



WEATHER TODAY

Thundershower likely

UNB, Dhaka
Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi, Barisal and Khulna divisions during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today.

Day temperature may rise slightly over the country during the period. Met offices said.
Yesterday's highest temperature of 34.6 degree Celsius was recorded at Mongla and lowest of 22.7 degree Celsius at Khulna.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:47 pm today and rises at 5:11 am tomorrow.

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

Table with 5 columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning, Evening). Rows include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet, Cox's Bazar.



The Sylhet Division Development Action Council staged a demonstration in the city yesterday demanding compensation for the victims of Magurchhara gas-field explosion.

UP chairman stabbed to death at Sirajganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

A union parishad (UP) chairman was stabbed to death by unidentified assailants at Bahirgola Road in the town Thursday morning.

The victim, Khadamul Islam Moni, 48, Chairman of Saidabad union under Sadar thana and a local leader of Awami League, was stabbed near Bahirgola power house at about 7:30 am.

Family sources said he went out for morning walk at 6:30 am.

Rokeya Khatun, wife of Khadam, filed a murder case with Kotwali police.

The body was sent to Sirajganj General Hospital for autopsy.

UNB adds: Former Minister and Awami League Organising Secretary Mohammad Nasim yesterday protested and condemned the killing of Sirajganj Awami League leader and UP chairman Khadamul Islam Moni.

In a statement, he said the law and order situation in Sirajganj has totally collapsed as the ruling party-backed criminals are engaged in killing, rape, extortion and looting.

The AL leader regretted that the criminals who attacked his motorcade and killed AL leader Abdul Kuddus recently are yet to be arrested.

Outlaw killed in Jhenidah

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

An activist of an outlawed party was killed by his opponents at Barapota village in Harinakunda upazila on Wednesday night.

Local people said about six armed men swooped on the house of Rabiul Islam, 42, an activist of outlawed Biplobi Communist Party, and picked him up from his house at Khaspara village in Alamdanga thana of Chuadanga district.

They took him to a field nearby and shot and stabbed him. He died on the spot.

Police recovered the body on Thursday. Police suspected that establishing supremacy over the area was the reason for the killing.

However, none was arrested till Tuesday evening.

JICA urges govt to expand poultry farming

UNB, Dhaka

Vice-President of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Thursday said support to small-scale farmers in poultry farming would help reduce poverty in Bangladesh.

In an interview with UNB, Shinko Suzuki, who came here to evaluate the JICA-aided Poultry Management Technique Improvement Project, termed it a successful project. "Now it is the turn of the government to expand it across the country," he said.

The five-year project that will end in October this year set up a highly sophisticated laboratory in the Bangladesh Livestock Research Institute (BLRI) in Savar, trained 18 scientific officers and 48 small farmers in four districts.

Suzuki, who visited a project site in Dinajpur, described it as a success story. Citing an example, he said a female model farmer bought a cockerel from her husband and sent her children to school with her success in poultry farming.

He said 12 farmers each were chosen from Cox's Bazar, Dinajpur, Bogra and Barisal and they were trained on how to keep the poultry birds, control diseases and how to manage the business.

The JICA vice president said the poultry breed, which was developed here is different from broiler. The new breed poultry birds will start laying eggs after becoming 20 weeks old and will continue till 60 weeks. After that the poultry bird can be sold for meat, he said.

Suzuki said the model farmers were given 100 to 200 poultry birds and if anyone using the technique owns a farm having 100 poultry birds he can easily earn Tk 500 a week.

"We have given the technology of high breed poultry birds and developed the technique and now it is the turn of the government to disseminate it across the country among the small farmers," he said.

This high breed poultry will be able to lay over 300 eggs in 40

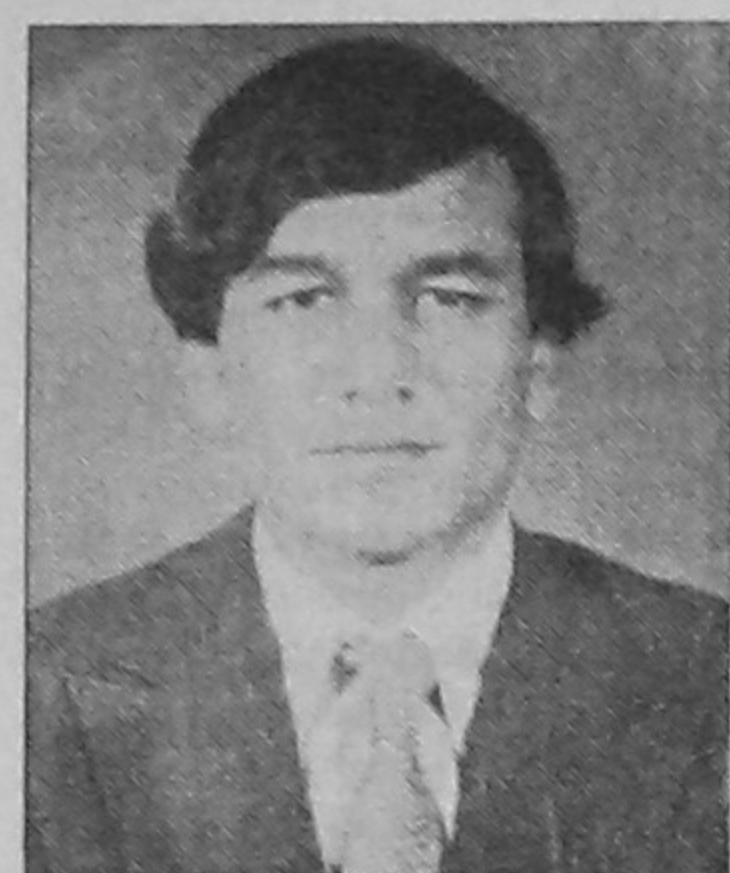
weeks time and selling eggs and later the bird for meat will help the poor farmers to bring a change in their quality of life, he said.

On a question, he said JICA is ready to come forward with more technical cooperation seeing the initiative of the government in this field.

About problems in this sector, he said price of poultry feed needs to be brought down through research. Measures should be taken to enable farmers bring down production cost. The government will have to provide the initial cost through various channels for the small-scale farmers.

Asked on which sector JICA will put emphasis in future, Suzuki said sectors like agriculture, rural development, education and health will get the priority.

He said Japan is ready to extend its further cooperation to build up country's infrastructure and also to help Bangladesh to produce new products for export.



Journalists to observe Black Day tomorrow

BSS, Dhaka

Journalists across the country will observe 'Black Day' for newspapers tomorrow marking the closure of all dailies excepting four on June 16 in 1975.

The then Awami League government in its attempt to establish one-party rule in the country promulgated the Newspaper (Annulment of Declaration) Ordinance 1975, gagging the freedom of the press and rendering thousands of journalists and newspaper employees jobless.

Different organisations including the journalists unions have drawn up elaborate programmes to observe the day. The Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ), the Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) and the National Press Club have organised a discussion on the day.

Television and radio channels of the country will broadcast programmes highlighting the inseparable relations between press freedom and democracy. Major national dailies will publish special supplements on the occasion.

Obituary

Shameem Ahmed, son of late Quazi Nayeemuddin Ahmed, died of a cardiac arrest early yesterday at the age of 50, says a press release.

He is survived by his wife, one son, one sister and one brother.

Shameem had worked in the news section of The Daily Star for some time.

His namaz-e-janaza was held after Juma prayers yesterday and he was buried at the Azampur graveyard.

His qulhwani will be held after Maghrib prayers on June 18.

Friends and relatives have been requested to attend the qulhwani.

জাতীয় ক্রীড়া পরিষদ
পুনঃ দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি
জাতীয় ক্রীড়া পরিষদ থেকে প্রকাশিত পাব্লিক 'ক্রীড়াঙ্গণত' পত্রিকা চুক্তিভিত্তিক হাঙ্গার জন্য প্রকৃত হাঙ্গারবানার মালিকদের নিকট থেকে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে।

Bangladesh Postal Department
Tender Notice
No. Dir-2/2-32/2001-2002
Sealed tenders are hereby invited by Director General, Bangladesh Postal Department, Dhaka from respective supplier firms/contractors/local agents for supply & installation of photocopy machines under the project titled "Procurement of Mobile van & other machinery for Bangladesh Postal Department."

BCIC
Re-Tender Notice
বিসিআইসি'র পণ্য শিল্পায়নে জাতীয় অগ্রগতির প্রতীক
The Managing Director, Zia Fertilizer Company Limited, Ashuganj, Brahmanbaria invites sealed tender in two envelope system for carrying of Sulphuric Acid Tanker against Tender No. CM/Tanker Paribahan/2001.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Invitation for Bids (IFB)
The submission of bids against Invitation for Bids (IFB) No. CMSD/G-305/2000-2001/D-3/16 dated 15-11-2001 regarding the procurement of "Anesthesia Machines" was postponed earlier through its amendment published in "The Daily Star".

Madaripur Pourashava
Tender Notice
No. 02/2001-2002
The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received credit from Asian Development Bank (ADB) under ADB Loan No 1376-BAN(SF) towards the cost of Secondary Towns Infrastructure Development Project-II of 22 pourashava namely Bagerhat, Barisal, Brahmanbaria, Chandpur, Chapainawabganj, Comilla, Faridpur, Gaibandha, Gopalganj, Jamalpur, Jessore, Jhenidah, Madaripur, Magura, Munshiganj, Natore, Noakhali, Rajbari, Rangamati, Sirajganj, Tangail & Thakurgaon.

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National Tree Plantation Campaign
Joybanga Sangskritik
Oikya Jote
Archives and Library
Rifles Public School and College
Jatiya Party
Dhaka Public College
Rotary meeting
Democracywatch
Workshop