

What's on today....

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Weather

Dry weather likely

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Light rain is likely to occur at one or two places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions, Met Office said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 30.5 degree Celsius was recorded at Patuakhali and the lowest of 10 degree Celsius at Srimongal.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5:39 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:42 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	26.7	15.7	69	61
Chittagong	27.0	11.5	68	71
Rajshahi	27.6	14.2	76	41
Khulna	29.0	13.6	94	83
Barisal	29.5	11.4	89	80
Sylhet	21.0	14.5	75	78
Cox's Bazar	29.0	11.0	66	82

Census programme

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During his enrolment at Bangabhaban Tuesday morning, he sought active cooperation of all in making the programme of head and household count a total success.

This census will continue until January 27 with a view to collecting information for national planning. This year separate information on the disabled and their diseases will also be collected.

The budget for the fourth population census is estimated at Tk 50 crore. The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) will provide Tk five crore for the programme, with the government bearing the rest of the amount.

The minister said the ongoing population census would be more realistic than ever as enumerators for the first time would be able to reach the remote areas of the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT), where they were not allowed to enter before.

"The CHT treaty has created a scope for reaching the remote areas of CHT," the minister said.

He said the survey would be carried out in a greater way in different enclaves of the country to have the actual figures.

The data culled from the census would be marshalled to help set a policymaking strategy for economic emancipation and poverty alleviation, he said.

"It is difficult to take up a target project for development without a real data," Almugir said. The country's present birth rate is 1.34 per cent per annum, informed the minister.

The minister, however, said there might be some errors in the census process but we have also kept provision for correcting the errors.

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been recruited as enumerators. Their activities will be monitored closely by the district and thana level co-ordinators.

The census data will be kept secret and the statistics obtained from the census would be released within the following nine months.

Following the population census, the national economic census would begin from March next. The budget for the economic census is estimated at Tk 50 crore.

The first census in the country was held in 1974.

The press conference held at a local hotel was attended among others by Syed Tanvir Hossain, secretary of Statistics Division, Ministry of Planning.

24-hr strike at all jute, textile mills Feb 13

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Jan 23: Jute and Textile Mills Sangram Parishad has called a 24-hour strike on February 13 demanding full implementation of Wages Commission and repayment of arrears in all jute and textile mills in the country.

The programme was announced at a meeting at Adamjee Labour Welfare Field this afternoon. The meeting was presided over by CBA president Ruhul Amin Sarder. The convener of Sangram Parishad Abdul Basher, past president Rehanuddin Delwar Hossain, Sharifullah also addressed the meeting.

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CID makes little progress

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Maidan explosion, another bomb went off at the nearby Bangabandhu Avenue, killing two and leaving four others injured. One of the four injured succumbed to his injury yesterday.

The home ministry committee questioned Monzurul for an hour starting from 11 in the morning.

There could be a number of reasons behind the explosion, Monzurul told the three-member committee, headed by Additional Secretary Aftab Uddin.

A member of the committee, who requested anonymity, told The Daily Star that Monzurul gave the committee all the information required but it provided no clear clue for the investigators. Nevertheless, the committee is analysing his statement, he added.

Monzurul told the investigators that Himangshu, suspected to have carried the bomb to the CPB rally in his bag, was loyal party member.

He did not rule out the possibility of a link between transport-sector politics and the bomb incident, the probe committee member said.

However, while talking to The Daily Star, Monzurul dismissed the suggestion of a connection

Forest dept

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Research officer, one Law Officer, one Public Relations Officer, two posts of Liberian, three posts Senior Instructors and 12 posts of instructors.

Officials concerned told the meeting that the ministry earlier wrote to the Public Service Commission (PSC) for recruitment of 17 officers. Thirty-three per cent of the recruitment would be made through promotions and the rest by direct advertisement.

Presided over by Committee Chairman Mohammad Tabibur Rahman Sarder, the meeting decided to conduct a country-wide investigation into attempts at making ecological imbalance by depleting forest resources.

A four-member sub-committee, formed earlier, will conduct the investigation on the basis of newspaper reports, meeting sources said.

The meeting thanked Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for inaugurating the eco-park in Chittagong recently.

Work on the second eco-park at Madhabkundu in Moulvibazar district is nearly complete. The Prime Minister is expected to inaugurate the eco-park sometime next month, the meeting was informed.

Among others, Committee members Forest and Environment Minister Syeda Sazeda Chowdhury, Habibur Rahman Mollick, M o l l a h , M o h a m m a d Shahabuddin, Mujibur Rahman and Waheduzzaman Sarker attended the meeting.

State Minister for Forest and Environment H N Ashikur Rahman attended the meeting on special invitation.

Case against Khan

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The full bench of the APD headed by Chief Justice Latifur Rahman gave the stand over on the Civil Miscellaneous Petition (CMP) filed by the state on January 11.

It asked the state attorney to file regular leave petition within 10 days and said that along with regular petition the CMP will be heard.

The APD order came after hearing on the petition. Additional Attorney General Mahbub-e-Alam appeared for the government. Morshed Khan was represented by Barrister Syed Ishtiaque Ahmed.

The government filed the CMP after the High Court issued a rule on January 11, asking the government to show cause why the PSA shall not be declared ultra vires the constitution.

It also gave an order that till hearing of the rule, the petitioner, Morshed Khan and his son Faisal Khan should not be harassed, arrested or disturbed.

Morshed Khan and his son along with others were implicated in a case filed under PSA on charges of rioting and looting of a sweetmeat shop in Chittagong on December 26.

Mass Upsurge Day

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The day represents a milestone in the country's struggle for self-determination, stained with martyrs' blood.

Family of Matiur and teachers and students of the institute have chalked out various programmes to observe the day.

A function to inaugurate Shaheed Matiur Memorial Museum, Library and Science Laboratory will be held at Nabakumar Institute at 3pm. Father of Matiur, Azhar Ali Mallik will inaugurate it while chairman of the National Museum will chair the function.

Gulshan Lake

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Rajuk sources said the CSKS started filling the Gulshan Lake early in the last month and continued up until the Rajuk officials threatened to file a case under the Protection of Playground, Open Space, Park, Natural Water-body and Low-lying Area Act.

At the lake site the Rajuk officials said it might take about three days to clear the water-body from encroachment.

"We will work even at night to remove earth from the lake," said an official.

The officials also said when they started removing earth, one Rahim approached them with some documents of ownership. Rahim had made an advance deed with the CSKS to sell the lake. Rahim claimed to have obtained a de-acquisition document for the lake area from the Deputy Commissioner's office.

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