

News



A group of street children enjoy a splash in the rain at a street corner yesterday. The rain yesterday brought a welcome relief in the hot humid weather that has been prevailing in the city for days. — Star photo

Weather

Thundershowers likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers with temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at many places over Dhaka, Chittagong, Barisal, Khulna and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi division with moderately heavy falls at places over Chittagong and Barisal divisions till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Day temperature may fall by 1-3 degrees Celsius over the country during the period, Met Office said.

The country's highest temperature 36.7 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rajshahi and the lowest 25 degrees at Chittagong and Cox's Bazar.

The sun sets today at 6:46 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:11 am.

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

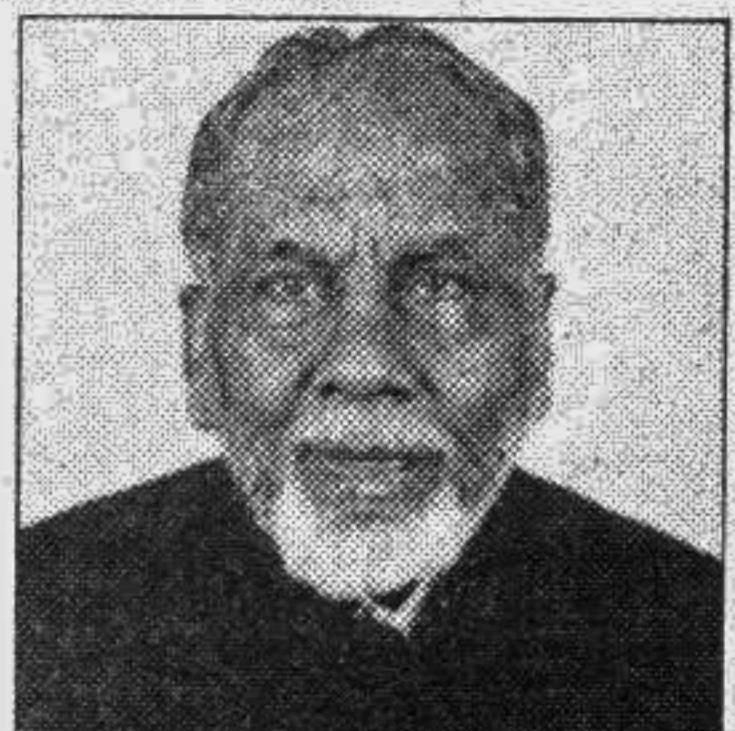
City/Town	Temperature		Humidity in		
	in Celsius	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	32.6	28.6	91	85	85
Chittagong	34.2	25.0	74	82	82
Rajshahi	36.7	29.0	72	90	90
Khulna	35.0	29.0	83	90	90
Barisal	34.0	26.1	70	85	85

11 hurt in clash over land in Narsingdi

NARSINGDI, June 9: Eleven people were injured in a clash between two groups of villagers over a land dispute at Kathalia village in Sadar thana early today, reports UNB.

Witnesses said the clash took place when one Aminuddin along with his supporters tried to construct a house on a disputed land at about 6 am.

The injured were admitted to sadar hospital.



Obituary

By Staff Correspondent

Eminent biochemist Dr Habib Rahman died of heart failure at Gulshan Group Clinic in the city on Tuesday night. He was 77.

Rahman taught biochemistry at the Dhaka University for 37 years from 1948. He was also one of the founders of the Department of Pharmacy, DU.

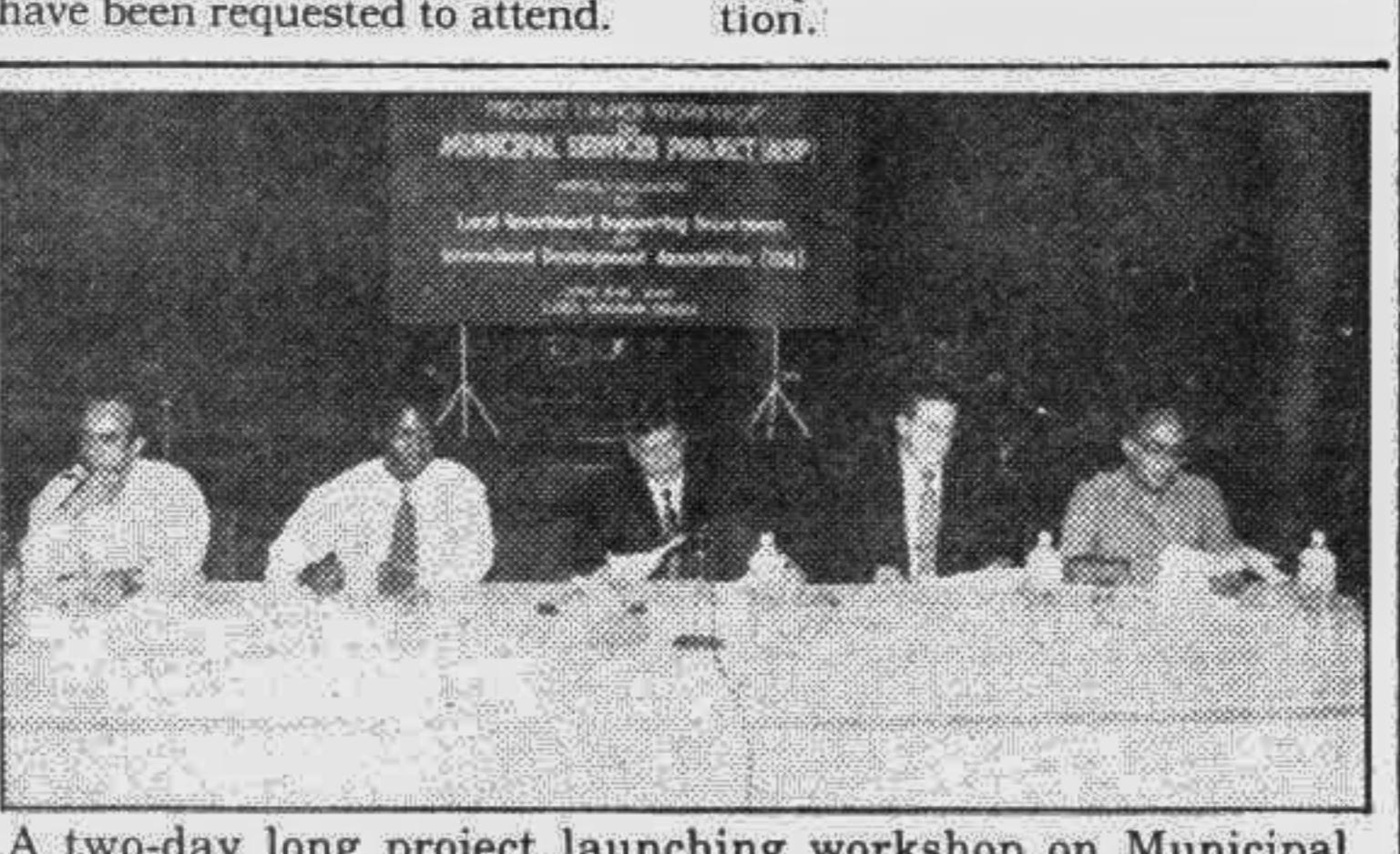
During his long teaching career, he was a Visiting Professor of the Royal Baghdad University and the University of Zambia, Lusaka.

Son of late Shafuddin Ahmed, Rahman was born in August 22, 1922 at Sutiakati village under Swarupkati thana in Pirojpur district.

He left behind one son, two daughters, nine grand children and a host of relatives, friends, colleagues, students, well-wishers and admirers to mourn his death. His wife Roushan Habib passed away on August 16, 1998 in California, USA.

The *namaj-e-fazana* of the Habib Rahman will be held today at Gausul Azam Mosque at Mohakhali after the *Zohr* prayers. He will be buried at the Banani graveyard.

His *qazkhwanai* will be held at his son Mustaq Habib's residence at 13, South Avenue, Gulshan-1 tomorrow after *Asr* prayers. Relatives, friends, colleagues, students, admirers have been requested to attend.



A two-day long project launching workshop on Municipal Services Project of LGED began in the city yesterday. It was jointly organised by LGED and International Development Association.

PM visits ASI Shahadat at CMH

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday visited Assistant Sub-Inspector of police Shahadat Hossain who is undergoing treatment at the Combined Military Hospital (CMH), reports BSS.

ASI Shahadat was seriously injured in a bomb attack by the miscreants when he raided a house at Islambagh area under Lalbagh Police Station on April 25 where bombs were being made.

Shahadat received serious eye injuries.

Sheikh Hasina assured the relatives of the police officer that her government would provide the best possible treatment for him and look after the welfare of the family.

She also visited the ailing mother, sister and niece of Harunur Rashid MP. They are undergoing treatment there following a road accident. She enquired about their condition and wished them early recovery.

Dacoity at a city house

By Staff Correspondent

Robbers looted gold ornaments, cash money and other valuables worth about Taka 20 lakh from a house at Mirpur in the city in the early hours of yesterday.

Police said the gang of robbers entered the house of one Kabir Hossain at 1/B 5/7 at Mirpur cutting the grill of a window at about 2 am and confined the members of family in a room at gunpoint.

They took away 20 tolas of gold ornaments. Tk 35 thousand in cash and other valuables worth about Tk. 2 lakh from the house.

A case has been filed with Mirpur thana in this connection but none was arrested till filing of this report.

CU students withdraw strike

From CU Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, June 9: Students of Public Administration Department of Chittagong University has withdrawn their indefinite term strike at the Department after 24 days today as the academic committee has taken a decision against one of the teachers of the department.

Yesterday the academic committee in a meeting decided that Professor Abdur Nur won't be allowed to teach Islamic Administration subject at Masters classes anymore.

The students declared agitation programme against Professor Abdur Nur, a Jamaat-backed white panel teacher as he submitted a legal notice against 66 Masters students of the Department due to their absence in his classes.

The students alleged that Professor Nur tried to compel them to take Islamic Administration as their subject. He also made poor comments on Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Rabindranath Tagore in his classes.

Press confce date changed

The press conference of the National Handicrafts Exhibition '99 will be held tomorrow at 12 noon at Hotel Sheraton's Winter Garden. The 3-day exhibition will begin on June 13.

Photo journalists barred entry to secretariat to collect passes

By Special Correspondent

Photo journalists were prevented from entering the Secretariat yesterday by police when they went to collect passes to cover the presentation of budget for fiscal 1999-2000.

Police neither gave an explanation nor showed any written order for the restrictions to bar accredited photojournalists.

Home Ministry officials told them they could go inside the secretariat leaving them camera behind.

The sudden restriction follows recent spurt in demonstrations by secretariat employees. One group led by Shah Alam on Monday staged a demonstration ignoring police attempts to stop their march that spilled out of the secretariat and ended in front of the Press Club.

Their rivals led by Nurul Alam staged their rally on Tuesday, also ignoring police attempts to stop them. Demonstrations are prohibited inside the seat of the government.

But the two groups who have been rivals and have often been involved in fracas have recently geared up their campaign to realise 9 and 15 point demands respectively. This includes common demands like change in office timings, dearness allowance, full implementation of the pay scale, promotions etc.

They are now awaiting the next move by the government, particularly the budgetary allocations before embarking on their next course of action.

The group headed by Nurul Alam has given a ten day ultimatum to the government to fulfil their demands on Tuesday.

Beyond the boundary

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finesse. He had Lord's for his stage, and he made everyone sit up and take notice of him, all over again. With the ball coming on to the bat, a hundred was there for the taking. He had lost at the races the previous day, but here he did not, for once, look the gift horse in the mouth.

JS tidbits

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"Well said, Mr Speaker, that age does not matter in love has been proved once again," said Post and Telecommunications Minister Mohammad Nasim in an oblique reference to the 74-year-old Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad's second marriage the other day.

A prompt Hamid shifted the subject of the discussion on Nasim who, he said, had recently advised the students of a university to use mobile phones to have constant contacts with their fiancées.

"Oh yes, I know Nasim Sahib has a lot of experience in this trade. He knows all the tricks for contacting a fiancée, no matter where she stays," disclosed Fatal, once a close AL

aid to Nasim. "Pours were hit with gay abandon, and Zimbabweans were well in sync with the required run rate. The Aussies suddenly found themselves in the unaccustomed role of chasing leather, just when they had thought they had things under control. For a horrifying period, when Johnson and Goodwin were at the crease, and runs were flowing freely and without compunction, Steve Waugh turned to what he thought was his trump card. It only served to aggravate matters for him."

Johnson, who is enjoying this World Cup as no one else can, already made his presence felt with two wickets before he went out to bat. He is an effortless timer of the ball and he made the Australians pay heavily for erring in length to him. Pours were hit with gay abandon, and Zimbabweans were well in sync with the required run rate. The Aussies suddenly found themselves in the unaccustomed role of chasing leather, just when they had thought they had things under control. For a horrifying period, when Johnson and Goodwin were at the crease, and runs were flowing freely and without compunction, Steve Waugh turned to what he thought was his trump card. It only served to aggravate matters for him."

Johnson took an immediate fancy to Shane Warne's not-so-effective-in-this-World-Cup deliveries and plastered him across the length and breadth of Lord's. The first two overs cost 22 runs. Five of Warne's overs added 44 runs to the Zimbabwean kitty. It is perhaps a reflection of the times that Warne is now beginning to need protection. He was promptly replaced by Bevan Goodwin was lured into indiscretion, and suddenly the runs dried up. What was worse, wickets kept falling as well. It was a perplexed and horrified Johnson who had to watch the demise of his compatriots at close quarters. The academic exercise then left was whether Johnson would get the thoroughly deserved hundred of his own form in the competition that Nasim had warranted all along.

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