

Metropolitan

Weather

Thundershowers likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over the country with moderately heavy falls at places over Chittagong, Barisal and Khulna divisions till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Slight rise in day temperature is expected over the country during the period. Met Office said.

The sun sets in the city today at 6:49 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:20 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	30.0	25.4	91	85
Chittagong	32.0	24.1	92	82
Rajshahi	30.6	25.0	96	89
Khulna	28.3	25.0	98	100

Boro production helped avert post-flood famine: IRRI

By Reaz Ahmed

The flood of 1998 in Bangladesh was not followed by a famine despite a loss of two million tonnes of rice worth US dollar 630 million.

An IRRI report for 1998-99 released this week points this out giving credit to political will and increased boro production for averting the famine.

"Flood, droughts, politics, and resettlement of 10 million civil war refugees ignited the great famine of 1974, which caused massive human misery and starvation. The flood of 1998 was equally destructive", observes the IRRI report titled "Rice: Hunger or Hope".

It says, "But no famine followed the flood of 1998, thanks to political will and increased rice production—a direct result of research".

According to the report, one of the most important factors helping the country get through this crisis is the high-yielding irrigated dry-season (boro) crop. Boro rice has reduced the country's dependence on its 40

per cent of low-land, which yield no crops in years of disastrous floods, the report adds.

With the widespread use of groundwater tubewells for irrigation and modern high-yielding and shorter-duration boro rice varieties, farmers have abandoned the risky low-yielding varieties of rice in favour of boro, notes the IRRI report.

People here, in one of the world's most densely populated countries, with an extremely low per capita income of 230 US dollars, spend nearly two-thirds of their income on food. 35 per cent of this food expenditures go on rice alone, statistics show.

The IRRI report resolves that future is tenuous with Bangladesh farmers needing to grow 2.5 per cent more cereals each year if the country is to avoid additional imports. The reports sees little room for area expansion of rice cultivation and attaches special importance on technological progress.

IRRI economist Dr Mahabub Hossain estimates that without technological progress rice production could never have outpaced population and would have grown at most by one per cent 2.5 per cent. Unless supplemented by additional grain imports, the price would have increased, worsening food insecurity and poverty.

"If Bangladesh is to continue feeding its population and to increase its ability to cope with natural disasters, technological progress must continue in the future", Dr Hossain, the interim deputy director general (research) says.

In an opinion published in the report, Prof Muhammad Yunus says, "High-yielding varieties have lowered rice prices and helped to create the feeling that there's enough rice. Alleviating the fear of famine has truly been one of IRRI's major success. But this puts the responsibility on IRRI to give the signal when it sees things are not working out".

Directorate General Defence Purchase
Ministry of Defence
New Airport Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215

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(2nd Time)

1. Sealed tenders are invited in Local/Foreign currency from bona fide Manufacturers/Dealers/Suppliers/Indentors (Enlisted Firms and Firms Applied for Enlistment) for supply of the following items for Bangladesh Army:

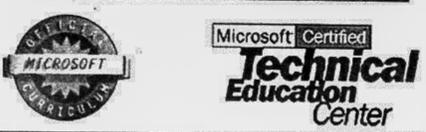
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2. Tender schedule with detailed specifications will be available on payment (Not refundable) as per I/T selling rate during office hours between 0800 hours to 1300 hours. The tender will be dropped latest by 1000 hours and opened at 1005 hours on concerned opening dates in front of tenderers present at that time.

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166 new post offices to be set up at union levels by 2000

The government will set up 166 new post offices at union level by 2000, reports BSS.

This was told at a meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Post and Telecommunications at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban yesterday.

The meeting discussed the overall activities of the postal department and stressed the need for improving the quality of service of the department by removing the existing problems.

Setting up of automatic letter sorting machine in Dhaka and shifting of the Foreign Post Office from Dhaka GPO premises to the Zia International Airport also came for discussion.

Presided over by the committee chairman Kamal Ahmed Mojumdar, the meeting was attended by members Whip Mizanur Rahman Manu, Advocate Fazle Rabbi, Lutfur Rahman Khan (Azad), Barkat Ullah Bulu, Sharif Khasruzzaman, Mohammad Shahabuddin and Advocate Mohammad Nadim Mustafa.

Rotary News

Weekly Meeting
The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held today at 5:30 pm at Dhaka Club, says a press release.

Members have been requested to attend punctually.

IUB holds Open House today

Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) will organize an "Open House" today between 10 am and 4 pm at House No-6, Road No-14, Baridhara in the city, say a press release.

This is arranged to help and inform the prospective students, their parents and guardians who will be provided with detailed information about the on-going courses, curriculum and other academic programme being offered by IUB.

What's on today

Discussion meet: Gano-Sanskriti Front has organised a discussion meeting on the occasion of the birth centenary celebration of Rebel Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam. Key-note speaker: Mohsin Shostarpani. Dr Sirajul Islam Chowdhury, Showkat Ali, Bashir Alhelal and Shantanu Kaiser will take part in the discussion. A recitation and musical programme will also be held after the discussion. Venue: TSC auditorium, DU campus. Time: 5 pm.

Recitation programme: Bokuntha Abrite Academy will stage a recitation programme directed by Shimul Mostafa—Kono Dakghar Nei. Venue: Shawkat Osman Memorial Hall, Central Public Library. Time: 7 pm.

Seminar: Bangladesh Language Association has organised a seminar on our mother-tongue. Prof Anwar Hossain will present the key-note paper on 'A Scientist's Perspective on Neglected Mother-tongue'. Venue: Seminar Room of Dev Centre for Philosophical Research, Arts Building, DU. Time: 11:50 am.

Memorial meeting: A meeting will be held in memory of poet Ataur Rahman. Organiser: Bangla Academy. Venue: Seminar room of the academy. Time: 11:00 am.

President, PM greet French counterparts
President Shahabuddin Ahmed has felicitated French President Jacques Chirac on the occasion of The National Day of France, reports UNB.

In a message to him, Shahabuddin expressed the confidence that the existing bonds of friendship and cooperation between the two countries will be consolidated further in the years to come.

He wished the French President his personal wellbeing and prosperity for the friendly people of France.

In similar message, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina greeted her French counterpart Leonel Jospin on the occasion.

She hoped that the existing bonds of close friendship, understanding and cooperation between the two countries would continue to grow in the coming years to the mutual benefit of the two peoples.

Photo exhibition begins in city
A week-long photo exhibition on Polish Muslims began at Shilpakala Academy in the city on Monday, reports UNB.

Deputy Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Saber Hossain Chowdhury inaugurated the show jointly organised by Polish Embassy in Dhaka and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy.

A total of 49 photographs have been put on display at the exhibition.

FM condoles death of diplomat's wife, son
Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad expressed deep shock at the brutal killing of the wife and son of Brig Shariful Islam, Military Attache to the Bangladesh Embassy in Turkey, reports UNB.

Kismat Islam, wife of the Bangladeshi diplomat, and his 14-year-old son Sirajul Sobel were reportedly stabbed to death by their servant at their residence in Ankara.

The servant also attacked Brig Islam, who is undergoing treatment at a hospital in the Turkish capital.

The Foreign Minister also wished early recovery of Brig Islam.

Moon Sighting Committee meets today
The National Moon Sighting Committee meets today at the Islamic Foundation to ascertain the sighting of Rabiussani moon, reports UNB.

State Minister for Religion Moulana Mohammad Nurul Islam will preside, said a press release.

The people in general have been requested to inform the committee about the sighting of the moon from any part of the country.

The contact phone numbers are: 9559493, 9550280, 9556807, 9555947, 9559643, 9558337 and 9555951 and Fax 9563397.

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BANGLADESH RAILWAY

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Date: 13 July, 1999.
Loan Number: 1293 BAN (SF)
IFB No.: COS/WELD-ENC/ADB/FDRP/98

1. The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of the Flood Damage Rehabilitation Project and it is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for the supply of materials and services for welding of rail joints (the "Goods & Services") as described below:

- Package: CP8**
- Supply of material and equipment required for welding of 3500 Nos. 75 Lb 'R' / 75 Lb 'A' Rail Joint in 'situ' by ordinary Alumino thermic process with contractor's Technician services at site of work.
 - Finishing of welded joint with contractor's plant material.
 - Material & equipment for execution of work against item (1) & (2) above will be supplied on CIF / Chittagong basis.
2. The Bangladesh Railway invites sealed bids from eligible bidders from member countries of ADB for the supply of the Goods and Services for the purposes of the Project.
3. The bidders can bid for all the items of the package but the package cannot be sub-divided.
4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information on the bid form and inspect the bidding documents during office hours (9 AM to 5 PM from Sunday to Thursday) at the offices of either

Controller of Stores/Project
Bangladesh Railway
Central Railway Building
Chittagong, Bangladesh
Telephone 880 31 725797
880 31 505 179 (Rest House)

Executive Engineer/Project
Bangladesh Railway
Kamlapur
Dhaka, Bangladesh
Telephone 880 2 409 369

Fax 880 2 956 3413 Attn: Controller of Stores/Project, Chittagong

5. A complete set of bidding document may be purchased by any interested eligible bidder on the submission of a written application to either address upon payment of a non-refundable fee of seven hundred fifty (750) taka.

6. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of not less than two per cent (2%) of total bid price, must be delivered in accordance with instructions to bidders on or before 11 AM on 11 August, 1999, and will be publicly opened immediately thereafter.

7. The Bangladesh Railway will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids.

8. In the comparison of bids, ADB's Domestic Preference Scheme will be applied in accordance with the provisions stipulated in the instructions to bidders.

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Controller of Stores/Project
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