

Weather

Thundershowers likely

Moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over the country during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met office said no appreciable change in day temperature is expected over the country.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 35.4 degree Celsius was recorded at Mongla and the lowest 24.2 degrees at Faridpur.

The sun sets in the city at 6:49 pm today and rises at 5:19 am tomorrow.

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

City/Town	Temperature		Humidity in Percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	31.2	25.8	69	92
Chittagong	32.3	26.3	86	86
Rajshahi	31.8	25.5	95	89
Khulna	33.7	27.0	82	77
Barisal	34.0	26.4	85	100
Sylhet	26.7	24.7	95	100
Cox's Bazar	33.0	27.5	84	82

JP Faridpur convening unit formed

A 101-member convening committee of Jatiya Party (JP) Faridpur district was formed with advocate Nasir Uddin Ahmed as its convenor, reports BSS.

Jatiya Party (Mizan-Monju) chairman Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury and secretary general Anwar Hossain Monju today approved the committee for strengthening its activities in Faridpur district.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer PWD Division, Madaripur

Notice Inviting Tenders

No. 30/1998-99

1. Sealed tenders in BD Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from special class-I (one) and class-I (one) approved bldg. contractor/firm of PWD for the undermentioned work and will be received by the undersigned and the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka and the all Executive Engineers under PWD Circle, Barisal in their respective offices up to 12.00 Noon of 29-7-99 and will be opened on the same day at 12.15 PM in presence of the tenderers who may like to remain present. Each tender shall be in a sealed cover with the name of work superscribed on it.

2. Name of work : Construction of SSC Vocational Textile Institute Course Implementation Project for 9 nos. in Bangladesh - one at Rajoir, Madaripur (1st phase), SH. Constn. of Hostel Bldg. 2 (two storied).

3. Estimated cost : Tk 52,87,678/-

4. Earnest money : Tk 1,05,754/-

5. Time allowed : 180 days from the date of issue of the work order.

Contract documents consisting of BD Form No. 2911, notice inviting tenders, schedule of items, additional terms and conditions etc. can be seen and obtained from the office of the undersigned and the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka and from the office of the all Executive Engineers under PWD Circle, Barisal and Khulna PWD Division-I/II/Bagerhat/Satkhira/Jessore/Magura/Jhenidah/Meherpur/ Chuadanga/ Narail/Faridpur/Rajbari/Kushtia and Additional Chief Engineer, PWD Zone, Dhaka/Chittagong/Rajshahi. The tender form will be sold up to 28-7-99.

Executive Engineer

PWD Division
Madaripur.

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PUBALI BANK LIMITED

Head office

26, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000.

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

Applications are invited from bonafide Citizens of Bangladesh in plain paper in candidate's own handwriting stating full particulars alongwith photostat copy of certificates/testimonials and 3 (three) recent passport size photographs duly attested. Application should reach by mail on or before 31-7-99 for the posts mentioned below:-

Sl. No.	Name of post & scale	Educational Qualification	Probation period	Emoluments per month	Remarks
1.	a) Sr. Officer Tk. 3500-150-4250-200-9250-	Masters/ Graduates with Honours having minimum 2nd Division/Class in all Examinations from any recognised University including Private University. Preference will be given to candidates having MBA degree.	1 (one) Year	a) Tk. 5,500/- (consolidated during probationary period.)	After completion of probationary period regular scale will be allowed with other admissible allowances under the scale.
	b) Officer Tk. 2500-125-3125-175-7500/-			b) Tk. 4,500/- (consolidated during probationary period)	
2.	Jr. Officer (cash) Tk. 2400-100-2900-150-6650/-	Bachelors degree having at least 2nd Division Class in all Examinations from any recognised University	1 (one) Year	Tk. 3,500/- (consolidated during probationary period)	-do-

Age : 30 years as on 30-06-99 (no affidavit in respect of age will be accepted.)

The following particulars will have to be furnished in the application:- Name, Father's /Husband's name, Educational Qualification (year of passing the examinations with Division/Class, Board/University), Date of birth and age as on 30-6-99. Permanent address, present address, Nationality. Other qualification/experience if any. Name & address of two referees not related to the candidates. A Demand Draft/Payment Limited in favour of Pubali Bank Limited, Head Office, 26, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka will have to be enclosed with the applications to be addressed to The Deputy General Manager, Pubali Bank Limited, Human resources & Est. Division, Head Office : 26, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000. Incomplete application will be rejected outright.

Name of the post for which the application is submitted is to be mentioned clearly in the application as well as on the envelope.

S. M. KAMAL UDDIN
GENERAL MANAGER



BCL brought out a procession on the Dhaka University campus yesterday protesting the killing of Constable Farhad in a bomb attack on Wednesday.

— Star photo



JCD brought out a procession on the Dhaka University campus yesterday demanding judicial inquiry into the killing of Constable Farhad.

— Star photo

Investment confce in London

'Dhaka provides best facilities for FDI'

LONDON, July 10: Speakers at an international conference on investment opportunities in Bangladesh held here on Thursday said that Bangladesh government has created an environment which is most congenial to private investment, especially foreign direct investment (FDI), reports BSS.

Jointly organised by the Economic Wing of Bangladesh High Commission, Confederation of British Industry and the British Trade International, the conference was held at the CBI conference centre here.

The conference entitled "Bangladesh-A New Era for growth and Investment" drew more than 80 British companies and investors.

Kazi Zafnullah, Chairman of Privatisation Board, Mr Sirajuddin Ahmed, executive chairman of the Board of Investment and Abdul Awal Mintoo, president of FBCCI spoke on the occasion.

The speakers highlighted various development activities of the present government under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and added a new chapter to the history of economic development of Bangladesh by achieving growth rate exceeding 5.2 per cent.

Referring to the current industrial policy of 1999 and said the objectives of the policy are to encourage domestic foreign investment, expedite development of labour-intensive industries, increase production in the economy through higher rate of investment, provide investment opportunities to the private sectors and attract Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) for exports and local markets.

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riod last year.

He said the private sector has been identified as the engine of growth in the fifth five year plan period. According to projections of the Planning Commission, 56 per cent of investment during the fifth plan will come from the private sector. He said the rapid privatisation of the state owned enterprises was essential condition for promoting private sector investment.

Sirajuddin Ahmed said over the last three years the government has successfully addressed the country's macro-economic condition and as a result Bangladesh is now enjoying a stable macro-economic condition.

The executive chairman of the BoI said that more domestic savings are generated and investment has increased. He stressed the need for rapid industrialisation to eradicate poverty within the shortest possible time.

He said Bangladesh is virtually a land bridge between the emerging markets of South and South East Asia where the concept of free trade has taken a firm root.

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Bangladeshi expatriates in Japan now disappointed

TOKYO, July 10: Bangladeshi expatriates in Japan are getting disillusioned and many of them plan to return home as the Asian giant's worst recession has reduced their earnings to almost half and left many of them jobless, reports UNB.

Japanese economic recession forced many companies to downsize their manpower. As a result, after workforce as well as many Bangladeshi have lost jobs during the last two to three years in manufacturing and other sectors.

Bangladesh Embassy officials in Tokyo said there are some 15,000 Bangladeshi engaged in various jobs in Japan.

"Many Bangladeshi were retrenched from factories. Some of them have managed low-paid jobs elsewhere, but others remain unemployed for quite some time now," said Selim Mia, a restaurant boy.

He looked worried as the Japanese owner has planned to close down the Indian food restaurant at Amali in Tokyo's Ginza area where he works as it has become a losing concern.

"It was easier to get job in 87-88, when I came here. Many Bangladeshi came to Japan in the 80's availing of the port entry facilities at that time," said Selim, who has also completed a two-year computer course here.

Tripti, a Nepalese girl working in the same restaurant, was also anxious about her future in Tokyo. "I don't know where to get a job again. I'll go back home within a year," said Tripti, who came here only three months ago.

The Bangladeshi workforce has earned a good reputation with the Japanese employers for their sincerity and efficiency. Japan-Bangladesh Economic Cooperation Committee Chairman Uwato also appreciated the efficiency of Bangladeshi workforce. He said that they can learn things easily.

Shawkat Hossain of Comilla works in a big chain market.

— Star photo

Home Minister says

All terrorists will be brought to book

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Home, Post and Telecommunication Minister Mohammad Nasim yesterday sought cooperation of all, irrespective of party affiliation, to uproot terrorism and said the combing operation in the country's South-eastern region would continue till the last terrorist surrenders, reports BSS.

"July 30 is the last date for voluntary surrender by the terrorists and they do not surrender by that time, the combing operation will be further strengthened," he said while addressing a delegates' conference of the Deshiya Chikisachak Samity at Jatiya Press Club here.

He said, "there can be differences of opinion in a democratic society and one can oppose our party ideology. But, we should not oppose the government's steps to stop terrorism and all should unite on this vexing issue to uproot terrorism."

The home minister regretted that the opposition took the path of violence by killing a member of the law enforcing agencies and burning to death a rickshawpuller with a view to creating anarchic situation in the country.

"Police can also do wrong in some cases. But, do keep in mind that there is no alternative to police and BDR to contain terrorism," he said adding the killing of an innocent duty policeman by throwing bombs cannot be accepted by any one.

The Home Minister said the opposition even forgot to give thanks to the measures taken by the government to eliminate terrorism although people, including the victims of Jersore, Magura, Kushtia and Khulna incidents have extended their full support and given thanks to the government for the initiative.

"I am taking action against

Mymensingh Pourasabha announces Tk 8 cr budget

MYMENSINGH, July 10: Mymensingh Pourashava on July 7 announced a budget of Tk 8,13,91,149 showing a surplus of Tk 14,38,758 for 1999-2000 fiscal year, reports BSS.

A revised budget of Tk 8,48,81,963 of 1998-99 was also approved by the Pourashava Committee.

Pourashava Chairman Advocate Mahmud-Al-Noor Tared announced the budget in the conference room of pourashava in presence of war commissioners of the pourashava, local journalists and elites.

Speaking on the occasion pourashava chairman said that no fresh tax has been imposed on the new budget.

Sufficient allocations have been made in new budget for improvement of water supply and sewerage system, construction of Liberation War Monument, implementation of EPI, development of graveyard and cremation ground and reconstruction of Town Hall, he added.

He referred to the current industrial policy of 1999 and said the objectives of the policy are to encourage domestic foreign investment, expedite development of labour-intensive industries, increase production in the economy through higher rate of investment, provide investment opportunities to the private sectors and attract Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) for exports and local markets.

Otherwise, they said, journalists will take to the street for realising their legitimate demands and the authorities would have to bear all consequences.

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