



**Light to moderate rain likely**

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at a few places over Chittagong, Dhaka, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions and one or two places over Khulna and Barisal divisions during the next 12 hours till 6:00 pm today.

Moderately heavy falls are also expected at one or two places over Chittagong and Sylhet divisions. Met office said, adding that day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 40.0 degree Celsius was recorded at Jessore and the lowest of 19.9 degree Celsius at Sylhet.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:38 pm today and rises at 5:12 am tomorrow.

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	35.3	28.6	79	79
Chittagong	33.4	28.6	78	80
Rajshahi	37.0	27.2	78	81
Khulna	37.8	30.0	77	77
Barisal	34.0	28.5	91	80
Sylhet	26.4	19.9	86	
Cox's Bazar	33.4	29.5		

**MBBS practical exams, viva voce postponed**

UNB, Dhaka

MBBS practical examinations and viva voce of different medical colleges under Dhaka University scheduled to be held on May 26 have been postponed on the occasion of Eid-e-Miladun Nabi.

Principals of the DU affiliated medical colleges have been requested to prepare fresh schedule to hold the postponed examinations, said a DU press release yesterday.

**Newspaper holiday**

UNB, Dhaka

The offices of all newspapers and news agencies will remain closed on May 26 on the occasion of holy Eid-e-Miladun Nabi.

Therefore, there will be no newspaper May 27, said a Bangladesh Sangbadpatra Parishad (BSP) press release.

**Postal holiday**

BSS adds, all post offices of the country will remain closed on May 25 and 26 on account of the Buddha Purnima and the holy Eid-e-Miladun Nabi.



Increasing level of traffic in the 'silent zone' at Dhanmondi is a source of noise pollution.

**Urban noise a growing problem**

SHIEJAB AHMED

The noise pollution is becoming a growing menace for the city-dwellers, affecting human health and well-being in a number of ways.

Although urban noise is regulated by law, use of heavy horns like hydraulic and fog horns by buses and trucks and other vehicles is rampant. Also, indiscriminate use of loudspeakers at dead of night in residential areas is a source of noise pollution.

People are facing various health hazards as long-term exposure to industrial and urban noise causes hearing loss and affects nervous system. Children, elderly people and patients are more vulnerable.

To curb noise pollution, the Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) designated two push residential areas, Dhanmondi and Gulshan, as 'silent zone' in 2000, but the authorities have failed to maintain its status. Now the 'silent zone' exists only in signboards.

Particularly menacing is the noise pollution that emanates from construction activities that continue throughout the day, residents of the areas complain.

And the drivers of the trucks carrying construction equipment and related raw materials pay no

heed to the noise regulations.

Worse is the situation in other designated 'silent zones' around hospitals and educational institutions in the city. The silent zone around each hospital and educational institution cover 100-metre area around them.

The honking of horns and blaring of loudspeakers are not permitted around hospitals and educational institutions, officials of the Department of Environment (DOE) say.

They suggested that there should be a total ban on the use of horns on the roads unless there is an emergency. And police should enforce the rules on the use of loudspeakers, they added.

In the residential areas of Gulshan and Dhanmondi, the standard of sound level is set at 45 decibels during the day and 35 decibels at night.

For an industrial area, the DOE has established 75 decibels as standard sound level during the day and 70 decibels at night. And for other residential areas, it is 50 decibels during the day and 40 decibels at night.

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**Shaheen Chy awarded MBE**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Shaheen Choudhury Westcombe, a Bangladeshi architect, has recently been awarded an MBE (Member of the Order of the British Empire) for services to community relations, says a press release.

Shaheen, who moved to the UK in 1972, started voluntary work there in 1979.

Originally trained as an architect, Shaheen gave up work in architecture following the birth of her son and moved into local gov-



ernment in 1985. She joined the Waltham Forest Social Services in 1990.

Earlier, she was involved in setting up mother language teaching schools in Islington, Hackney and Lewisham.

She has also campaigned for the introduction of mother language teaching (Bengali) in mainstream schools.

Says Shaheen: "I have worked with various ethnic minority communities and disadvantaged groups and tried to empower them and contribute towards creating a harmonious society and promote community relations in every sphere."

Shaheen's father, late Habibullah Bahar Chowdhury, was a writer and politician. Her mother, late Anwara Bahar Chowdhury, was an educationist and writer.

**Move to set up pvt terminal in Ctg protested**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Members of the 22 trade unions of the Chittagong port brought out a procession and held a rally yesterday demanding immediate cancellation of the process for constructing a private container terminal at the Karnaphuli estuary.

At the rally held at Barik Building intersection under the banner of 'Chittagong Dock Bandar Sramik Karmachari Parishad', the port workers and employees also reiterated their vow to resist any attempt to set up the private terminal at any cost.

They said the construction of the private terminal is not a problem for the port workers and employees alone, rather it concerns the national interests and state security.

The government has resumed the meeting with the Stevedoring Services of America (SSA) ignoring the six-member secretarial committee report that suggested further feasibility studies by the experts, they said.

The rally was addressed by Md. Mahfuzur Rahman Khan, Md. Nurulla Bahar, Md. Shamsul Haq Shafi, Md. Sirajul Islam, Ruhul Amin, Abu Zafar Azad and Kazi Jahangir Hossain.

Earlier, the Parishad brought out a huge procession that paraded through different roads of Agrabad.

**1458 more held**

BSS, Dhaka

Police recovered 10 firearms and five lethal weapons along with 20 bullets from across the country during the last 24 hours ending at 6 am yesterday.

Police arrested 1458 people, including 10 identified criminals, during the period, a police head-quarter press release said.

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