

RAIN LIKELY



Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at many places over Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Rajshahi and Rangpur divisions till 6:00pm today.

Moderately heavy to very heavy falls are also likely at places, said Met Office.
Day and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country
The sun sets in the capital today at 6:38pm and rises tomorrow at 5:12am.

Country's highest temperature 34.7 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sylhet and lowest 22.9 degrees at Sandwip.
Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage		Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage			
Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening		
Dhaka	28.6	24.5	88	83	Khulna	32.5	25.5	87	88
Chittagong	27.0	23.0	99	92	Barisal	28.2	24.2	93	92
Rajshahi	32.5	25.0	86	78	Sylhet	34.7	25.7	76	69
Rangpur	33.2	25.5	71	67	Cox's Bazar	33.5	24.2	79	84

NEWSINbrief

Six new deputy attorneys general appointed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Six Supreme Court lawyers yesterday were appointed as deputy attorneys general (DAGs) for dealing with cases on behalf of the state in the Appellate and High Court divisions.
The new DAGs are Israt Jahan, Delwar Hossain Samaddar, Mamun Hasan Chowdhury, Amatul Karim, Md Bashir Ullah and Kashifa Hossain. Earlier, they served as assistant attorneys general.
With them, the total number of DAGs now stands at 54.

Rapist gets life term in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
A Chittagong court yesterday sentenced a man to life and fined him Tk 1 lakh for raping a five-year-old girl. Abdul Malek, was sent to jail following the verdict.
According to the prosecution, Malek raped the girl on the rooftop of a building in the port city's Alkaran on July 3 last year. Hearing the girl's screams, locals rushed there and held Malek.
A case was lodged with Kotwali Police Station the next day.

Unicef invites submissions for Meena Media Award

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Unicef has invited Bangladeshi citizens with articles, news and feature items on children's issues run by print or electronic media to compete in "Meena Media Award".
Interested persons can submit their items in two age groups—under 18 and 18 and above-- by June 13, said a press release yesterday.
The award has been given since 2005 to recognise excellence in promoting children's issues in media.

Road crashes kill four

CITY DESK
A man was killed and three others were injured as a truck rammed a Nasimon at Maligasa intersection in Pabna yesterday.
The deceased is Jony Bishwas, 28, of Pabna.
In Jamalpur, Tumpa Akter, 7, daughter of Lutfar Rahman, died as a human hauler hit her at Bashkanda in Bakshiganj upazila on Tuesday.
In Tangail, Niranjan Chandra Malu, 40, died after a truck hit him at Dhalatengor of Kalihati yesterday.
Meanwhile, a truck driver died after another truck hit the stationary vehicle in Golchokkor area near Bangabandhu Bridge.

Probe into Col Taher's trial demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Leaders of Samprodaiyikota-Jangibad Birodhi Mancha, a platform against fanaticism and militancy, yesterday urged the government to reinvestigate the trial and execution of Col Taher by a military tribunal in 1976.
They also demanded that involvement of Gen Ziaur Rahman and others in the process be investigated again, said a press release.
They welcomed the High Court's verdict against the hidden trial of Col Taher, it said.
The HC verdict, which was released on May 20, declared Taher's trial and execution illegal.

Awareness raising campaign
Nongor will organise a mass awareness raising campaign "demanding declaration of May 23 as vessel safety day"; Venue: Sadarghat Launch Terminal; Time: 11:00am.

Meeting
Ibrahimpur School Alumni Association will hold its general meeting and a reception for renowned personalities; Venue: Institute of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh; Time: 3:30pm.

Research findings presentation
Campaign for Clean Air will present findings of a research on the spread and adverse effects of tobacco and tobacco related products in Bangladesh; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 3:00pm.

Performance
Mime Art will stage a performance "Life is beautiful"; Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy; Time: 7:00pm.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office in the capital yesterday hands over a donation cheque to a family member of a person who died in the Savar Rana Plaza building collapse on April 24.

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Law enforcers must respect human rights

BCS (Ansar) cadres told
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Law enforcers should be aware of human rights for ensuring security of the people, said speakers yesterday at a training session at the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).
Observing that law enforcement agencies often violate human rights, Dr Mizanur Rahman, chairman of NHRC, said, "There must be a gap in their [law enforcers] training which makes them think of ordinary people as their opponents. This gap has to be reduced."
He was addressing 34 cadres of the 30th batch of Bangladesh Civil Service (Ansar) who visited the commission's head office at Moghbazar in the capital.
The NHRC chief said if the government has substantial information that people may create mayhem in the name of exercising their democratic rights then the government should ban rallies and processions, but as a temporary measure.
Welcoming the cadres as the first disciplinary batch to visit the commission, speakers at the session noted how the Ansar force can promote the human rights concept at grassroots level.

Gazipur CC polls on July 6: EC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The Election Commission yesterday announced that the maiden election to the newly constituted Gazipur City Corporation (GCC) would be held on July 6, and the by-election to Kishoreganj-4 parliamentary constituency would take place on July 3.
Aspirants in both the elections will have to apply for candidacies by June 6, said the schedules announced by Chief Election Commissioner Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmad at the EC Secretariat in the capital. On January 7, the government merged Gazipur and Tongi municipalities into GCC. There are 1,026,967 voters in the 57 general wards and 19 reserved wards for women in the city corporation.
Kishoreganj-4 constituency fell vacant after former speaker Abdul Hamid was elected president following the death of President Zillur Rahman.

Unplanned groundwater extraction threat to people

Seminar told
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Adverse impacts of unplanned extraction of groundwater have become one of the dangerous threats to the lives and livelihoods of Bangladesh's common people, said speakers at a seminar yesterday.
The seminar, "Impact of Climate Change and Unplanned Withdrawal of Ground Water on Agriculture and Eco System of Bangladesh", was organised in the capital's Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh marking the institution's 65th anniversary.
The unplanned extraction was causing arsenic and salinity concentrations in groundwater to increase and might cause seawater to move inland and adversely affect agroecology and biodiversity, said Iftekharul Alam.
Climate expert Prof Ainun Nishat said Bangladesh was more prepared than other countries and a role model in facing climate change effects.

Injured CU student dies

UNB, Ctg
A Chittagong University student, who was injured after falling off the railing in the corridor of his hall on Tuesday night, died at Chittagong Medical College Hospital early yesterday.
Ariful Islam, 23, a first year student of the statistics department and resident of Shah Amanat Hall fell off the second floor of the hall at about 11:00pm while he was talking over mobile phone sitting on the railing, leaving him critically injured.

MC College student stabbed to death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet
A student of Sylhet MC College was stabbed to death by miscreants in the city's Pathantola area yesterday.
The deceased Ahmed Imtiaz Parvez, 22, was an economics student and son of Mozammel Ali.
Witnesses said Parvez was going to his house in an auto-rickshaw when some men on motorbikes waylaid him.
The attackers stabbed Parvez and fled the scene. Parvez was declared dead at Sylhet Osmani Medical College Hospital.
Filing of a case was under process.

DCC gets four vacuum trucks

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Two vacuum trucks were handed over to each of Dhaka's two city corporations by the Ministry of Environment and Forests yesterday at a programme in the capital's Nagar Bhaban.
Two more will be handed over to Chittagong City Corporation shortly.
A vacuum truck is a tank truck with a heavy duty vacuum which can sweep roads and pneumatically load solids, liquids and sludge from roads through suction lines, store it and dump it later.
The trucks, each costing around Tk one crore, were purchased under the ministry's 3R (reduce, reuse and recycle waste) Pilot Project, funded by Bangladesh Climate Change Trust Fund, said the ministry officials.
"We will use the trucks on roads like Airport Road and flyovers where manual cleaning operations are very difficult," said Dhaka North City Corporation Administrator Mahmud Reza Khan. Environment and Forests Minister Dr Hasan Mahmud said more would be purchased if the trucks provide positive results.

ZIA TRUST GRAFT CASE Court asks Khaleda to face it on June 16

COURT CORRESPONDENT
A Dhaka court yesterday asked BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia to appear before it on June 16 in connection with the Zia Charitable Trust graft case.
Yesterday, she did not appear before the court, saying that she had previous engagements to deal with important national issues. She did not appear before the court in the last three consecutive dates.
Earlier on January 15 this year, Khaleda appeared before the court, and it took cognisance of the charges against her and three others in the case on that date.
Two other accused -- Ziaul Islam Munna, assistant private secretary (APS) of another accused Harris Chowdhury; and Monirul Islam Khan, APS of former DCC mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka -- obtained ad-interim bail in the same case.
Another accused Harris, Khaleda's former political secretary, is absconding.
On August 8, 2011, the Anti-Corruption Commission filed the case on charge of abusing power to raise fund in the name of the trust.
ZIA ORPHANAGE CASE
The same court yesterday deferred until June 16 the hearing on charge framing against Khaleda, her elder son Tarique Rahman and four others in connection with Zia Orphanage Trust graft case. The court passed the order after Khaleda's lawyer submitted a petition seeking an adjournment.

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