Weather

Temperature may rise

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

Met office said moderately heavy falls may occur at one or two places over Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions during the

Day temperature may rise by 1-2 degree Celsius over the coun-

The country's highest temperature was recorded 33.7 degrees Celsius yesterday at Sylhet and the lowest 23.3 degrees at Satkhira. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:03 pm and rises on Thursday at 5:45 am.

City/Town	ies and towns yesterday we Temperature		Humidity in		
Signigni		in Celsius		Percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning		
Dhaka	30.5	26.0	83	83	
Chittagong	32.0	25.4	82	78	
Rajshahi	31.1	24.6	83	95	
Khulna	27.8	25.4	95	92	
Barisal.	27.2	24.5	100	95	
Sylhet	33.7	25.0	78	93	
Cox's Bazar	30.0	24.0	95	92	

HERE and THERE

Dhaka Reporters' Unity

Dhaka Reporters' Unity (DRU) has condemned the attack on daily Banglar Bani office on Sunday, the day of opposition's sit-in around the Secretariat, reports UNB.

In a statement yesterday, DRU president Shahjahan Sardar and general secretary Mahidul Islam Raju termed the attack without any provocation as a naked interference in the freedom of press.

Mentioning the similar attacks earlier on the Daily Ittefaq and the Janakantha, the DRU leaders called upon all concerned quarters to reform from any attack on newspaper

Brahmanbaria

Sangbadik Samity

Brahmanbaria Sangbadik Samity held a discussion on Regional Journalism and National Interest at the Jatiya Press Club auditorium recently, says a press release.

Noted journalist and president of the samity presided over the discussion.

Abdul Matin Khasru, Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs was present as the chief guest.

Joint secretary and Waqf administrator Azharul Islam, former additional secretary and Rajuk chairman Humayun Khadem among others took part in the discussion.

No classes at DU on 2nd day of hartal

By DU Correspondent

Classes and academic activities of Dhaka University could not be held for the second consecutive day yesterday due to the 60-hour countrywide shutdown sponsored by the opposition alliance.

Campus sources said that administrative activities at the Registrar's Building were observed partially during the hartal hours.

The Central Library of the university also remained open but only a few student were seen there. Police were seen guarding the main entrance to the library and asking the identity of the few students who came to the

The campus was peaceful yesterday and the activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), the student front of main opposition BNP did not come back to the campus after being ousted by the activists of ruling party-backed Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) on the first day of the hartal.

BCL leaders and workers brought out a procession on the campus and held a rally in front of DUCSU building yesterday to protest the hartal.

At the rally, the BCL leaders condemned the opposition for fueling destructive activities throughout the country in the name of the "so called" anti-

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Eight BNP MPs with their

supporters prevented from join-

ing them took out a procession

in Bijoynagar area at around 1

pm. The MPs led by Sadek Hos-

sain Khoka later held a rally in

front of the party central office,

condemning the 'police act of

suppression.' Khoka urged the

home minister to " come to

come out on the streets, leaving

behind his police force and ter-

BNP strongholds and the site of

city BNP office, over 100 po-

licemen sealed off the area.

Armed police guarded rooftops

while others guarded the lanes

and by-lanes. City BNP office

was found locked at around 11

am. Policemen did not allow

trouble spot', Nayabazar, did

not witness any untoward inci-

dent yesterday. BNP activists

were not allowed to assemble

Temple

From page 1

in defence expenditure, non-

functional watchdog institu-

tions, slow administrative re-

form and extortion had pro-

jected a negative picture to the

will get donor support only if it

reviews and implements the

policy measures suggested in

simistic picture of the country's

that the macro-economic situa-

tion is now fragile, some of the

donor representatives talked to

each other whether what Tem-

ple was saying was a reflection

of collective sentiment of the

then took the floor and termed

the statement a pessimistic ob-

servation. He wanted to know

whether this was WB's own ob-

servation or that of the donors

statement goes to the press.

people would be disappointed.

"If you want to give it to the

press, it is your privilege," the

minister was quoted to have

He also said that if the

Finance Minister Kibria

He also drew a very pes-

As the WB official continued

Temple said the government

Local people said the 'usual

any 'outsiders' to enter it.

At Nayabazar, one of the

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overall situation.

government movement and "illogical" hartal. "The opposition parties are calling hartals frequently to save the self-confessed killers of Bangabandhu," alleged BCL president Bahadur Bepari while addressing the rally.

He said that the "conscious" people of the country had already rejected the hartal as it was only aimed at grabbing state power by toppling the government of Sheikh Hasina. The BCL general secretary

urged everyone to resist Khaleda Zia's conspiracy to unleash anarchy and destroy the country's peaceful atmosphere. Among others BCL leaders Shajahan Alam Shaju, Mohfuza Akhter Papi, Anisur Rahman, Liakat Sikder, Ashraful Azim Ruban, and AKM Ajim addressed the rally.

BCL also held a rally at the TSC road island yesterday evening to protest the hartal Awami League leader Abdul Mannan and BCL leaders addressed the rally.

In a joint statement yesterday, Bahadur Bepari and Ajoykar Khokon demanded immediate arrest and exemplary punishment of those who opened fired on BCL leader Rashel and Osmani in Cox's Bazar during the hartal hours on Monday.

Sadek Hossain Khoka told

The daily Star he thought 'fun-

damental human rights were

violated' by this government.

Hundreds of his partymen were

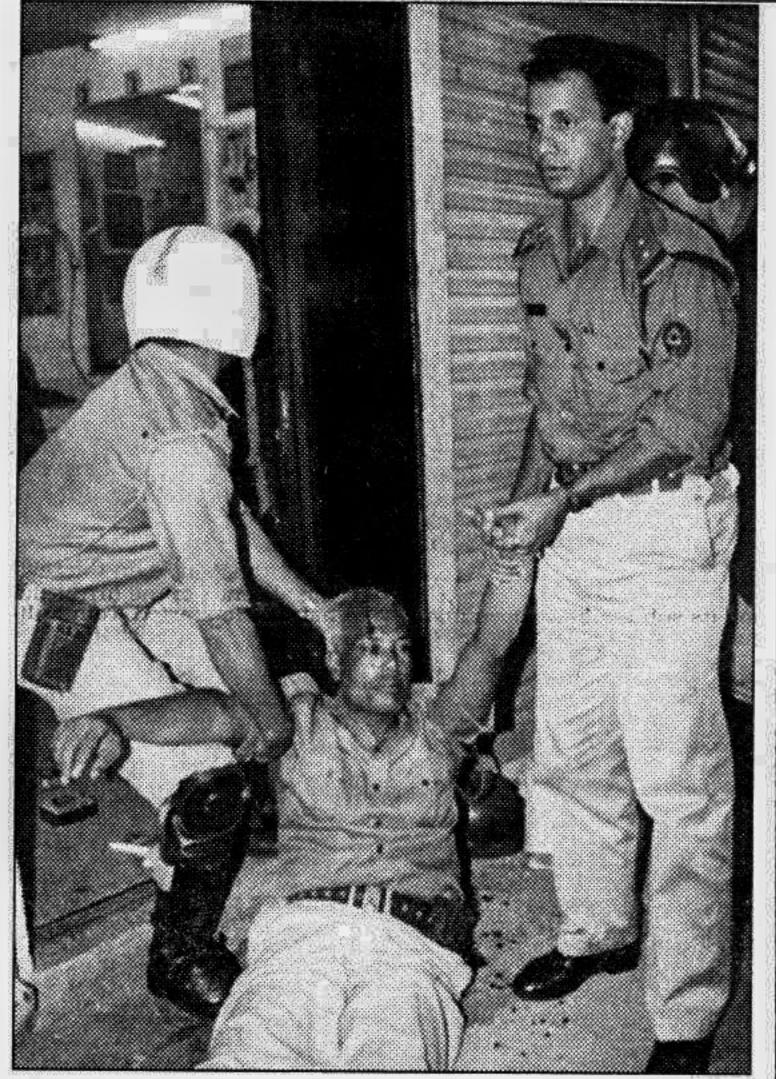
'arrested' during the hartal and

BNP activists at bay

Sporadic clashes and cracker blasts marked the second day of hartal in city's Naya Paltan area yesterday. Star photo



Rickshaws plied on many streets of the city during the 2nd day of hartal yesterday. This picture was taken from Motijheel area. - Star photo,



A policeman was injured in a bomb blast in front of the BNP office at Naya Paltan area yesterday. — Star photo

Cargo handling activity at Ctg Port increased

Cargo handling activity at the Chittagong Sea Port increased last month and the average waiting time of the oceangoing vessels came down remarkably during the period, Port Authority sources said in Dhaka yesterday.

The sources said a total of 9.74,688 metric tons of import and export cargoes were handled in the port last month which was 1,38,326 metric tons higher than that of the corresponding period of last year.

They said the average stay of the vessels reduced to 5.52 days during the month from the 6.63 days of August last year as there was no loss of a single working hour amid port workers' strike during the month.

It said the port handled 36,755 containers and 107 ships to and from it last month showing an increased handling of seven ships and 7,055 EUS containers compared to August of last year.

Of the total amount of last month's handling, 1,00,304 metric tons of food grains, 20,960 metric tons of cement, 17,448 metric tons of fertiliser, 1.260 metric tons of coal 34,866 metric tons of sugar, 25,298 metric tons of edible oil 2.19,282 metric tons of petroleum and oil products, 53,692 metric tons of cement clinker and 3,65,217 metric tons of other goods were imported items.

50 hurt in hartal

From page 1 National Mosque at about 10:30 am. Mahbubur Rahman is an employee of Agrani Bank.

tivists who were preparing to

bring out a procession on

Shahid Farouq Road at Jatra-

bari at about 11 am. Police also

thwarted another such attempt

procession from their Naya

Paltan party office in the after-

noon as police did not allow

anybody except parliament

Jamaat-e-Islami brought a

processions in Maghbazar area in the morning and another in?

Bijoynagar areas in the

evening, chanting various anti-

government slogans. The

evening procession was led by

Jamaat Secretary General

Moulana Matiur Rahman

Jatiya party brought out a

procession in Bijoynagar area in the morning also held a brief

Obituary

Takia Bari died of cardiac ar-

rest at his Siddeshwari resi-

was 58, says a press release.

dence in the city on Monday. He

for burial after a namaj-e-

janaza at Siddeshwari. He was

buried at the family graveyard

His body was taken to Feni

He left behind his wife and

Syed Zainul Abedin of Feni

members to join it.

Nizami.

the same day.

three daughters.

Nine BNP MPs brought out a

at Bangshal in the morning.

party activists were not al-Saidur Rahman was injured lowed to assemble anywhere, he when pickets threw brick bats on a double decker bus at Kazi Tight security at and Para in Mirpur. Rahman was around the BNP central office on the upper floor of the bus. could not prevent violence. At

Passer-by Shahid Mian was 4-55 pm, when the police perinjured when a bomb blasted at sonnel were seen relaxing and Saidabad Bus Stand in the gossiping, several powerful morning. Rickshawpuller Liton bombs were thrown at them at was also injured in a cracker the corner of Inner Circular explosion at Nazimuddin Road Road and Naya Paltan lane. at around 12: 30 pm. Constable Jashimuddin lay on The four injured police perthe pavement with serious head

sonnel were admitted to Rajarbagh police hospital. They Groups of angry policemen are: Nack Bellal Hossen, Haled by at least three officers bilder Farouq Hossen and conthen started shooting and stables Jashim Uddin constable shouting at the 'assailants' who Shahin had simply vanished. They Police lobbed tear gas shells chased curious onlookers into and fired rubber bullets to disthe narrow lane and beat up any perse a group of Opposition ac-

one found loitering. A middle aged resident of the area, who identified himself as Mostafa, was stopped by the frenzied policemen as he came out of the local mosque. He was beaten severely.

Later, the policemen stood in front of the mosque and picked up young men as they came out of the mosque after "Asr" prayers. Within minutes, several microbuses full of plainclothes men entered Naya Paltan lane

AL protest rally at Paltan Maidan today

Dhaka City Awami League will organise a protest rally today against terrorism, bombing and public harassment in the name of hartal called by the opposition political parties, reports BSS.

State Minister for Shipping and General Secretary of Dhaka City AL Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya (Bir Bikram) has requested all peace-loving city dwellers, leaders and workers of the party to attend the meeting to be held at 3 pm at Paltan Maidan, a city AL release said here yesterday.

All educational institutions, shops, business houses and private offices remained closed in the city while attendance was thin at government and semigovernment offices. There was no transaction in private commercial banks. Government

transaction was very thin. A large number of rickshaws were on streets. A few minibuses and BRTC buses plied on VIP roads.

There was no movement of inter-district buses. Railway sources said train services through out the country was almost normal. Only a few trains were delayed by mobs at different stations.

banks remained open but

Rajshahi

At least seven people were injured in a clash between Awami League and BNP activists at around noon yesterday in Railgate area in the city.

Quoting witnesses and police sources, our Rajshahi correspondent reported that both the groups used home-made bombs and brickbats. Police later picked up 24s local leaders and workers of BNP and one activist of Jamaat.

Narayanganj

At least 10 people were injured, one of them bullet- hit, in a gunfight between pro and anti-hartal activists on Narayanganj-Demra road yesterday. Police arrested the bullet-hit man, Jewel, 28, said to be a BNP activist. One pistol and two bullets were recovered from his possession.

Witnesses told our Narayanganj correspondent that the shootout began when local Awami League worker Zafar and his men tried to ply two buses on the road defying the hartal. BNP activists led by Zahur tried to prevent them. Explosion of crackers and exchange of gunshots continued for about half an hour from 7:30 am.

Life in the river port town was otherwise normal and production in mills and factories including Adamjee Jute Mills continued as usual.

Sirajganj

While Awami League leaders and workers were allowed to bring out anti-hartal processions in this district town, police foiled all opposition bids to organise rallies and processions, our Sirajganj correspondent reported. Several people were injured

in sporadic explosion of crack-

Mosharraf invites toreign investment in tourism sector

Civil Aviation and Tourism, Housing and Works Minister Engr Mosharraf Hossain called upon the international entrepreneurs to invest their capital in Bangladesh for expanding the tourism industry, according to a message received in the city from Korea yesterday, reports

The minister was speaking at a function on Saturday on behalf of the ministers of South and South-East Asia, who participated in the International Travel Expo '99 held at the tourism city of Sokcho in South Korea.

The function was organised by Governor of Kangwon province of the Republic of Korea Kim Jin-Sun and Minister for Cultural and Tourism Park Jie-Won

Mosharraf said Bangladesh had identified its tourism industry as one of the flourishing service sectors of the world at the advent of the 21st century.

Citibank

From page 1 40 per cent shares of the national airlines, now dipped in the red.

5,000 employees.

Biman employees will receive nine per cent of the shares cent past. and the rest 51 per cent will be retained by it. The national airlines has a fleet of 11 aircraft and over

Jalal murder

From page 1 spector Zia is the first person who got bail among the sixteen. Lawyers of Zia filed a crimi-

nal appeal before the High Court to set aside the order of lower court regarding the bail of

Earlier, the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's court rejected the bail prayer of Zia.

Meanwhile, the Fifth Addi-

tional Metropolitan Sessions
Judge's Court yesterday adjourned the proceedings of Jalal
murder case till today following
a prayer for time by the prosecution lawyers.

Of the four accused, Inspector Zia appeared before the court yesterday. The jail authorities failed to produce the rest three detained accused due to bartal our court to hartal, our court correspondent reported.

BNP rejects

From page 1 phone last night. Bhuiyan called the offer non-formal and crafty.

The BNP leader said the Prime Minister's sudden offer of dialogue in her address to the nation was a plot to "mislead" the people.

Kibria From page 1

"There was a fear that HIV may spread as the evicted sex workers can not be monitored. But we assured the donors that the displaced sex workers would be located and treated. They have moved to some wellknown locations. So, it will be easy to locate them."

Kibria said there was a lively discussion on project implementation and that the views of the donors and the government were not identical.

The donors maintained that land acquisition and procurement problems along with transfer of project directors delayed implementation of pro-

The government however said the donors imposed difficult conditions which had lead to delays.

"Implementation falters if the line ministries sometimes do not fully own the conditions. I suggested that the World Bank, the ADB, the Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation Division and the ministries concerned sit together and try to solve this problem."

Later, Temple said that Bangladesh had a high incidence of poverty and it needed to grow like the Southeast Asian countries in the their good days.

Nasim

From page 1 don't want to support or take part in any political programme voluntarily.

The Home Minister said due to insecurity, private shops and transports do not want to continue their normal function. Steps were taken so that government and semi-government transport can ply normally during the hartal.

"We don't want to interfere in the democratic rights of any individual or party. We don't even oppose hartal on reasonable demands that concerns people's interest as we did it in the past. But an issue-less and unnecessary hartal creating law and order is not desirable," he said.

Referring to the statements of federation and business leaders, Nasim said they have also requested the concerned political parties not to go for such action programme in the interest of economy.

The Home Minister criticised the opposition for "creating chaos and anarchy by attacking government and private property in the name of socalled siege programme" on September 12.

What is more surprising is that the opposition forcibly imposed a three-day hartal on the people only to cover up their failure," he said.

He alleged that it was the opposition activists who unleashed terrorism, exploded bombs, attacked police and marred the sanctity of Baitul Mukarram Mosque by launching terrorism from there.

Nasim said the government allowed the sit-in and rallies on streets for few hours on that day as the opposition leadership repeatedly announced that their programme would be peaceful. Law enforcers were busy providing security to the Secretariat and public life.

Taking the advantage of the situation, he said, the opposition ransacked various shops and establishments in and around Motijheel area on Sun-

A more dangerous situation could be averted with prompt steps by police, the Home Minister said. "However, I feel sorry for those who suffered losses due to these acts of terrorism." About the opposition's hartal, Nasim said they had failed

to get support from the people. Offices, courts, mills, factories and business houses continued their normal work. In reply to a question about deployment of police at the BNP

office, Nasim said police were kept on alert there so that no pedestrian could be victim of bomb attacks being launched from the office. Even on Monday acid was thrown on police from BNP office, he alleged. He said the government does

not believe in obstructing peace procession or rally although the previous BNP government used tear gas and beat up Awami League leaders and workers in presence of the then opposition leader Sheikh Hasina. The Home Minister said he

is willing to help in any democratic and peaceful programme of the opposition against the government. The administration extended help to the opposition during the road march and mass procession in the re-

He hoped the opposition would return to the negotiating table following the Prime Minister's call and discuss any issue in or outside Parliament.

Flood situation may worsen

Flood situation in Rajshahi, Natore and Kusthia is likely to remain unchanged since the Ganges-Padma system showed a slight rise at its upstream points, reports BSS.

The situation in and around Dhaka and Narayanganj is likely to improve slightly but that in Manikganj, Chapainawabganj, Rajbari, Faridpur, Madaripur, Shariatpur, Munshiganj and Chandpur will further improve, a press release of the Flood Information Centre said vesterday. tre said yesterday. Rivers in the Brahmaputra-

Jamuna system continued to fall at all points while the Meghna and South-Eastern Hill Basins observed both rise and fall during the 24 hours ending at 9:00 am yesterday. Out of the 46 water level

measurement stations being monitored by the centre 10

points are flowing above danger marks 8 points recorded rise 28 points recorded fall and 4 points remained steady in all the river basins.

The monsoon is fairly active over the country with very light to heavy rainfall at many places over the Brahmaputra basins and light to moderately heavy fall at most places with heavy fall at one or two places over the Ganges basin.

Very light to moderate fall at a few places over the Meghna and the south-eastern hill basins were also recorded during the period, the press release

added. Significant rainfall was recorded at Dewanganj with 60.0 mm, Barisal with 50.8 mm, Lama with 48.0 mm, Patu-akhali with 43.1 mm, Satkhira with 35.5 mm and Gaibandha with 27.2 mm during the period.

All goes by plan

From page 1

or violence in the capital, In fact, BNP workers were forced to keep off the streets. They remained stranded at party offices and other spots in the city where attempts were made for carrying out street agi-

Police cordoned the BNP central office at Nava Paltan and its city office at Nayabazar. the two traditional trouble spots during the hartal hours, and sealed off lanes and bylanes to prevent the party workers from usual picketing. Police however relaxed the restriction only for the MPs who were found walking down the streets in a very small number.

Elsewhere, police chased away the BNP processionists and picked up many.

The clampdown on the opposition activists resulted in the sniper bomb attacks at some parts in the city yesterday. At least one constable was hurt in one such attack on some onduty policemen near the BNP central office.

Surprisingly though, activists of two other opposition parties -- Jatiya Party of Ershad and the Jamaat-e-Islami -- were allowed to parade the

As part of its plan to drive BNP calls hartal at Gurudashpur

on Sept 16 NATORE, Sept 14: Gurudashpur thana BNP in the district has called a dawn-to-dusk hartal in the thana on September 16 in protest against the Monday's killing, reports UNB. Convenor of thana Juba Dal Mobidul Islam was hacked to

death during hartal hours on Monday. A case was filed today with Gurudashpur thana accusing 18 people, including thana AL leaders Sarkar Imdadul Haq. Mohammad Ali and Poura Chairman Amzad Hossain.

Additional police have been deployed at the thana headaway BNP from the city streets, AL yesterday brought out "peace processions" and organised public rallies in different city areas against the opposition hartal which they said was devoid of any real issue. A public meeting has been

called at Paltan Maidan at 3.30pm to protest "terrorism and harassment of people unleashed by the opposition during the anti-people hartal".

In a related development, heavyweights in the ruling party meet tomorrow to discuss

the current political situation and the next course of action in view of the opposition movement. Apart from the members of AL Central Working Committee, all ministers and advisers of the party would also attend the crucial meeting.

Cancerous deal

From page chines for the NICRH.

A letter signed by Prof Elahi and addressed to the Director (hospital and clinics), who is also Line Director, Directorate of Health, said, "As priority, one linear accelerator may be procured in 1999/2000," The letter dated April 13 this year also attached specification of the required equipment.

These equipment would be procured for the NICRH in next five years under the Fifth Five Year Health Programme known as the Health and Population Sector Programme (HPSP).

Asked about cancer treatment, some experts said, "Why should there be different recommendations for different countries? It is the same 'human beings' exposed to radiation. It is not the question of people living in developing countries or in the West. The main factor is how safe is the machine."

Meanwhile, six Cobalt-60 machines procured for six government medical college hospitals in 1996, only two are functioning. The other four could not be put to use due to various technical faults, health ministry sources said.

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