



Light to moderate rain likely

UNB, Dhaka
Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at most places over the country with moderately heavy to heavy falls at places today.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met office said.

Country's highest temperature 33.0 degree Celsius was recorded at Sylhet and the lowest 24.6 degree Celsius at Sylhet and Srimongal yesterday.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:33pm today and rises at 5:34am 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	30.2	26.0	88	95
Chittagong	31.6	25.5	88	77
Rajshahi	29.0	25.4	93	97
Khulna	28.5	25.5	98	100
Barisal	30.6	25.5	96	92
Sylhet	33.0	24.6	79	92
Cox's Bazar	31.3	25.0	98	96

Plunderers

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from banks. They can be good savers and investors if properly trained in various skills.

Fakhruddin Ahmed said syndicated system of lending is helpful in controlling loan default.

Ibrahim Khaled said savings will be a ladder for prosperity if the human resources can be developed. Savings rate in the country is among the lowest in the region, he said.

Prof. Abu Ahmed said savings rate will increase if most of the people are included in savings schemes. He opposed the idea of increasing interest on savings. This will lead to increase in the overall interest rate.

Wali Bhuiyan said, to develop the economy, ways must be found out to turn savings into investments.

Explaining her experience in micro credit, Rokya Rahman said close monitoring is necessary to prevent loan default. She said Midas now gives loan up to Tk five lakh and the recovery rate is also very good. This has been possible due to close monitoring, she added.

Mirza Azizul Islam said economic growth is not possible without good governance.

Rejoinder

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existing box culverts at six places have narrowed the width of the lakes. Simultaneously, all lakeside works are being surveyed to facilitate easy demarcation of lakes. Uttara lake also has been brought under similar programme and plantation and construction of pathway are being done there.

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Prime Minister Khaleda Zia listens to newly appointed South Korean Ambassador to Bangladesh Kang Chang Ryol during a meeting at her office yesterday.

Hasina accuses govt of victimising innocent

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina yesterday accused the government of helping in the surge of "animal instinct" in people by "sparing criminals and victimising the innocent".

"The coalition government is not only sparing and sheltering the criminals but also rewarding them. Moreover, it is victimising innocent people in the wake of growing crimes, giving a rise to people's bestial instinct," said the opposition leader said.

"Where are we being led to? Guess, what would our society look like if the situation goes unabated?"

Speaking at a discussing meeting in the city, she referred to several incidents in which innocent people were allegedly booked, letting criminals reportedly belonging to the ruling coalition go scot-free.

"Bangladesh has now turned into a place where all possible crimes are taking place. They are torturing the people and are trying to destroy their Awami League only to continue their

misrule," she said. Bangladeshu Parishad organised the discussion in observance of Bangabandhu's 27th death anniversary.

Chaired by Dr SA Malek, it was addressed by, among others, National Professor Kabir Chowdhury, poet Shamsur Rahman, noted lawyer Amirul Islam and former vice-chancellor of Dhaka University ProfAKAzad Chowdhury. It was held at the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh.

Angered by the government's cancellation of public holiday on the National Mourning Day on August 15, Hasina said the whole nation except those in power accepts the day. "People from across the world recognise Bangabandhu as Bangladesh's founding father. It's only the defeated forces of 1971 and their local collaborators who don't."

Hasina informed the meeting that her party has already collected declassified state documents from the United Kingdom and the United States containing Bangabandhu's historic role in the emergence of Bangladesh. "Those documents have no reference to the leader they are trying to glorify," she commented. She blamed the coalition government for distorting the history of the nation in a bid to delete Bangabandhu's name. "How can they do it from world history?"

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Foggy DCC fogging

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The first time yesterday. It is charging Tk 450 for each bag of platelet.

"We did not have the capacity to make platelet although hundreds of clients are coming to us everyday. We mostly send them to the Red Crescent Blood Centre," said Shahana Begum Shanta, president of Shandhani, Dhaka Unit.

The DMCH blood bank received a modern Tk 40 lakh blood separator machine on September 19 last year, but it was put into operation only on April 2 this year.

Surprisingly, the machine has so far provided only 13 bags of platelet since its operation in April and it works four days a week, that too during the office hour up to 2:30pm.

"We do not have enough training to use the machine. Whatever we have done so far was to gain experience," said Dr Kazi Nowshad Hossain, emergency medical officer at the DMCH blood bank.

Dr Laila Arzuman Banu, assistant professor of the DMCH blood transfusion centre, said, "Since the process of separating platelet is lengthy and requires kits, each bag of platelet costs Tk 10,000. Because of the high cost, patients prefer to procure the blood product from outside. What we now need in the face of the dengue emergency is a refrigerated centrifuge machine or a simple cell separator."

The Mitford and the Suhrawardy hospitals, two of the biggest general hospitals in the city where many dengue patients are now being treated, do not have any cell separator or reagent to test dengue infection.

"We do not have cell separators which is so urgently required. Everyday we are getting patients with dengue haemorrhagic fever (DHF), but we are forced to send them to the Red Crescent blood centre for platelet. In the last two weeks, I myself have sent six emergency patients to the centre," said a doctor in the medicine ward of the Suhrawardy Hospital.

He also said that even for simple dengue confirmatory tests, attendants are forced to rush to private diagnostic centres.

The only age-old cell separator (platelet making machine) at the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Hospital (BSMMUH), the biggest autonomous hospital in the city, has no contribution to cope with the dengue emergency.

"We got no requisition for platelet from the hospital itself. Most of the patients, I believe, go to the Red Crescent blood centre. But if required, we can supply four bags of platelet every two-and-a-half hour," said Abdul Majid, a medical technologist at the blood bank of the BSMMUH.

At the adjacent BIRDEM hospital, the only cell separator is meant for patient admitted mostly, but it is also open to the public although a very few seeks services there as people have little knowledge about its facilities.

"Our cell separator is open to all. We have no bar on giving service to outside patients," said Sarder Amir Ali, director general of the institution. Meanwhile, private blood banks are charging as high as Tk 10,000 a bag of platelet.

A medical technologist at a private blood bank said, "There is no fixed rate. We charge people depending on their ability to pay."

At the Padma Diagnostic, each bag of platelet costs Tk 10,000. This does not cover the charge for testing sexually transmitted diseases for which an additional Tk 1000 is charged.

Dr Md Shaful Alam of the diagnostic centre said, "We charge high because the kit is expensive. But very few are coming to us for platelet."

Meantime, the rush at the Red Crescent blood centre is increasing by every hour. Yesterday, the centre supplied 70 bags of platelet till evening, but officials there expect the number to cross 150 by night.



A NASA file image released August 11 shows the La Cumbre volcano on Fernandina Island on the Galapagos. La Cumbre is the most active volcano erupting most recently in 1995. The volcano rises 1,495 metres from sea level. This photo was taken by the Expedition 5 crew in June aboard the International Space Station. The scene provides a detailed view of the 850-metre deep summit caldera. The dark flows in the middle of the caldera floor were erupted in 1991. These flows are partly covered by dark green vegetation.

Secretarial probe

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Bogra Sadar and five godowns at Betgari under Sadar upazila, at Sherpur and Mirzapur under Sherpur upazila and Shukhanpukur and Shabekpara under Gabtali upazila.

He collected wheat samples from all these godowns against which allegations of stuffing Indian wheat had been levelled and seized two wheat sacks marked with Punjab Agro Industries Corporation of India seals.

"We've found imported wheat. This is a clear violation of the government's food-grain procurement rules. I've found wheat sacks with seals of foreign company," he told the circuit house meeting in the afternoon.

He also noted that by the time the main bulk had been procured in Bogra, home-grown wheat was not available in the market.

Official statistics of wheat purchase in this northern district also supplement what the probe committee chief said. Of a total 11,459 MT of wheat that the Bogra food officials have procured and stocked in the silos during the March 15-July 31 procurement, 7,617 MT was procured in the last seven days from July 25 to 31.

Quoting procurement rules that require routine quality inspection by food officials concerned at the district and thana levels, the probe body wanted to know why that inspection had not been carried out. The deputy controller of food, Bogra, Nurul Absar, who was present at the meeting, failed to come up with any satisfactory reply.

Local journalists present at the meeting also brought it to the notice of the probe committee that the food officials in the district refused to provide them with the list of suppliers, who had supplied the wheat to silos this year.

About the quality of wheat he had inspected in Bogra granaries, Islam said, "I have noticed some low-quality wheat but can't say for sure till chemical tests are carried out."

It is learnt that Islam yesterday summoned chemist Mahmuduzzaman to Bogra as well.

Mahmuduzzaman, a member of the four-man food-ministry probe committee, met him at Bogra. Other members of the committee, including its chief Yakub Ali, a joint secretary to the ministry, reached

Dhaka from Satkhira yesterday on completion of its fact-finding tours to Mymensingh, Bogra, Pabna and Satkhira.

At the meeting with Islam, also present were Bogra Deputy Commissioner Sajjuddin, ADC (General) Rafiqul Mohamed, ADM Abdul Mannan, Regional Controller of Food, Rajshahi, Fakhru Islam, Upazila Food Officers of Sadar, Sonatala, Sherpur and Kahalu and district food procurement committee members, BNP district unit office secretary Julfger Ali and central Jubodal vice-president Joinal Abedin Chan.

While Islam stressed on the need for carrying out chemical tests to ascertain the wheat quality, some godown labourers at Betgari silo claimed that local food officials were supplying the probe committees with samples from the good lots while hiding the sacks of low-grade wheat on the back stack.

After the whirlwind Bogra tour, the secretarial probe committee started for Pabna last evening. Islam would inspect godowns in Pabna today and then return to Dhaka.

Earlier upon reaching Bogra, Islam told newsmen that his committee would see whether the wheat quality was good or bad, whether wheat was procured beyond official deadline and whether procurement rules were violated by staffing the silos with imported wheat instead of home-grown one.

Meanwhile, amidst widespread allegations of procuring low-quality wheat by the government silos, some 900MT of insect-infested wheat from Khulna central supply depot (LSD) was transferred to LSDs in Shikarpur in Babuganj upazila and Mehendiganj upazila of Barisal on Thursday and Saturday last.

After unloading of 100MT of rotten wheat from a vessel into Shikarpur LSD on Saturday, food official in-charge stopped the process of storing the bulk and informed the matter to the higher authorities.

Yesterday, local lawmaker Moazzem Hussain Alal (Barisal-2) instructed not to store the wheat in any of the Barisal godowns.

The ruling party MP was holding a meeting on the issue with food officials till filing of this report last night.

7 cops

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Advocate Sahara Khatun along with a group of lawyers moved the petition.

After hearing the arguments of the lawyers, Chief Metropolitan Magistrate asked the petitioner to submit his allegation to the judicial inquiry commission as the incidents of the university are now under an investigation by a High Court Judge.

The accused police officers are Kohinor Miah, former Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) of the Detective Branch (DB), Ali Akbar, DC South, Abdur Rahim, former ADC South, Lutfor Rahman, former Officer-in-Charge of Ramna thana, Mohammad Shahadat Hossain, a Sub-Inspector of Ramna thana, constable Mosharaf Hossain (8852) of Ramna thana and constable Shaiful Islam (15655) of Riot Control Division.

The Prosecution Witnesses (PW) are Dr Mohammad Anwar Hossain, Head of the Department of Bio-Chemistry, Mohammad Moshir Rahman, a lecturer of Sociology, Mesbah Kamal, Associate Prof of History Department, Samir Kumar Shil, Assistant Professor of Marketing Department, Professor M A Majid, head of the Surgery Department of Dhaka Medical College and Hospital, Professor M A Kader of unit four of Surgery and two students, Mohammad Shaful Azam Rajon and Sabir Ahmed.

9 drown as 2 boats capsized in Sunamganj

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Nine people, five of them of a family, drowned in separate boat capsizes in Sunamganj on Monday night.

Mother and her four children drowned in a boat capsized in Shialmara Haor at Chhordia Dubi in Sadar upazila on Monday night.

The deceased were identified as Nazma Begum, 32, and her four daughters, Shilpi, 8, Shipa, 6, Ripa, 4, and an eight-month old Roma.

Police said the boat sank at about 8 pm when Abdul Jalil of village Kalpur was returning home from Islampur along with his wife and daughters.

Abul Jalil was, however, rescued by the people of another boat in an unconscious state.

All the bodies were recovered from nearby areas yesterday morning.

In another incident of boat capsized, four people drowned in a haor near Chandpur village in Derai upazila the same night.

Of them, three were identified as Arati Barman, 35, Shubhra Barman, 40, Niranjan and Das, 45. Identity of the other victim could not be known.

The boat caught in storm and sank in the haor at about 8-30 pm.

Murder muddles

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He said that due to the initiative by the present government, Malaysia was very likely to open next month its doors for Bangladeshi workers after six years. "But it is now very difficult to initiate fresh negotiation on the issue."

Large-scale employment of Bangladeshi workers in Malaysia remained suspended since 1997. Only a small number of skilled workers went there during this period, sources pointed out.

Around 15,000 Bangladeshi workers returned from Malaysia recently and 1.13 lakh are working there, according to an official estimate.

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"This will help develop the country's e-commerce and e-business," he said.

He said the IIFC is also working on opening up the Voice over Internet protocol (VoIP) to make available cheap telecommunication.

He said Bangladesh as a member of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), which has already approved the VoIP for its member countries, will start the system as early as possible.



Film Festival

The first Australian Film Festival in Dhaka will open to celebrate the 30th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Australia and Bangladesh. A total of seven feature films and three short films will be screened. Venue: British Council auditorium.

Seminar

A seminar on 'Coordinated Treatment in Preventing Dengue', organised by Coordinated Dengue Resistance Committee, will be held with Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain as chief guest. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 4:00pm.

Cleaning drive

As part of its 'Dengue Prevention Movement', Bishaw Sahitya Kendra in cooperation with Nestle Bangladesh Limited organises a cleaning drive. Venue: Gulshan-2 and Kakali Overbridge area. Time: 8:00am.

Candle chain

Bang