human chain

diately. Otherwise, the govern-

ment will have to face a tough

agitation programme to be par-

ticipated by 30 thousand lawyers

cluding Advocates Sardar Mo-

hammad Surruzzaman, Shud-

hangshu Shekhor Haldar, AKM

Sohrab, Anwarul Kader, Khan-

hammad Israfil, Md Kamrul Islam,

Sirajul Islam, Md Khorshed Mia

Alam, Md Abu Abdullah Bhuiyan,

A large number of lawyers in-

across the country, he added.

Khoka for appropriate ways for waste management

BSS, Dhaka

Mayor Sadek Hossain Khoka yes-*terday stressed the need for finding out appropriate ways for garbage management in the city.

"We should immediately consider a project for converting the daily garbage of the city into resources," he said this while he was inaugurating a daylong workshop on "Solid Waste Management and Composting under the Environmental Sanitation, Hygiene and Water Supply in Urban Slums and Fringes Project" at a hotel here.

The workshop was jointly organised by Public Health Engineering. Department (DPHE), UNICEF and Waste Concern. Chaired by Chief Engineer of DPHE engineer Ishaq Ali, the function was also addressed by Chief of Waste Section of UNICEF nator Rosella Morelli and Prof shop.

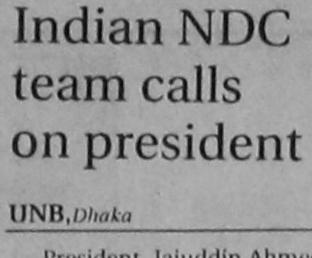
Mujibur Rahman of BUET.

Khoka also Minister for Fisheries and Livestocks said the corporation had already started bargaining with the government for selecting three more places for dumping city garbage.

The speakers of the workshop criticising the dumping process of garbage and its management and the callousness of people, said the uncovered garbage on the city streets are not only hampering public health but also obstructing movement of pedestrians on foot-

Stressing the garbage processing and conversion of organic waste into compost as essential, they said the organic waste could be converted into resources by reuse and re-cycling.

Chairman of nine municipali-Colin Davis, Programme Coordi- ties also took part in the work-



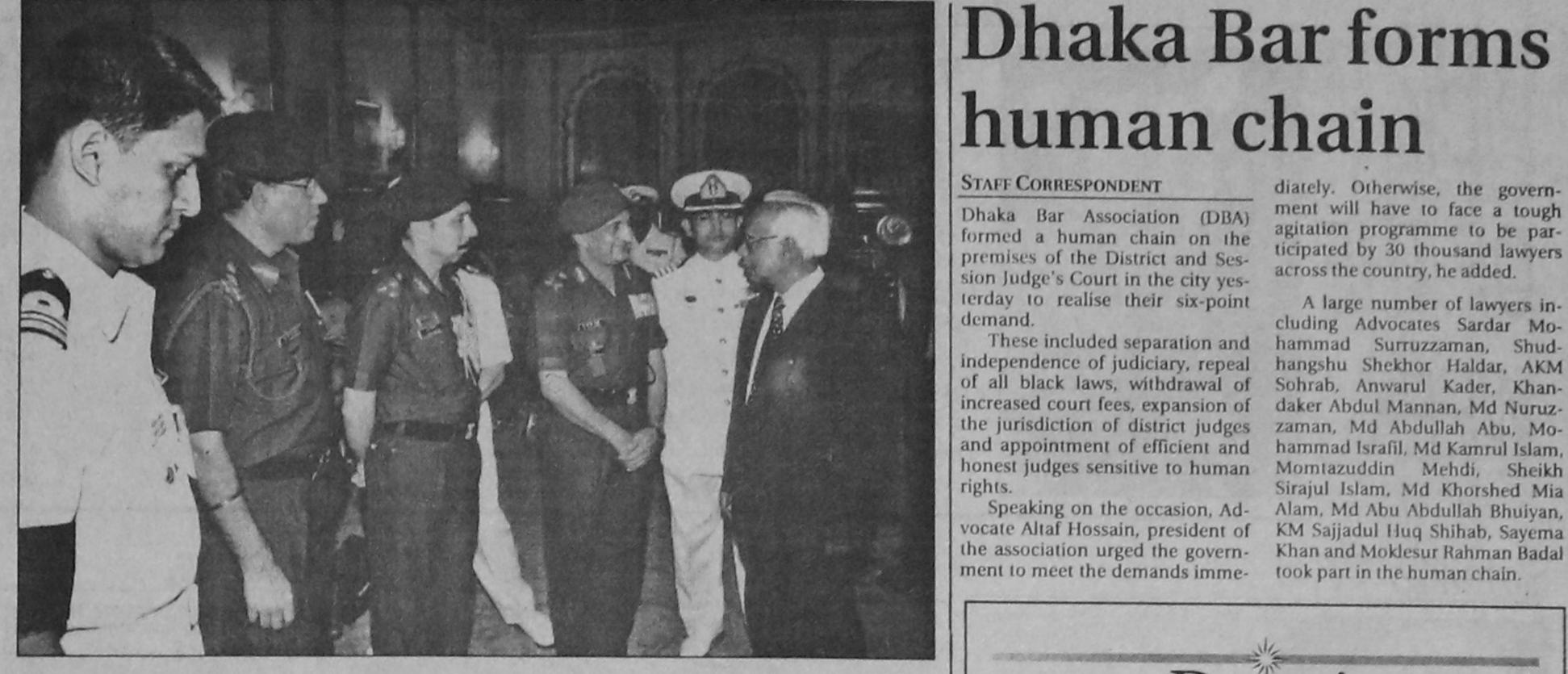
President Iajuddin Ahmed has said close cooperation and exchange of ideas among defence officials of India and Bangladesh would widen their knowledge and professional expertise.

He said this when the visiting delegation of Indian National Defence College (NDC) called on him at Bangabhaban yesterday.

Welcoming the 21-member delegation, the President said their visit would help develop understanding among defence officials of the two countries. Later the delegation left for

home ending their four-day visit. Senior military officials and officials of Indian High Commission saw off the Indian delegation at the Zia International Airport, said an ISPR press release.

Prior to their departure, the delegation members met Defence Secretary KM Ehsanul Haq at Defence Ministry in the morning.



The visiting delegation of Indian National Defence College (NDC) called on President lajuddin Ahmed at

Bangabhaban in the city yesterday.

Call for constitutional recognition of indigenous people

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a publication ceremony yesterday called for constitutional recognition of the indigenous people, including Santals, to protect the endangered commu-

They said the members of the indigenous communities are a part of our society, but they are not recognised constitutionally although all the citizens of Bangladesh are identified as Bangladeshi.

The publication ceremony of the book, 'In Search of a Withering Community: Santals of Bangladesh', published by Empowerment Through Law of the Common People (ELCOP), was held at the National Press Club in the city vesterday.

Former chief advisor of the caretaker government Justice Habibur Rahman launched the research-based book on the life, problems and status of Santals in - of the Santals.

our society. Some Law students of Dhaka, Rajshahi, Chittagong and Islamic Universities conducted the research on the Santals Community

in Dinajpur. Prof. KAAF Qamruddin, chairman of ELCOP, presided over the

ceremony. Zahirul Haq Tutul, one of the researchers, said that the Santals are losing their identity as well as their culture and land because of the dominance of the majority

communities. He said the majority communities of the country have no har-

Increased quota for tribal students demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chittagong Hill Tracts Regional Parishad yesterday submitted a memorandum to the acting vice chancellor of Dhaka University demanding increased quota for the tribal students.

Their demands also included reservation of two seats in every department instead of existing 25 seats in the university and admission of tribal students under special consideration with priority to most backward tribal students.

Besides, more residential facilities and scholarships for tribal students for research and higher education in abroad were also said.

included in their demands. handed over the memorandum to the acting vice chancellor Prof during the period.

AFM Yusuf Haider. placed at the admission committee for taking necessary steps.

mony with the Santals and they make the Santals territorially isolated. "The Santals are now failing to preserve their own culture. norms and values because of the rude behaviour and provocation of the majority communities."

Another researcher Md. Ashraful H Chowdhury said the governance system of the Santal community is not a primitive one - it is a unique system that ensures people's participation and ac countability in their community.

Prof. Mesbah Kamal of Dhaka University said the 'cultural hegemony' of the majority section of the society is leading to the abolition of the indigenous culture. Justice Habibur Rahman said

the problems of the Santals can be solved under the existing laws.

Rabindra Nath Saren, general secretary of the advisory Parishad of the book, urged the government to recognise the constitutional rights and restore the land rights

National policy for examination demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Federation of Teachers' Association (BFTA) yesterday urged the government to set up a task force immediately to formulate a national policy for examination, says a press release.

Terming the failure of lakh of students in HSC examination this year 'a national wastage', the BFTA said the ineptness of the current examination system has once again been proved through this disastrous result.

The BFTA urged the authorities to set up the task force comprising experienced teachers, education experts, guardians and teachers' representatives to formulate a suitable national policy for exami-

It would extend all possible help in this regard, the BFTA

547 attacked with diarrhoea

BSS, Dhaka

A total of 547 people were attacked with diarrhoea yesterday across the country but none died, Health Directorate Control Room sources

The sources said 74,727 people A delegation of the parishad have been attacked with the disease since July 1. Of them, 46 died

A total of 1,220 medical teams The VC assured the delegation are working and 21 makeshift that their demands would be camps offering treatment in 106 upazilas under 21 districts of the country.



The Bangladesh Red Crescent Society distributed relief materials among the flood victims at Mesra and Kaowakhola in Sirajganj district on Wednesday, Second Secretary of German Embassy Schwenn Kay and programme officer of International Federation of Red Cross John Haldar were present at the distribution ceremony.

be set up in Dhaka

BSS, Dhaka

(CHT Bhaban)' will be constructed in the capital soon to create infrastructures for housing infocultural centre for 13 CHT tribes.

The CHT Bhaban will also provide temporary accommodation to visiting people from Rangamati, Khagrachhari and Bandarban.

The multi-storied Parbattya Chattagram Bhaban will be constructed in Dhanmondi or Tejgaon area, State Minister for Housing and Public Works Alamgir Kabir said yesterday.

Students observe Rimu Day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Different student organisations observed Rimu Day in the city yesterday.

On this day in 1993, Rimu, a leader of Bangladesh Chhatra Moitree (BCM); Rajshahi University (RU) unit, was killed by Islami Chhatra Shibir cadres on the cam-

The BCM took out a procession from the High Court intersection in the morning and marched towards the Central Shaheed Minar to place wreath.

Left-leaning Gonotantrik Chhatra Oikya and Progressive Students Unity also brought out processions and marched towards the Central Shaheed Minar.

Police intercepted the processions at the Doel Chattar by putting up barricade. Later, they allowed three student representatives to go to the Shaheed Minar to place wreath.

Obituary

CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Abdul Bari, a journalist of the daily Uttarbarta died of a massive heart attack at a local clinic on Wednesday night at the age of 48.

He left behind his wife, two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death.

The namaj-e-janaza for Bari was held after the Mugrib prayers. He was laid to rest at his family graveyard at village Hatfulbari under Sariakandi upazila.

Bogra Press Club President Mahbul-ul-Alam and Secretary Milon Rahman of Bogra Journalist Union (BUJ) President AHM Akhtaruzzam and Secretary Mahmudur Rahman condoled the death of Bari. They expressed sympathy to the members of the bereaved family and prayed for peace of the departed soul.

Death anniversary The first death

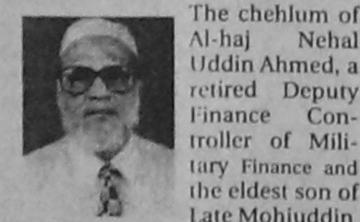


anniversary of Qazi Siddiquchairman M/s Access Telecom (BD) Ltd and M/s. Fourzees, will be ob-

served on September 22, says a press release. Friends and relations are requested to attend the Doa Mehfil

at his Gulshan residence at 4:30

Chehlum



Nehal Uddin Ahmed, a retired Deputy Finance Controller of Military Finance and the eldest son of Late Mohiuddin Ahmed of Farua under Brahmanbaria district, will be held at his

village home at Tarua of Brahmanbaria today after Juma prayers, says a press release. Nehal Uddin died of a severe heart attack on August 9.

CHT Bhaban to Dhaka reaffirms commitment to global coalition against terrorism Bangladesh welcomed the an- in all these areas and continued UNB, Dhaka

'Parbattya Chattagram Bhaban | Bangladesh reaffirmed its role as a committed and active partner in the global coalition against terrorism, saying that terror is not at all connected to any particular faith or region.

"It's a global phenomenon that requires to be tackled by means that are both legitimate and consensual," said Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan speaking at the UNGA general debate in New York Wednesday.

"Showing commitment to global peace, Bangladesh has vol- Bangladesh would endeavour untarily given up nuclear option every possible way to strengthen and signed the NPT (Nuclear Pro- its functions within the United liferation Treaty) and CTBT (Com- Nations. prehensive Test Ban Treaty) and world leaders.

While renewing commitment

The Bangladesh Tax Lawyers'

Association (BTLA) staged a three-

hour sit-in in front of the National

Board of Revenue (NBR) office in

the city yesterday to press home

their six-point demand, including

reinstatement of judges from judi-

cial department in the income tax

appellate tribunal to ensure

an individual to Tk one lakh from

TK 75 thousand, which was fixed

in the current fiscal year, is an-

associations across the country

joined the sit-in. Later, the lawyers

The BTLA leaders also submit-

Addressing the rally, the asso-

ted separate memoranda to the

prime minister, the finance min-

ister and the chairman of NBR.

BHRC confce in

Cox's Bazar Oct 4

ence at Cox's Bazar city Public

tivists including foreign delegates

from 20 countries will attend the

press release.

conference.

Representatives of the 58 bar

other demand of the lawyers.

also held a rally there.

Raising income tax ceiling for

proper trial.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Lawyers stage sit-in

nouncement made in Baghdad allowing the UN weapons inspectors in Iraq in the latest development in an imbroglio.

At the same time, he added, Dhaka "is also hugely concerned about the denial of the rights of Palestinian people to their own state and freedom" As regards Africa and Latin

America, he observed that the havoc wrought by ethnic conflict, disease and famines and financial turmoil is a matter of anxiety. Morshed Khan further said

Asia to exercise restraint and seek Secretary General Kofi Annan at solution to their differences the UN headquarters and widely oping countries. through dialogue and meaningful discussed the prevailing situation other parts of the world.

to the global fight against terror- on the need for "sustained efforts, peace and development in the ism, the foreign minister said to address the causes of the crises years ahead.

drawal of a notification issued by

the NBR on July 7, saying that such

notification is tantamount to in

lowing chartered accountant firms

to identify new income tax payers

president MA Salam Talukdar. The

rally was addressed by Syed Ah-

med, Dabir Uddin Ahmed, Abul

Bashar Talukdar, Selim Khan,

Monirul Huda and Badrudduza.

Traffic police

killed in road

An on-duty traffic police was killed

when a speeding truck hit him

from behind at Paturia ferry ghat

truck terminal on Wednesday

Locals said the truck knocked

Police arrested the truck driver

case was filed with Shibalaya

The body was sent to the de-

ceased's village home at Pangsha

upazila in Rajbari district.

accident

UNB, Manikganj

night.

The Bangladesh Human Rights down traffic constable Abdul

Commission (BHRC) will organise Barek, 43, at about 12.30am. He

Hall on October 4 at 9:30am, says a Ishaq Ali and seized the vehicle. A

a National Human Rights Confer- died on the spot.

वाश्लादमन जायादमर

Hundred of human rights ac- thana.

The leaders also said that al-

Presided over by association

tervention in judicial system.

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is a violation of law.

UN engagement in the task of prevention and resolution of conflicts", said a message received here vesterday. The foreign minister apprised

the secretary general of steps taken by the government of Bangladesh to strengthen democracy, eradicate of poverty and empower

He also discussed with Kofi Annan the UN peacekeeping operation and the contribution being made by Bangladesh in different parts of the world. Annan deeply appreciated the

proactive role of Bangladesh in support of various UN initiatives On the same day, the foreign to promote peace, security and encourages all concerned in South minister met with United Nations broad-based development benefiting both developed and devel-The UN secretary general

engagement," he told the meet of in the Middle East, South Asia and hoped Bangladesh and the world body would continue to work to-Both Annan and Khan agreed gether to advance the cause of

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

SSJ observes

Sammilito Sangskritik Jote (SSJ) will observe protest day today across the country to protest seizure of the Central Shaheed Minar in the city and demand retransmission of now-closed ETV, said a press release yesterday.

protest day today

As part of the programme, the Jote will hold rally at Shaheed Minar of every district including the Central Shaheed Minar in the city, the release added.

BCL to observe October 1 as Black Day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), student wing of main opposition Awami League, will observe the October 1 as 'black day' across the country, said a press release yes-

On this day, the four-party coalition government came to power through national and international conspiracies and changing election results, the release added.

As part of the programme, the BCL will stage demonstration and hold rally throughout the country on the day.

overall development of the environment of the Metropolitan City' with Mayor of The closing ceremony of SME Fair-Dhaka Sadeque Hossain Khoka as chief guest. Venue: Dhanmondi Boys' High School. Time: 10.30am.

Leo meeting Second regular meeting of the Leo Club of Dhaka Faridabad will be held. Venue: 9, Kazi Abdur Rouf Road, Laxmibazar.

Painting exhibition The inaugural ceremony of a painting

Film show

Under its Friday movies, Alliance 6.00pm respectively.

The inaugural session of the 1st National Congress of Dhaka University Political Science Alumni Association (DUPSAA) will be held with Akhtar Hamid Siddiqui, Deputy Speaker of the Jatiya Sangshad as chief guest. It will be followed by a seminar on 'Challenges of Democracy and Working of the Parliamentary System in Bangladesh' Venue: Teachers Students Centre of Dhaka University. Time: 9.00am.

Exhibition

The inaugural ceremony of an exhibition titled 'La Galerie Revival Exhibition' will be held with Sjef Izermans, ambassador of the Netherlands in Dhaka, as chief guest. Venue: La Galerie, 54 Kemal Ataturk Avenue, Banani. Time: 5.00pm. The exhibition will remain open till

ULESA meeting

The University Laboratory Ex-Student Association will hold a preparatory meeting for the Reunion 2003. Venue: Dhaka University Laboratory School premises. Time: 5.00pm.

Workshop

A workshop on the 'Application of Law'. organised by the Bangladesh Society for the Enforcement of Human Rights, will be held. Venue: BIAM auditorium, New Eskaton. Time: 9.30am.

Discussion

Hunger Project, Bangladesh, organises 'Involvement of student and youth for Academy. Time: 11.00am.

vocate Altaf Hossain, president of KM Sajjadul Huq Shihab, Sayema the association urged the govern-Khan and Moklesur Rahman Badal ment to meet the demands immetook part in the human chain.

DUANT ODA

Time: 4.00pm.

Time: 10.30am.

Film show

Conference

A conference of the representative of

Bangladesh Puja Udjapan Panshad will

be held with sector commander of the

Venue: Dhakeshwari national temple.

DHAKA

TOMORROW

Arganta International Film Society,

Shuvechcha Film Society and Satyajit

Ray Film Society have jointly organised

a four-day long special film session on

Film 'DEVDAS'. On the opening day, a

seminar will be followed by the

screening of Sanjoy Lila Banshali's

DEVDAS. Venue: Indian High

Commission auditorium, Satmasjid

The third Gold and Silver Medals and

Scholarship Award Ceremony 2002,

organised by Bhuiyan Computers, will

be held with State Minister for Education

A N M Ehsanul Hoque as chief guest.

Venue: Institution of Engineers'

Bangladesh Garments Manufacturers

and Exporters Forum organises an

open discussion of the entrepreneurs in

the ready made garment sector on the

present crisis faced by the industry.

Venue: Hotel Sheraton, Time: 4.00pm.

Photography exhibition

The inaugural function of the first solo

photography exhibition of Babu Ahmed

under the title 'A glimpse of Bangladeshi

Heritage' will be held with UNESCO

representative Wolfgang Vollmann as

chief guest. Venue: Drik Gallery, House-

58, Road-15 A, Dhanmondi. Time:

3.00pm. The exhibition will remain open

till September 30 from 3.00pm to

Road, Dhanmondi. Time: 5.30pm.

Award ceremony

auditorium. Time: 5.00pm.

Discussion

Chitya Ranjan Dutta as chief guest.

Liberation War, Major General (Rtd)

SME Fair

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Bar Association (DBA)

These included separation and

independence of judiciary, repeal

of all black laws, withdrawal of

and appointment of efficient and

Speaking on the occasion, Ad-

2002, organised by the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry, will be held with President lajuddin Ahmed as chief guest. Venue: Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre, Sher-e-Banglanagar. Time: 3.30pm.

exhibition by distinguished artist Farida Zaman, professor and head of the Department of Drawing and Painting, Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka, will be held, Venue: Gallery Chitrak, House-21, Road-4, Dhanmondi. Time: 5.00pm. The exhibition will remain open daily from 10.00am to 9.00pm till October 5.

Française will screen two films titled 'Le plaisir' directed by Max Ophuls and 'La bete humaine' directed by Jean Renoir. Venue: Alliance Française auditorium, Dhanmondi. Time: 10.30am and

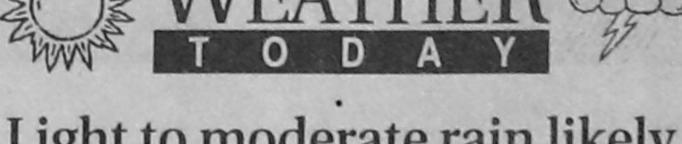
National congress

October 7.

Memorial meeting

8.00pm daily.

A two-day discussion meeting in memory of Dr Muhammad Enamul Hug. former director of Bangla Academy will a discussion meeting on the begin. Venue: Seminar Room of Bangla



Light to moderate rain likely UNB, Dhaka

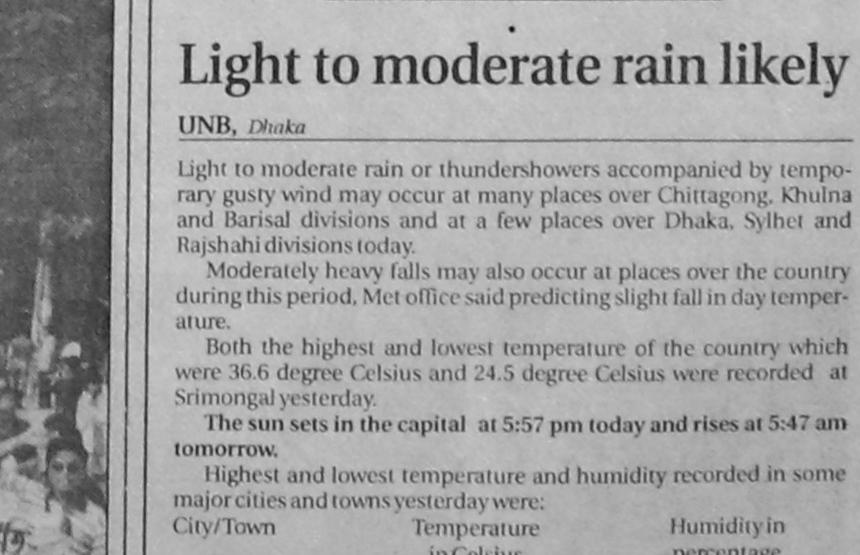
rary gusty wind may occur at many places over Chittagong, Khulna and Barisal divisions and at a few places over Dhaka, Sylhet and Rajshahi divisions today. Moderately heavy falls may also occur at places over the country

during this period, Met office said predicting slight fall in day temper-Both the highest and lowest temperature of the country which were 36.6 degree Celsius and 24.5 degree Celsius were recorded at

Srimongal yesterday. The sun sets in the capital at 5:57 pm today and rises at 5:47 am Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some

major cities and towns yesterday were: Humidityin Temperature in Celsius percentage Morning Evening Min Max 34.8 26.4 78 35.0

City/Town Dhaka Chittagong 80 Rajshahi 26.0 34.6 27.5 Khulna 76 Barisal 26.6 35.0 80 Sylhet 25.0 36.2 76 26.0 Cox's Bazar 33.6



The Samajtantrik Chhatra Front staged a demonstration in the city yesterday demanding withdrawal of expulsion order on agitating BUET students.