

**BCL 25th Nat'l Council Apr 3**

UNB, Dhaka  
Bangladesh Chhatra League has re-fixed date of its 25th National Council.  
The council will now be held on April 3 instead of 7.  
The decision was taken at an emergency meeting of the central executive committee of BCL.  
Meanwhile, BCL president Bahadur Bepari and general secretary Ajay Kar Khokon in a statement yesterday protested the arrest of Sheikh Hasina's special assistant AFM Bahauddin Nasim.

**Selim-Delwar Day observed**

DU CORRESPONDENT  
Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), opposition Awami League's student wing, placed floral wreaths at the memorial plaques of Shaheed Selim and Delwar on the Dhaka University campus yesterday to observe the Shaheed Selim and Delwar Day.

BCL leaders Mohammad Iqbal Hossain Bhuiyan, Tariq Uddin, Salahuddin Mahmood Chowdhury, Afser Uddin Bablu, Serajum Monir Tipu, Sheikh Reza and Saifunnabi Sagor were present among others at the programme.  
Top BCL leaders however did not attend the programme fearing arrest by police, BCL sources said.

**'Link poverty with sustainable dev'**

Consultative workshop in Khulna ahead of Johannesburg Summit

A second workshop for people's consultation as part of a series of six such moots designed to come up with a national assessment report ahead of an August 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) in Johannesburg was held in Khulna yesterday, says a press release.  
Representatives from the government, local bodies, NGOs, professional groups and the civil society from 10 administrative districts including a large part of the Sundarbans mangrove forest attended the workshop.  
With whip Ashraf Hossain MP as chief guest, the inaugural session of the daylong workshop was addressed by Dr Ainun Nishat, Country Representative of IUCN, Monwar Islam, Deputy Secretary of the MoEF, Restadul Islam, Deputy Commissioner of Khulna, Ferdousi Ali, President of Khulna Press Club and Dr Mazharul Hannan of Khulna University. Quamrul Islam Chowdhury, chairman of FEJB, was in the chair.  
Ashraf Hossain at the inaugural session underscored the need for linking poverty with sustainable development. Much of the world's present environmental miseries was caused by the developed countries of the West, he said. Now they are lecturing the poor developing nations on conservation issues "in their own interests." He lamented over what he

called the "double standard" of the developed world.  
It was they who invented polythene and taught us to use it instead of jute. Now although they are lecturing us to shun polythene, they are reluctant to promote environment-friendly jute products.  
He said some local ecological problems like water salinity in the country's southwestern districts stemmed to a great extent from external factors like the Farakka Barrage built by India across the border.  
At the outset, Quamrul Chowdhury, Dr Nishat and Monwar Islam explained the background and objectives of the people's consultative workshops that, they pointed out, were part of the process of preparing a country paper to be presented at the WSSD at Johannesburg in August.  
Dr Nishat pointed out that the series of local level consultative workshops have to be completed by March to ensure that the country's stance on environmental and development issues is duly reflected in the global agenda for action with respect to sustainable development for human kind that the world leaders are expected to craft during the Johannesburg summit.  
"The workshops are designed to elicit views of the people at grassroots, highlighting on-the-spot problems to fight environ-

mental degradation and find out their solutions so that a sustainable future can be ensured for the nation," he said. The idea of sustainable development refers to the idea of continued development without affecting the nature or any group of people, he said.  
Monwar Islam of MoEF pointed out some redeeming features of Bangladesh's development efforts attained over the past decade, citing examples of success in education, food production, EPI and safe water supply. But some of those successes, like in respect of water supply, were often offset by unforeseen hindrances. In this context, he cited the case of arsenic contamination in groundwater in parts of the country that greatly marred much of such successes.  
They said the country paper could have been drafted sitting in the capital Dhaka without caring for views and sentiments of the common people. But that approach has now been changed. Policy planning exercises nowadays are based on people's participation, hence the initiative to hold this series of people's consultative workshops at the country's six divisional headquarters. These workshops are designed to hear the common folks, the professional groups, the NGOs, the civil society and virtually anybody who may be willing to contribute

to the process.  
FEJB Chairman Quamrul Islam Chowdhury, in his presidential address, recounted the purpose for holding the series of people's consultative workshops, giving ample scope for people at the grassroots level as well as professional groups to speak up for themselves. This is very important to ensure public participation in policy planning, entailing a sustainable future for us and our posterity," said Chowdhury.  
After the inaugural session, the participants were divided into three working groups to discuss three broad issues, namely socio-economic aspects, conservation and management of natural resources, and straightening the role of professional groups and organizations.  
The workshop also reviewed progress of Agenda 21 adopted by the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio in the national and local context, and tried to identify the local environment and development issues and problems. It also came up with some suggestions and recommendations for their possible solutions.  
The daylong people's consultation was organised by the Ministry of Environment and Forest, Khulna Division Commissioner's office, FEJB and civil society bodies with support from UNDP under SEMP.

**Reinstatement of Nurses Assoc leader Tapashi demanded**

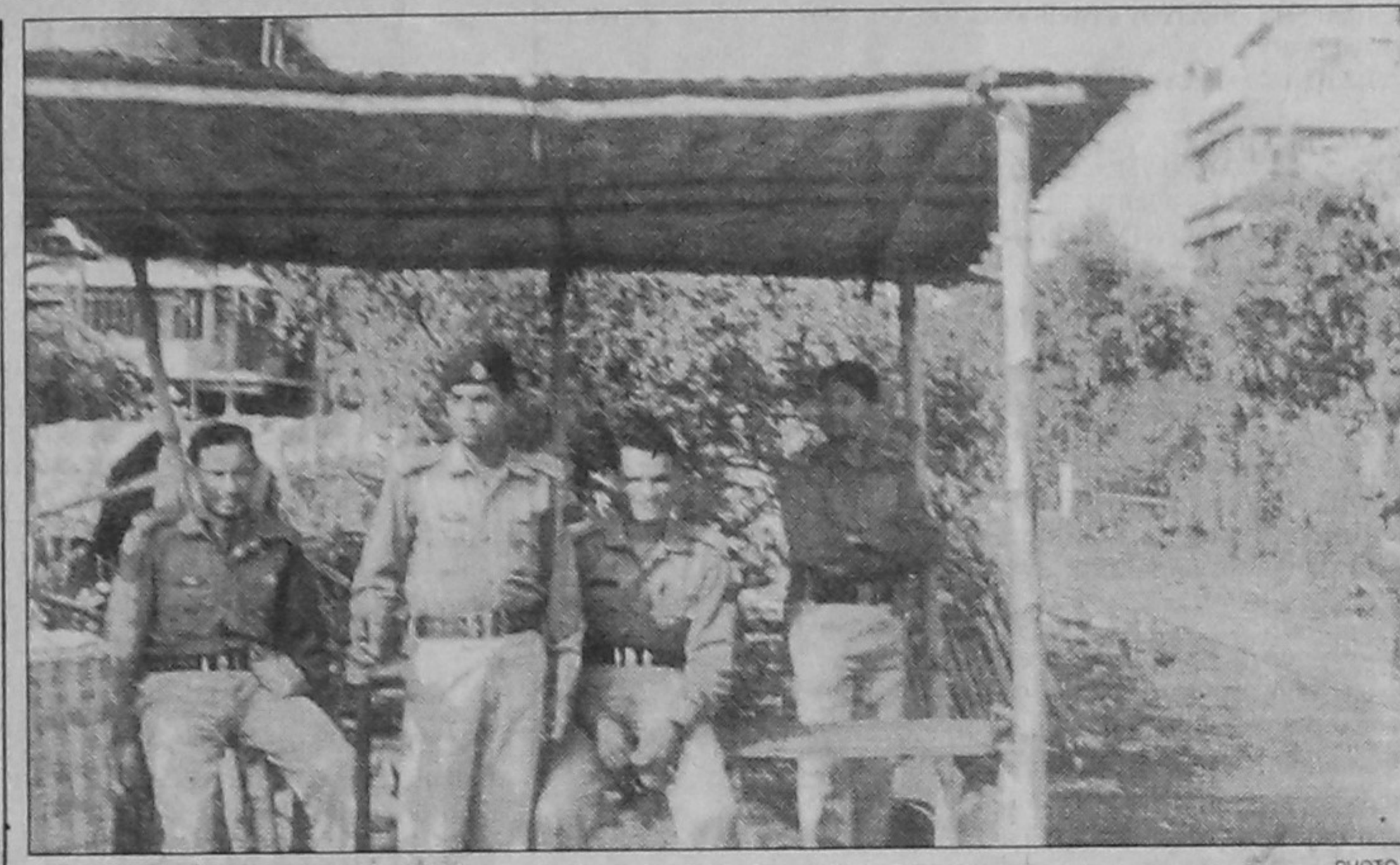
STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
Public Services International Coordinating Committee for Bangladesh has demanded withdrawal of suspension order on Tapashi Bhattacharya, a senior staff nurse of Shaheed Suhrawardy Hospital and president of Diploma Nurses Association of Bangladesh.  
At a press conference in the city on Wednesday, leaders of the committee also demanded immediate reinstatement of Tapashi by stopping all harassment against her.  
Kazi Abdul Halim, president of Bangladesh Jatiya Biddyt Sramik Karmachari Union, Md. Mahfujur Rahman, president of Bangladesh Sarak O Janapath Karmachari Union and Tapashi Bhattacharya were present at the press conference.

**Int'l workshop on broadcasting begins today**

BSS, Dhaka  
A three-day International Workshop on "Broadcasting and Development Communications Strategies in South Asia" will begin at Coitva under Manikganj district today.  
Justice Naimuddin Ahmed presided over the meeting in absence of LETI's President the Chief Justice Mahmudul Amin Chowdhury.  
The meeting approved the annual report on LETI's activities for 2000-2001 submitted by the institute's chairman Barrister M Amirul Islam.  
The balance sheets and the audited accounts of LETI for the period between May 19, 2000 and June 30, 2001, audited by Mamun & Co. Chartered Accountants was approved on being submitted by Syed Ahmed on behalf of LETI's Honorary Treasurer MA Salam Talukder.  
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**LETI's 2nd AGM held in city**

The 2nd Annual General Meeting (AGM-II) of Legal Education & Training Institute (LETI) was held yesterday at the Bar Council Bhaban, says a press release.  
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Makeshift police camp in the crime prone Gopibag area of the city has no bathroom or proper seating facilities for policemen who must work a 12-hour shift.

**AL programmes on March 7, 17 & 26**

UNB, Dhaka  
Awami League has chalked out elaborate programmes to observe the historic March 7, Bangabandhu's birthday on March 17 and Independence Day on March 26.  
On March 7, party leaders and workers will place wreath at the portrait of father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Bangabandhu Museum (Dhanmandi-32) at 7am.  
Awami League will organise a rally at Paltan Maidan at 2:30pm to mark the day. Party chief Sheikh Hasina will preside over the rally.  
To celebrate the 83rd birthday

**Seven firearms seized: 7 held**

BSS, Dhaka  
Police recovered seven firearms with 12 rounds of bullet and arrested seven people from across the country during last 24 hours ending 6am yesterday.  
Besides, police arrested 1281 people including four identified terrorists, 687 warrantees, and 581 accused in different cases under investigation.

**Bashundhara Club formed**

A meeting of the plot owners of Bashundhara Residential Area was held at Bashundhara on February 19, says a press release.  
Syed Anisul Haq, managing director, Bank Asia Limited, presided over the meeting.  
The meeting decided to form Bashundhara Club for the welfare and socio-cultural activities at the residents. It also formed an adhoc committee with Md. Khalilur Rahman as Convener.  
The other members of the committee are: Mahbub Jamil, chairman & managing director, Singer Bangladesh Limited, Syed Anisul Haq, managing director, Bank Asia, Alamgir Farooq Chowdhury, former secretary Dr. Farhat Hossain, professor of Dhaka University, Mahabubur Rashid, senior vice president, South East Bank, Reza Ali, managing director, Bitopi Advertising Ltd., Aminur Rahman, director, Eagle Star Textiles Mills Ltd. and Atfalul Islam, president, American Chamber of Commerce, Bangladesh.

**Dr. Gafur dead**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
Dr. Abdul Gafur, a noted economist and former Director, Research of the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) died of a heart attack on Wednesday afternoon at the age of 67.  
He left behind his wife and a daughter.  
Dr. Gafur was the president of Research and Development Collective and the Bangladesh Economic Association.  
His Quikhwani will be held at his Green Road residence in the city today after the Asr prayers.



**DHAKA TODAY**

**Inauguration**  
The inaugural ceremony of VOLVO Double Decker Bus Service will be held with Communication Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda as chief guest. Venue: BRTC Double Decker Bus Depot, Mirpur. Time: 10.00am.

**Meeting**  
A meeting of Masterda Suryasen Parishad will be held. Venue: Chattagram Samity Bhaban. Time: 4.30pm.

**Discussion**  
Nangrantha Prabartana will hold a discussion on 'Globalisation and Our Role'. Venue: Nangrantha Prabartana. Time: 4.00pm.

**Reception**  
APEX Bangladesh District-1 will hold a reception for renowned singers Fanda Parveen and Subir Nandi. Venue: Public Library Auditorium, Shahbagh. Time: 6.30pm.

**Film Show**  
Under its weekly Friday Movies programme, the Alliance Francaise will screen two films titled 'Jour de fete' and 'Colonel Chabert'. Venue: Alliance Francaise. Time: 10.30am. and 6.00pm. respectively.

**Discussion**  
Bangladesh Trade Union Kendra will organise a discussion meeting in observance of Shaheed Tajul Day. Venue: Tajul Smriti Auditorium, 23/2 Purnanpattan. Time: 4.00pm.

**Memorial meeting**  
A memorial meeting will be held in connection with the observance of 27th death anniversary of Ruhul Amin Kaiser. Venue: News Bank Auditorium, 33 Topkhana Road. Time: 4.00pm.

**Meeting**  
The Convenor Committee of People's Health Movement will hold a discussion meeting. Venue: DORP Central Office, 44/10 West Panthapath. Time: 5.00pm.

**Film Show**  
Zahir Rahman Film Society will screen a film titled 'Salam Bombay' by Mira Nair. Venue: High Commission of India Cultural Centre, 754 Salmasjid Road, Dhanmondi. Time: 6.00pm.

**10 VOLVO buses to ply on city route from today**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
Ten luxurious VOLVO buses will ply on Mirpur to Motijheel route in the city from today.  
Minister for Communications Barrister Nazmul Huda will inaugurate the bus service at Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC) bus depot at Mirpur-12.  
This was stated by the Chairman of BRTC Advocate Taimur Alam Khandaker at a press conference held at the BRTC conference room yesterday.  
The bus-fare has been fixed at Tk 6 from Mirpur to Farmgate and Tk 12 from Mirpur to Motijheel.  
There will be twelve stoppages on the route. These are: Mirpur-12, Pallabi, Mirpur-10, Shewrapara, Farmgate, Shahbagh, Press Club, GPO, Gulistan, Balaka Chatter (Biman office) and Motijheel (Shapla Chatter).  
The fully automatic 120-seated bus can carry 160 passengers including standing ones.  
The route will be made rickshaw-free for smooth movement of the bus.  
To run the buses successfully, the VOLVO Bus Corporation has been conducting training for the officials, employees, drivers and technicians of the BRTC. An expert team of SIDA will monitor the operation of the buses for five years.  
BRTC has procured 50 VOLVO buses with the financial assistance of the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA). The cost of each bus is Tk 1 crore and 87 thousand.  
The other buses will be pressed in to service within six months.  
The BRTC chairman hoped that the environment-friendly VOLVO bus will help reduce the traffic jam and air pollution in the capital.  
The Registrar/Dean of Administration and Student Affairs and all members of faculties and administration attended the reunion.  
They discussed different matters relating to the progress of the UAP in a congenial atmosphere.

**Jessore Press Club President Farazi expelled**

BSS, Jessore  
Farazi Azmal Hossain, President of Jessore Press Club, has been expelled from the club and Saha Kiran Kumar Kochi, senior vice-president of the club, was relieved of his position on various allegations.  
It was decided at the special general meeting of the club yesterday with vice president Binoy Krishna Mallick in the chair.

**Chehlum Eid Reunion**

Chehlum of Alhaj Ali Mehdi Khan of Kanakpur under Maulvibazar district will be held today, says a press release.  
On this occasion, a doa mahfil will be held at his residence. Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend it.  
Mehdi Khan died in Dhaka on January 23.



**Bangladesh festival in Myanmar soon**

BSS, Dhaka  
The "Bangladesh Festival" is going to be held in Myanmar in the last week of March with a view to exploring alternative markets of locally manufactured products to its nearest neighbour, official sources said.  
The Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) and Bangladesh-Myanmar Business Promotions Council are jointly organising the festival.  
Commerce Minister Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury is expected to lead a delegation comprising representatives of the government and private sector in the Bangladesh festival, first of its kind in Myanmar. Leading manufacturers of garment and textile products will also join the festival.  
The government decided to organise the festival as part of its move to explore alternative markets for different exportable items, especially garment products, in the back drop of global recession in economy and high competition in export market, commerce ministry officials said.  
Programmes of the festival include seminar on potentialities of Bangladesh products, exhibition of Bangladeshi products, exhibition of traditional foods of Bangladesh and cultural function, organisers said.  
There is also possibility to set up a permanent exhibition centre in Myanmar to expand trade and commerce between the two countries.  
Chairman of the Bangladesh-Myanmar Business Promotions Council Syed Mahmudul Haque said Myanmar has a great political and economic significance since the country is the nearest neighbour of Bangladesh.  
"Both the countries have immense potentialities in trade and commerce sectors, but that have not yet been utilised," he said.  
He said the festival is going to be held in Myanmar as a move to restore economic relations between the two countries that existed in ancient periods.  
According to the organisers, Myanmar has been maintaining border trades with its four neighbours including Bangladesh.  
"Bangladesh exported goods worth 2.23 crore US dollars to Myanmar while imported different items worth 13 lakh dollars," available figures show.

**WEATHER TODAY**

**Dry weather likely**

UNB, Dhaka  
Weather may remain mainly dry over the country today.  
Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged and slight rise in day temperature is expected, Met office said.  
Country's highest temperature 32.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Chittagong, Sitakunda and Jessore and the lowest 11.0 degree at Srimongal.  
The sun sets in the capital today at 6:01 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:20am.  
Highest and lowest temperature and humidity in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	29.8	17.1	42	35
Chittagong	32.0	17.2	64	66
Rajshahi	30.3	13.2	54	45
Khulna	31.5	16.1	72	61
Barisal	31.4	15.3	59	52
Sylhet	29.3	14.0	54	48
Cox's Bazar	31.6	19.4	48	58

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