

WEATHER TODAY

Temperature may fall

UNB, Dhaka
Light rain or drizzle is likely at one or two places over Chittagong division and weather may remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country during the next 12 hours till 6pm today.
Night temperature may fall by 1-3 degree Celsius over the country. Met Office said.
Yesterday's highest temperatures of 31.4 degree Celsius and the lowest of 16.2 degrees Celsius were recorded at Srimongal.
The sun sets in the capital at 5:10 pm today and rises at 6:25 am tomorrow.
The highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

Table with 4 columns: City/Town, Max, Min, Humidity in percentage (Morning, Evening)

Nasiruddin gets Munier Chy Award

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The Theatre gave away the Munier Chowdhury Award and Mohamad Zakaria Award at a programme marking the 77th birth anniversary of Shaheed Prof Munier Chowdhury, pioneer of the modern drama in the country, on Wednesday.
Director and President of Sammilita Sangskritik Jote Nasiruddin Yusuf received this year's Munier Chowdhury Award while young director Debprasad Deb Nath received the Mohammad Zakaria Award.
The awards, instituted by the Theatre, carry Tk 25,000 and Tk 15,000 respectively.
Anupam Sen, a sociologist, attended the programme as chief guest. Syed Manzoorul Islam and Mamunur Rashid spoke on the life and works of Mohammad Zakaria.
The programme rounded off with songs from plays by Khaled Khan, Shimul Yousuff, Fazlul Rahman Babu and Zaglul Alam.



Theatre President National Professor Kabir Chowdhury gives away Munier Chowdhury Award to director Nasiruddin Yusuf at a programme marking the 77th birth anniversary of Shaheed Prof Munier Chowdhury at Mahila Samity auditorium on Wednesday.

PM urges expatriates to invest in country

UNB, Dhaka
Prime Minister Khaleda Zia urged expatriate Bangladeshis in Saudi Arabia to invest their money in the country availing themselves of investment-friendly facilities and steps taken by her government for economic development and investment.
She also suggested them to keep up their goodwill in jobs to encourage the Saudi government to recruit more Bangladeshis.
Appreciating them for sending huge remittances to the country, thereby helping in development activities of Bangladesh, Khaleda called upon them to remit money in legal way as her government have already expanded many banking channels abroad for the expatriates.
The prime minister urged the BNP leaders of Saudi Arabia units to extend cooperation to Bangladesh pilgrims during the forthcoming Hajj.
Responding to the BNP lead-

ers, Khaleda said her government not only formed a new ministry for expatriate welfare and overseas employment but also took a number of development programmes so the expatriates can participate in the development process.
In this context, she mentioned that the expatriates who would contribute to the development of the country would be honoured as Important Non-resident Bangladeshis (INRB), equivalent to the status of CIP in trade and commerce.
The BNP leaders appreciated the prime minister's various steps for ensuring law and order in the country as well as investment-friendly policies.
State Minister for Civil Aviation Mir Mohammad Nasiruddin, PM's Political Secretary Mohammad Mosaddek Ali and Bangladesh Ambassador to Saudi Arabia SK Sharif Hassan were present on the occasion.



A large number of people through the Gausia Market in the city yesterday, the weekly holiday, as shopping picks up ahead of Eid.

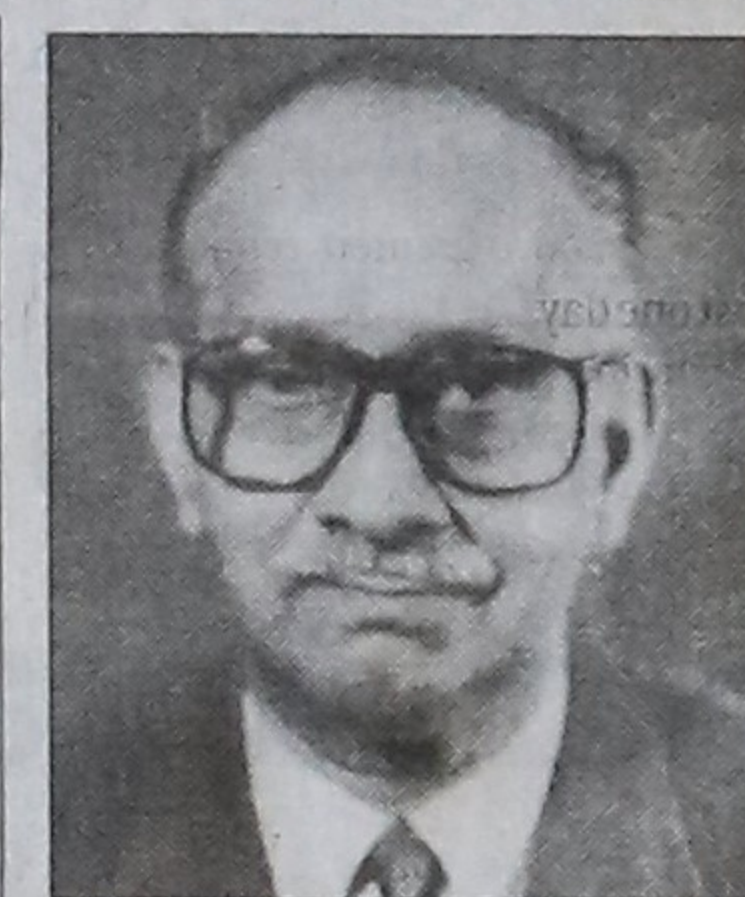
Four get life term for abduction

UNB, Natore
A court here Wednesday sentenced two people to life term imprisonment and two others to 14 years' imprisonment each in an abduction case.
Mozammel Sheikh and Nurul Sheikh, who were sentenced to life term imprisonment, were each fined Tk 10,000 also, in default they are to serve four months more of RL.
Two other accused Kalim Sheikh and Alam Sheikh, who were awarded 14 years' jail each, were also fined Tk 5000 each, in default they are to suffer two months more of RL.
According to prosecution, the convicts abducted Rehana Parvin, a student of class 7 on her way to school at Boro Belghoria village in Singra upazila on November 2, 2000.

Resentment at CU decision to reduce FF quota

CU CORRESPONDENT
The decision of the Chittagong University (CU) authorities to reduce the number of seats under the freedom fighters' quota from six to three in every department has sparked off resentment among the teachers and the students.
The Syndicate, the highest decision-making body of the university approved the decision at a meeting held at the VC's office on Wednesday.
"The decision of the university authorities is regretful and shows 'dishonour' to our freedom fighters who fought for the liberation of our country in 1971," said some teachers, speaking anonymously.
Some student leaders have said this is a conspiracy to destroy the spirit of the liberation war. The university is now controlled by anti-liberation forces, they added.
When contacted, CU Vice-Chancellor Prof AJM Nooruddin Chowdhury said actually there were three seats under the free-

dom fighters' quota in every department.
But the former vc and pro-vc increased the seats without any discussion in the academic council thus violating the rules and regulations of the university, he added.
Besides, Prof Nooruddin said, about two to three seats under the freedom fighters' quota remained vacant every year due to lack of applicant.
On the other hand, the mercurious students are being deprived of getting admission in the university due to this quota system, he said, adding that this is not fair.
BFUJ, DUJ protest arrest of journalists
UNB, Dhaka
The Bangladesh Federation of Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and the Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) have strongly condemned the arrest of three journalists, including Bangladesh Representative of Reporters Sans Frontiers (RSF) Saleem Samad.
In a joint statement yesterday, BFUJ president Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury and secretary general Akhter Ahmed Khan, and DUJ president Kazi Rafique and general secretary Molla Jalal said the four-party coalition government started unleashing repressive measures on newspapers soon after it assumed power.
At the directives of the government, attacks were being made on the journalists and cases filed against them, they observed.
"The journalist community will build a strong resistance against undemocratic activities of the government, if local and foreign journalists are not released immediately," they warned.



Death anniversary of Mostafizur Rahman today

The sixth death anniversary of former minister for Home, Commerce and Foreign Affairs A S M Mostafizur Rahman will be observed today, says a press release.
Mostafizur Rahman was a member of the standing committee of BNP and served as secretary general of BNP from 1985 to 1986. He served full term of BNP government of Khaleda Zia as foreign minister.
Qurankhwani and doa mahfil have been arranged on this occasion.

DHAKA TODAY

- HIV discussion
RUOSA meeting
ZRF discussion
Prize giving ceremony
Condolence meeting
BHDP meeting
Rotary Dhaka Central
Rotary Dhaka North West
Lecture
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Three million children living with HIV/AIDS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
UNICEF Executive Director Carol Bellamy has said the global response to the crisis of children orphaned by AIDS is grossly inadequate.
Without a greater sense of urgency and collective action, millions more children will put themselves at enormous risk in their struggle to stay alive, according to a message received in the city yesterday.
Carol Bellamy was addressing a group of delegates from 22 Eastern and Southern African countries, convened for a five-day meeting in Windhoek, Namibia, which began on November 26 to consider the actions needed to step up in their response to the orphan crisis in their region.
Today some 3 million children are living with HIV/AIDS. And the disease has killed the mother, father or both parents of 13.4 million children still under the age of 15. The vast majority of these children - about 11 million - live in Sub-Saharan Africa.
Their ranks will soon be swelled by millions of additional children who are living with sick and dying parents. By 2010, the total number of children orphaned by HIV/AIDS is expected to nearly double to 25 million.
Bellamy emphasised the extraordinary vulnerability of children orphaned by AIDS.
"Almost without exception, children orphaned by AIDS are marginalised, stigmatised, mal-

Jahangirnagar University Tender Notice
Savar, Dhaka-1342
Sealed tenders are invited from the bonafide importers and agents for supplying foreign books for the year 2003 for the Jahangirnagar University Library. The selected tenderers will be bound by an agreement to ensure supply of real books and exact publishers price of the same.
Terms and conditions including list of the books for different department may be obtained from Agrani Bank, Jahangirnagar University Branch at the cost of Taka 700/- with the permission of undersigned by 1.30 PM on or before 19 December, 2002. The tenders along with the copies of the following valid current documents should reach to undersigned by 1.00 PM on or before 22 January, 2003. Tenders will be opened at 1.30 PM in presence of the tenderers (if any) on the same day.
1. Current Trade Licence.
2. Current Import Registration Certificate.
3. Current Income Tax Clearance Certificate.
4. Evidences of importing books and experience certificate that may support the tenderers may be submitted.
Tenders should mention in detail the procedures, terms and conditions commission etc for supplying the books. The university authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without showing any reason whatsoever.
Prof Dr Md Abul Hashem
Teacher-in-charge
Jahangirnagar University Library
Savar, Dhaka-1342
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Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Nasrul Mobin Chowdhury, a former tea planter, died in New York yesterday after prolonged illness.
He is survived by his mother, wife, a son and a daughter.
Nasrul was the brother of Dr. Bazlul Mobin Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor of Independent University of Bangladesh, Shamsheer Mobin Chowdhury, foreign secretary, and Shakwat Mobin Chowdhury, vice-president of BEXIMCO Group.
His body will be flown to Dhaka by a Biman flight at 4.00am on December 2.
His namaz-e-janaza will be held at Masjid-e-Taqwa at Dhanmondi in the city after Zohr prayers the same day and he will be buried at Azimpur graveyard.
His gulkhania will be held at his brother's residence at House # 6, Road # 89, Gulshan at 3:00pm on December 4.
Friends, relatives and admirers have been requested to pray for salvation of the departed soul.
Born in Dhaka on February 27, 1945, Nasrul Mobin Chowdhury joined as an assistant manager of Champarai Tea Estate in Sylhet.
After serving various tea estates for the two decades, he established his own business in Dhaka.

Roundtable on AIDS in Ctg today

CU CORRESPONDENT
On the occasion of the World AIDS Day, a roundtable on 'Live and let live from AIDS' will be held at a city hotel in Chittagong at 3.00pm today.
The roundtable has been organised by the STD/ AIDS/ HIV/ Prevention Programme Co-ordination Committee, Chittagong in cooperation with the HIV Programme, Care Bangladesh.
Dr Mohammad Abdur Rashid will attend the roundtable as chief guest.



The BNP look out a protest procession in the city yesterday alleging propaganda by opposition leader Sheikh Hasina abroad.

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