



No change in day temperature

UNB, Dhaka Weather is likely to remain mainly dry over the country today. Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country. Met Office said. Country's highest temperature 36.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sylhet and lowest 23.8 degree Celsius at Srimangol.

Table with 3 columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max/Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning/Evening). Rows include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet, Cox's Bazar.

Barisal city AL secy Shahjahan electrocuted

A CORRESPONDENT, Barisal Freedom fighter Habibur Rahman Shahjahan, the City Awami League General Secretary and former Bangladesh Chhatra League president of the district, was electrocuted yesterday morning at the age of 47.

He was also the vice president of the 'Khalagar', a children's organisation, of the district. He was survived by his wife, parents and one son and one daughter. It was learnt that he came in contact with a live electric wire while he was working on the second floor at his Kawnia residence at about 11.00 am.

He was rushed to the Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital where the on-duty doctors declared him dead. Deputy Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Abdul Hamid went to the deceased residence and consoled the death. He also consoled bereaved family members as he was on an organisational tour in Barisal.

Current, mosquito net worth Tk 22 lakh seized

BSS, Dhaka Bangladesh Coast Guard and police in a joint drive seized 1.5 lakh-metre banned current net worth Tk 22 lakh from the Meghna river in Bhola and Daulatkhana areas on Saturday.

The seized net was burnt instantly in front of the local people, a press release said here yesterday. Besides, a joint operation against using the banned net and illegal collection of fish is going on in the areas, the release said.



Members of the Bangladesh Government Primary School Teachers Association march towards the Prime Minister's Office in the city yesterday to submit a memorandum.

JSJ launches anti-Shibir campaign at JU

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A two-day anti-fundamentalism and anti-communalism programme was launched by Jahangirnagar Sanskritik Jote (JSJ) on the campus yesterday.

Noted dramatist and teacher of the university Prof Selim Al Deen inaugurated the programme at the central auditorium in the morning. Poetry recitation and screening of films titled 'War Crimes File' and 'Shilalipi' were held at the Muktamancha in the evening.

JSJ will bring out a rally from Arts Faculty today while two theatre groups will stage dramas titled 'Research' and 'August 2'. The anti-fundamentalism programme was taken at a meeting of JU teachers and students held on the campus recently.

Many students have told The Daily Star that the ICS is trying to establish its control on the campus where its activities had been totally banned since 1996.

'JSJ has taken the programme to make aware campus insiders, especially teachers and students, so that any ICS bid to capture the dormitories can be foiled', said Luna Noor, JSJ member secretary.

The students are also guarding the dormitories round the clock in turns to counter any possible attack by ICS activists. 'We have learnt that many of our teachers are maintaining direct contact with ICS cadres. Eight of the 14 teachers, whom the students declared as unwanted after the murder of Habibur Rahman Kabir by Shibir cadres in 1989, are holding top posts in the administration now', said Mahub Mordhed, JSJ joint-convenor.

'But as we nurture secular spirit here, we will not let the fundamentalist ICS to establish here', he said. After BNP-led four-party alliance took power, there was a rumour that the ICS would capture JU dormitories.

Although Jaiyatatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) along with Bangladesh Chhatra League and other left-leaning organisations built up a strong resistance against the ICS cadres in 1995 and 1996, it (JCD) may not stand against the ICS this time as the Jamaat was a strong ally of BNP in the parliamentary election, said the general students.

When asked, JCD JU Unit President Ashraf Alam Jewel said, 'Whatever the government's strategy may be, we will stand by students' demand'. adding that 'the JCD proved its anti-ICS stand whenever the ICS attacked the campus earlier'.

Sources said there are a number of ICS activists among the general students and different organisations. Besides, a large number of ICS activists have taken shelter in nearby villages of Gerua, Pandua, Kalabagan, Bishmail and

are maintaining contact with pro-Shibir teachers, officers and employees. The ICS can gather around 5,000 activists from in and around the campus within 20 minutes, the sources added. The ICS captured two male halls on November 9 in 1995, but could not stay there as police, with the help of the general students, arrested 37 ICS activists. Others fled the halls after ten hours.

In another bid on July 1, 1996, the ICS took control of Kamaluddin hall. But students under the banner of 'All Party Students Unity' ousted them after seven hours. A total of 26 ICS activists were arrested then.

WB delegation calls on LGRD minister BSS, Dhaka A delegation of World Bank (WB) led by its manager on infrastructure and environment affairs of South Asian region, Jeffrey S Racki, called on LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan at his secretariat office here yesterday.

Besides the progress of arsenic mitigation and water supply project, the World Bank officials also discussed matters of mutual interests with the minister.

Secretary of Local Government division AYBI Siddiqui, WB environmental expert in Dhaka office Pal J Marjin and senior water and sewerage expert of WB KM Minnat were present.

Graft case against Prof Sayeed Hearing on charge-framing on October 31 COURT CORRESPONDENT The Special Court for Dhaka Division yesterday fixed October 31 for hearing on charge-framing against former state minister for information Prof Abu Sayeed and a chairman of an advertisement company in connection with a graft case.

Judge (in charge) Latif Ahmed Khan passed the order after the case was placed before him. In the case filed with Ramna thana, it has been alleged that Abu Sayeed, while in office, in connivance with Mahub Ahsan Khan, chairman of Ampire Advertisement Company misappropriated Tk 46,88,282 in the name of decoration and advertisement cost for the inaugural ceremony of Bangabandhu Jamuna Bridge.

The Bureau of Anti-Corruption (BAC) filed the case against Abu Sayeed and Mahub Ahsan Khan on March 13. BAC inspector Mohammad Jahangir Alam, who is also investigation officer (IO) of the case, submitted charge sheet to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's (CMM's) Court, Dhaka against the two accused on September 9.

Later the case was transferred to the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court, Dhaka for trial. After scrutinizing the case diary (CD) and other relevant documents, the judge's court took the charge sheet into cognizance for trial and the judge transferred it to the special court for disposal.

Mahub Ahsan Khan now on bail, was present in the court yesterday while Abu Sayeed was absent.

Obituary Mohammad Abdul Khaleque, a retired Agriculture Scientist of Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute (BARI) died of long ailment at IBA Teachers Quarters in Dhaka on October 5, says a press release. He is survived by his wife Prof Dr Habiba Khatun, one son and two daughters.

After the arrival of his son his namaj-e-janaza will be held at BAC Compound, Farmgate at 9 am tomorrow. He will be buried at his village home Narandi, Monohardi, Narsingdi. His qualkhwani will be held on October 10 after Asr prayers at IBA Quarter, Green Road (Purba Rajabazar).

All relatives and admirers have been requested to attend and pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

Aga Khan School science fair held

The students and teachers of the Senior Section of the Aga Khan School, Dhaka, organised a Science Fair on Saturday, says a press release. All 450 students and the staff of the senior section celebrated the wonders of science with working models and displays. About 60 projects were displayed. The projects were innovative,

rockets, smoking volcano, projects related to geography, human biology, arts and crafts, bovercrafts, and many more, were on display. Other subject areas of the school were represented with excellent models of land use and pollution free environments. Guardians also witnessed their children's projects.



Habitat Day The inaugural ceremony of the World Habitat Day will be held with Prime Minister Khaleda Zia as chief guest. Venue: Osmani Memorial Hall. Time: 11.30am.

Walkathon On the occasion of the World Habitat Day, a colourful walkathon will be held with LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan as chief guest. Venue: National Museum premises. Time: 8.00am.

Exhibition The inaugural function of a week-long exhibition of building techniques and materials will be held with Housing and Public Works Minister Mirza Abbas as chief guest. Venue: Ramna Park. Time: 12.30pm.

FEJB discussion Forum of Environmental Journalists of Bangladesh (FEJB) will hold a discussion to decide on the stand of Bangladesh at the 8th conference of climate change with Environment and Forest Minister Shahjahan Siraj as chief guest. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 9.30am.

Nuclear seminar Bangladesh Science Writers and Journalists Forum organises a seminar on the 'Use of nuclear power in Bangladesh'. Venue: Atomic Energy Commission Centre auditorium. Time: 11.30am.

Cultural programme The Russian Cultural Centre in cooperation with Ghasful Khelaghar Asor organises a cultural programme on the occasion of the World Day of Children. Venue: Cultural Centre auditorium. Time: 5.30pm.

Dance programme Nitya Nandan organises a programme on Manipuri dance. Venue: National Museum auditorium. Time: 7.00pm.

FBCI discussion A discussion meeting between the visiting commerce and investment delegation from Taiwan and the leaders of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCI) will be held. Venue: FBCI conference room. Time: 3.30pm.

DCCI meeting A meeting between the visiting Thai Trade delegation and members of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) will be held. Venue: DCCI auditorium. Time: 4.00pm.

Public meeting Under the auspices of Dhaka City BNP Pallabi Thana Unit, a public meeting will be held on completion of one year of the coalition government with Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka as chief guest. Venue: Pallabi, Mirpur. Time: 3.00pm.

Discussion Bangladesh Mahila Parishad organises a discussion in protest against the growing murder and repression on women and children. Venue: Poet Sufia Kamal auditorium, 10/8/1 Segunbagicha. Time: 4.00pm.

Rotary meeting Regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North will be held with Rtn Dr Abou Nasar as guest speaker. He will speak on 'Vocation in America'. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 6.00pm.

Discussion meeting Citizens' Voice organises a discussion on 'Law and Order, Violence and Corruption: Citizens' complain' with Professor Munzir Mamoon as keynote speaker. Venue: Institution of Engineers' auditorium. Time: 4.00pm.

Human chain The Coalition for the Urban Poor will form a human chain and arrange a video show on the occasion of the World Habitat Day. Venue: In front of the National Museum, Shahbagh. Time: 9.00am and 4.00pm respectively.

Rally A rally of writers, artists and cultural activists, organised by Bangladesh Lekhok Shibir, will be held to protest control on holding meeting and rally at the Central Shaheed Minar. Venue: Central Shaheed Minar. Time: 4.30pm.

Orientation programme The University of Asia Pacific (UAP) will hold a Freshers' Orientation Programme for Fall Semester-2002. Venue: UAP auditorium, House-73, Road-5A, Dhanmondi. Time: 11.00am.

Discussion on reading A discussion on 'Pleasure in Reading' will be held with State Minister for Education ANM Ehsanul Haq as chief guest. Venue: Government Laboratory High School. Time: 11.00am.

Launching ceremony The launching ceremony of the Education Watch 2001 Report titled 'Renewed Hope, Daunting Challenges: State of Primary Education in Bangladesh', organised by the Campaign for Popular Education, Bangladesh, will be held with Professor Jahan Ara Begum, advisor to the prime minister, as chief guest. Venue: IDB auditorium, Agargaon. Time: 3.30pm.



Dr Mizanur Rahman Shelley, chairman of the CDRB, receives the Michael Modhusudhan Award (1999) from Education Minister Dr Osman Farruk at a function organised by the 'Renaissance Cultural Council' on October 4 at Shaheed Zia Auditorium of Bangladesh Shishu Academy.

Advertisement for 'দি সিকিউরিটি প্রিন্টিং কর্পোরেশন (বাংলাদেশ) লিমিটেড' with contact details and a list of services.

Advertisement for 'Asphaltic Bitumen Plant' by Eastern Refinery Limited, including contact information.

Large advertisement for 'International/Local Tender Notice for Supply of 2500 M Tons of Cold Rolled Steel Coils in Two Sizes' with detailed tender specifications and contact info.

Advertisement for 'Jaiyatatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) celebrates the completion of one year of the four-party alliance in office on the Dhaka University campus yesterday.'

Advertisement for 'বাংলাদেশ কৃষি ব্যাংক' (Bangladesh Agricultural Bank) with details on loans and services.