

# Fall in water-level at Brahmaputra, Ganges

Almost nil rainfall has been recorded over the country during the last 24 hours ending at 6pm yesterday, reports BSS.

Reporting on general river condition, the flood control centre said, the Brahmaputra and the Ganges continued to fall except the Ganges at Pankha. The rivers in the Meghna basin registered rise and fall. All the river in the SE Hill basin recorded fall. All the rivers are flowing below their respective danger levels.

The Brahmaputra recorded further fall by 16 cm at Noonkhawa, 11 cm at Chilmari, 14 cm at Bahadurabad, 21cm at Siraganj and by 8cm at Aricha. The Dharla receded further by 6 cm at Kurigram. The Teesta remained almost steady both at Dalia and Kaunia. The old Brahmaputra recorded further fall by 27 cm at Jamalpur and by 12 cm at Mymensingh. The Buriganga at Dhaka, the Lakhya at Narayanganj and the Turag both at Mirpur and Tongi recorded further fall. All the rivers in this basin are flowing below their respective danger levels.

The Ganges recorded further fall by 18 cm at Rajshahi, 11 cm each at Hardinge Bridge and Goalundo, 8 cm at Bhagyakul while it recorded rise by 18 cm at Pankha. The Gori recorded further fall by 4 cm at Gori Rly Bridge. The Karatoa and the Punarbhaba registered fall. All the rivers in this basin are flowing below their respective danger levels.

The Surma receded further by 24 cm at Sylhet and by 12 cm at Sunamganj. The Kushi-ya remained almost steady at Amalshid and Sheola. The Manu receded further by 15 cm at Manu Rly Bridge and by 14 cm at Moulvibazar. The Khowai recorded rise by 16 cm at Habiganj. The Meghna at Bhairab Bazar recorded fall by 3 cm. The Gumti also receded by 11 cm at Comilla. All the rivers in this basin are flowing below their respective danger levels.

# CA condoles death of Amina Rahman

Chief Adviser Muhammad Habibur Rahman yesterday condoled the death of Dr Amina Rahman who died of old-age ailment on June 12 here, reports BSS.

The Chief Adviser expressed his sympathy to the members of the bereaved family and prayed for the peace of the departed soul.

Dr Amina Rahman was a former adviser in late president Ziaur Rahman's cabinet. Begum Rahman was the first Bengali woman to obtain the a doctorate degree from the Yale University in 1950.

### Qui tomorrow

The namaz-e-zanaza of Dr Amina Rahman will be held after Zohar prayers tomorrow at the Circuit House (Tip Top) Masjid. Immediately thereafter she will be buried at Banani graveyard.

Quilkhani of the deceased will be held after Asr prayers also tomorrow at 7, Circuit House Road, Rahma, Dhaka.



A heap of garbage dumped on a roadside at Patuatuli in the older part of the city. — Star photo

# Election free, fair: Observers

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preparations of voters list and some congestion at polling centres, caused by insufficient number of voting booths, especially for women.

He admitted that there were some cases of violence and irregularities. "However, we do not believe that these cases materially affected the outcome of the election, since these are rather minor cases considering that the total number of polling centres, which number about 26 thousand."

The official name of the team — the Election Observation Team of the Parliamentarian League for Japan-Bangladesh Friendship, visited Bangladesh in support of development of democratisation in Bangladesh. This is the second time for the league to dispatch an observation team following the elections held in 1991.

The team leader expressed the hope that the major political parties in Bangladesh respect voter's general will reflected in the election and cooperate with one another in a democratic way to realise national harmony.

### SAARC team

The non-governmental observer group from the four SAARC countries yesterday termed the June 12 general elections as "generally free and fair" and commented that the high rate of voters turnout, especially the female voters, was a testimony to the commitment of Bangladesh to democracy, according to BSS.

Releasing its interim assessment on the elections, the SAARC observer group said "the clear manifestation of people's aspirations in favour of peace, order and democratic governance also contributed to the conduct of the polls in substantial compliance with the electoral laws and procedures."

The group said that in the June 12 elections the established procedures were adhered to, "though it was also found that there was substantial room for improvement in the training of polling staff, competence of the polling agents, physical facilities available in the polling centres, and above all in the overall legal and institutional framework governing the electoral system."

The group also found ambiguities for the non-party caretaker government to run the election. Comparing with the caretaker administration of Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed, which conducted the 1991 elections, it observed that the administration of Justice Habibur Rahman functioned "with a more ambiguous framework" where it is entrusted with the conduct of elections and the routine functions of government, while the president has responsibility for defence and control of the Armed Forces.

The SAARC non-governmental group which includes 40 eminent citizens from India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka also said that the establishment of the non-party caretaker government was "a decisive development in creating conditions favourable to free and fair elections."

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"Despite these ambiguities the concerned constitutional functionaries were able to handle the crisis over the 'dismissal' of the chief of army staff and continue to advance the electoral process," it remarked.

Praising the role of the caretaker government, it noted that the government re-constituted the election commission in a consensual process which could command the confidence of the different political parties of the country. The group also noted that the caretaker government was "open and transparent" in inviting more than 250 international observers and extending facilities to them to visit and observe every aspect of the electoral exercise.

Releasing the report, the team said that the atmosphere in most polling centres was relaxed and polling agents of the major political parties invariably confirmed that they had not been intimidated. "In many polling booths, the polling agents were relaxed and were friendly and courteous to each other." The enthusiasm of women voters was particularly marked, the report said.

While praising the arrangements generally, it noted that the administrative arrangements for the conduct of the polls could have been strengthened. It said the elec-

tions were marred by violence in Chittagong, Comilla and other areas which resulted in the death of five persons and more than 100 injured. These incidents point to the intense rivalry and hostility which has characterised the relationship between the two major parties, they commented.

### CCHRB

The Coordination Council for Human Rights in Bangladesh (CCHRB) has said the June 12 election was free, fair, festive and highly acceptable with a massive turnout of voters despite a few incidents of violence, according to UNB.

CCHRB, an apex body of 76 human rights organisations working in Bangladesh, made the observation in its preliminary report after monitoring the polls in selected 150 constituencies.

Presenting the report at a press conference in Dhaka yesterday Vice President of the organisation Jeffrey S Pereira said the extent of violence was not at all significant.

He said the June 12 election rightly expressed the verdict of the people.

According to the CCHRB report, the environment in polling centres was excellent in 77.02 per cent centres, moderate in 17.56 per cent and not satisfactory in 5.4 per cent centres. The presence of voters was satisfactory in over 90 per cent centres.


Though the number of voters in the electoral list decreased by 55 lakh from the 1991 parliamentary election, it says, the turnout of voters this time rose to 73.19 per cent from 53 per cent in 1991. It was only 20.19 per cent in February 15 polls.

About the participation of the womenfolk in the election, the report said a significant percentage of women cast their votes without any intimidation, fear and hindrance. The number of polling booths for women was insufficient, it added.

"The voters have once again proved that they are secular minded," the report said.

Those present at the press conference at Jatiya Press Club included CCHRB General Secretary Akram Hossain Chowdhury, and Saiful Islam Dilder, Saleem Samad, Khairuzaman Kamal and Anisur Rahman.

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# 2 killed in Tongi, Savar

By Staff Correspondent

Two persons, including a college student, were murdered in separate incidents in Tongi and Savar yesterday.

Hannan Mahmud alias Dipu, 20, a student of Tongi College and reportedly a supporter of pro-Awami League Chhatra League, was shot dead allegedly by some of his friends near a bridge in Tongi around 7.30 pm, sources at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) said.

DMCH sources said. Sources quoting locals who rushed the victim to the DMCH said that the gang first stormed a locality in Shibpur at Savar in the morning. The gang stabbed the victim when they were returning from Shibpur. He succumbed to his injuries on way to the DMCH, medical sources said.

The motive behind the killing could not be known immediately.

The body was sent to the DMCH morgue for autopsy.

## Daily Star staff mugged

By Staff Correspondent

An unidentified gang snatched away watch and cash from a staff of The Daily Star on West Pa in the city early morning yesterday.

Armed with razors the group of three waylaid the rickshaw of Shamuzzaman, page-in-charge of 'Live from the Internet', when he was returning home around 4 am. The miscreants then mugged him of his watch and cash.

The Dhanmondi police was informed of the incident.

## গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

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### বিষয় : আইন উপদেষ্টা নিয়োগের পুনঃ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বাংলাদেশ পট করপোরেশন (বিপু) আইন উপদেষ্টা নিয়োগের জন্য নিম্নবর্ণিত প্রয়োজনীয় যোগ্যতাসম্পন্ন এডভোকেটগণের নিকট হইতে দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে।

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