

Weather

Light rain forecast

Light rain or drizzle is likely at one or two places over Khulna, Dhaka, Barisal and Sylhet divisions and the region of Pabna, Bogra and Comilla in next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports U.B.

Weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over the country during the period, Met office said.

The country's highest temperature 33.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Teknaf and the lowest 14.2 degree Celsius at Srimongal.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5:53 pm and rises on Wednesday at 6:32 am.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity percentage
Max	Min	Morning Evening
Dhaka	25.6	19.2 50
Chittagong	30.2	18.2 50
Rajshahi	26.2	16.3 56
Khulna	26.0	17.0 60
Barisal	25.5	17.2 71
Sylhet	26.0	15.0 62
Cox's Bazar	31.5	19.5 58



President of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West Rtn. Tawfiq Aziz Khan handing over Tk 34000 to a representative of Missionaries of Charity, Islampur, Dhaka. Members of the club and Dr AK Bardhan (3rd from left) and Dr Dhruv (2nd from left) look on.



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IGP AYBI Siddiquee went to the Rajbari Police Hospital in the city on Sunday to see SI Nurul Islam who was injured by bullet during a raid early Wednesday. The IGP was accompanied by Additional IGP Mahmud Al Farid and the DMP Commissioner Matiur Rahman.



Vice-Chancellor of AMA International University, Bangladesh (AIUB) Carmen Z Lamagna, founder director Hasanul A Hasan, Ishtiaque Abedin, Dean, in charge of School of Business, Dr Anwar Hossain opening the MBA evening programme on Saturday.



Environment Secretary Syed Marghub Murshed addressing the inaugural session of the two-day workshop on 'Environmental Reporting', organised by the Forum of Environmental Journalists of Bangladesh (FEJB) at the National Press Club yesterday.

Free heart camp held

Rotary Club of Dhaka North West held three-day free heart camp recently at the Jatiya Press Club, says a press release.

The camp was conducted by reputed cardiologist Dr A K Bardhan, Head, Cardiology Deptt of Woodlands Hospital Ltd, Calcutta and his colleague Dr Tushar Dhruba, a noted cardiac surgeon. Together they saw around four hundred poor patients free of charge. Members of the press club and their relatives suffering from cardiac diseases were also attended by the doctors.

About 150 patients were offered free facility for ECG by Popular Diagnostic Centre at the Press Club. North West Rotary Club members raised Taka thirty two thousand among themselves and donated thirty four thousand to the Missionaries of Charity of Islampur, Dhaka, which is the organisation of Nobel Peace Prize winner late Mother Teresa, in Bangladesh.

FEMA hands over report on Tangail-8 by-election

A delegation of the Fair Election Monitoring Alliance (FEMA) yesterday handed over its final report on Tangail-8 by-election of the Jatiya Sangsad held on November 15, 1999 to the Acting Chief Election Commissioner Mustaq Ahmed Chowdhury at the Election Commission office, says a press release.

The FEMA delegation was headed by Abul Ahsan, acting chairperson. Among others Feroz M Hassan, secretary general, Ataur Rahman, vice chairperson, Dr Shawkat Ara Hussain, chairperson, media committee, Burhanuddin Ahmed, election consultant of FEMA were present.

The report covers developments and incidents during the pre election, election and post election period and highlighted incidents of violence, intimidation and forcible seizure of polling booths in most cases by militants of the ruling party and in some cases with the help and active connivance of polling personnel and govt officials.

Tk 8 lakh looted from UCBL staff

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Feb 14: A group of armed robbers looted Tk 8 lakh from the staff of a bank on Barwaritala Road here on Sunday.

Officials of the United Commercial Bank Limited were carrying the money to the Sonali Bank. As soon as they started for the bank, the armed robbers intercepted their vehicle.

They snatched away the gun of a bank guard from inside the vehicle and looted a trunk containing Taka eight lakh.

Two robbers, identified as Ratan and Ear Ali of Harisankarpur area in Kushtia town, were caught by the people while others fled towards the River Gorai and crossed it.

The captured robbers were beaten up by the people and injured seriously. They were later admitted to a hospital.

Police recovered an amount of Taka two lakh eighty thousand from the possession of some villagers of the adjacent villages situated on the other bank of the River Gorai.

Maid murdered

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district. She was working as a maid at the residence of Captain Malimuda.

According to police Rahima might have been killed by the gang between 11 am and 1 pm yesterday.

Family sources said during the incident Mahmuda along with her husband went to BIRDEM hospital to visit her mother. They found Rahima hanging from ceiling when they returned home at about 2:30 pm.

Police said they recovered three cups from the servant quarters which were used to serve tea. The killers might have entered the house in the morning and spent some time there before killing the maid, police observed.

The two-day national workshop on 'Impact of Globalisation on Bangladesh', scheduled to begin today, will now be held on February 29 and March 1 due to unavoidable circumstances.

The workshop, organised by Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS), will be inaugurated by State Minister for Planning Dr Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir, said a BISS press release yesterday.

Addressing the function as chief guest, Environment and Forest Secretary Syed Maghub Murshed urged all, including the journalists, to act in a way so that the general people become aware of the situation.

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The workshop was organised by the Forum of Environment Journalists of Bangladesh (FEJB).

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Presided over by the president of the organisation, Quamrul Islam Chowdhury, the workshop was also addressed by DOE director Reazuddin Ahmed.



Activists of four-party opposition alliance brought out a procession in the city yesterday to drum up support for today's dawn-to-dusk hartal and 36-hour hartal from tomorrow.

-- Star photo

Programmes postponed

RU admission tests date changed

RAJSHAHI, Feb 14: The first year admission tests of various departments for the academic year 1999-2000 in Rajshahi University scheduled for February 15, 16 and 17 have been changed due to opposition called hartal, reports U.N.B.

The university authorities today in a press release said that the tests would now be held on February 22, 23 and 24.

According to the fresh schedule, the admission tests of Chemistry, Finance and Banking and Physics will be held on February 22 while tests of Applied Chemistry, Management and Statistics on February 23 and Geography and Environmental Studies and Philosophy and Library and Information Science on February 24.

Date extended

The on-going 5th Bangladesh Cub Camporee, organised by Bangladesh Scouts at the National Scout Training Centre at Mouchak, Gazipur, has been extended by one-day till February 17, says a press release.

DU exams postponed

Dhaka University authorities have postponed all traditional and course system examinations, scheduled to be held on February 15, 16 and 17, says a DU press release.

Fresh date for the examinations will be announced soon. However, other part of the examination schedule will remain unchanged.

Meanwhile, the final examination of the fourth year BBA course No 412 of the Marketing Department of Dhaka University will be held on February 18 instead of February 16, says a department press release.

The examination will begin at 9 am in the morning.

CMP programme cancelled

CHITTAGONG, Feb 14: The Ekushey February Memorial programme of Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) scheduled to be held at Laldighi Maidan tomorrow has been cancelled due to unavoidable circumstances, a CMP press release said here today, reports BSS.

The CMP has expressed regret for the cancellation of the programme.

Seminar postponed

The seminar on 'Integrated Approach to Sustainable Transport Policy', jointly organised by Bangladesh Institute of Planners & REPs, BUET, scheduled to be held on February 16 at the BUET Seminar Hall has been postponed, says a press release.

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A presentation on 'Le Corbusier's Visionary Urbanism in South America' which was scheduled to be held on Thurs-

day will now be held on February 20 due to unavoidable circumstances, says a press release.

Organised jointly by CESTI of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka and the Institute of Architects, Bangladesh (IAB), the seminar will be held at the Alliance Francaise de Dhaka auditorium at 5:00 pm.

Adnan Zillur Morshed, an architect and a PhD student at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), USA will present the keynote paper at the seminar. This presentation will show how the experience and symbolism of flight — a quintessential modern condition — were translated spatially, visually and politically in the design of the future metropolis.

FEMA meet postponed

The Fair Election Monitoring Alliance (FEMA)'s discussion meeting on 'Present Political Impasse' scheduled to be held on February 15 at the seminar room of IDB Bhaban has been shifted to February 19 due to unavoidable circumstances. The time and venue will remain unchanged, says a press release.

CPD-ALRD dialogue deferred

CPD-ALRD dialogue on 'Gender Perspectives on Land and Livelihood' by Professor Bina Agarwal, Institute of Economic Growth, University of Delhi, scheduled to be held today at the BRAC Centre, has been deferred due to unavoidable circumstances, says a press release.

During the meeting, a 25-member governing body for conducting the three-day programme was formed.

Anwarul Islam Bobby's death anniversary

From CU Correspondent CHITTAGONG, Feb 14: BNP-Jamaat backed white panel teachers of Chittagong University (CU) demanded removal of the university to restore academic atmosphere on the campus.

The white panel leaders at a press conference at a city hotel today said the Vice Chancellor and Pro-Vice Chancellor were not appointed according to university rule and during their period at least eight students were killed on the campus. They also threatened to go for greater agitation to press home their demand for removal of the VC and Pro-VC immediately.

Dr Muhammad Shamsuddin, joint convenor of the white panel read out the statement at the press conference. Prof A N M Munir Ahmed, Prof M A Saleh, Prof Dr Ahmed Fazl Hasan Chowdhury, Prof Sidique Ahmed Chowdhury, Prof Sayed Md Atahar, Prof Dr Md Nurul Islam and Prof Md Mahbub Ullah were also present in the press conference.

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Programme to observe Int'l Mother Language Day

The government will organise a three-day cultural programme at the Ramna Batairom from February 20 in observance of the International Mother Language Day, reports BSS.

A decision in this regard was taken at a high level meeting held at the National Museum here yesterday with State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader in the chair.

On February 20 and 21, folk songs, patriotic songs, Nazrul sangeet, Rabindra sangeet, drama, jari gaan, lyrical and dance drama and recitation will be held with the participation of different cultural organisations of the country. On February 22, cultural bodies of small ethnic groups will take part in different programmes. The programme will remain open from 5 pm to 9 pm every day.

The meeting was attended, among others, by Cultural Affairs Secretary Sayed Abdur Rob, Prof Rafiqul Islam, Kalim Sharafi, Sayed Hasan Imam, Ramendu Majumder, Alamgir Kumkum, Asaduzzaman Noor, Director General of Bangla Academy Prof Sayed Arvar Hussain, Director General of National Museum Shamsuzzaman Khan and representative of different cultural organisations.

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