



Prime Minister Khaleda Zia gives away prizes to the winners of Natun Kuri competitions at the Bangladesh Television centre in the city yesterday. PHOTO: PD

Groom yourselves as worthy citizens

Khaleda tells children at BTV's Natun Kuri prize distribution ceremony

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday called upon the children to groom themselves as worthy citizens acquiring knowledge of the emerging new era and imbibing patriotism.

She urged them to become equally good at their studies and concentrate on science and knowledge side by side with their extracurricular activities.

Khaleda was addressing the participants and winners of competition in the Bangladesh Television's children's programme "Natun Kuri" at Rampura station yesterday eve-

ning.

The programme was telecast live on BTV. A total of 17,342 children divided into two age groups participated in the nationwide competition.

Some 170 children were awarded for their performances. Khaleda Sultana Suravi bagged the Gold Cup in 'Ka' group while Bidrum Purokayasta received the Gold Cup in 'Kha' group.

Begum Zia in her speech said today was the birthday of late President Ziaur Rahman who initiated the "Natun Kuri". Citing the patriotism, sincerity, honesty, courage, farsightedness and dedication

of Ziaur Rahman, Khaleda hoped that the children would not only remember him but also follow his ideals.

She said "Natun Kuri" was making laudable contribution to enriching and making the cultural arena livelier and called upon all concerned to sustain the success. She asked the boys and girls to become computer-literate in this competitive world and also be involved in sports to keep physically fit, alongside pursuit of knowledge. Pointing at the underprivileged, deprived and less-fortunate children who cannot make to such programmes, Khaleda asked the

participants not to forget them and work to mitigate their sufferings and share the happiness.

Mentioning that she has declared this year as the "Children's Literature Year", the prime minister asked the children to read more books and encourage their friends to read by presenting books on occasions.

Earlier, on arrival at the Rampura Television Centre, Khaleda was received by Information Minister Tariqul Islam.

Ministers, MPs and a large number of cultural activists witnessed the function.

Hasina urges UK to resolve immigration problems

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A delegation of British Immigration Advisory Service, led by Keith Best, called on Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina in the city yesterday.

They discussed immigration problems facing the Bangladeshi nationals in the UK.

Hasina requested the British government to take necessary steps to resolve the problems.

She also suggested providing free legal services to those facing the immigration problems.

The delegation members included Michael Pickett, Samina Kausar and Abu Musa Hassan.

Death anniversary

Today is the fourth death anniversary of Mujibur Rahman, former general secretary of Bangladesh Chess Federation, says a press release.

He served at the ICDDR,B for about 30 years.

A milad mahfil will be held at his Green Road residence after Maghrib prayers today.

BL College blast

Students asked to vacate hall

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

All students of Haji Mohsin Hall of Govt BL College in Khulna have been asked to vacate their rooms immediately following the bomb blast on the roof of the hall on Sunday night injuring two young men seriously.

A decision to this effect was taken unanimously at a meeting of the staff council yesterday to ease the prevailing tension on the campus.

"I want full assurances from leaders of all student organisations about fair politics," said the principal of the college, adding that otherwise, stern action will be taken to stop such undesirable incidents on the campus.

Mohammad Humayun Kabir, house-super of the hall, yesterday filed a FIR with Daulatpur Police Station in this connection.

One of the injured has been identified as Manju, 30, son of one

Altat Hossain of Durjanimalah under Rupsha thana. He is a non-student and a professional bomb-maker, sources said.

The other injured Mamun, 27, son of Ibrahim Sardar of Rajapur village, is a student of Bangabandhu College of Rupsha upazila.

Both of them are undergoing treatment in the prison cell of Khulna Medical College Hospital.

They were arrested by the joint forces soon after the incident.

The powerful bomb went off with a big bang when it was being manufactured on the roof of the hall controlled by Islami Chhatra Shibir, said a student on condition of anonymity.

BL College units of JCD and BCL have demanded an impartial probe

into the bomb blast.

Police said vigorous investigation is going on to arrest others who were present when the bomb went off.

CU alumni reunion

BSS, Dhaka

Reunion of the alumni of accounting department of Chittagong University (CU) will be held on the university campus on March 12.

Former students working in Dhaka have been asked to contact convenor of the liaison committee Muslim Chowdhury at 0171567096 or Anup Kastagir at 0172009670.



Light rain likely

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Light rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at one or two places over Rajshahi, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions and the regions of Jessore and Kushtia during the next 12 hours till 6.00pm today.

Weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over the country, Met office said, adding that light to moderate fog may occur in the morning.

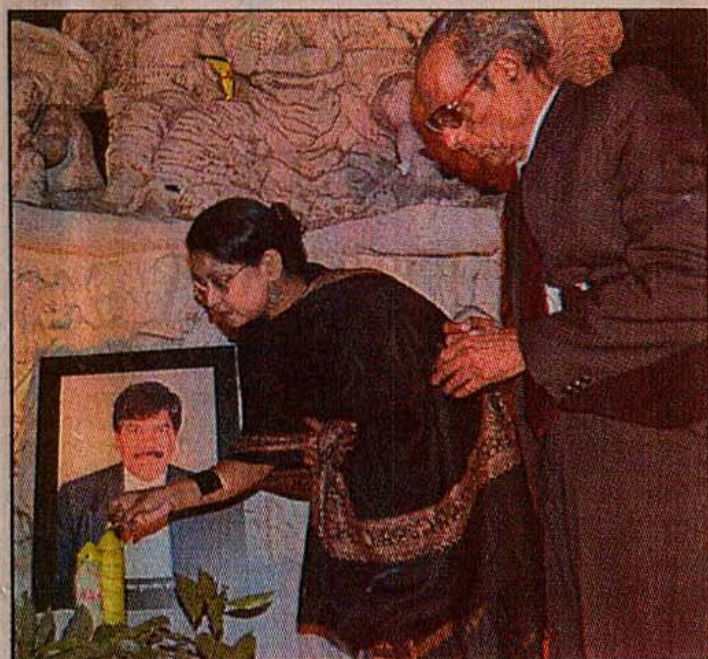
Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 28.8 degree Celsius was recorded at Jessore and the lowest of 12.9 degree at Rangamati.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:36 pm today and rises at 6:43 am tomorrow.

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	Evening
Dhaka	23.8	15.7	82	83
Chittagong	27.4	16.7	85	65
Rajshahi	24.7	14.2	97	80
Khulna	28.3	16.8	98	80
Barisal	27.5	15.5	98	72
Sylhet	23.2	15.4	93	90
Cox's Bazar	28.6	14.8	85	75



Renowned singer Rezwana Chowdhury Banya inaugurated the Kachi Memorial Street Drama Festival organised by the Padatik Natya Sangsad in front of the TSC on Dhaka University campus yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

Appeal for help



Ayesha Siddiqi Rumi, a third-year student of Islamic history and culture, Rajshahi University College, has been suffering from GBS (Group B Streptococcal) disease, says a press release.

The 22-year-old student is now undergoing treatment at the intensive care unit at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University. Doctors advised her to go abroad for better treatment which will cost over Tk five lakh.

Interested persons and organisations are humbly requested to send their contributions to the following address: Ayesha Siddiqi Rumi, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Hospital, ICU Bed No-2, Shahbag, or Nargis Sultana (elder sister of Rumi), Janata Bank, Mouchak Branch, account No. 13060. Mobile phone numbers: 0171052975 and 0172150467.

Over 1600 held

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Police arrested a total of 1,617 people during their countrywide drive in last 24 hours till 6.00am yesterday.

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