

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

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No. 30/1998-99

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- Name of work : Construction of SSC Vocational Textile Institute Course Implementation Project for 9 nos. in Bangladesh - one at Rajoir, Madaripur (1st phase). SH: Constr. of Hostel Bldg. 2 (two) storied.
- Estimated cost : Tk 52,87,678/-
- Earnest money : Tk 1,05,754/-
- 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/Chudanga/Narail/Faridpur/Rajbari/Kushtia and Additional Chief Engineer, PWD Zone, Dhaka/Chittagong/Rajshahi. The tender form will be sold up to 28-7-99.

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Sl. No	Name of post & scale	Educational Qualification	Probation period	Emoluments per month	Remarks
1.	a) Sr. Officer Tk. 3500-150-4250-200-9250- b) Officer Tk. 2500-125-3125-175-7500/-	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.) b) Tk. 4,500/- (consolidated during probationary period)	After completion of probationary period regular scale will be allowed with other admissible allowances under the scale.
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 Order for Tk. 100/- (Taka one hundred) only issued from any branch of Pubali Bank 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 & Estt. 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 Zafrullah, 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

said the government has launched an intensive drive to attract foreign investment and enhance trade.

Kazi Zafrullah gave a broad picture of the country's economy after the dramatic recovery from the devastation of the worst flood and said the average growth rate of Bangladesh for the last three years surpassed all records.

He said the bold political steps of the government have galvanised economic life. He said a new sense of confidence has been instilled in the minds of people and an optimistic climate about the potentialities of the future has been created. "The economy of Bangladesh is in buoyant mood and most favourable to foreign direct investment," he said.

Zafrullah said the GDP in 1998-99 grew at the rate of 5.2 per cent in constant price. Growth rate stood at 5.6 per cent in 1996-97 and 5.7 per cent in 1997-98. He said the governments of Sheikh Hasina has added a new chapter to the history of economic development of Bangladesh by achieving growth rate exceeding 5.2 per cent.

Referring to the export, Zafrullah said that during the first ten months of 1998-99, exports increased in terms of dollar by 2.99 per cent in comparison to total exports in the corresponding period last year.

He said the total remittances from the nationals abroad in the last fiscal stood at 1,433 billion US dollars which is 8.52 per cent higher than the remittances in the corresponding pe-

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.

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.

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, alien workforce as well as many Bangladeshis 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 Bangladeshis engaged in various jobs in Japan.

"Many Bangladeshis were recruited 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 Bangladeshis 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.

Shawkat Hossain of Comilla works in a big chain market,

Laos, in the town of Akhiabara in Tokyo. He plans to stay for some more years in Japan.

Shawkat said Bangladeshis, who are over-staying in Japan, are deprived of social facilities ensured by Japanese government.

Rafiq, who also works in an Indian restaurant, said that only three years ago one could easily save more than 2000 dollars a month, but it is now difficult to save even half the amount.

Living in Tokyo is very expensive, and the "rising yen" has added to the cost of living, he observed. "Moreover, it's now very tough to manage a job."

Bangladeshis, each of whom spent Tk 10 lakh or more to come here in the recent times, now repent for doing so, he said. "People, who have been here for 10 years or more, nowadays are easily losing their jobs. Even they take months to manage new work. Then just imagine the condition of newcomers," he added.

Many Bangladeshis who have entered Japan from Korea through sea routes, are still looking for jobs.

In the time of crisis, Bangladeshis who are better off have come in aid of their not so fortunate countrymen.

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

Home Minister says

All terrorists will be brought to book

Home, Post and Telecommunication Minister Mosharraf Hossain yesterday sought cooperation of all, irrespective of party affiliation, to uproot terrorism and said the coming 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 if they do not surrender by that time, the coming operation will be further strengthened," he said while addressing a delegates' conference of the Deshiya Chikischak 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, he said, none should 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 on-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 Jessore, 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 Pourasabha 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 6,84,81,963 of 1998-99 was also approved by the Pourasabha Committee.

Pourasabha Chairman Advocate Mahmud-Ali Noor Tareq announced the budget in the conference room of pourasabha in presence of ward commissioners of the pourasabha, local journalists and elites.

Speaking on the occasion pourasabha chairman said that no fresh tax has been imposed in 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 re-construction of Town Hall, he added.

Solve APB problems by July 20: DUJ

Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) yesterday gave ultimatum to the Beximco Media authorities to solve the APB problem by July 20, reports UNB.

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

The ultimatum was given at the adjourned meeting of the Executive Committee of DUJ at APB office yesterday. DUJ President Altamash Mahmood presided.

The meeting demanded opening of the APB office, payment of four months' salaries of the journalists and employees, withdrawal of the transfer order of four journalists and restoration of working atmosphere in the office.

Arif's first death anniversary today

The first death anniversary of Mohammad Arif, a renowned freedom fighter, journalist and development worker, will be observed today, reports UNB.

A *Qurankhwan* and *doa* will be held at his residence at 26, Ditu Road at 12:00 noon and a *milad* will be also held after *Ar* prayers at the Banani graveyard mosque.

Family members of the deceased has sought blessing from relatives, friends and well-wishers for eternal peace of the departed soul.

Obituary

Dr Muhtada Uddin Chowdhury died yesterday at 4:05 am at Samarita Hospital in the city. He was 80, says a press release.

He hailed from South Bhadeswar, Sylhet.

He left behind his wife, five sons, two daughters, a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death.

After *namaze-e-janaza* at Mohammadia Housing Limited Mosque, his body has been taken to village home.

the terrorists not from the party point of view," he said adding the terrorists, whoever they may be, would be brought to book.

Citing a recent example of arresting a party student leader in Chittagong, the Home Minister said "some of my party colleagues might be unhappy over this step, but the government and the prime minister believe that the terrorists do not belong to any party."

Chaired by President of Deshiya Chikischak Samity Alhaj Sulaiman Khosrur, the function was also addressed by Pankaj Bhattacharjee, Convenor of Sammito Samajik Andolon Ajoy Roy, journalist Abbasuddin Afsari and Secretary General of the Samity Dr Mizanur Rahman.

The Deshiya Chikischak Samity placed a nine-point charter of demands of the Samity, including appointment of Unani-Ayurvedic medical officer in each thana health complex and provision of training of the Unani-Ayurvedic doctors.

Stressing the need for government patronisation of the

DU, Japanese universities agree to exchange programmes

By DU Correspondent

The authorities of Dhaka University, Tokyo University of Technology and the Kyushu University of Japan have agreed to sign an exchange programme to collaborate in the fields of research and arrange exchange of teachers and researchers among the universities.

A three member delegation with Prof ATM Zahurul Haq, chairman University Grants Commission (UGC), Prof Anwarullah Chowdhury, member of UGC and Prof AK Azad Chowdhury, DU Vice Chancellor reached the decision in addition to the renewal of memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) during its recent visit to Japan.

Unani-Ayurvedic treatment, Nasim said the local treatment system should be modernised as per need of the hour.

He said the government has incorporated the Unani-Ayurvedic treatment system in the National Health Policy considering its importance.

In this context, he said this kind of treatment has been institutionalised in India and China as a vast number of people are still dependent on this system.

He also emphasised for wide publicity of this system highlighting the positive sides and said the government would provide all possible help for the flourishing of the system.

Pankaj Bhattacharjee called for establishment of a National Research Centre for improvement of the system.

Trust formed to aid cultural activists

Leading cultural activists have founded a trust, Sangskritikarmi Kalyan Trust (Cultural activists' Welfare Trust) to extend financial assistance to cultural activists in their distress, a press release said yesterday, reports BSS.

The trust was formed at a meeting at Naoratan Colony on the Bailey Road with renowned cultural activist Ramendu Majumdar in the chair on July 7.

Prominent among the 17 members of the trust are; Ramendu Majumdar, Aly Zaker, Mamunur Rashid, Asaduzzaman Noor, Nasir Uddin Yusuf, Sara Zaker, Mafidul Hoque, Anisul Hoque, Fagloon Hamid, Golam Kuddus and Liakat Ali Lucky.

Two representatives from each of Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation, Sammito Sangskritik Jote and Abriti Sammonoy Parishad will be included in the trust body, the press release added.

Sara Zaker has been made treasurer and Liakat Ali Lucky member-secretary of the trust.

The trust decided to assist the family members of late dramatist Arju Rahman and constituted a sub-committee to this end, the release added.

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Tenders are invited from bonafide manufacturers/ suppliers/firms under terms & conditions mentioned in tender schedule for purchasing miscellaneous stationery and other products for the non-formal education projects-1, 2, 3, and 4 of the Directorate of Non-Formal Education during 1999-2000 fiscal year. Tenders can be submitted in the tender box kept at the Logistics Section of this directorate till 12:00 Noon on 22/07/99 and tenders will be opened on the same day at 12:05 PM in presence of tenderers (if anyone remains present). Pay-Order/Bank Draft for an amount of Taka 10,000/- (ten thousand) through any commercial bank as bid security to the Director General, Non-Formal Education Directorate will have to be submitted along with the tender, which, later on, will be treated as bid security. Tender schedule can be procured any day till 21/07/99 (except holidays) during office hours on payment of Taka 250/- (two hundred and fifty) in cash from the Finance Section/Logistics Section/Primary & Mass Education Division/Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka. Other information regarding the tender can be known from the Logistics Section, if necessary.

The authority reserves the right to accept/reject tender partially/fully without assigning any reason.

Md Zahir Uddin
Director (Administration & Finance)

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