

What's on today....

NSU orientation: The orientation programme of the new students of North South University's English and Computer Science departments will be held. Venue: NSU campus. Time 10.00 am and 11.00 am respectively.

Photo exhibition: In observance of the International Day of Peace 2000 and the opening of Millennium Summit of the United Nations, the UN System in Bangladesh will organise a three-day UN Poster and Photo exhibition. Time 10.00 am. Venue: Gallery of Alliance Francaise, 26 Mirpur Road.

Chief guest Minister of Finance Shah A M S Kibria will inaugurate the exhibition. Prof AK Azad Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor, University of Dhaka will be present as special guest. The function will be presided over by the UN Resident Coordinator Jorgen Lissner.

Meeting: The emergency meeting of the Sammilito Aljibhi Samannaya Parishad (SASP) will be held. Venue: Conference room of Bangladesh Bar Council. Time: 4.00 pm.

Founding anniversary: The weekly Begum will hold a function to celebrate its golden jubilee. Chief guest: Dr Nirmala Ibrahim. Venue: Dhaka Ladies Club, Eskaton Garden. Time: 4.30 pm.

Film Show: Rainbow Film Society will screen *Path of Death and Angels* and the Alchemist and the virgin by Zoltan Kandori. Venue: Goethe Institut, House No 10, Rd No 9, Dhammudi R/A. Time: 5.30 pm.

Exhibition: The second solo news exhibition of freelance journalist Shahiduzzaman Badal will be inaugurated. Venue: Gallery of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Road. Time: 5.30 pm.

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Weather

Light rain likely

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

Moderately heavy falls may occur at places over Chittagong, Barisal and Sylhet divisions and the day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period. Met Office said.

The country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 34.4 degree Celsius at Jessore and the lowest 23.5 degree Celsius at Cox's Bazar.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6.12 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.42 am.

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

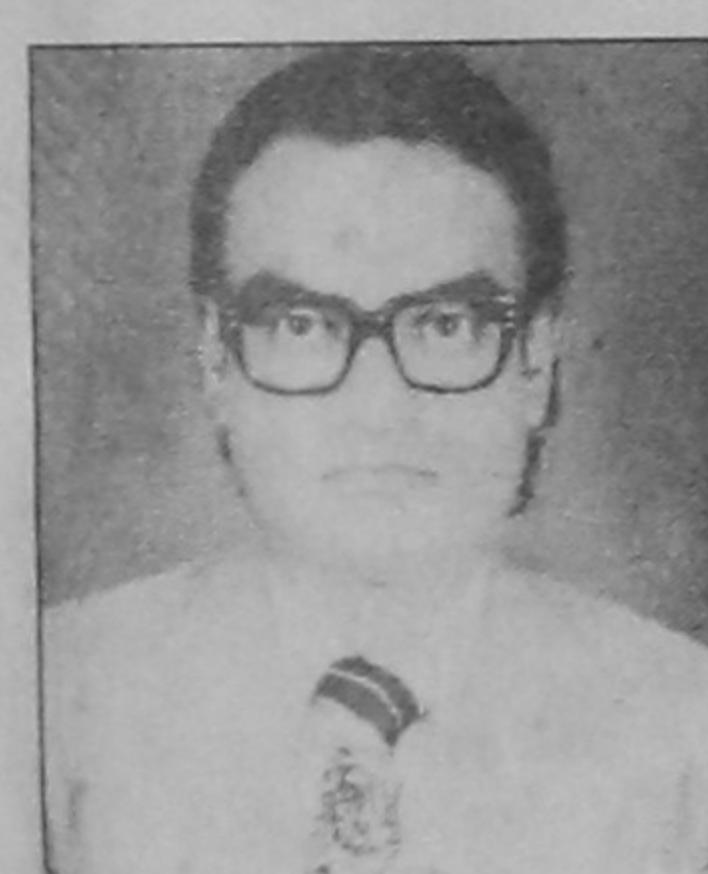
City/Town	Temperature		Humidity in Percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	31.0	27.0	82	83
Chittagong	32.3	24.5	85	98
Rajshahi	31.8	26.7	87	91
Khulna	32.6	27.5	90	91
Barisal	30.5	24.6	90	95
Sylhet	26.0	24.0	100	96
Cox's Bazar	31.7	23.5	84	88

Abducted girl rescued in N'ganj

From Our Correspondent NARAYANGANJ, Sept 4: Sadar thana police rescued a school girl on Sunday night four days after her abduction by local *mastaans*.

The girl Shilu, 13, is a student of Class IV Bangabandhu High School.

Police arrested Idris Biswas in this connection. Shilu and her friend Putuli were abducted on August 30 on their way to school by Idris and Monir at gunpoint. Putuli managed to escape and informed others.



Priyananda Mohathero dead

Venerable Priyananda Mohathero, an eminent Buddhist monk and Vice-President of Bangladesh Buddhist Krishtriya Prachar Sangha died of old age complications at Raazan Gyananda Vihar here last night. He was 78, reports BSS.

A former secretary general of Bangladesh Boudhik Bikkhu Mohasabha late venerable Mohathero was conferred upon Darshan Sagar (an erudite in philosophy).

He left behind a large number of religious colleagues, disciples and devotees.

Meanwhile, Venerable Sudhannanda Mohathero and Dr Pranab Barua, President and Secretary General of the Krishtriya Prachar Sangha and Dr Bikiran Prashad Barua, adviser of the World Fellowship of the Buddhists (Youth) in separate messages condoled the death of venerable Mohathero.

Orientation programme held at AIUB

AMA International University — Bangladesh (AIUB) held an orientation programme for the summer semester 2000 at its newly-built auditorium, on Sunday press a press release.

The morning session of the function was for the undergraduate level consisting of four major areas — Bachelor of Computer Science, Bachelor of Computer Engineering, Bachelor of Electronics and Communication Engineering and Bachelor of Business Administration major in Management Information System. 250 students were selected out of 1300 candidates through the admission test arranged by the university authority.

Evening session of the programme was for the Masters in Business Administration (MBA) programme. A total number of 35 students have enrolled in the MBA programme and were oriented with their new institution.

Ms Carmen Z Lamagna, the Vice Chancellor of the AMA International University Bangladesh presided over the programme as the chief guest. Dr Anwarul Abedin, Founder Chairman, AIUB, Prof Dr T Hossain, the Pro-vice chancellor, AIUB, Prof Dr Anwar Hossain, dean — in charge, School of Business, AIUB, Hasanul A Hasan, Founder & Director HRD & Admin, Ishitaque Abedin, Founder & Director International Affairs, Prof Md Ali Ashraf, AIUB, Dr MZ Mamun, Faculty member, AIUB, Ehsan Uddin Ahmed, Coordinator of Student Affairs, AIUB also spoke on the occasion. Students, guardians, faculty members, university officials and students attended.

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His body was taken to his village home at Uzirpur in the Habiganj district where he was buried in his family graveyard.

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Visitors admire an outfit at a day-long exhibition of Indian fashion designer Ritu Beri's ready-to-wear collection at Hotel Sonargaon's Chitra Hall yesterday. — Star photo

UNESCAP ministerial confce begins in Japan

KITAKYUSHU, Japan, Sept 4: The two-day UNESCAP Ministerial Conference today began here with a pledge to achieve sustainable livelihoods for the people of Asia-Pacific region, reports BSS.

Japanese Minister of State and Director General of Environment Agency Ms. Yoriko Kawaguchi, UNESCAP Executive Secretary Kim HAK-SU, UNEP Executive Director Klaus Toepfer, ADB President Tade Chino, Bangladesh State Minister HN Ashiqur Rahman and Secretary-General of Asia-Pacific Forum of Environment Journalists (APEJ) Quamrul Islam Chowdhury addressed the plenary.

Mr Ashiqur Rahman listed different measures undertaken by Bangladesh for arresting environmental degradation and said as a follow-up of widely acclaimed National Environment Management Action Plan (NEMAP), the implementation of Sustainable Environment Management Programme (SEMP) is well underway to clean up environment, build capacity and raise awareness.

He said with the proper implementation of SEMP Bangladesh Environment Management Project (BEMP) and Air Quality Management Project (AQMP) we can hope that sustainable environment management will have a solid

partnerships that have been forged already, but will also lay the groundwork to explore new opportunities and possibilities for further cooperation at all levels of governments and involving all stakeholders.

Mr Ashiqur Rahman said the conference will build momentum in the region to accelerate preparations for Rio+10. She supported the Indonesian bid for holding Rio+10 conference and said that Asia-Pacific should cohesively and firmly support the plenary.

Mr Kim described the fourth ministerial conference on environment and development as the largest gathering of ministers before the Rio+10 scheduled to be held in 2002 and said the meet will not only strengthen the cooperative efforts and

grounding in Bangladesh.

Mr Rahman said the best example of partnership between government and NGOs is the implementation of SEMP being executed by Bangladesh environment ministry and supported by UNDP as its largest environment programme globally.

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