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## Weather

### Dry weather likely

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over the country during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged across the country during the period, according to Met Office forecast. Yesterday highest temperature of 31.2 degree Celsius was recorded at Cox's Bazar and the lowest of 13.7 degree Celsius at Sirimongal.

The sun sets today at 5:14 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:32 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	28.7	15.4
Chittagong	29.8	17.1
Khulna	28.2	15.6
Rajshahi	27.4	16.5
Barisal	28.6	15.5
	Morning	Evening
	75	77
	75	77
	78	70
	79	83
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### Int'l workshop on 'Arsenic Problem' begins today

A two-day international workshop on 'Arsenic Problem in Bangladesh and Water Resource Management' will begin in the city at 9 am today, reports APB.

Dhaka Community Hospital has organised the workshop on its premises to identify the acute arsenic problem and suggest possible remedies.

Representatives from the ministries of Health, LGED and Cooperatives, Environment and donor agencies including World Bank, UNDP, UNICEF, WHO, NGOs, researchers and journalists will participate in it.

Health Minister Salahuddin Yusuf will attend the morning session on the second day as chief guest while Deputy Minister for Shipping Sabir Hossain Chowdhury will be present in the afternoon session as chief guest.

Besides, Prof Rehman Sobhan, The Daily Star Editor Mahfuz Anam, Prof Richard Wilson and Prof Allan Smith of USA, Prof Tony Fledger of UK and Dr Dipankar Chakrabarty of India will address the concluding session.

### BUET postpones only Sunday's exams

Only the yesterday's examinations of Architecture Department of BUET were postponed due to unavoidable reasons, UNB reports, correcting its earlier report published yesterday.

All other scheduled examinations of the department will be held in due time. Fresh date of the examinations postponed will be announced later, says a press release.

### DU programmes on Martyred Intellectuals Day

By DU Correspondent

Dhaka University authorities have drawn up elaborate programmes to observe the Martyred Intellectuals Day today.

Teachers, students, officials and employees will assemble at the Aparajeyo Bangla early this morning and place wreaths at different memorials to the martyrs on the campus. They will also place wreaths at the Martyred Intellectuals Memorial at Mirpur at 7 am.

A discussion meeting will be held at the Teachers and Students Centre (TSC) auditorium at 10 am. Prof A K Azad Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor of the University, will preside.

### Report on BDR anti-smuggling activities placed

A meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Home Affairs yesterday discussed the activities of Bangladesh Rifles, including its Table of Organisation and Equipment (TO&E), reports UNB.

The meeting, held at the Sangsad Bhaban with committee chairman M Rahmat Ali in the chair, reviewed the BDR's overall activities, including manpower, organisational structure, DG's Secretariat, communication and medicare as well as structure and works of the Application and Training Directorate.

A report on the anti-smuggling activities of BDR was also placed at the meeting.

The meeting also discussed

the activities and organisational structure of the Narcotics Control Directorate. It was told that a process was on to make the Narcotics Control Act consistent with the needs of the time.

Committee members Home Minister Rafiqul Islam, Whips M Abdus Shahid and SM Mustafa Rashidi (Suja), and Zinat Hossain attended the meeting.

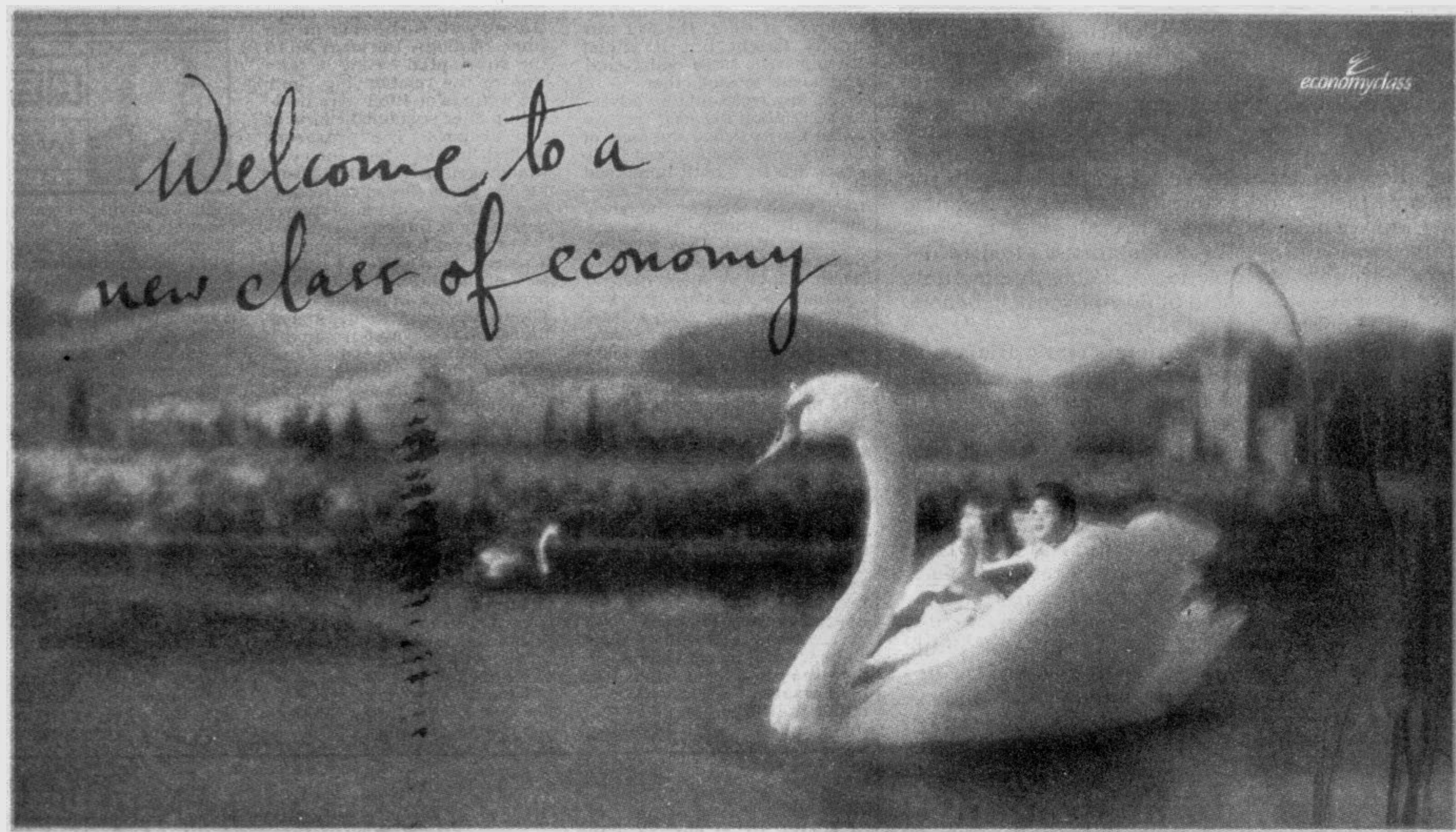
Home Secretary Safiur Rahman, DG of Bangladesh Rifles Major General Azizur Rahman, DG of Bangladesh Ansar and VDP Major General Khondker Muhammad Nurunnabi and DG of Narcotics Control Directorate Nazmul Ahsan Chowdhury, and high officials concerned were present.

### SAARC experts' meet on wind energy begins

A three-day SAARC expert-level meeting on 'utilisation of wind energy' began in the city yesterday to explore various use of the renewable energy in the region, reports APB.

Inaugurating the meet at the Institute of Food Science and Technology of BCSIR in city, Science and Technology Secretary M Fazlur Rahman stressed the need for introducing wind energy on a large scale in the country as an alternative to fossil fuel like hydrocarbon which was not in abundance in Bangladesh.

Some 20 experts from SAARC countries are taking part in the meet.



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