

Weather

Light rain likely

Light rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at one or two places over Rajshahi division and weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country in next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

The Met Office predicted slight fall in day temperature over the country during the period.

The country's highest temperature 34.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and the lowest 22.0 degree Celsius at Srimangal.

The sun sets today at 5:24 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:01 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	34.0	23.8	74	80
Chittagong	34.2	24.5	75	75
Khulna	33.0	24.6	77	67
Rajshahi	32.5	22.8	89	83
Barisal	32.8	23.2	73	-
Sylhet	33.5	22.2	73	81
Cox's Bazar	33.2	25.2	75	77



A half-day hartal was observed by the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) at city's Sutrapur area yesterday in protest against the killing of one of its activists during hartal hours on October 22. — Star photo

Orientation programme for DU students held at TSC

By DU Correspondent

An orientation programme was held at the Teachers and Students Centre (TSC) auditorium of Dhaka University yesterday to welcome the newcomers at the university.

Students from the departments of Anthropology, Public Administration, Law, International Relations and the Institute of Fine Arts, Institute of Education and Research, Institute of Social Welfare and Research and Institute of Nutrition and Food Science took part at the programme.

Presided over by Hamida Akhter Begum, the programme was addressed, among others, by Prof Nurur Rahman, Prof Abdul Hakim Sarkar, Prof H K S Arefin, Dr Mizanur Rahman, Dr Meghna Guha Thakurata, Shawkatuzzaman, Alamgir Hossain, A S M Mofazzal Hossain and Syed Rezaur Rahman.

The programme was organised by the Student Counseling and Guidance Office of the university.

ALPP meet Nov 5

A meeting of the Bangladesh Awami League Parliamentary Party (ALPP) will be held on November 5 at 2:30 pm at the Sangsad Bhaban, reports UNB.

Leader of the House and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will preside over the meeting.

All ruling party MPs have been requested to attend the meeting, said a press release yesterday.

Khaleda greets Annan

BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia has felicitated United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan on the occasion of the 53rd founding anniversary of the UN, reports UNB.

In a message sent to Annan yesterday, Begum Zia said the people of Bangladesh are totally committed to the purposes and principles of the UN and will continue to uphold these ideals as they have done in the past.

She said the United Nations has rendered yeomen's service in establishing and maintaining international peace and promoting all round cooperation among nations.

Its service is recognised universally with gratitude as an imperative necessity for mankind's survival and development, she said.

Discussion on "trial of rape" at JU today

By JU Correspondent

A discussion on "Protest of the Farical Trial of Rape and Drawing up Code of Conduct to Contain Rape" will be held at the Social Science Gallery of the Jahangirnagar University at 10.00 am today.

Organised by General Students' Unity, the discussion will be attended by Provost of Nawab Faizunnesa Hall Nasim Akhter Hossain, Syndicate member A N Rasheda, Prof Souda Akhter, Prof Anu Mohammad, leaders of Ganotantrik Chhatra Oikya, JU Teachers' Association and JU Journalists' Association.

One held for smuggling in Narayanganj

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Oct 24: Narayanganj DB police arrested one Hemendra, 50, with 250 grams of heroin from the Chowdhuribai bus stand under Siddhirganj thana at around 5 pm today.

He was arrested on the basis of prior information. Hemendra halting from Haluaghat under Mymensingh is suspected to be a professional heroin dealer.

He was taken to the district DB office for interrogation, sources said.

BIBM seminar on Oct 28

The seminar of "Restructuring of Commercial Banks in Bangladesh" organised by the Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management (BIBM), which was earlier scheduled to be held on October 22 will now be held on Wednesday, October 28, at 9:30 am at the Institute's Seminar Hall, says a press release.

Lutfar Rahman Sarkar, Governor, Bangladesh Bank will attend the seminar as Chairman.

Professor Muzaffer Ahmad and Professor Wahiduddin Mahmud of Dhaka University, Mahubur Rahman Khan, Managing Director, Sonali Bank, K I Khaled, Deputy Governor, Bangladesh Bank, Dr Ataur Rahman, Senior Research Fellow, BIDS, and Professor Baqui Khaliq of Dhaka University will take part in the seminar.

CAs can help resist evasion of taxes: Kibria

Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria yesterday sought professional cooperation from chartered accountants to resist evasion of taxes, reports UNB.

Addressing the inaugural session of a seminar arranged by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB) at its Kawranbazar office, he called upon the CAs to achieve professional skill and maintain people's confidence.

The minister lauded the role of chartered accountants (CAs) for their significant contribution in overall fiscal management and said their utmost honesty and competency are essential for industrialisation and implementation of economic planning.

Dishonest acts of a handful of professionals may tarnish the reputation of the profession as a whole, Kibria cautioned.

He urged all CAs to devote themselves in upgrading and updating professional skills to cope with the rapid changes in the global trade scenario.

The minister also assured of his cooperation for establishing the ICAB's academic building.

Economic Relation Division Secretary Dr Moshir Rahman presided over the function while Securities and Exchange Commission chairman MA Sayeed, ICAB president Abbas Uddin Khan, former president M Moshir Rahman and vice president Anwaruddin Chowdhury also spoke.

Steps suggested to reduce pollution 170 tanneries cause health hazards for locals

Speakers at a workshop yesterday stressed the need for adopting appropriate policy to eliminate health hazards by reducing tannery pollution, reports UNB.

Due to lack of proper environmental policy and implementation of the existing laws, the pollution of tanneries have turned serious, they said.

The workshop on "Pollution in Tannery Industries and Ways and Means of Mitigating Pollution Levels" at the Community Development Library was organised by the Society for Environment and Human Development (SEHD).

Academics, government officials, environment activists, and tannery owners and workers attended the workshop.

FMA Salam, Assistant Researcher of SEHD and Shah Muhammad Reedwan Billah, Scientific Officer, Tannery Research Institute, Savar presented a paper on the pollution caused by the country's tannery industries and the ways of reducing it.

The paper said the chemicals, trash and by-products of 170 tanneries of the country have been causing environmental pollution and health hazards for the local people alongside the tannery workers.

Pollutants of the tanneries at Hazaribagh in the capital also mix with the water of the river Buriganga causing deaths of various species of fish and water plants, the paper said.

Adoption of proper policy, enacting adequate law and their implementation by the government agencies as well as creating awareness of the owners and workers can help reduce the pollution, observed the speakers at the workshop.

Combined ranger camp of Girl Guides' begin

RAJSHAH, Oct 24: A five-day Combined District Ranger Camp, organised by Girl Guides Association, began in the Rajshahi University women's gymnasium today, reports BSS.

State Minister for Primary and Mass Education Prof Zinatunnesa Talukdar formally inaugurated the camp.

A total of 120 ranger girls from different regions of the country are participating in the camp.

The inaugural session was attended, among others, by Vice Chancellor of Rajshahi University Professor Dr Abdul Khaleque, Pro-Vice Chancellor Dr Sairur Rahman, National Commissioner of Bangladesh Girl Guides Rehana Banoo and Deputy Commissioner of Rajshahi Kazi Farid Ahmed.

Discussion meet at Muktijuddha Jadugar

By Staff Correspondent

A discussion on "The Role of Political Prisoners of Andaman Jail in the Anti-British Freedom Struggle" will be held at the Muktijuddha Jadugar auditorium at 5 pm tomorrow, says a press release.

Rabi Nigri, an anti-British freedom fighter who was detained in the Andaman Jail will recollect memories of the days he spent in the jail.

Dr Anowara Syed Haq and Syed Shamsul Haq will hand over a memorial of the Andaman Cellular Jail to the Muktijuddha Jadugar at the programme.

Commemorative postage stamp on Wills Int'l Cup Cricket released

Bangladesh Post Office issued a commemorative postage stamp valued at Tk 6.00 denomination yesterday to mark the Wills International Cup Cricket Tournament. A first day cover valued at Tk 6 was also issued.

— PID photo

CRDP distributes relief materials

Relief materials have been distributed among 1,500 flood-affected families in the city's Uttar Kashi and Chakuli areas under Pallabi thana yesterday, says a press release.

Continuous Rural Development Programme (CRDP), a non-government organisation, distributed the relief goods that include a five kilogram of rice and two pieces of clothes for each family. CRDP chairman, Akhteruzzaman Chowdhury and others from the NGO were present, the press release added.

Robbers decamp with goods worth Tk one lakh

GAZIPUR, Oct 24: Six people were injured, three of them seriously, when robbers attacked inmates of two houses with sharp weapons at Ranipur village in Rajendrapur area here last night, reports UNB.

Local people said the robbers also looted away cash and valuables worth about Tk one lakh.

A group of about 10 robbers broke open the doors and entered into the houses of Rashid Munshi and Mosharraf Hossain of the village and beat the inmates.

Seriously injured Shafiqulah, 20, was admitted to Dhaka Medical Hospital while Rashid Munshi, 65, and Shafiqul Khatun, 55, were admitted to Gazipur General Hospital.

Dhaka YMCA AGM held

The Annual General Meeting of the Dhaka YMCA for the year 1997-98 was held on Friday at the Tejaon Church Community Centre, reports BSS.

Marshall A Gomes presided over the meeting which reviewed the progress in the organisation's academic and humanitarian activities.

Rev Paul Sir Sarkar, David Haldar, Joseph Susil and Sankar David d'Cruxe were elected to the YMCA's board of governors.

SAMA adopts draft statement of principles on freedom of expression

South Asia Media Association has adopted a revised draft statement of principles on freedom of expression and the development of media in the region, reports APB.

A SAMA meeting, held in the city Wednesday and Thursday in cooperation with its Bangladesh chapter, finalised and adopted the draft.

It was also decided to circulate the copies of the statement of principles to relevant ministries and institutions of the SAARC countries.

The meeting demanded that the International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations effective from March 23, 1976 as an international treaty be signed and ratified by the SAARC

countries.

Organisers said the regional meeting was a continuation of the earlier conferences on the subject held in Kathmandu and Colombo. The exercise was done in support of Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, a German foundation.

One representative from Sri Lanka, three from Pakistan, three from Nepal, three from India and 12 from host Bangladesh participated in the Dhaka meeting held at Gulshan Club.

SAMA is an organisation formed under SAARC Charter in 1989 in Colombo. Its current chairman is noted Indian journalist Ajit Bhattacharya.

The inaugural session, chaired by Enayetullah Khan, was addressed by Javed Jabbar, founding chairman of SAMA,

and Sayed Kamaluddin, president of SAMA's Bangladesh chapter.

Other working sessions were chaired by Javed Jabbar, Victor Gunawardena, secretary general of SAMA, Gokul Pokharel, chairman, Nepal Press Institute, and Dr Venkat Iyer from India.

The Dhaka meet looked into countrywide updates on events and themes concerning media laws, trends across the region in respect of democracy, inter-country relations, the role of the independent press, state of the vernacular press and of electronic media, emerging role of private electronic media, scope of electronic media council, strengthening of press councils and the like.

Tk 4 cr KPM modernisation programme

CHANDRAGHONA, Rangamati, Oct 24: The Karnaphuli Paper Mills (KPM) authority plans to modernise its existing machinery at a cost of Taka four crore to double its production to meet the growing demand in the country, official sources said, reports BSS.

Three interested engineering companies from abroad, expert in installation and renovation of paper mills machinery, have submitted their bids to implement the process which will be opened on November 10 next, officials said.

The new machinery to be installed with the existing three, is expected to produce 60 metric tonnes of paper daily. At present, over 100 metric tonnes of paper is being produced daily from the three machines. The programme was undertaken to boost the production to more than 200 metric tonnes daily, officials detailed.

KPM, one of the largest paper manufacturing plants in Asia, manned by about 3,000 workers and officials, an industrial unit of Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation, was established in 1953.

Bangladesh-Myanmar border Safe haven for smugglers, arms traffickers

CHITTAGONG, Oct 24: Some 176 kilometres of border area between Bangladesh and Myanmar have virtually turned into a free zone for the arms traffickers and smugglers reports UNB.

Taking opportunity of inaccessibility, a fundamentalist party also allegedly has established their training camp there along with the arms traffickers and smugglers.

Some Rohingya refugees of Nayapara Camp of Teknaf in Cox's Bazar, arrested from the camp on Wednesday after a clash with the police, disclosed this to the police.

According to their confessional statements, police became certain that the rebellious refugee group of the camp was getting financial and armed support through the route.

They, however, said the rebellious group of the refugees had turned the general refugees of the camp into virtual hostages for last one and a half years and had created a reign of terror. They even made the local administration ineffective.

An organised group of Myanmar terrorists, giving fi-

nanial and armed support to the Rohingya refugees, wanted to gain supremacy in the area.

Because of this the law and order situation in Cox's Bazar, Teknaf area and Thanchi, Ruma, Alikadam, Naikhagchhari and Ukhiya of Bandarban district deteriorated to a great extent.

Principal secy to PM will attend seminar in KL

Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister Dr S A Samad will leave the city today for Kuala Lumpur to participate in an international seminar on "Labour Migration in Malaysia and the Media" beginning there on October 27, reports BSS.

Representatives from three major labour exporting countries to Malaysia—Bangladesh, Indonesia and the Philippines — will take part in the three-day seminar to be sponsored by the Asian Institute of Development Communication in Malaysia.

BCIC International Tender Notice

বিসিআইসি'র পণ্য শিল্পায়নে জাতীয় অগ্রগতির প্রতীক

Managing Director, Karnaphuli Paper Mills Limited, 92, Sadarghat Road, Chittagong invites sealed quotation on C&F(C) Chittagong basis under any suitable source of financing for the following items under two envelope system:

Tender No	Materials	Opening date	Cost of tender
1. F/43(B)/MPIC-18/37/97/POP	Copper Coated Flat Stitching Wire — 8 MTons	17.11.98	Tk. 100/-
2. F/34(A)/MPIC-6/30/98/POP	Condensate Pump Complete with Motor Switch Gear and spares — 2 sets	17.11.98	Tk. 100/-
3. F/04/MPIC-13/33/98/POP	Spares for Salt Cake Elevator of DCS Recovery Boiler — 30.48 Meter	17.11.98	Tk. 25/-

The quotation duly supported by 1% (min. Tk. 1000/-) earnest money will be received up to 11:00 AM in the mentioned date and will be opened immediately thereafter in presence of the tenderers, if any. The tender document on cash payment may be obtained from (a) Dy. Chief Accountant, Karnaphuli Paper Mills Ltd, 92, Sadarghat Road, Chittagong and (b) Contoller of Accounts, BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha Com. Area, Dhaka on all working days. No tender document will be sold on the date of opening

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General Manager (Commercial)

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer
Facilities Department, Ministry of Education
Jhenidah Zone, Jhenidah

Tender Notice

No-05/SSC (Vocational) Jhi Z/F, D/98-99

Dated: 18.10.98
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Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from A/1 class of enlisted contractors of Facilities Department and A/2 class contractors of Khulna Circle for construction of 2(two) room new building in the following schools and repair and renovation work of existing community schools branch under a project titled Introduction of SSC (Vocational) Course in Selected Non-government Educational Institutions.

Name of district	Name of thana	Group No	Name of educational institutions	Remarks
Jhenidah	Kaliganj	01(one)	Salimunnessa Girls' High School	
Do	Kotchandpur	02(two)	Kotchandpur High School	
Do	Moheshpur	03(three)	Moheshpur High School	

Estimated cost of each work: Tk 10,00,000/-

Amount of earnest money for each work: Tk 20,000/-

Cost of tender of each work: Taka 400/- (four hundred) only (non-refundable).

Duration for completion of each work: 90 (ninety) days

Last date and time of purchasing tender document: 8/11/98 till 5:00 PM.

Last date and time of receiving tender document: 9/11/98 till 12:30 PM.

Date and time of opening tender document: 9/11/98 till 12:45 PM.

Tender/tender documents can be purchased on cash payment as mentioned from the office of the undersigned, Deputy Commissioner, Jhenidah, office of the Executive Engineer, Jessore Zone, Jessore, Kushtia Zone, Kushtia and office of the Assistant Engineer, Jhenidah and will be received in those places in the dates mentioned.

Earnest money in the form of Bank Draft/ Pay Order of the amount as mentioned from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Jhenidah Zone, Jhenidah will have to be submitted with tender.

General terms and conditions

- 1) Tender documents will have to be bought by producing receipt of depositing of fee of renewal (for A/1 for '97-98 and for A/2 for '98-99), registration book and VAT registration original copy and attested copies of all these documents will have to be submitted with the tender at the time of submitting tender. No certificate of VAT will be acceptable.
2. Attested copy of certificate, payment of income tax for the fiscal year 1997-98 (till June 1997) will have to be submitted with tender.
3. Tender will be considered as outright rejected if rate less than over 5% (five per cent) of the estimated cost is submitted.
4. VAT and income tax will be deducted in the fixed rate from all kinds of bills.
5. No financial benefit can be claimed by contractor for change of name of institution or rejection due to unavoidable circumstances.
6. All information as per "Eligibility Evaluation Form" will have to be submitted with tender.
7. Bill will be paid subject to the availability of allocation. But the contractor will be obliged to do the work within the stipulated period.
8. BD submitted with tender will not be returned before selection of contractor.
9. Other terms and conditions of the tender will be available with tender.

The authority reserves the power to accept/reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

Executive Engineer
Facilities Department
Jhenidah Zone, Jhenidah

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Sherpur turns into safe route for narcotics smuggling

Sherpur district has turned into a safe route for narcotics smuggling in absence of officials in the local Narcotics Control Department, reports UNB.

Four out of five important posts of the department remained vacant since long.

A source said there are five posts of Inspector, Sub-Inspector, Assistant Sub-Inspector and two sepoys for the office of which only one assistant Sub-Inspector's post is working.

At present, the Inspector of Jamalpur district has given the additional responsibility of the district which has been vacant since last five years. But, it is alleged that the Jamalpur district inspector usually comes here three to four days in a month.

Other vacancies of the office were created as no appointment was given to the post of Sub-Inspector since its establishment and due to transfer of two sepoys recently.

Government of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer (RHD)
Workshop Division, Feni

Notice of the Inviting Tender

1. Tender No : 9 (RHD) Workshop Division, Feni/98-99.
2. Name of work : Group-1. Supply of overhauling spare parts for Caterpillar Dozer (Model D-6) 6 cylinder engine under the RHD Workshop Division, Feni during the year '98-99.
- Group-2. Supply of overhauling spare parts for soil compactor No-5 (Model Mavelling Bar Ford DXC-OII) under the RHD Workshop Division, Feni, during the year '98-99.
- Group-3. Supply of spare parts for JM Roller (two 2 wheel & 3 wheel) under the RHD Workshop Division, Feni, during the year '98-99.
- Group-4. Supply of overhauling spare parts and necessary repair of JM Roller No-4, under the RHD Workshop Division, Feni, during the year '98-99.

3. Name of offices of availability of tender document : 1. EE (RHD), Workshop Division, Feni/Mymensingh.
2. Sub-Divisional Eng (RHD), Workshop Sub-Division, Feni.
4. Name of offices to receive tender bids : 1. Superintending Engineer (RHD), Workshop Circle, Dhaka.
2. Executive Engineer (RHD), Workshop Division, Feni/Mymensingh.
5. Last date of selling tender : 1-11-98.
6. Last date of receipt of tender : 2-11-98 (till-12:30 PM).
7. Last date of opening tender : 4-11-98 (at 1:00 PM).
8. Value of tender : Bangladesh Form No-2911=25/- & 2908=15/- and at the rate of per set schedule Tk 500/-

Tender No	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time allowed	Eligibility of contractor.
09. (98-99) Group-1	4,24,900/-	8,498/-	20 (twenty) days	1. "A" to "C" General class of Road & Highways Department.
Group-2	3,18,860/-	3,677/-	-do-	2. "D" class of (RHD) Workshop Circle, Dhaka.
Group-3	2,42,000/-	4,840/-	-do-	3. "E" class of (RHD) Workshop Division, Feni.
Group-4	2,23,045/-	4,461/-	-do-	

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Executive Engineer (RHD)
Workshop Division, Feni.