

NEWS IN *brief*

JU admission process starts Oct 13

JU CORRESPONDENT
The admission process for honours programmes under academic session 2012-13 at Jahangirnagar University will begin on October 13 and continue till 21.

The decision came at a meeting of the central admission committee of JU with Vice-Chancellor Prof Anwar Hossain in the chair yesterday. Registrar Abu Bakar Siddique told The Daily Star that the detail of the admission process would be announced soon.

Further information is available at deans' offices

3 bodies found in Munshiganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

Police recovered three bodies from Sreenagar and Sirajdikhan upazila of Munshiganj on Tuesday night and yesterday.

One of the bodies was identified as Shuvo, 25, son of Anisuzzaman of Jessore and a resident of Paltan area in the capital. He was missing since Sunday. Identities of two others could not be known.

Police on Tuesday night recovered Shuvo's floating body from Ichhamati river in Sirajdikhan. Sreenagar police yesterday recovered the floating body of a woman, aged about 30, from Padma river. Earlier, police recovered the body of a youth, 30,

Woman dies as train hits her

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A woman was killed after a running train knocked her down at Mirzapur upazila in Tangail yesterday morning.

The deceased was identified as Sakhina Begum, 40, wife of Mozibar Rahman at Postkamuri village in the upazila.

Locals said a Dhaka bound train hit Sakhina when she was walking too close along the railway track in Gorai area, leaving her dead instantly.

One arrested with arms

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police arrested an alleged arms dealer with a pistol, a locally made gun, a machete and two rounds of cartridges from in front of Customs House in Chittagong city yesterday.

The arrestee Towhidul Alam, 32, from Debarpar area in the city, is an accused in an arms case and a drug case, said police.

Acting on a tip-off, Bandar police conducted a drive in the area and arrested Towhidul with the arms and ammunition.

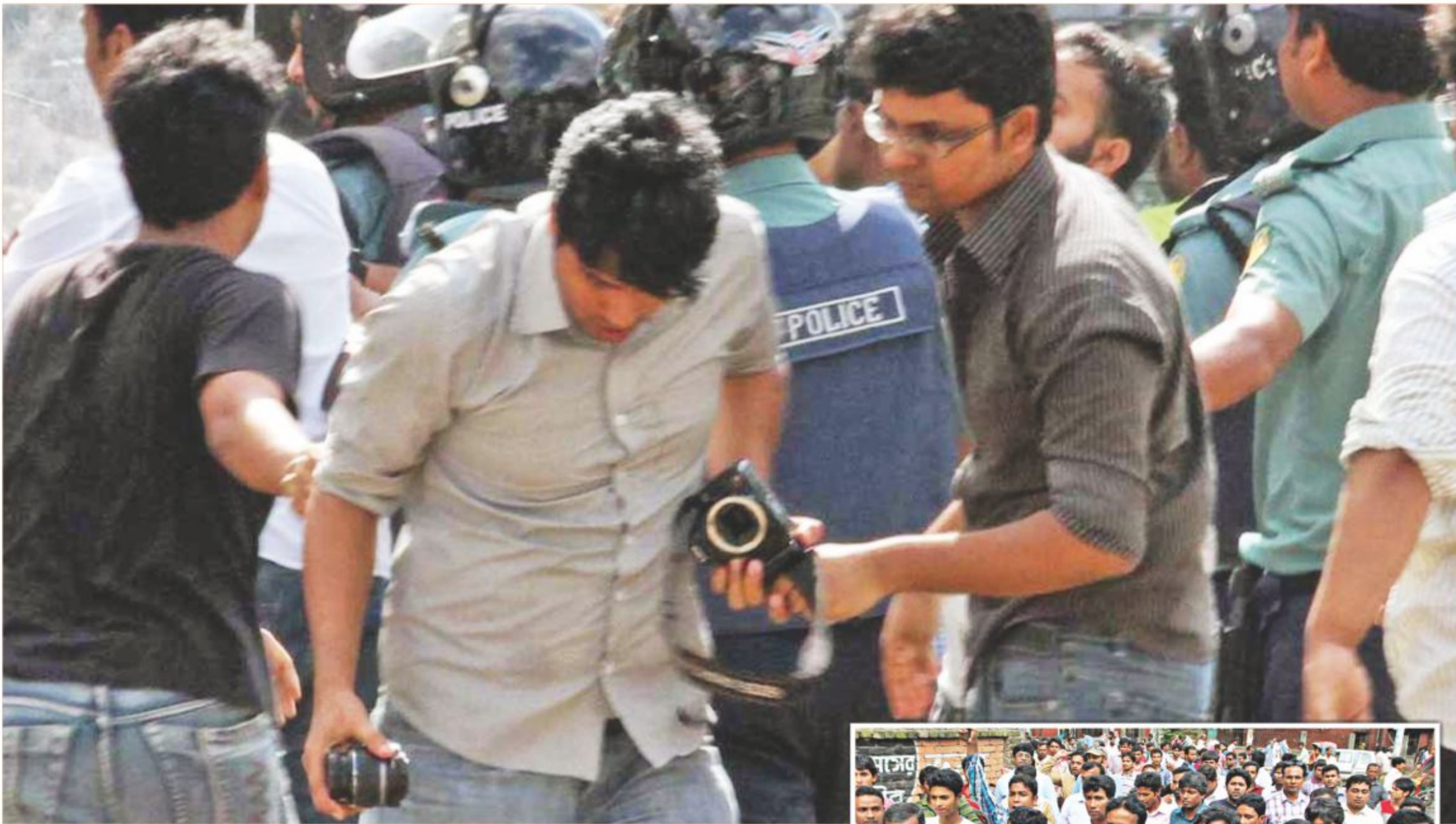
Fire guts warehouse in Ctg

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A fire burnt paper and polythene bags worth around Tk 30,000 in a godown of Chittagong city yesterday.

The fire had originated from an electric short circuit in the godown at Kalurghat Industrial area and burnt the paper and polythene bags, said fire service sources.

Two fire fighting units extinguished the fire.



A Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) intern with a camera and lens in his hands that he snatched away from a journalist yesterday. The interns and Bangladesh Chhatra League activists attacked the journalists, inset, who were gathered on the hospital premises to protest an earlier attack on them the same day. (Story on Page 20)

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Ten thousand deer poached every year: Survey

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

About 10,000 deer are slaughtered by poachers in the Sundarbans and its adjacent reserved forests in five southern districts of Bangladesh every year, a survey has found.

The study identified at least 20 local gangs, which are involved in illegal hunting of this wild animal.

The Wildlife Trust of Bangladesh (WTB) and Zoological Society of Bangladesh jointly conducted the survey in 2010.

Titled "Bangladesh Tiger Action Plan Threats: Prey Assessment", the report was disclosed to the media in Dhaka last year and sent to different government and non-government offices concerned to take necessary steps.

The findings show that the deer killing gangs are spread across eight upazilas of Satkhira, Khulna,

Bagerhat, Barguna and Pirojpur. A whopping 3.47 lakh families in those eight upazilas are involved in deer poaching.

The appalling figures also show that one of every three families in the upazilas, or 1.15 lakh families, depended on deer poaching to run families.

The eight upazilas include Shymnagar of Satkhira, Koira and Dakop of Khulna, Mongla, Morelganj, and Sharankhola of Bagerhat, Patharghata of Barguna, and Mothbaria of Pirojpur.

Dr Anwarul Islam, country chief for the WTB and a zoology professor at Dhaka University, said there was mismanagement in the supervision of the Sundarbans. Strict measures should be taken to protect the threatened deer population in the forest, he said.

There are an estimated 1.20 lakh

deer in the Sundarbans now, according to the survey report.

Prof Anwarul Islam said the Bengal tigers would be threatened if they faced crisis of deer, their main food, in the world's largest mangrove forest. The Sundarbans will also lose its image and natural beauties, if the numbers of deer and tigers are reduced, he added.

The deer hunting gangs usually catch the animal with traps and feeding them poisonous food, according to some people involved in deer poaching.

The sources also said the deer hunters sent venison to different places, especially to Dhaka, and sold to individuals particularly high government officials. Each kilogram of venison costs Tk 300-400, they said.

On July 11, a team of Coast Guard seized 350 kilograms of venison and a live deer on Bishkhali river under

Patharghata upazila, Barguna. The poachers however fled after leaving the trawler on the river bank.

Patharghata upazila is used as a safe passage for deer and venison smuggling, said Gobindo Roy, divisional forest officer (DFO) for Patuakhali-Barguna. He said the authorities were trying to protect the wildlife.

On February 19, law enforcers seized 10 kilograms of venison, a rawhide, and two traps in Sharankhola and arrested two poachers.

Just a month before (January), a Coast Guard team seized two maunds of venison and arrested two poachers in Patharghata upazila. In the same month, seven live deer were rescued in Gyanpara area in the upazila.

The DU professor, Anwarul Islam, however, said the occasional drives of the law enforcers to check deer poaching were just eyewash.

Mobile courts fine 8 businesses Tk 3.55 lakh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eight businesses were fined a total of Tk 3.55 lakh in separate drives by mobile courts in the capital yesterday.

The mobile courts, comprising of Dhaka district administration and Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI) officials, also sealed a beverage company and seized cosmetic items in the drives, said a press release of BSTI.

A mobile court, in a drive on Rankin Street, fined Naborupa Fashion Private Limited Tk 1 lakh for selling foreign cosmetics without taking clearance from BSTI and also seized items from the shop.

The court also fined Bhulu Bakery and General Store in the area Tk 5,000 for not using proper measurement scales.

Another mobile court conducted a drive in Gobindapur and Shonir Akhra and fined Islamic Pharmaceutical Private Limited Tk 40,000 for selling food items without renewal of the Certification of Marks licence from BSTI.

It also fined Bhagyakul Mistanno Bhandar in the area Tk 10,000 on similar charge.

Conducting a drive in Azimpur, another court fined Jadob Ghosh and Sons Tk 80,000; Rose Heaven Foods Tk 20,000; and Mouri Foods and Catering Tk 50,000 for selling food items in unhygienic environments.

A mobile court also fined Faith Consumer and Beverage in Purana Paltan Tk 50,000 for producing and selling drinks without BSTI licence. The court also sealed the company.



Cabinet members, civil and military high-ups and Awami League leaders see Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina off at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport prior to her departure for London yesterday.

PHOTO: BSS

9 killed in road crashes

METRO DESK

Nine people were killed and 16 others injured in road accidents in Tangail, Natore, Rangpur, Thakurgaon, Kishoreganj and Manikganj on Tuesday and yesterday.

Our Tangail correspondent reports, three people were killed and 10 others injured as a bus hit a standing truck from behind in Kalihati upazila Tangail yesterday.

The dead were Hasna Hena, 40, Munni Akter, 21, and Saddam Hossain, 19.

Our Natore correspondent reports, three people were killed in road accidents on Bonpara-Hatikumrul highway in Natore yesterday.

In an accident, Muktar Hossain, 35, and Golam Rabbani, 22 were killed on the spot when a private car and a bus collided head-on in Shreerampur area around 4:30pm

In another incident, Md Abdullah, 30, was killed on the spot when a truck hit him in Airmari area around 11:45am.

Our Rangpur correspondent reports, Md Abu Kalam, 50, was killed in a road accident on Rangpur-Dhaka highway in Mondalpara area

in Mithapukur upazila in Rangpur on Tuesday.

Police said a truck hit Kalam killing him on the spot around 6:00pm.

Our Thakurgaon correspondent reports, a motorcyclist was killed and two others were injured in an accident on Panchagarh-Dhaka highway in Boda upazila in Panchagarh on Tuesday.

The deceased was Anisur Rahman, 38.

UNB reports from Kishoreganj, a schoolboy was killed in a road accident on Karimganj-Palaikanda highway at Palaikanda village in Karimganj upazila yesterday.

The victim Sharif, 9, a class two student at Palaikanda Govt. Primary School, was killed on the spot when a tractor hit him around 2:00pm.

Our Manikganj correspondent reports, four people including three policemen were injured in a road accident at on Dhaka-Aricha highway in Shivalaya upazila in Manikganj on Tuesday.

Police said the accident took place when a human-hauler hit a truck from behind injuring two assistant sub-inspectors Rafikul Islam and Kajal Mia and constable Shaheen.

India to set up 383 more BOPs

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

India will set up 383 additional border outposts (BOPs) on its border with Bangladesh by 2014 to effectively monitor the borders and check infiltration.

Indian Home Minister Palaniappan Chidambaram said this while addressing members of parliamentary consultative committee attached to his ministry on Tuesday.

Chidambaram said in pursuance of Group of Ministers' recommendation to reduce inter-BOP distance to 3.5km, the government has approved construction of additional 509 BOPs—383 on India-Bangladesh border and 126 on India-Pakistan border.

He said the increased number of BOPs would help in effectively monitoring the border. The project is scheduled to be completed within 2013-2014.

The home minister said BOPs now have better infrastructure. Chidambaram also told the committee that the government was exploring use of modern technology in border management by using proper fencing, floodlights and other latest technologies available in this field.

The experiences of advanced countries are being studied for better management of borders, the home minister said.

The minister said the border area people, with the help and assistance of concerned authorities, are managing the private land beyond the fence.

Prof Anwar takes charge as JU VC

JU CORRESPONDENT

Prof Anwar Hossain yesterday took charge of Jahangirnagar University (JU) as its new vice-chancellor, making a vow that he would lead the institution according to the University Ordinance of 1973.

Prof Farhad Hossain pro-vice chancellor of the university, handed over the charge at a programme at the Senate Hall. Registrar Abu Bakar Siddique, and Treasurer Nasir Uddin, among others, were present on the occasion.

On Tuesday, President Zillur Rahman appointed Prof Anwar as the vice-chancellor of JU for next four years choosing from a three-member elected panel.

After taking the charge, Prof Anwar sought cooperation from teachers and students to hold elections to the university's different bodies.

Several groups of the university greeted the new VC with floral wreaths. Later, Prof Anwar placed floral wreaths at the JU Shaheed Minar.

Prof Shariff Enamul Kabir, the immediate-past VC, resigned on May 17, in the face of months-long teachers' and students' protests.

Elderly woman strangulated in Rajshahi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

An elderly woman was strangulated by a young man in Haregram Poschimpara area on the outskirts of Rajshahi city early yesterday.

The victim was Noorjahan Begum, 50.

Locals said they rushed to Noorjahan's house hearing her screams around 2:00am, and found her dead.

The locals caught red-handed Mahbub Hasan Shuvo, 16, who allegedly killed Noorjahan, also a son of the victim's cousin, from the house.

Noorjahan's son-in-law Enamul Haque said the victim used to live at the house alone after marriage of her three daughters.

She had six kathas of land worth about Tk10 lakh, but there was no family feud over the land, he said.

Abdul Mannan, deputy commissioner of Rajshahi Metropolitan Police, said they arrested Shuvo, adding that they were investigating into the matter.

M Moniruzzaman, sub-inspector at Rajpara Police Station, said a case was filed with the police station in this connection.

Police sent the body to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital morgue for an autopsy.

DHAKA TODAY

Public Dialogue
Journalism Training and Research Initiative (JATRI)-Brac University will organise a public dialogue. Venue: JATRI premises, Karwan Bazar; Time: 10:00am

Seminar
Complex; Time: 4:00pm
Ekattorer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee will organise a seminar. Venue: Bilia auditorium, Dhanmondi; Time: 4:00pm

Seminar
Bangladesh Masjid Mission will hold a seminar. Venue: Katabon Masjid

Human Chain
Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Sangskritik Dal will form a human chain. Venue: In

WEATHER TODAY

Change in temperature unlikely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong, Rangpur and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Dhaka and Rajshahi and Dhaka divisions till 6:00pm today.

Moderately heavy to heavy falls are also likely at places, Met Office said.

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

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:45pm and rises tomorrow at 5:26am.

Country's highest temperature 34.5 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sylhet and Srimongal and lowest 24.4 degrees at Kutubdia.

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	33.0	27.8	76	62
Chittagong	30.2	24.8	80	76
Rajshahi	34.2	26.9	85	73
Rangpur	32.7	26.4	85	66
Khulna	33.4	26.5	92	94
Barisal	32.4	27.4	81	79