Morning

78

Humidity in percentage

Evening

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at a few places over Rangpur, Rajshahi, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions till 6:00pm today. Moderately heavy falls are also likely at places

and Madaripur and it may continue. Day and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

northern part of the country, Met Office said.

2nd Edition

Mild heat wave is sweeping over Rajshahi, and rises tomorrow at 5:12am. Khulna divisions and the regions of Tangail, Dhaka

Country's highest temperature 37.4 degree Dhak Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rajshahi and lowest Chitt 24.5 degrees at Hatiya. Highest and lowest Rajsl temperature and humidity recorded yesterday were:

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:48pm

	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage		Temperature		
	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening		Max:	
aka	36.0	28.8	66	55	Khulna	37.0	
ttagong	33.0	26.7	77	76	Barisal	35.7	
shahi	37.4	27.4	79	92	Sylhet	33.8	
ngpur	35.1	28.0	67	83	Cox's Bazar	35.0	
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People from all walks of life pay their last respect to Atiqul Haque Chowdhury at the Central Shaheed Minar in the capital yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

Atiqul Haque Chowdhury laid to rest

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Amid love and grief, people from all walks of life yesterday bade a final goodbye to veteran eminent playwright and theatre personality Atiqul Haque Chowdhury.

The media personality was laid to rest at Mirpur intellectuals' graveyard yesterday afternoon. Earlier, his body was kept at the Central Shaheed Minar in the capital for nearly one and a half hours from 11:00am during which his colleagues, grief-stricken relatives, TV and social as well as cultural personalities paid their last respect.

arrangements for a public viewing of Chowdhury's body at the started his career as a producer." Shaheed Minar.

On Chowdhury's life and contributions, Golam Kuddus, vice president of Sammilita Sanskritik Jote, said, "He produced many talented actors and actresses. His contribu-

tions to Bangladesh Television and Radio Bangladesh are enormous. His chequered career in media includes significant roles in several major organisations."

Ashfaqur Rahman Khan, retired deputy director general of Bangladesh Betar, stated, "Chowdhury was a symbol of humanism and secularism. He was the symbol of Bengali nationalism. His plays carry profound messages."

Prof Afsar Ahmed, pro-vice chancellor of Jahangirnagar University, said, "He was a very well known personality in our drama and media field. He was associated with the Sammilita Sangskritik Jote made Department of Drama and Dramatics for over eleven years. He

> "Atiq bhai was optimistic and confident," he added.

> Noted educationalist Prof Emeritus Dr Anisuzzaman said, "I met him in 1960s in the then Radio Pakistan. He was very congenial and

a great conversationalist. He wrote many TV plays which reflected his patriotic sentiments, private and family life. He had this capability to quickly become the centre of attention at social and cultural gatherings but above all, he was a rare human

Ramendu Majumdar, president of International Theatre Institute, said, "He introduced different dimensions to TV dramas. During his lifetime, he wrote 50 plays and produced over 300 TV plays. A number of quality radio plays were also written and directed by him."

Chowdhury's first namaz-ejanaza was held on the premises of Ekushey TV around 10:30am while the second took place after Zohr prayers at the Dhaka University mosque. His third namaz-e-janaza was held at Bangladesh Television complex in Rampura.

Chowdhury breathed his last at a hospital in the capital on Monday.

TICFA DEAL

WPB, BSD slam govt's decision

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Workers Party of Bangladesh (WPB) and Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal (BSD) yesterday criticised the government's decision to sign the Trade and Investment Cooperation Forum Agreement (Ticfa) with the US. On Monday, the cabinet

approved a proposal to sign the Ticfa.

In a statement, the WPB said the Ticfa will not allow Bangladesh to go against the US decisions regarding any international business treaties in future. Terming the decision to

sign Ticfa "against the national interest and serving the purpose of the US", BSD leader Mubinul Haider Chowdhury urged the government not to sign the agreement. The signing of Ticfa treaty

would harm the software and pharmaceutical industries of the country, he said.

HC wants ACC chief's job related documents today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the ACC lawyer to submit the documents before it today related to Ghulam Rahman's joining as chairman of the anti-graft body, his remuneration and resignation from his previous job at the Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (Berc). The HC passed the order while hearing a rule that ques-

tioned the legality of Rahman's holding the Anti-Corruption Commission chairman's office and receiving salaries after May 1 this year.

Supreme Court lawyer Mirza Al Mahmood filed the writ petition on June 9 saying that the government had appointed Rahman on May 2, 2009 as chairman of the antigraft body for four years, which ended on May 1 this

Later, the HC on June 11 issued a rule upon the ACC and the government officials concerned to explain under which authority Rahman was holding his office after May 1.

The court also asked the officials to explain why Rahman's continuing as ACC chief after May 1 should not be declared illegal, and why he (Rahman) should not be speech. directed to refund the money and benefits he had received since after the expiry of his tenure. Contacted, ACC's counsel Khurshid Alam Khan said

Rahman had resigned as Berc chairman on June 23, 2009 and joined the ACC as its chief the following day. His fouryear tenure should be calculated from the date on which he joined the ACC. The court fixed today for further hearing on the rule.

Appeal for help OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Beauty Aktar,



32, teaches computer skills in a madrasa and is acclaimed

among the people around her as a folk singer, but she is about to lose her voice due to a bad throat surgery two years ago. Now she can hardly speak and fears losing her job.

Wife of a primary schoolteacher of Gorerbari village in Gabtoli upazila, she has spent Tk 12 lakh and has to take medicines worth Tk 450 every day.

Doctors of Bangladesh and India have advised Beauty to travel to Singapore, but her family is quite broke. So they appeal to the prime minister and the generous people to help her prevent the loss of Assistances can be sent

to Beauty Aktar, Sonali Bank Ltd, Gabtoli Branch, Gabtoli upazila, Bogra, A/C-002107548 or served on contact on 01714421755, 01713785459.

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Drugs were cocaine Confirms DNC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Held Peruvian

The Department of Narcotics Control (DNC) has confirmed

that the Peruvian caught with approximately 3.5kg of drugs on June 10, was indeed carrying cocaine. They arrived at the conclusion after conducting tests on the drugs, said Mohammad Ali Aslam Hossain, deputy

director of DNC, on Monday. The detained, Juan Pablo Rafael Zagaceta, 28, gave a confessional statement before a Dhaka court.

Juan was caught with three packets of cocaine when a DNC team raided his room in Hotel La Vinci on June 10, the same day that he arrived in Bangladesh.

Juan claims to have been given the cocaine by an unidentified woman in a club in Lima, the capital of Peru. He said a woman was to receive the drugs from the hotel in Dhaka.

Two BCL men hurt in rival faction attack

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

At least two activists of Chittagong Polytechnic Institute unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League were injured in an attack by their rival faction in the institute area yesterday.

Following the incident, activists of the victim group barricaded Number 2 Gate-Oxygen road for about half an hour causing tailback in the area. Two outsiders were held in the area, police said.

The injured are Md Abdullah Al Rubel, 22, general secretary of student council of the institute, and chief of Rubel group; and Md Jamal, activist of the group.

With injuries in the head, Rubel was admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

Police said supporters of Helal group of the BCL unit

attacked Rubel and Jamal over previous enmity. Helal could not be contacted for his comments.

