

Weather Cloudy sky forecast

Light rain or drizzle is likely to occur at one or two places over Rajshahi divisions and the regions of Mymensingh and Tangail till 6pm today, reports UNB.

Table with 4 columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius, Humidity in percentage, and Morning/Evening readings.

Nepal FM's trip

From Page 1 use of the route for five days a week, it is virtually non-functional due to inadequate infrastructural facilities at Banglabandh. The land port needs a regular customs post, and warehousing and telecommunications facilities to develop into a useful transit point.

'PSA will prove AL's bane'

From Page 1 proved that the law is being employed against the BNP leaders and activists, not against the miscreants, terrorists, killers, hijackers because they have connections with the ruling party, Bhuiyan said.

Death anniversary

The first death anniversary of Mohiuddin Ahmed, a veteran journalist and former student leader, will be observed today, says a press release.

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Pak bid for 'Shanghai Five' membership

DUSHANBE, Jan 3 : Pakistan has sought membership of the Shanghai Five, an organisation grouping Russia, China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan which aims to settle border disputes and promote security in Central Asia, a Pakistani embassy spokesman said here today, reports AFP.

BNP: Speaker

From Page 1 reserved seats in parliament expires on March 31, 2001. It requires two-thirds majority to restore the provision by amending the Constitution.

Salt factories

From Page 12 On the other hand, owners of iodised salt factories are being deprived of DOs (delivery orders) from TCB office to meet the growing domestic need.

8 more bodies

From Page 1 received 165 bodies, mostly decomposed and unidentified. One hundred bodies were buried at Chandpur municipal cemetery till midnight last night.

River transport

From Page 1 There are no police in the court, causing security problem. "We have repeatedly failed to catch offenders as we do not have vehicles to travel to the spots," said one of the inspectors requesting anonymity.

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina unveiled the plaque of the foundation stone of 'Vijoy Taranga' to be built in memory of the members of Navy who embraced martyrdom in the great War of Liberation at Chittagong Naval Academy yesterday.

PM: Indian Ocean

From Page 1 She also mentioned their role in saving the people during natural disasters and constructing homes under Arsayan projects for the homeless. On arrival at the parade ground, the Prime Minister was received by Chief of Naval Staff Rear Admiral Abu Taher.

Khaleda urged to join JS

From Page 1 these need special attention. For that, at the end of the last session, I called upon you all to play a due role to bring necessary amendments to the Constitution," the Speaker said in his letter.

Bhuiyan's 'peace move'

From Page 12 guidance. The JCD leaders in the statement also categorically denied newspaper reports that leaders and activists opposed to the new committee challenged the leadership of Khaleda Zia.

'Sun Fest 2001' concludes

By Staff Correspondent Besides, the BAA installed a telescope for space observation in the evening and the participants had had a closer look of the moon, Jupiter, Saturn and other stars.

Indo-Pak troops trade gunfire in Kashmir

NEW DELHI, Jan 3 : Pakistani border guards today opened fire on Indian posts in Kashmir, breaking a month's lull on the border across the disputed Himalayan territory, defence ministry sources here said, reports AFP.

Rupsha Bridge project

From Page 1 gets the project work. Quoting a Japanese high official, the sources said that if the Rupsha bridge work is not awarded to a Japanese company, future Japanese project loan including financing of the proposed Paksu Bridge will suffer.

Mosque burned down in Kashmir

ISLAMABAD, Jan 3 : Pakistan today alleged Indian 'official complicity' in the burning down of a major mosque in the New Delhi-ruled zone of the divided Himalayan state of Kashmir, reports AFP.

BJP to formulate polls strategy today

NEW DELHI, Jan 3 : India's ruling Hindu nationalist BJP party will hold a three-day executive meeting from Thursday to formulate strategy for coming state elections, reports AFP.

Thousands of Afghans stranded at Tajik border

KABUL, Jan 3 : Thousands of displaced Afghans are living under mounting hardship along the country's border with Tajikistan, which has been requested by the United Nations to allow the refugees into its territory, a UN report said today, says AFP.

The fourth death anniversary of Akhtaruzzaman Illias, a noted novelist and a former vice-president of Bangladesh Lekhok Shibir will be observed today, says a press release. The central committee of Lekhok Shibir will place wreath at his graveyard at Bogra today and hold a discussion meeting on his works.