

Role of govt in promoting peace in CHT lauded

ADRAKCHHORA, Rangamati, Oct 17: Chairman of Rangamati Hill District Local Government Council (RHDLGC), Ching Kew Roaza lauded today the dynamic role of the government for going ahead with the implementation of the CHT peace accord signed late last year, reports BSS.

Roaza thanked the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for solving the Chittagong Hill Tracts conflict politically with the Parbatya Chattagram Jano Sanghatti Samity in fulfillment of her election pledge.

He was addressing a peace rally here in the premises of the newly built Monoram Buddha Bihar at Adrakchhara, a tribal hamlet, situated in the inaccessible forests in Langadu thana of the district, 120 kilometres from the district headquarters, as the chief guest with the headman of Adrakchhara Mauza, Sushanta Shekhor Chakma in the chair. It was attended by hundreds of people, mostly tribals of both the sexes. Roaza urged his audience to cooperate with the government for early implementation of the peace accord to restore peace in the area, for peaceful co-existence of both tribals and non-tribals and to pay no heed to any propaganda being spread by a vested quarter.

Chairman Ching Kew Roaza

unveiled the plaque of the newly-built Monoram Buddha Bihar, funded by RHDLGC, prior to addressing the peace rally.

Highlighting the gesture of goodwill of the government towards implementation of the peace accord, Roaza observed that a good number of clauses of the peace treaty had already been implemented.

Formation of Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs Ministry and induction of a tribal leader to it, nomination of an elected tribal leader to the post of the chairman of Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Board and appointing of a tribal joint-secretary as its vice-chairman reflect the sincerity of the government towards implementation of the peace accord, Roaza told the audience.

The government has rehabilitated 700 former tribal rebels by recruiting them in the police department in March-April last, immediately after the completion of deposition of arms by March 5 last, Roaza observed.

Earlier in the morning, Ching Kew Roaza addressed a rally at Gulsakhali Hafiza Madrasah ground in Langadu thana of the district as the chief guest and inaugurated the newly-built tin-shed madrasah building there.

181 projects implemented in CHT in '97-98

RANGAMATI, Oct 17: Rangamati Hill District Local Government Council (RHDLGC) implemented a package of 181 welfare oriented projects during 1997-98 fiscal at a cost of Taka 3.25 crore to bring about a positive change in the socio-economic condition of the people in the district.

Chairman of RHDLGC, Ching Kew Roaza told BSS on Thursday at his office that 101 projects in the education sector were implemented at a cost of Taka 1.59 crore in different parts of the district attaching highest importance during the last fiscal of followed by 31 projects in the communication sector at a cost of about Taka 85.5 lakh despite limitations.

Presided over by Director

'Mechanism needed to ensure accountability of lower courts'

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Abdul Matin Khasru yesterday laid emphasis on extensive training programmes for the judicial staff for enhancing the quality and efficiency of the judges, reports BSS.

"We need to devise a mechanism to ensure the accountability of the subordinate courts," he said adding "The judges are the heart of the entire judicial system".

The minister said this while inaugurating the 9th Judicial Training Course for senior assistant judges at Judicial Administration Training Institute (JATI) at old High Court building in the city.

Presided over by Director

General of JATI Justice Mohammad Badruzzaman, the function was addressed, among others, by member of the Law Commission Justice Naimuddin Ahmed and director of the institute Abu Bakar Siddiqui.

Law Secretary Aminullah and senior officials of the ministry and the institute were present on the occasion. Khasru said the judges should discharge their duties impartially.

The minister also said that the current age is the age of development and, therefore, the government is eager to formulate people-friendly and investment-friendly laws according to the demand of the time.

JSKP rally held

Jatiya Shishu Kishore Parishad (JSKP) held a rally yesterday at Shishu Academy premises marking the 34th birth anniversary of Sheikh Russel, the youngest son of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, reports UNB.

City Mayor Mohammad Hanif and State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed addressed the rally.

Seeking cooperation of all to ensure the rights of children, the State Minister said Sheikh Hasina's government is committed to ensure rule of law for the sake of justice.

Sultan Mohammad Monsur MP, student leader Kamruzzaman Ansari, JSKP president KM Shahidullah and its secretary general Mahmud-us-Samad also addressed the rally.

Weather

Moderate rain likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over Rajshahi, Dhaka and Sylhet Divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Moderately heavy falls at one or two places over Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions during the period.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, according to Met Office.

The sun sets today at 5:30 pm and rises on tomorrow at 5:58 am.

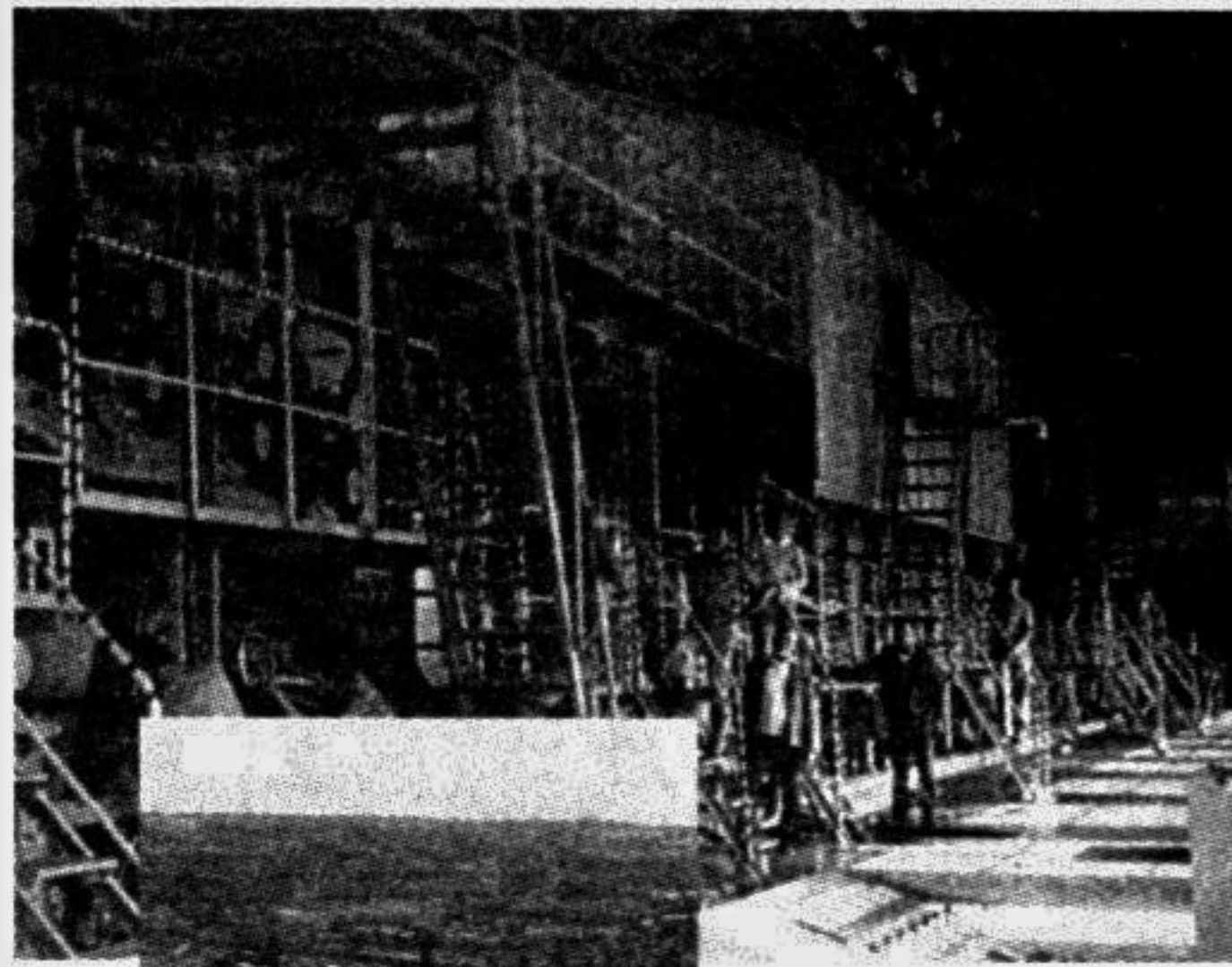
Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	32.4	26.0	88	83
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Khulna	33.0	23.8	85	77
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