

Rally against King of Nepal

AFP, Kathmandu

More than 60,000 people gathered in Nepal yesterday to demonstrate against the king's sacking of the prime minister.

The public meeting, organised by the Nepal Communist Party-United Marxist and Leninist (NCP-UML) was held at an open air theatre in Kathmandu. More than 250 riot police stood guard but the protest was peaceful.

King Gyanendra sacked former prime minister Sher Bahadur Deuba October 4 and took power for almost a week before installing an interim government headed by staunch royalist Lokendra Bahadur Chand and postponing elections due in November.

Political parties have denounced the king's actions as "undemocratic and unconstitutional."

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"The king should also abide by the 1990 constitution and act democratically," by consulting with the kingdom's political parties to seek a way out of the current crisis, said NCP-UML leader Madhav Kumar Nepal.

"He should not ignore the aspirations of the people otherwise the consequences could be very serious."

Nepal also criticised the new interim government.

"The government headed by Lokendra Bahadur Chand has not been able to achieve anything even after nearly three months of its formation," he said.

"The continuation of this government means adding more trouble and complications."

Shamim made envoy to Pakistan

UNB, Dhaka

The government has decided to appoint FA Shamim Ahmed, at present ambassador to the Netherlands, as the high commissioner to Pakistan.

FA Shamim Ahmed joined the Bangladesh Foreign Service in 1974. He served the Bangladesh missions in Kenya, Japan, Italy, Pakistan and the USA in various capacities before he became the ambassador to the Netherlands in May 2001.

Friendship team off to China

UNB, Dhaka

Water Resources Minister Engineer LK Siddiqi left for Beijing yesterday on a nine-day official visit to China.

The minister, who is leading a 5-member friendship delegation, went to China at the invitation of China Association for International Friendship Contact (CAIFC).

He will meet with his Chinese counterpart and hold talks on development of water resources sector, said an official handout.

During his stay in China, the minister will visit various water-related projects, including three Gorges project.

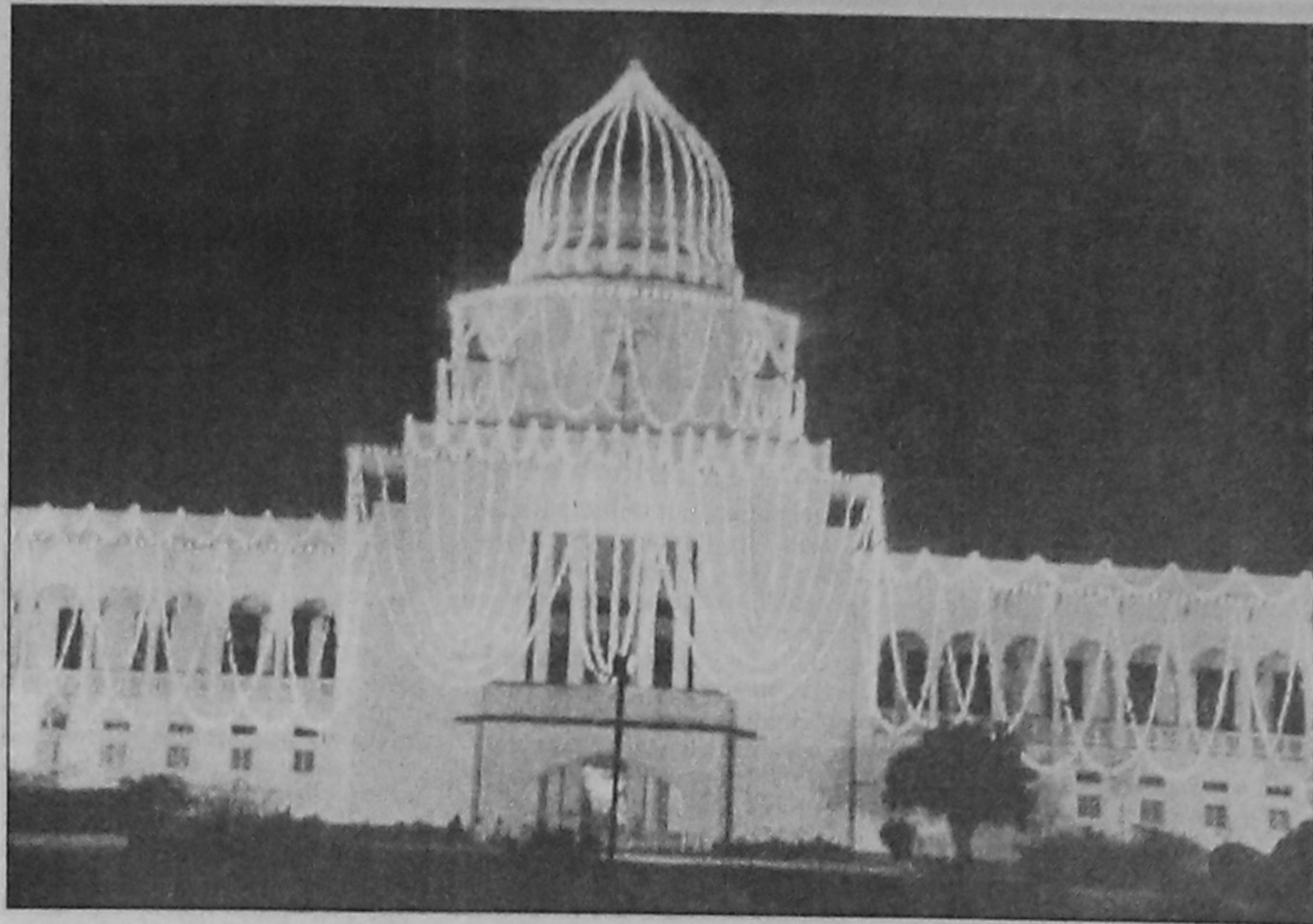
Magura Poura election Jan 18

UNB, Dhaka

The election to the Magura Poursava will be held on January 18, the Election Commission said yesterday.

According to the election schedule, the date for submission of nomination papers is December 26, scrutiny on December 28 and the last date for withdrawal of candidature is January 2.

Additional district magistrate has been appointed the returning officer while the district election officer will act as assistant returning officer.



The High Court building was illuminated on the occasion of Victory Day.

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81 get commission, honorary promotions in armed forces

BSS, Dhaka

A total of 81 armed forces officers and personnel have been granted honorary commission and promotion to the rank of honorary lieutenant in the Army on the occasion of the Victory Day, an ISPR press release said here yesterday quoting a defence ministry notification.

The honorary lieutenants promoted to the rank of honorary captains in the active list of the Bangladesh Army are: Mohammad Abul Hasan, ACC; M Abdul Kader, Artillery; Md Azizur Rahman, East Bengal; Md Shamsul Haque, Signals; Abdul Bari Howlader, Signals; Md Tofazzal Hussain, Artillery; Moshleh Uddin Ahmed, ACC; Sheikh Atiar Rahman, Artillery; Md Kripa Shindhu Biswas, East Bengal; Md Badiuzzaman, Engineers; Md Mozammel Haque, East Bengal; Md Abdul Karim Howlader, East Bengal; S M Saïdur Rahman, East Bengal; Md Akbar Hossain, East Bengal; Md Abul Hashem, Engineers; Md Harun-or-Rashid, East Bengal; M M Shahidul Alam, East Bengal; Md Yousuf Ali Biswas, East Bengal; Md Atiqur Rahman, East Bengal; Syed Kamruzzaman, East Bengal; Md Roushan Ali Miah, Artillery; Md Sirajul Haque Miah, East Bengal; Md Ali Osman, East Bengal; Mohabbat Ali, ACC; Md Aman Ullah, East Bengal; Md Shahidur Rahman, Artillery; Md Habibur Rahman, East Bengal; Md Siddiqur Rahman, East Bengal; Sheikh Javed Pervez, East Bengal and Md Mozibur Rahman, East Bengal.

Bengal.

The master warrant officers who have been granted commission and promoted to the rank of honorary lieutenant in the Army are Sree Bharat Bandhu Das, EME; Md Abdul Kader Howlader, East Bengal; Md Tofazzal Hoque, East Bengal; Sayed Jalal Uddin, East Bengal; Md Motiur Rahman, Signals; Md Bani Israil, East Bengal; Md Shahabuddin Talukder, Engineers; Md Nurul Amin, East Bengal; Sayed Ahmed, Engineers; Md Shamsul Alam, Engineers; Sreenath Kanti Das, East Bengal; Md Harun Or Rashid, East Bengal; Md Nurul Amin, East Bengal; Sadeque Ali, East Bengal; Md Abdul Karim Miah, Engineers; Md Abu Hanif, Engineers; Md Yousuf Ali Sheikh, Artillery; Md Luful Rahman, East Bengal; Abul Kashem, East Bengal; Md Abul Hossain, ACC; Md Dalil Uddin, Signals; Md Eskender Ali Fakir, Signals; Md Fakhru Islam, Ordnance; Shafiqur Rahman, East Bengal; Jamilul Haque Munshi, East Bengal; Md Jalal Uddin Ahmed, East Bengal; Sheikh Shahidul Alam, East Bengal; Md Abdul Gafur, AC; Md Jamil, ASC; Md Ali Nowab, ACC; Md Amir Hossain, AC; Khandker Md Habibur Rah-

man, East Bengal; Farid Ahmed, Artillery; Md Jonab Ali Sardar, Artillery; Md Shahid Ullah, East Bengal; Wali Ullah, East Bengal; Shakayet Ullah, EME; Mohd Shah Alam, East Bengal; Md Rtuul Amin Akond, East Bengal; Mohd Chand Miah, East Bengal; Md Zillur Rahman, ASC; Md Shahab Uddin Bhuiyan, East Bengal; Md Abdur Rouf Miah, East Bengal; Md Abdur Lail Sutarador, East Bengal and Sree Krishna Pada Roy, East Bengal.

Meanwhile, three honorary sub lieutenants have been promoted to the rank of honorary lieutenant and three junior commissioned officers have been granted honorary commission in the active list of the Bangladesh Navy on the occasion of Victory Day.

The honorary sub lieutenants promoted to the rank of honorary lieutenant are M A Razzaq, (REG), M S Sikder, (L) and M A Mannan (X).

The Junior Commissioned Officers who have been granted commission and promoted to the rank of honorary sub lieutenants are M A Halim, MGPO (X), M M Rahman, MCPO (X) and M F Haque MCPO (O/E).

These promotions will come into effect from December 16, the notification said.

5 sued for corruption in Pabna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Local Anti Corruption Bureau has sued five persons including former managing director of Pabna Sugar Mills (PSM) for corruption, misuse of power and incurring revenue losses.

The five are: Abdul Haque, former managing director, Zakir Hossain, general manager (finance), Bahar Uddin, general

manager (administration), Abu Sayeed, deputy director (commercial) and Tariqul Islam, a contractor.

The case was filed by Abu Yusuf, deputy director of the bureau, on December 12.

The case in brief is that four officials in collusion with the contractor incurred a revenue loss of Tk 7.53,123 by selling molasses to second highest bidder.

WEATHER TODAY Light to moderate fog likely

UNB, Dhaka

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over the country today.

Light to moderate fog is likely over the river basins of the country during early morning, Met Office said adding night temperature may slightly fall over the country.

Country's highest temperature 29.0 degree Celsius was recorded at Khulna and lowest 12.5 degree at Dinajpur yesterday.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:14pm today and rises at 6:35am tomorrow.

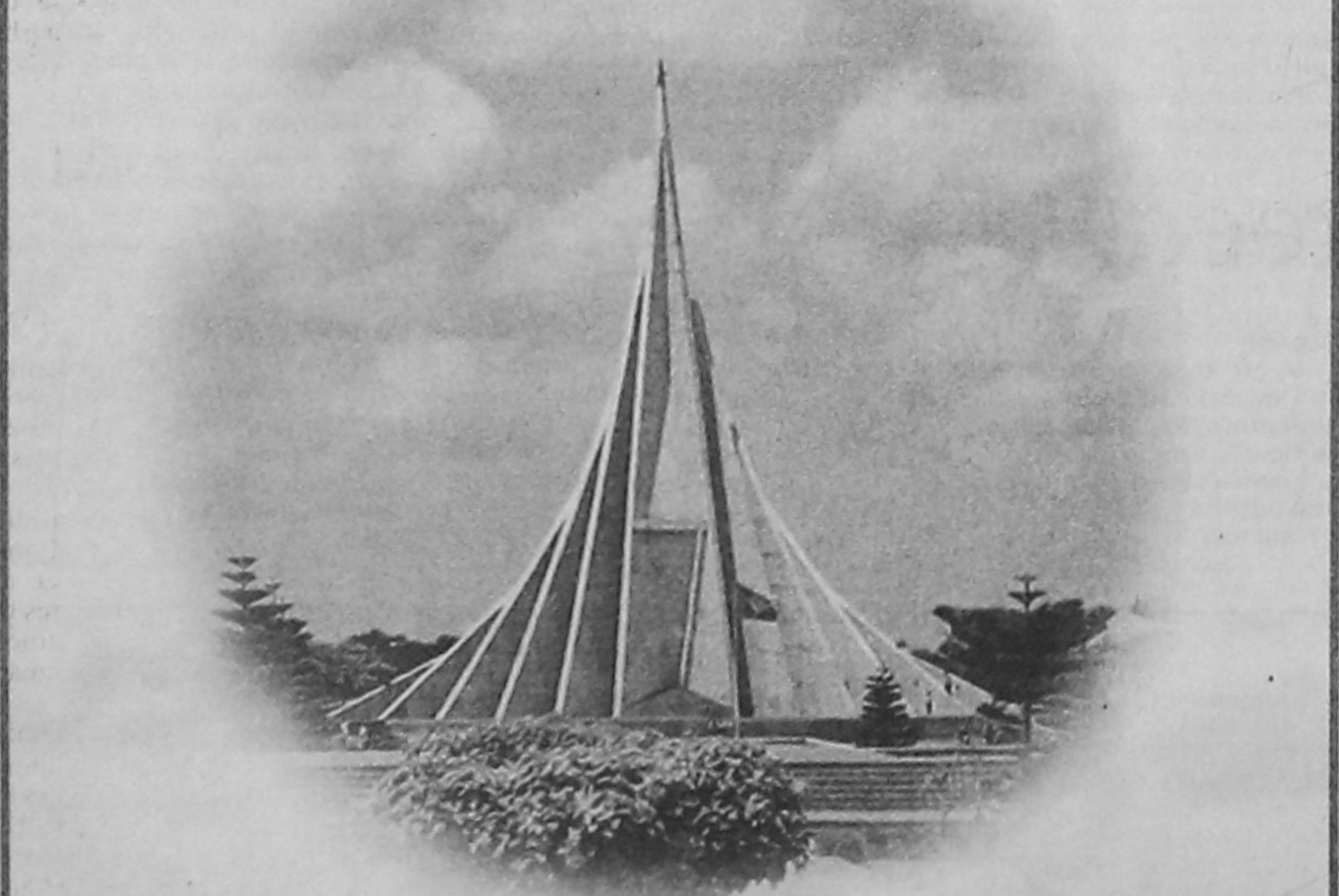
Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

Table with 5 columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning, Evening)

জনতা ব্যাংক কম্পিউটার অপারেশন বিভাগ

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Talk on academic collaboration

Prof Dietmar Rothermund of the South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University, Germany, gave a talk on the topic 'Academic Collaboration between the German and Bangladesh Universities' on the premises of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) on Thursday, says a press release.

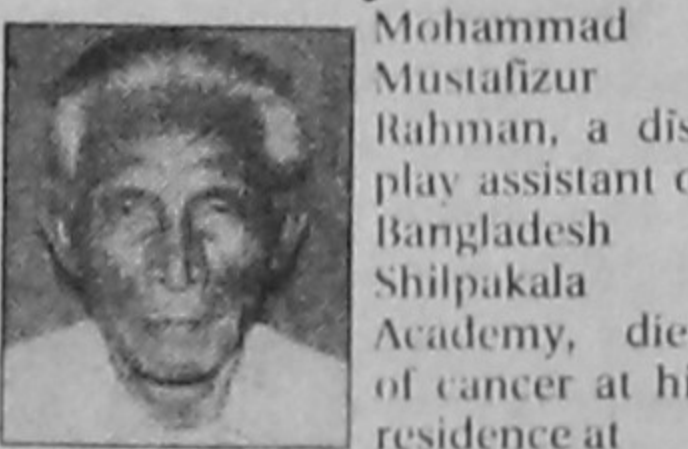
The IUB arranged the event. Prof Rothermund, who has been teaching at Heidelberg University for about 35 years, has to his credit a number of scholarly books some of which have been translated into many languages including Bangla. He played a distinctive role in our favour during the Liberation War in 1971.

In his speech, Dr Rothermund said that a wide scope of academic collaboration existed between the universities of Bangladesh and Germany which had not been much explored.

He identified various areas, specially social science and high-tech education, exchange visits by scholars, joint seminars and higher studies of Bangladeshi students in German universities.

Prof Bazul Mobin Chowdhury, vice-chancellor of Independent University, Bangladesh, introduced Prof Rothermund to the faculty members and participants expressing the hope that academic collaboration between the universities of the two countries would open up a new opportunity for the scholars and students.

Obituary



Savar on December 14 at the age of 52, says a press release.

He is survived by his wife, four sons and two daughters.

Meanwhile, officers and employees of Shilpakala Academy have condoled the death of Mustafizur Rahman and prayed for the salvation of the departed soul.

They also expressed sympathy for the members of the bereaved family.



Prof Dietmar Rothermund of Heidelberg University, Germany, delivers a talk on 'Academic collaboration' at the Independent University, Bangladesh on Thursday.

বিজয় দিবসের এই শুভক্ষণে আমাদের শুভেচ্ছা মুক্তিযুদ্ধের চেতনায় ধন্য হোক সমগ্র বাঙালি জাতি

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