

Bappi Murder Case Bappi's sister, 2 others cross-examined

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Three more prosecution witnesses including a magistrate, in the Bappi Abduction and Murder Case, were cross-examined in the Third Special Court for Prevention of Women and Children Repression, Dhaka yesterday.

After the cross-examination for about three hours by the defence lawyers on behalf of the accused, the court adjourned the hearing till 10:30 am today.

Lucky Akhter, the second prosecution witness in the case and the victim's sister told the court that her only brother Bappi, 8, who was a student of class three at Armentitola Government High School in the city, returned from school at 10:30 am on August 5 and had his meal. After half an hour her maternal cousin Shahidul Alam Shipon came and talked to him (Bappi). At about noon, Shipon took Bappi out of the house on some plea. As he (Bappi) did not return home for about two hours, "we began to look for him" the witness said. She said after some time, two

boys including one Emdadul Haque from the locality "informed" us that they saw Bappi sitting in a rickshaw near Babu Bazar Bridge. When the two boys asked Bappi why he was there alone, he replied that he (Bappi) was not alone and his cousin Shipon was with him. Bappi also told the boys that they would go to 'Jatrabari,' Lucky Akhter added.

The witness a visibly emotional and often sobbing told the court that at about 5:30 pm her father got a telephonic call demanding a ransom of Tk 20 lakh for Bappi. If the demand was not met, the fate of Bappi would be dire consequence. She then went to the house of Shipon at Sanarpar in the city's Demra area and asked Shipon's mother where he (Shipon) went. She (Shipon's mother) informed her (Lucky) that Shipon along with his friends Ripon and Sanjit went out for a walk.

Accused Shipon, Ripon, Sanjit and Sankar, now in jail custody, were produced before the court. The other accused Sharif has been absconding since the incident.

President hosts tea party for diplomats

UNB, Dhaka

President Iajuddin Ahmed hosted a tea party for the diplomats of the West Asia and African countries at Bangabhaban yesterday.

Ambassadors of Iran, Morocco, Palestine, Qatar, Turkey and Saudi Arabia; High Commissioner of Nigeria and Charges D' Affaires of Iraq and Libya attended the tea party.

Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan and high officials of the President's office and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs were present on the occasion.

President Ahmed welcomed the guests and exchanged pleasantries with them. He inquired about their welfare, said a Bangabhaban press release.

Acting information secretary KM Nazmul Alam Siddiqui took charge of the office yesterday.

Earlier, he served as director general of Bangladesh Television (BTV).



President Iajuddin Ahmed at a tea party he hosted for the diplomats of the West Asian and African countries at Bangabhaban in the city yesterday. Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan was also present on the occasion.

2 fake policemen held in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Detective Branch (DB) of police arrested two fake policemen in the city on Friday night.

The arrested were identified as Nurul Islam, 40 and Gias Uddin, 56.

On a tip-off, a team of the DB police led by Assistant Commissioner Abdul Aziz, arrested them -- one from Khilgaon and the other from Pallabi in Mirpur.

The DB team also seized handcuffs, identity cards and a mobile phone from their possession.



Students of the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) come out of their classes. The BUET reopened yesterday after 19 days of unscheduled closure since September 8.

Obituary

Mesbah Uddin Ahmed, former director of Geological Survey of Bangladesh (GSB), died of cardiac arrest at his Gulshan residence in the city yesterday at the age of 81, says a press release.

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

Mesbah Uddin was the first director of GSB and played an important role in geological survey and exploration of minerals in Bangladesh.

He was the founder president of Bangladesh Geological Association and played a pioneer role in the introduction of Seismic Zoning Code.

His namaj-e-janaza was held at GSB premises and he was buried at Banani graveyard.

Qulkhwani

BSS, Dhaka

Qulkhwani of Alhaj M Abbas Uddin, a former upazila food officer, will be held at his residence at 84/1 Uttar Jatrabari, Bibir Bagicha in the city today after Asr prayers.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the qulkhwani.

Abbas Uddin died of cardiac arrest at his residence on Thursday at the age of 63.

He is survived by one son, one daughter and a host of relatives to mourn his death.

Small fish exhibition begins in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A three-day small fish exhibition and culinary festival, organised by the Narigrantha Prabartana, began in the city yesterday.

Farida Akhter, executive director of Prabartana, inaugurated the festival at its Mohammadpur office. SM Monjurul Hossain Khan, assistant secretary of Forest and Environment Ministry, was present on the occasion as special guest.

Later in the afternoon, a discussion and cultural function was held with Nazrul Islam, director of Fisheries Department, as chief guest. Fishermen from different districts took part in the discussion.

The fishermen also rendered a number of songs. Members of the Nabapran Movement also took part in the cultural function.

A total of 102 kinds of small fish and 20 fishing tools were displayed at the exhibition. Ten cooked fish items were also put on display.

Speakers at the discussion observed that many local species of fish are on the verge of extinction due to indiscriminate use of chemical fertiliser in croplands and cultivation of outlandish fish.

They urged all not to use chemical fertiliser and current net and cultivate outlandish fish to protect local fish species.

Child Rights Week begins today

BSS, Dhaka

Child Rights Week will begin today in the country with an appeal to all to help establish children's rights and groom them as worthy citizens to face the challenges of the 21st century.

The week has been coincided with the World Child Day.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia will inaugurate the week at Osmani Memorial Hall at 10 am today. The inaugural function will be preceded by a rally of children from Shishu Academy to Osmani Memorial Hall.

President Iajuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia gave separate messages on the occasion.

The president, in a message called upon all to play active role from their respective positions so that no children face any unfair treatment. "The children must enjoy all basic rights for their physical and mental growth to groom them up," he said.

He said Bangladesh was one of the signatories to the UN Charter for Child Rights (UNCRC) and the government has taken up elaborate programme as a part of the steps to implement the charter.

The UN decade 2001-2010 has been declared as the "Child Rights Decade."

The president said, "It is the duty and responsibilities of all of us to ensure bright future of the children by implementing the charter for the children."

Prime Minister in her message called upon all to work unitedly to groom the children as worthy citizens to face the challenges of the 21st century.

She said the theme of the week, 'Manifestation of Child Health: Hope for Golden Future,' is timely and justified. "The people would be aware of with the slogan about the children's rights and feel inspired to implement their rights," she said.

She said the development of children is recognised worldwide as they are the future generation of a nation. "So it is our responsibility to ensure the welfare of the children and establish their rights as we committed to implement the UN charter for child rights," she said.

Khaleda said, "We have formulated the national child policy

in 1994, and accordingly, the national work-plans have been taken up for the development of the children."

The ministry of children and women affairs and the departments under the ministry have taken up several programmes in Dhaka and other parts of the country to observe the week.

Besides different organisations, including NGOs have also chalked out separate programmes in observance of the week.

The programmes include distribution of cap, T-shirt and light food among the destitute children, distribution of posters, campaigns at upazila and district levels.

In view of this, peacekeepers should be adequately trained up and prepared for meeting the new challenges," he said while he was addressing the closing ceremony of Multinational Platoon Exercise-II (MPE) at Rajendrapur under Gazipur district, an ISPR press release said.

Bangladesh Army and the US Army jointly organised the exercise at Bangladesh Institute of Peace Support Operation Training (BIPSOT) at Rajendrapur.

The training exercise, titled "Exercise Shantee Doot" (Ambassador of Peace) was inaugurated by Prime Minister Khaleda Zia on September 14 last.

The exercise on peace support operations has enhanced the capability and interoperability of the participants to deal with difficult situations likely to be faced by them in various ongoing and future peace support missions, the Army Chief said.

He hoped that the exercise had developed understanding and cooperation among the participants.

Earlier on his arrival at BIPSOT, the Army Chief was received by Chief of General Staff of Bangladesh Army Major General SM Ikramul Haque and Commandant of BIPSOT Brigadier General Mahmud Hossain.

'Exercise Shantee Doot' ends

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Army Chief Lt. Gen. Hasan Mashud Chowdhury yesterday said changing patterns of conflict in the post cold war period posed new challenges for peacekeepers.

Continue support to environmental issues Siraj urges journalists

BSS, Dhaka

Environment and Forest Minister Shajahan Siraj yesterday called on journalists to extend continued support to welfare-oriented environmental programmes.

News-persons not only give people information, but educate them, raise their awareness and promote their spontaneous participation in the development process, he said.

The minister was addressing the concluding session of 'Special Reporting Workshop on Environment' at the Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB) organised jointly by the PIB and the Asian Media Information and Communication Centre (AMIC) based in Singapore.

Chaired by PIB Director General A H M Shamsul Islam, the function was also addressed by PIB Director Rafiqul Islam Khondaker, chief facilitator of the workshop Stephen Seplov and senior journalist of the Daikin Dinkal, Mahmuda Chowdhury.

The minister said the media

brought environmental issues in the global limelight.

Referring to the movements against polythene shopping bags, vehicles emitting black smoke and hill razing in the country, Siraj said those could not be made successful without the cooperation of the journalists.

Linking the environment with development, he said, "Proper implementation of any sustainable development plan is not possible disregarding environmental concerns."

Siraj said the environment of the world was at stake and the pace of climatic change picked up due to imprudent human activities.

Although the developed countries were major contributors to climatic change, developing countries, including Bangladesh, were the worst victims of the phenomenon, he added.

The minister also distributed certificates among the participants of the workshop at the function.

DHAKA TODAY

- Film show**
Zahir Raihan Film Society in collaboration with the Russian Cultural Centre will screen two films titled '24 Hours' directed by A. Atanasiou and 'The Kreutzer Sonata', based on the novel of Leo Tolstoy and directed by Sofiya Milkina. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, Road-7, Dhanmondi. Time: 5:00pm and 7:00pm respectively.
- Photography exhibition**
Tone Artist Association of Bangladesh in cooperation with the Shilpakala Academy organises a photography exhibition on Twin Towers. The photographs were taken by a Bangladeshi expatriate in the USA and noted photographer Obaidullah Mamoon. Venue: Shilpakala Academy Gallery, Time: 5:00pm. The exhibition will remain open from 11:00am to 7:00pm daily except on Friday when it will remain open from 3:00pm to 7:00pm till October 6.
- Child rights week**
The inaugural ceremony of Child Rights Week 2002, to be celebrated throughout the country under the auspices of the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, will be held with Prime Minister Khaleda Zia as chief guest. Venue: Osmani Memorial auditorium, Time: 11:30am.
- Cleanliness drive**
As part of its Dengue prevention campaign, Bishwa Sahitya Kendra organises a cleanliness drive. Venue: Jatra, Dania College and Shanir Akhra area. Time: 8:00am.
- Seminar**
On the occasion of the World Heart Day 2002, a seminar on 'Prevention and Control of Cardiovascular Diseases' will be held with Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Khandaker Mosharrar Hossain as chief guest. Venue: National Press Club auditorium. Time: 9:30am.
- Rally**
Sramik Karmachari Oikya Parishad (SKOP) organises a rally in protest against the government's disinvestment policy. Venue: Muktangan, Ramna. Time: 4:00pm.
- Meeting**
The monthly meeting of Foreign Investors' Chamber of Commerce and Industry will be held with Ashary Bin Sani, High Commissioner of Malaysia in Dhaka as guest of honour. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 12:30pm.
- Inauguration**
The inaugural ceremony of the 5th CNG refueling station of Rupantarta Prakritik Gas Company will be held with State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources AKM Mosharrar Hossain as chief guest. Venue: Joar Sahara, New Airport Road. Time: 4:00pm.
- Publication ceremony**
The publication ceremony of a book on liberation war titled 'Sonamukhir Ka Din', authored by Fatema-Tuj-Johra, will be held with poet Shamsur Rahman as chief guest. Organised by 'Amra Surjamukhi', a socio-cultural organisation, the function will be followed by a session of recitation. Venue: Seminar hall of the Central Public Library, Shahbagh. Time: 6:00pm.
- Memorial meeting**
Bangla Academy organises a discussion meeting in memory of Abdul Karim Sahityabharat with State Minister for Cultural Affairs Begum Selima Rahman as chief guest. Venue: Seminar room of the academy. Time: 11:00am.



The 11-Party Alliance staged a demonstration in the city yesterday demanding withdrawal of all restrictions on rallies and demonstrations at the Central Shaheed Minar premises.

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DHAKA TOMORROW

- Film show**
Zahir Raihan Film Society in collaboration with the Russian Cultural Centre will screen a film titled 'Crime and Punishment', based on the famous novel by Fyodor Dostoyevsky and directed by Lev Kulidzhanov. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, Road-7, Dhanmondi. Time: 6:00pm.
- Open discussion**
Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) organises a discussion on the business of the Jatiya Sangshad. Venue: TIB Office, 121/C Gulshan Avenue. Time: 3:00pm.
- Memorial meeting**
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The Youth Against Hunger, the Hunger Free World and the Work for a Better Bangladesh took out a procession in the city yesterday demanding steps to contain noise pollution.

WEATHER TODAY

Temperature may rise

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over Chittagong, Barisal, Khulna and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions today.

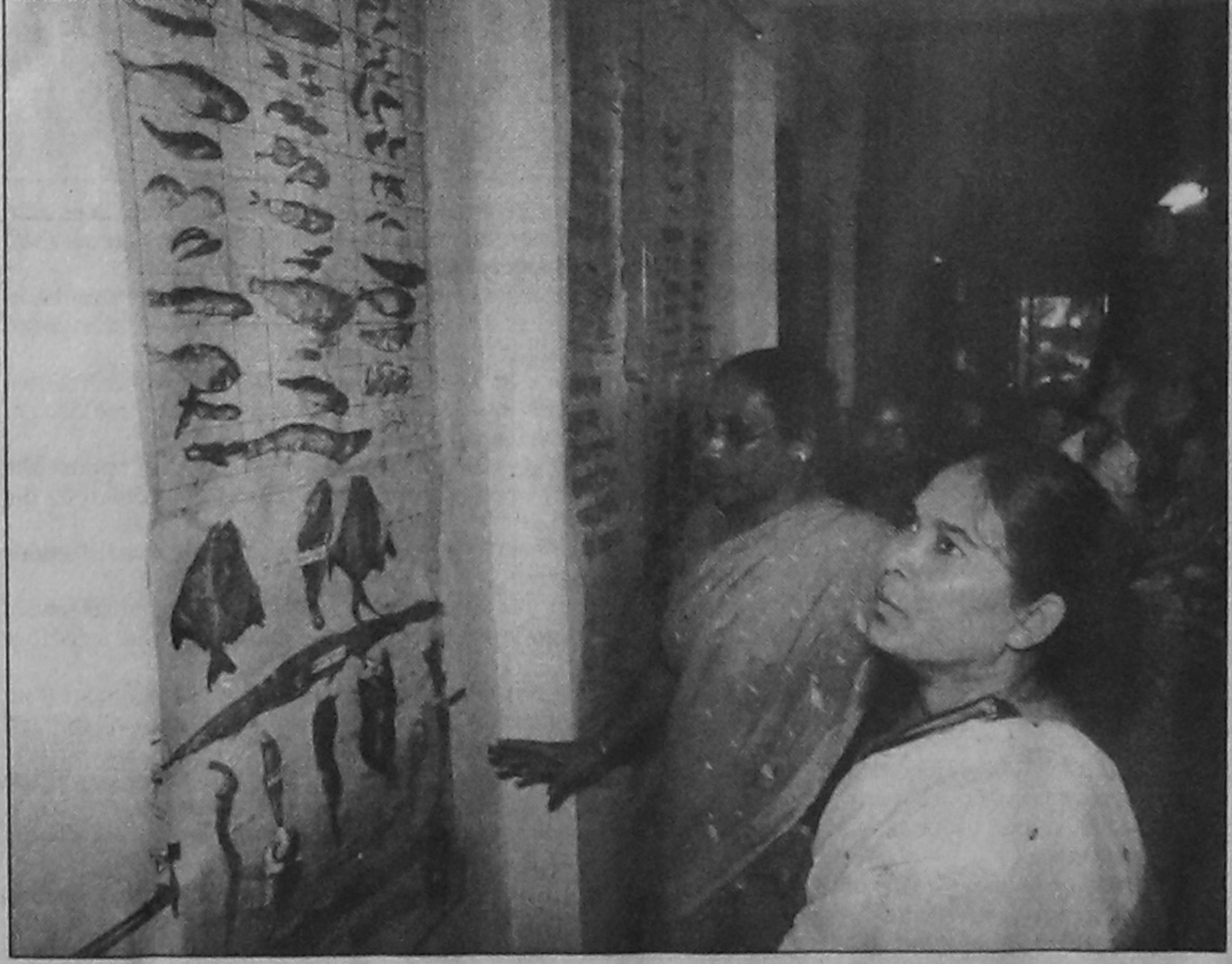
Day temperature may rise by one to two degree Celsius over the country, Met Office said.

Country's highest temperature 34.4 degree Celsius was recorded at Mongla and lowest 24.0 degree Celsius at Dhaka and Sylhet yesterday.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:48 pm today and rises at 5:50 am tomorrow.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	32.6	24.0	78	81
Chittagong	32.4	25.2	80	76
Rajshahi	33.6	25.0	79	92
Khulna	31.4	25.3	90	96
Barisal	30.4	25.6	93	93
Sylhet	30.0	24.0	100	100
Cox's Bazar	32.4	26.0	86	85



Visitors at a small fish exhibition that began at the Narigrantha Prabartana office at Mohammadpur in the city yesterday.