

Temperature may fall

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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,

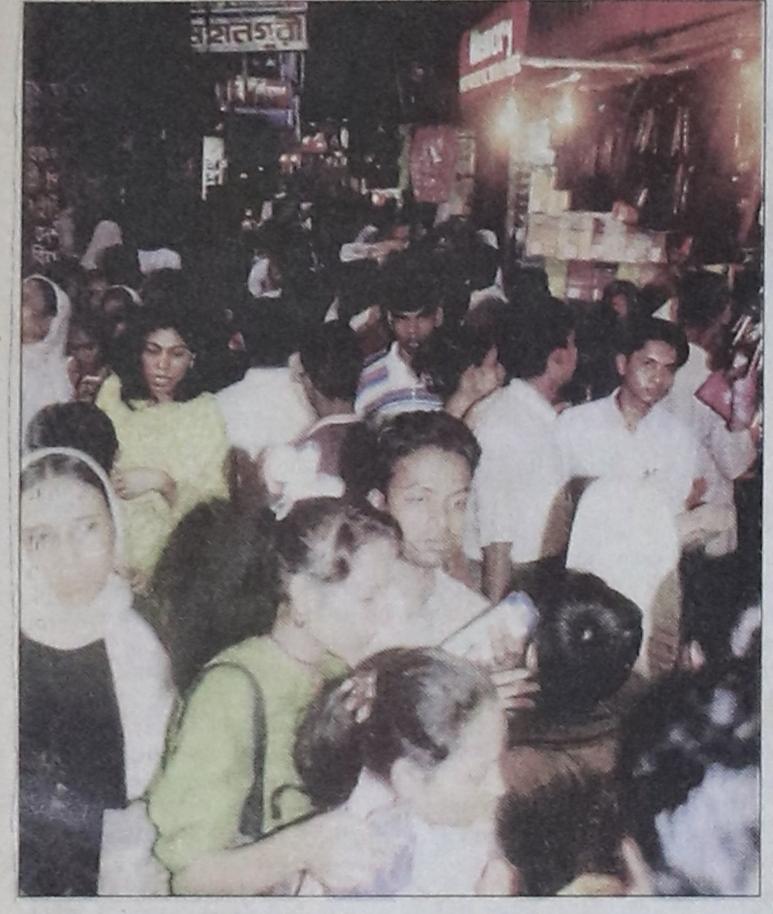
Met Office said. Yesterday's highest temperatures of 31.4 degree Celsius and the

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

The 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	
Dhaka	30.1	18.6	55	60
Chittagong	29.5	22.5	81	75
Rajshahi	29.0	18.4	71	81
Khulna	30.8	17.5	80	74
Barisal	30.2	17.8	84	. 89
Sylhet	31.0	19.4	64	70
Cox's Bazar	29.6	22.4	84	92



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



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

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দি সিকিউরিটি প্রিন্টিং করপোরেশন (বাংলাদেশ) লিঃ

Savar, Dhaka-1342.

পুনঃ নিলাম বিজ্ঞপ্তি

করপোরেশনের গাজীপুরস্থ অফিসে রক্ষিত এনজেএস/বিড়ি ব্যান্ডরোলের সাইড কাটিং, ব্রাউন পেপারের টুকরা, পারফোরেশন ভাষ্ট, ববিনসহ কাগজ "যেখানে যে অবস্থায় আছে" ভিত্তিতে নিলাম ডাকের মাধ্যমে বিক্রয় করা হইবে। আগ্রহী ক্রেতা সাধারণকে নিমে বর্ণিত শর্তের আলোকে উক্ত নিলাম ডাকে অংশগ্রহণের জন্য আমন্ত্রণ জানানো যাইতেছেঃ শর্তসমূহঃ

১) ১৮/১২/২০০২ ইং (বুধবার) সকাল ১০ঃ০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে আগ্রহী ক্রেতাগণকে করপোরেশনের ৩ নং সিকিউরিটি গেইটে করপোরেশন মনোনীত প্রতিনিধির নিকট জামানতের টাকা জমা দিতে হবে। অতঃপর সকাল ১১.১০ ঘটিকায় নিলামে বিক্রয়যোগ্য মালামাল আগ্রহী ক্রেতাদেরকে প্রদর্শন করা হইবে এবং ঐদিনই দুপুর ১২.০১ ঘটিকা হইতে কেন্দ্রীয় স্টোর সংলগ্ন পূর্ব দিকের সাটার গেটে তথুমাত্র জামানত প্রদানকারী আগ্রহী ক্রেতাদের উপস্থিতিতে নিলাম কমিটির সদস্যবৃদ্দের তত্ত্বাবধানে নিলাম ডাক অনুষ্ঠিত হইবে।

২) নিলাম ডাকে অংশগ্রহণের নিমিত্তে আগ্রহী প্রত্যেক ক্রেতাকে নগদ টাঃ ২৫,০০০.০০ (টাকা পঁচিশ হাজার) মাত্র জামানত হিসাবে জমা প্রদান ব্যতীত কেহ নিলাম ডাকে অংশগ্রহণ করিতে পারিবে না।

৩) সর্বোচ্চ সম্ভোষজনক দরদাতার অনুকূলে মালামাল বিক্রয়ের তাৎক্ষণিক ঘোষণা দেওয়া হইবে। তবে দর সম্ভোষজনক না হইলে সর্বোচ্চ দরদাতার অনুকৃলে বিক্রয় ঘোষণা দেওয়া/না দেওয়া কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক সংরক্ষিত থাকিবে।

8) অকৃতকার্য নিলাম ডাককারীদের জামানত হিসাবে জমাকৃত টাকা তাৎক্ষণিকভাবে ফেরত প্রদান করা হইবে। তধুমাত্র গৃহীত সর্বোচ্চ দরদাতা কর্তৃক জমাকৃত টাঃ ২৫,০০০.০০ মাত্র সমন্বয় করিয়া মালামাল গ্রহণের নিমিত্তে ঐদিনই ডাককৃত মোট মূল্যের ৭৫% অর্থ মালামাল সরবরাহ গ্রহণের স্বীকৃতিস্বরূপ নগদ পরিশোধ করিতে হইবে। নিলাম ডাকের পরবর্তী ০৫ (পাঁচ) কর্ম দিবসের মধ্যে অবশিষ্ট ২৫% অর্থ পরিশোধ করতঃ সম্পূর্ণ মালামাল গ্রহণ করিতে হইবে। অন্যথায় জমাকৃত অর্থ বাজেয়াপ্ত করা হইতে भारत ।

৫) সকল ক্ষেত্রে কর্ত্রপক্ষের সিদ্ধান্তই চূড়ান্ত বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে।

মোঃ মজিবর রহমান আকন্দ উপ-মহাব্যবস্থাপক (ক্রয়-বিক্রয়)

Nasiruddin gets Munier Chy Award

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Theatre gave away the Munier Chowdhury Award and Mohammad 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 Debnath 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.

Four get life term for abduction

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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 RI.

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 RI.

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.

Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nasrul Mobin Chowdhury, a for-

mer tea planter, died in New York

He is survived by his mother,

Nasrul was the brother of Dr.

Bazlul Mobin Chowdhury, Vice-

Chancellor of Independent Uni-

versity of Bangladesh, Shamsher

Mobin Chowdhury, foreign sec-

Chowdhury, vice-president of

His namaz-e-janaza will be

held at Masjid-e-Taqwa at Dhan-

mondi in the city after Zohr pray-

ers the same day and he will be

brother's residence at House # 6

Road # 89, Gulshan at 3:00pm or

have been requested to pray fo

salvation of the departed soul.

Friends, relatives and admirers

Born in Dhaka on February 27

1945, Nasrul Mobin Chowdhury

After serving various tea estate

for the two decades, he estab

lished his own business in Dhaka.

joined as an assistant manager of

Champarai Tea Estate in Sylhet.

His qulkhani will be held at his

buried at Azimpur graveyard.

BEXIMCO Group.

on December 2.

December 4.

yesterday after prolonged illness.

wife, a son and a daughter.



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 in-

She made the appeal when leaders of BNP and its front organisations, from different units in Saudi Arabia, called on her at her hotel suite in Madina on Thurs-

Mizanur Rahman Khokon, Sha- expatriates. hidul Islam Raju and Shamim Alam Tuhin.

economic growth in their homeland, the prime minister hoped

with investment of the wage earners' money at home.

Khaleda advised the Bangladeshi nationals living in Saudi Arabia to work for brightening the dignity, fame and image of the country by abiding by the laws of the land they are working in.

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 Led by BNP Saudi Arabia unit activities of Bangladesh, Khaleda president Abdul Gani Manu, the called upon them to remit money delegation members included in legal way as her government Alhaj Motiur Rahman, Faruk Ah- have already expanded many med Momtaj, Dr Golam Mostafa, banking channels abroad for the

The prime minister urged the BNP leaders of Saudi Arabia units Appreciating a remarkable to extend'cooperation to Banglacontribution of the expatriates to deshi pilgrims during the forthcoming Hajj.

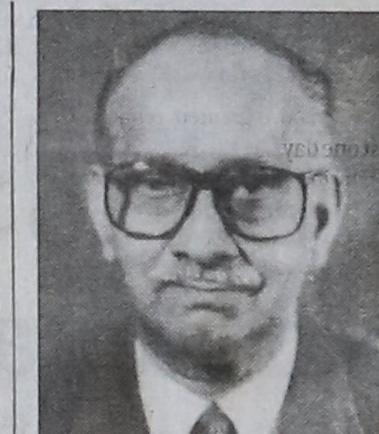
Responding to the BNP lead-

that the process would continue 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 com-

The BNP leaders appreciated the prime minister's various steps for ensuring law and order in the country as well as investmentfriendly policies.

State Minister for Civil Aviation Mir Mohammad Nasiruddin, PM's Political Secretary Mohammad Mosaddek Ali and Bangladesh Ambassador to Saudi Arabia SK Sharjil Hassan were present on the occasion.



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 'dishonomic our freedom fighters who U for the liberation of 1971", said some our cou Some sent leaders have said teachers

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 Viceretary, and Shakwat Mobin Chancellor Prof AJM Nooruddin Chowdhury said actually there were three seats under the free-His body will be flown to Dhaka by a Biman flight at 4.00am

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

The roundtable has been organised by the STD/ AIDS/ HIV/ Prevention Programme Coordination Committee, Chittagong in cooperation with the HIV Programme, Care Bangladesh.

Dr Mohammad Abdur Rashid will attend the roundtable as chief dom fighters' quota in every de-

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

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 me rious students are being deprinof getting admission in the univer sity due to this quota system, he said adding that this is not fair

BFUJ, DUJ protest arrest of journalists

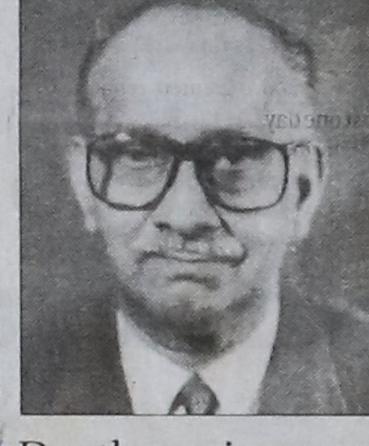
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The Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and the Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) have strongly condemned the arrest of three journalists, including Bangladesh Representative of Reporters Sans Frontiers (RSF) Saleem

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 gov-

ernment, 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 imme diately," they warned.



Death anniversary of Mostafizur Rahman today

release.

member of the standing committee of BNP and served as secretary general of BNP from 1985 to 1986. He served full term as foreign minister.

Qurankhwani and doa mahfil have been arranged on this occasion.

8 listed criminals arrested

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Police rounded up a total of 1,493 at 6am yesterday. During the drive, they also adequate.

handout.



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 Mostafizur Rahman was a

of BNP government of Khaleda Zia

people, including eight listed criminals, from different parts of the country in last 24 hours ending sponse to the crisis of children

seized four firearms, four other weapons, two explosives and seven rounds of bullet. Police filed three cases against two people



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

HIV discussion

On the occasion of the World AIDS Day, Bangladesh Manobadhikar Sangbadik Forum organises a discussion on 'HIV/AIDS and Bangladesh'. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 9.30am.

BUP workshop

Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad (BUP) organises a workshop on 'Economic Progress and Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers' with Dr Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad as chief guest. Venue: BUP auditorium, Dhanmondi. Time: 2.30pm.

DUJ meeting

A meeting of the executive committee of Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) will be held. Venue: DUJ office, National Press

Club. Time: 2.00pm.

Anchor ceremony The prize distribution ceremony of Anchor Children's Day, organised by Newzealand Milk Products, will be held. Venue: BRAC Centre, Mohakhali, Time: 11.00am.

BCRA seminar

Bangladesh Crime Reporters Association (BCRA) organises seminar on 'Democracy, Violence and Human Rights' with Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Barrister Moudud Ahmed as chief guest. Venue: Dhaka Reporters' Unity auditorium Time: 1.30pm.

HHDP meeting

A meeting of the executive committee of Homeo Health Development Programme (HHDP) will be held Venue: HHDP office, Mirpur. Time: 6.00pm.

Rotary Dhaka Central Regular weekly meeting of the Rotary

Club of Dhaka Central will be held Venue: Roche Bangladesh Ltd. Dhanmondi. Time: 3.00pm.

Rotary Dhaka North West

Regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held Venue: Gourmet Garden Restaurant Dhanmondi. Time: 4.30pm.

Lecture

Darul Ihsan University! organises a lecture on Ramadan with Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar as chief guest. Venue: Shapla

Community Centre, Dhanmondi. Time: 3.30pm.

RUOSA meeting

A meeting of the executive committee of Rajshahi University Old Students Association (RUOSA) will be held. Venue: Swanirbhar Bangladesh auditorium, Lalmatia. Time: 3.30pm.

ZRF discussion

Ziaur Rahman Foundation (ZRF) organises a discussion on 'Shaheed Zia and the future of Bangladesh' with Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain as chief guest. Venue: LGED Bhaban auditorium, Agargaon. Time: 3.00pm.

Prize giving ceremony

The Proclamation Day and Annual Prize Giving Ceremony of Bangladesh International School (BIS) will be held with Prof Dr M Shamsher Ali, vicechancellor of Southeast University as chief guest. Venue: DOHS, Mohakhali. Time: 9.30am.

Condolence meeting

Bangladesh Awami Ainjibi Parishad organises a condolence meeting in memory of Advocate Sirajul Haq, former president of Bangladesh Supreme Court Bar Association. Venue: Supreme Court Bar Association auditorium. Time: 3.00pm.

TOMORROW

MNSD meeting

A general meeting of Media Network for Sustainable Development (MNSD) will be held. Venue: House-33, Road-4, Dhanmondi. Time: 3.00pm.

Workshop

A workshop on 'Sundarbans Biodiversity Health Status', organised by IUCN- The World Conservation Union, Bangladesh Country Office, will be held. Venue: IDB Bhaban, Agargaon. Time: 10.00am.

Foundation laying ceremony

The foundation stone laying ceremony of Gulshan Branch of the Citibank will be: held with Marry Ann Peters. US ambassador in Dhaka, as chief guest. Venue: 109, Gulshan Avenue. Time: 11.00am.



PHOTO: ISPR Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan gives away the trophy to the Bangladesh Navy team in the Inter-service Qirat and Azan Competition that concluded at the Sailor's Colony Mosque at Dhaka Cantonment yesterday. Chief of the Naval Staff Rear Admiral Shah Iqbal Mujtaba is also

Three million children living with HIV/AIDS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

UNICEF Executive Director Carol Bellamy has said the global reorphaned by AIDS is grossly in-

Without a greater sense of urgency and collective action, millions more children will put themselves at enormous risk in their under the Arms Act, said an official struggle to stay alive, according to a message received in the city

vesterday. 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 the response to the orphan crisis in their

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, stigmatized, mal-

nourished, uneducated, and psychologically damaged. They are affected by actions over which they have no control and in which they had no part. They deal with the most traumas, face the most dangerous threats and have the least protections. And because of all this, they too are very likely to HIV-positive."

The HIV/AIDS challenge is a top UNICEF priority and will remain at the centre of the organization's efforts to fulfil child rights around the world. UNICEF's response to the crisis of children orphaned and made vulnerable by HIV/AIDS pivots on partnerships at all levels. These partnerships include

support to governments to develop policies national for orphans and legislation to protect the rights of orphaned children, complemented by the development of innovative community-based programmes to provide care and support for children and families in need.

Eid shopping mela

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A grand Eid Shopping Mela (fair) began on the premises of Dhaka Club on Thursday. The mela will continue from 9

am to 11 pm everyday until December 1, said a press release.