

Pension for heirs of 7 Bir Shresthas increases

UNB, Dhaka

Pension for the heirs of the seven Bir Shresthas will increase to Tk 2,000 from January 2002.

This was announced at a function, organised at the Bangabhaban in memory of the Bir Shresthas, attended by President A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury.

The Ministry of Freedom Affairs in collaboration with the Armed Forces Division organised the function as part of a three-day government programme on the occasion of three decades of the Victory Day.

Mothers, sisters, brothers and fathers of the seven Bir Shresthas attended the function and received crests and gifts from the President.

The Bir Shresthas are Shaheed Capt Mohiuddin Jahangir, Shaheed Sepoy Hamidur Rahman, Shaheed Sepoy Muhammad Mostafa Kamal, Shaheed Mohammad Ruhul Amin, Shaheed Flight Lt Mottur Rahman, Shaheed Lance Naik Munshi Abdur Rouf and Sha-

heed Naik Nur Muhammad. Addressing the function, the President said the nation remembers the contribution and supreme sacrifice of the Bir Shresthas with gratitude.

He said the contribution of the Bir Shresthas in the country's Liberation War is incomparable.

Earlier, President Chowdhury suggested that the government increase the pension of the family members of the Bir Shresthas and also establish a children's library in the capital in their memory.

"This will help the youngsters know their heroic deeds for their motherland," he said stressing the need for beautification and preservation of the graves of Bir Shresthas who sacrificed their lives for the sake of the country's freedom.

Announcing the increase in pension, State Minister for Freedom Fighters Affairs Redwan Ahmed said the successors of the Bir Shresthas will also be provided with employment.



Prime Minister Khaleda Zia exchanges greetings with the disabled freedom fighters at a reception marking the Victory Day at Bangabhaban on Sunday.

82 army, navy personnel get honorary commission

Eighty-two Armed Forces personnel - 66 from the Bangladesh Army and 16 from the Bangladesh Navy - have been granted honorary commission and promotion on the occasion of the Victory Day, says an ISPR press release.

Forty Subedar Majors of the Army and 13 Master Chief Petty Officers of the Navy received Honorary Commission.

On the other hand, 26 Honorary Lieutenants were promoted to the rank of Honorary Captain in the active list of the Army while three Honorary Sub-Lieutenants were promoted to the rank of Honorary Lieutenant in the active list of the Navy.



Dry weather likely

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Dry weather is likely to prevail over the country with light to moderate fog over the land area and moderate to thick fog over the river basins today.

Met office said night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country and predicted that it may fall significantly at the end of the next 10 days.

Country's highest temperature 30.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sitakunda and the lowest 10.7 degree at Shrimongal.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5.16 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:37 am.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	25.7	14.5	98	58
Chittagong	30.0	14.5	69	72
Rajshahi	25.0	12.0	89	78
Khulna	26.0	13.4	94	72
Barisal	26.4	13.4	96	92
Sylhet	27.0	14.7	66	67
Cox's Bazar	29.0	17.0	81	74

Pragyabangsha Mahathero dead

BSS, Dhaka

Noted Buddhist scholar and founder Director of Sakpura Pragyabangsha Bidarsan Sadhana Kendro Pragyabangsha Mahathero died of old age complications here on Sunday last.

He was 85, says a press release of Samanwaya, an organisation of Dhammarajik Buddhist Monastery Complex, said.

Meanwhile, the close associates, disciples and admirers of the deceased paid glowing tributes to the Buddhist scholar at a condolence meeting and last rituals at the Sakpura meditation center on Monday.

The body has been kept for display at the Sakpura Meditation Center.

Mahathero hailed from Merong-lor village under Ramu upazila of Cox's Bazar district.

Obituary

Alhaj Salema Khatun, wife of late Abdul Basit, died at BIRDEM Hospital on December 14 at the age of 67, says a press release.

She had been suffering from kidney ailments for a long time.

Salema Khatun is survived by three sons, five daughters and nine grandchildren.

She was buried at Pagla mazar graveyard in Bogra on Saturday.

JPC general meeting Dec 22

BSS, Dhaka

The extraordinary general meeting of the Jatiya Press Club (JPC) will be held on December 22 at 11:00 AM in the club auditorium.

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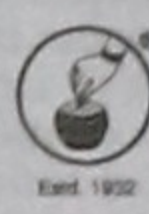
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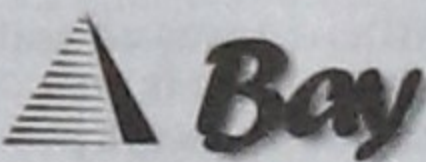


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