auditorium to pray for the departed soul of Md. Ariff, Coordinator-Communications.

All VHSS members, well wishers and ex-colleagues are requested to attend.

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## President, PM greet French president, PM

President Shahabuddin Ahmed yesterday felicitated President Jacques Chirac of France on the occasion of his national day to be celebrated today, reports UNB.

In a message to Chirac, President Shahabuddin conveyed his sincere greetings and felicitations to him and said the existing bonds of friendship and cooperation between the two countries will be further developed and strengthened in the years to come.

In a separate message to Prime Minister Lionel Jospin of France, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina congratulated him on the same occasion.

Sheikh Hasina conveyed her heartfelt congratulations and felicitations to the French Prime Minister on behalf of the government and the people of Bangladesh.

She hoped that the bonds of close friendship, understanding and cooperation which exist between the two friendly countries would continue to grow in the coming years to the mutual benefit of the people of both the countries.

## Dist authorities asked to assist flood victims

The government yesterday instructed the district authorities to provide all kinds of relief materials including financial assistance to the people affected by the flash floods which rendered thousands of people homeless in different districts, reports BSS.

Bogra, Cox's Bazar, Rangpur, Kurigram, Lalmonirhat, Sirajgonj, Jamalpur and Sherpur are some of the districts affected by flash floods following incessant rains for the last several days.

Sources in the Ministry of Relief and Disaster Management said yesterday that thousands of marooned people have already been shifted to safer places by the district authorities in the affected districts.

State Minister for Relief and Disaster Management Talukder Abdul Khaleque has visited Bogra district to see for himself the extent of damage caused by

the flash floods.

Sources in the ministry said that the surging waters which engulfed the low lying areas of the affected districts, have started receding in many places, the source also pointed out that the ministry has already sanctioned necessary food and monetary funds to meet such emergency as and when required.

An official announcement said that the government is keeping vigil on the overall flood situation and the government has adequate stock of relief materials to distribute among the affected people.

The Ministry of Relief and Disaster Management has also opened control room to keep track on the flood situation. The telephone numbers of the control room are 869567, 865832, 862116, 860454 and 864148.

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## Ban on carrying arms in Barisal

The government has imposed a ban on carrying arms in Barisal district to maintain law and order in view of the July 20 by-election there, reports BSS.

The order will be in force from July 17 midnight to July 22 mid-night, said a press release of the Home Ministry yesterday.

Stern action will be taken against those who will violate the order.

The order, however, will not be applicable to the member of law enforcing agencies, and security personnel of the government, semi-government, private offices and establishments.

## Joint meeting of AL, front organisations held

A joint meeting of Bangladesh Awami League, its front organisations and leaders of the party of the neighbouring districts of Dhaka was held at the party's central office in the city yesterday, a party press release said, reports BSS.

With LGRD and Cooperatives Minister and the party's general secretary Zillur Rahman in the chair, the meeting discussed the massive preparations taken for according a grand reception to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina by the National Committee for Peace and Harmony at the historic Paltan Maidan tomorrow.

While addressing the meeting Zillur Rahman said that the present government was maintaining harmony between words and deeds to ensure development under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

"Those who oppose development activities cannot be patriot," he said, adding that the present government was materialising its commitment one by one by implementing development programmes in the country.

The meeting was attended by the front-ranking leaders of Awami League, and its front organisations including political adviser to the Prime Minister Dr SA Malek.

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## Science Fiction Film Festival begins today

A week-long Science Fiction Film Festival organised by the Dhaka University Film Society (DUFS) begins in the city today.

State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader will inaugurate the festival at the Public Library auditorium at 5 pm.

Renowned film maker and former editor of the Bangladesh Observer Obaid-Ul-Haque will attend the ceremony as the special guest while Dr AAMS Arifin Siddique will preside over the inaugural function.

A total of 23 films will be screened in the week-long festival. The DUFS will bring out a souvenir on the occasion.

## Training workshop on 'ISO 14000' held

A day-long training workshop on 'ISO 14000' was held in the city Sunday, says a press release.

The workshop was conducted by S K Bhattacharya, an eminent lead auditor and ISO 9000 and ISO 14000 expert from India. It was participated by senior managers from Titas Gas Transmission & Distribution Co Ltd, Gas Transmission Co Ltd, Islami Bank Bangladesh Limited, Organon Bangladesh Limited and Rahimafroz (Bangladesh) Limited. The inaugural session of the workshop was addressed by M Mosharrar Hossain, Managing Director, Rapport Bangladesh Limited.

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**Weather**

## Moderate rain likely

Moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at most places over the country with moderately heavy to heavy falls in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

According to Met Office, day temperature will remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period.

Country's highest temperature 33.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Mongla and the lowest 24.0 degree Celsius at Barisal. The sun sets today at 6.49 pm and rises on Wednesday at 5:20 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       | 32.0                   | 25.7 | 85                     | 87      |
| Chittagong  | 28.6                   | 25.0 | 92                     | 88      |
| Khatuna     | 31.6                   | 24.4 | 90                     | 90      |
| Rajshahi    | 32.0                   | 25.0 | 98                     | 96      |
| Barisal     | 31.5                   | 24.0 | 90                     | 97      |
| Sylhet      | 26.7                   | 24.6 | 99                     | 100     |
| Cox's Bazar | 30.8                   | 25.0 | 100                    | 92      |

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