

RAIN LIKELY

WEATHER TODAY

Unb, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at most places over Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions at many places over Dhaka and Khulna divisions and at a few places over Rangpur and Rajshahi divisions till 6:00pm today.	Heavy to very heavy falls are also likely at places, Met Officesaid.	risers tomorrow at 5:15am.	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage		Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage			
	Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged and night temperature may fall by 1-2 degree Celsius over the country.	Country's highest temperature 33.7 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Chuadanga and lowest 20.8 degrees at Sayedpur.	Dhaka	Max: 24.5	Min: 21.2	Morning 94	Evening 89	Khulna	Max: 28.0	Min: 23.5	Morning 95	Evening 81
	The sun sets in the capital today at 6:35pm and	Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded yesterday were:	Chittagong	28.8	24.5	96	88	Barisal	24.6	22.2	100	91
			Rajshahi	32.7	25.2	83	73	Sylhet	25.0	22.6	93	94
			Rangpur	31.6	22.6	76	68	Cox's Bazar	30.6	26.0	96	85

13th day hearing on Quader Mollah verdict held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday heard for the 13th day the government appeal against the verdict of International Crimes Tribunal-2, which jailed Jamaat-e-Islami leader Abdul Quader Mollah for life for crimes against humanity during the Liberation War.

The apex court will hold further hearing on May 19.

Mollah's lawyer Abdur Razzaq yesterday told the SC that although the International Crimes Tribunals were domestic, they could apply international laws in holding the trial of the 1971 crimes against humanity since the offences were international in nature.

He also said the tribunals were dealing with the cases filed under the International Crimes (Tribunals) Act 1973 but many offences were not defined in the law.

Sangbad's 62nd anniversary today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 62nd founding anniversary of the Sangbad, the oldest national daily of the country, will be observed today at a ceremony at its Purana Paltan office in the capital.

In 1951, businessman Giasuddin Ahmed founded the newspaper.

In 1954, Ahmadul Kabir bought the daily and served as its chief editor until his death in 2003.

The Sangbad played leading role in all democratic movements of the country.

Rickshaws plow through knee-deep water on Nazimuddin road in Old Dhaka following heavy showers in the capital yesterday morning when cyclone Mahasen hit the country's southern shores.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN



DEMAND FOR JU VC'S RESIGNATION Juta splits on class boycott

JU CORRESPONDENT

Some Jahangirnagar University Teachers' Association (Juta) members recently declared and started attending classes after withdrawing support for the work abstention, which the association initiated on April 27 demanding the vice-chancellor's (VC) resignation.

This teachers' group, claiming to be some 30 in number, some pro-Awami League and some "Shikkhak Mancha" members, told this at a May 13 press conference and attended classes till yesterday. That day, the 606-member Jutta declared holding only final exams but no classes.

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JU burst into violence first on August 1, 2012 centring the stabbing of a student and subsequent police firing on students. On February 12 this year, students vandalised campus' structures over another student's death.

The last incident was an assault on a teacher by a JU unit Bangladesh Chhatra League leader on April 6. The teachers resuming classes said the leader's expulsion, not the VC's resignation, would bring stability.

Prof Anwar, at a recent press conference, apologised to teachers for withdrawing his earlier temporary expulsion order of the BCL leader and said legal steps would be taken once the Senate goes through a report an independent probe body submitted over the incident.

FOUR CITY CORPORATION ELECTIONS 53 aspirants disqualified

STAR REPORT

A total of 53 applications, seeking candidacies for mayor and councillor posts in the upcoming city corporation elections in Sylhet, Khulna, Rajshahi and Barisal, were cancelled after scrutiny yesterday for different reasons.

Our Rajshahi correspondent reports: the regional election office cancelled nomination papers of 16 councillor aspirants, including former panel mayor Shariful Islam Babu, on different grounds.

Babu's application was cancelled as he was found to be a loan defaulter, said Saiful Islam, the district election officer and also assistant returning officer.

Among the 16 applicants, 14 were vying for the 30 general councillor posts while 2 were for the 10 seats reserved for female councillors.

Besides Babu, other aspirants' applications were cancelled due to defaulting on loan payments, being employees of Rajshahi City Corporation, having leases on RCC properties and for being underage.

Meanwhile, all six applications for the mayor post, 162 applications for the general councillor posts and 67 applications for the reserved women councillor posts were accepted.

Our correspondent in Khulna adds: nomination papers of seven councillor aspirants were cancelled for loan defaulting and providing false information, said Mostafa Faruque, returning officer of the Khulna City Corporation polls.

Our Barisal correspondent reports: The applications of 12 councillor aspirants, including one vying for the seats for female councillors, were cancelled for defaulting on loan payments and improper filling up of forms, said Mujibur Rahman, returning officer of the Barisal City Corporation polls. Five applications for the mayor post were accepted.

Out of the five mayor aspirants, three are backed by BNP, two by Awami League and one by Jubo League.

Our Sylhet correspondent adds: 18 nomination papers, including two for the mayor post, were cancelled for different reasons, said SM Ejharul Haque, regional election officer of Sylhet division.

Prof Manzoorul new TIB trustee board member

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

 Syed Manzoorul Islam, an eminent litterateur and a professor of Dhaka University's English department, has been elected new trustee board member of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB).

The decision to include Prof Manzoorul was made with the consensus of the trustee board members at TIB's annual general meeting, said a press release of the anti-corruption watchdog yesterday.

The other board members are advocate Sultana Kamal, chairperson; writer Selina Hossen, secretary general; The Daily Star Editor and Publisher Mahfuz Anam, treasurer; and other members – Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed, advocate Tawfique Nawaz, Hafizuddin Khan, former adviser to a caretaker government Rokia Afzal Rahman, Syeda Ruhi Ghuznavi, and former chief election commissioner Dr ATM Shamsul Huda.

Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the eighth death anniversary of Prof Moslem Miah, the founder of Barisal BM College.

On the occasion, a milad and a doa mahfil will be held today after Asr prayers in the capital's Mohammadpur residence of his son Prof Noman-ur Rashid, treasurer of National University.

EXPLOSION CASE 3 BNP leaders get bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday granted bail to three BNP leaders in a case filed on charge of explosions during an opposition rally in the capital's Nayapaltan on March 11.


The three leaders are Amanullah Aman, Md Shahjahan and AZM Zahid Hossain.

The HC granted bail to the BNP leaders after hearing three separate bail petitions filed by them.

Barrister Nasir Uddin Ashim, a lawyer for the accused petitioners, told The Daily Star that there is no legal bar to his clients' release from jail after the HC order.

Police filed the case with Paltan Police Station hours after a police raid on the party's Nayapaltan head office following the explosions.

KULKHANI

Mrs. Selima Rahman - Writer, wife of Late Md. Habibur Rahman, retired Secretary, ex-Election Commissioner, will be held on Sunday, 19th May 2013 - Baad Asar at House # 11, Road # 18, Sector # 7, Uttara, Dhaka.


~ Family Members ~



Uprooted during heavy rains and gales yesterday morning, this tree at the Dhaka divisional commissioner's residence lies on the adjacent Minto Road of the capital.

PHOTO: STAR

OBITUARY



ZAHID HUSAIN - 1928-2013

Zahid Husain, eldest son of late Zakir Husain, Former Governor of East Pakistan, passed away in the morning of 15 May 2013.

In his life, he was an extraordinary engineer, a loving father and brother, friend to all who came in touch with him, advisor and mentor to many young minds who came for his help.

We will miss his smile, his happy nature, his banter with young and old, and most of all his love for all things beautiful.

His Qul will be held on Friday after Asr prayers at Azad Mosque, Gulshan. All family, friends and well-wishers are requested to attend and pray for his departed soul.

Family of Zahid Husain

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