

Asian Art Biennale begins Jan 9

BSS, Dhaka

The month-long 10th Asian Art Biennale 2001 will begin in the city on January 9.

Sixty countries from Asia, Africa and the Pacific region are likely to take part in the art show, said a Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy press release.

So far, 41 countries have confirmed their participation. They are Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bhutan, China, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, New Zealand, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Philippines,

Qatar, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syria, Thailand, Turkey, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

The art works will be displayed at the galleries of Osmani Memorial Hall, Bangladesh National Museum, and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy.

Three grand prizes worth Tk one lakh each will be awarded to three art works. A 5-member International Jury Committee will select the three best works.

A two-day long international seminar will also be held on January 10 and 11. The subject of seminar is 'Indigenous art traditions, identity and challenges'.

Speaker condemns attack on Indian parliament

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speaker Jamiruddin Sircar in a statement yesterday condemned Thursday's armed attack on the Indian parliament, which left 13 people killed and several others injured.

In a letter to Speaker of Indian Parliament (Lok Sabha) GMC Bhalayogi, Sircar expressed his deep shock at the loss of lives.

"Terrorism can never be a solution to any problem, he said. 'Bangladesh always stands against terrorism and for peace and harmony,' the speaker continued.

He called for a collective effort to eliminate all kinds of terrorism. The Bangladesh speaker urged his counterpart to face the situation with courage.



Performers of a local cultural organisation enact a drama sequence portraying the heinous killing of intellectuals during the Liberation War in 1971 at the Martyred Intellectuals Memorial at Mirpur yesterday.

By-election Interview of BNP nomination seekers Dec 19

UNB, Dhaka

Interview of the BNP nomination seekers for the by-elections to Nral-1 and 2, Barguna-3, Faridpur-4 and Munshiganj-1 parliamentary seats will be held at 5 pm on December 19.

The nomination seekers have been asked to contact the BNP central office within 11 am on the day, said a party press release.

Bijoy mela opens in Ctg on Dec 16

BSS, Chittagong

A ten-day Bijoy mela will be opened on December 16 at the outer stadium and its adjacent areas to mark the Victory Day in the port city.

The fair, however, will start from December 21 due to Eid festival and continue until December 31.

The fair features cultural functions participated by different folk and regional cultural groups from across the country.

WEATHER TODAY

Dry weather likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light rain or drizzle is likely at one or two places over Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions during the next 12 hours still 6 pm today.

Weather is likely to remain dry elsewhere over the country during the period and moderate to thick fog may cover the river basins and coastal belts in the morning, Met Office said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 30.5 degree Celsius was recorded at Teknaf and the lowest of 12.0 degree at Chuadanga.

The sun sets in the capital at 5.14 pm today and rises at 6:34 am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in the major cities and towns yesterday were:

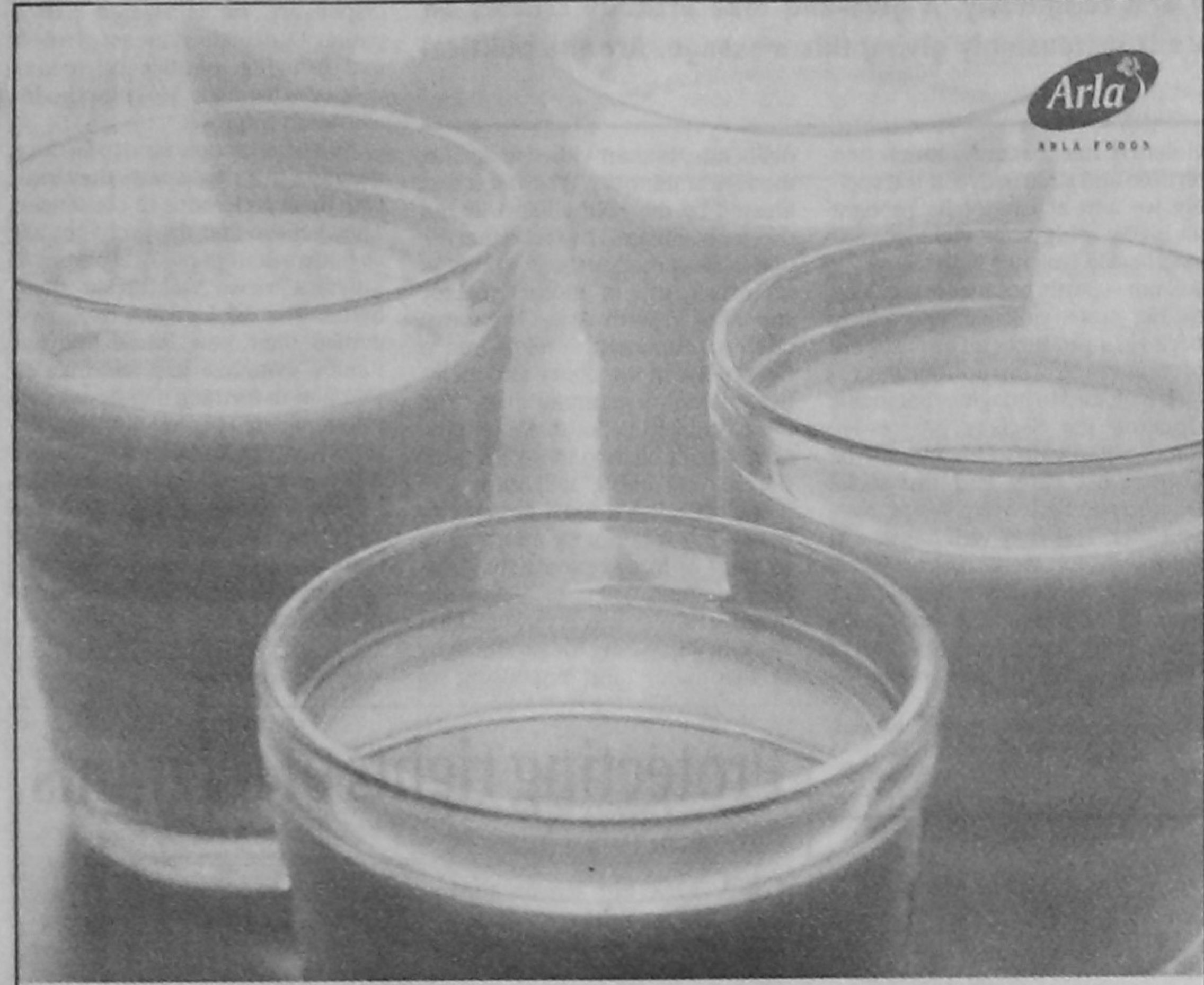
City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	24.5	14.5	98	71
Chittagong	29.1	15.5	76	69
Rajshahi	25.5	13.6	93	82
Khulna	25.7	14.0	98	75
Barisal	25.3	14.6	98	90
Sylhet	27.0	14.2	64	75
Cox's Bazar	28.0	16.5	80	76



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