

RAIN LIKELY



Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at most places over Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Rajshahi divisions and at many places over Rangpur and Sylhet divisions till 6:00pm today. Moderately heavy to very falls are also likely at

places over Dhaka, Rajshahi, Khulna and Barisal divisions, Met Office said. Day and night temperature may fall 1-2 degree Celsius over the country. **The sun sets in the capital today at 6:42pm and rises tomorrow at 5:11am.**

Country's highest temperature 35.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sylhet and lowest 23.6 degrees at Srimangal. 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	29.8	26.0	69	90	Khulna	27.5	25.3	95	92
Chittagong	30.8	26.3	76	85	Barisal	27.8	24.8	92	89
Rajshahi	28.0	25.0	78	93	Sylhet	35.5	28.0	71	83
Rangpur	30.0	24.7	89	91	Cox's Bazar	31.0	24.2	91	90

NEWS IN brief

Boy stabbed to death in Ashulia

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A boy was stabbed to death by unknown miscreants in Ashulia on Wednesday night. They attacked Hasibur Rahman, 13, son Abul Kalam of Vadai village in Ashulia, around 9:00pm while he was going to their shop in the village, said victim's uncle Abdul Motaleb. Police suspect that the attack was made to snatch his mobile phone set as it was not found after the incident. A case was filed with the police.

Prof Iftekhar made CU pro-VC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
Prof Iftekhar Uddin Chowdhury of sociology department was made pro-vice chancellor of Chittagong University (CU) yesterday for four years. Prof Iftekhar joined the department as a lecturer in 1982. He was a former chairman of the department, and former president of CU Teachers' Association (CUTA).

First ever National Environment Olympiad at DU starts today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The Department of Geography and Environment, Dhaka University is launching the first ever "National Environment Olympiad" at the Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban, DU today. The six-day Olympiad will begin at 9:30am. Prof Nasreen Ahmad, pro-vice chancellor of DU, will be present as the chief guest and Prof Nazrul Islam, president of Asiatic Society of Bangladesh as the special guest. Prof Hafiza Khatun will deliver the keynote speech.

Woman's body recovered in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Police recovered the body of an unidentified woman, aged around 35, stuffed in a sack in the capital's Kochukhet yesterday. The body, sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital morgue, bore no signs of injury and police suspect she was strangled.

Japanese envoy meets JS Speaker

BSS, Dhaka
Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh Shiro Sadoshima yesterday called on Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury at her Sangsad Bhaban office in the capital and invited her to visit Japan. The envoy stressed the need for exchanging bilateral tours for developing relationship between the countries.

DHAKA TODAY

Award ceremony
The Daily Star, and DHL Express will organise the 13th Bangladesh Business Awards ceremony to recognise the achievers in the field of business; Venue: Grand Ball Room, Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel; Time: 7:00pm.

Seminar
Association for Prevention of Drug Abuse, and Daffodil Education Network will hold a seminar on the occasion of World No Tobacco Day; Venue: 4/2, Sobhanbagh; Time: 9:00am.

Seminar
Bangladesh-India Friendship Society will arrange a seminar on role of the youth in national issues; Venue: Brac Centre Auditorium, Mohakhali; Time: 6:30pm.

Procession
Prottasha and WBB Trust will bring out a procession marking World No Tobacco Day; Starting venue: TSC, Dhaka University; Time: 2:40pm.



BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia along with hundreds of leaders and activists lays a wreath at the grave of former president and the party's founder Ziaur Rahman at the capital's Sher-e-Bangla Nagar yesterday to mark his 32nd death anniversary.

PHOTO: STAR

Zia's death anniversary observed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia along with hundreds of leaders and activists placed wreaths and offered feteaha at the grave of the party founder and former president Ziaur Rahman in the capital yesterday to mark his 32nd death anniversary. Later, she attended a milad mahfil arranged by Jatiyatabadi Olama Dal on the grave premises. The opposition leader also distributed cooked food among the destitute in different parts of the capital and inaugurated a voluntary blood donation campaign arranged by Doctors' Association of Bangladesh, a pro-BNP professionals' body, in the city. Earlier, the party flag was flown at half mast while black flags were hoisted atop the BNP's Nayapaltna central office and other party offices across the country.

ZUBAIR MURDER
Hearing on charge framing adjourned till June 6

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday adjourned until June 6 the hearing on charge framing against 13 students of Jahangirnagar University (JU) in connection with the killing of Zubair Ahmed in January last year. All the accused are activists of the JU unit of pro-Awami League Bangladesh Chhatra League. On January 8 last year, Zubair, an honours final year student of the English department of JU, was allegedly tortured and stabbed by the accused and some others. He succumbed to his injuries at a hospital in the capital on the next day. Following the incident, police arrested Khandaker Ashikul Islam alias Ashik, Mahabub Akram, Najmus Sakib Topu and Zahid Hasan. Of them, Mahub, Topu and Zahid gave confessional statements before magistrates on different dates.

On April 8 last year, Ashulia Police Station Sub-Inspector Mir Shahin Shah Parvez, also investigation officer of the case, submitted the charge sheet against the accused. Following the charge sheet, the remaining accused were surrendered before the lower courts on different dates and were sent to jail, but they were earlier granted bails from different courts.

ILLEGAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN CAPITAL
Evictions difficult ahead of polls: Obaidul Quader

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eviction drives against illegal establishments in the capital will be a tough job ahead of the general elections, said Communications Minister Obaidul Quader yesterday. He was speaking as the chief guest at the inaugural session of a workshop on "Improving the Pedestrian Environment in Dhaka: Steps Forward". The workshop was held at the Local Government Engineering Development (LGED) building in the capital. The minister said eviction drives before the election might be protested by political leaders as they may think that such drives will affect people's voting. Asian Development Bank (ADB), Dhaka North City Corporation, Gazipur City Corporation, Dhaka Transport Co-ordination Authority, LGED, Health-Bridge Canada and Work for a Better Bangladesh arranged the

awareness building workshop, which also focused on the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project. Quader said during his 17-month long term as the communications minister, he and his colleagues have showed little improvement in reducing traffic congestion in the capital. An eviction drive against illegal establishments on the city's pavements will begin after an inter-ministerial meeting on June 9, said the minister. Regarding road accidents, Obaidul Quader said reckless driving and pedestrians' careless walking are mainly responsible for the accidents. The 20km BRT project, from Gazipur to Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, is expected to be used by over one lakh commuters and hence reduce traffic congestion in Dhaka, said David Margonsztern, urban development specialist of ADB.

JS Speaker to try freeing two BNP lawmakers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury yesterday assured a BNP parliamentary party delegation that she would "make sincere efforts" so that two arrested opposition lawmakers could join the budget session of Jatiya Sangsad beginning June 3. The delegation led by opposition chief whip Zainul Abdin Farroque handed over a letter to the speaker at her office, requesting her to take necessary measures to have BNP lawmakers MK Anwar and Barkatullah Bulu freed. Meanwhile, senior BNP leader Moudud Ahmed yesterday said the opposition MPs would not table any bill on the caretaker government issue in parliament as the government should do it. He said they might join a discussion to decide the head of an election-time government. BNP Acting Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said the dialogue efforts regarding the caretaker issue were being disrupted due to government's "obstinate stand". The two leaders spoke to journalists after placing wreaths at the grave of former president Ziaur Rahman at the capital's Sher-e-Bangla Nagar to mark his 32nd death anniversary.



A vacuum truck sweeps the Motijheel-Dainik Bangla road in the capital yesterday. Four such trucks have recently been handed over to the two Dhaka city corporations under the 3R Initiative Pilot Project, financed by Bangladesh Climate Change Trust Fund.

PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

Female RMG worker 'raped'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A female garment worker was allegedly raped on her way to home from her workplace located in Ashulia on the outskirts of the capital early yesterday. The victim hailing from Sripur village was admitted to One-Stop Crisis Centre of Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) in the evening. While returning from work, she was dragged behind a bush by one Montaz and his two cohorts, said a relative of the victim, adding that the victim was repeatedly raped there. No case was filed.

FORGERY CASE
HC clears way for trial of Shah Alam

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday cleared the way for continuing trial proceedings of a forgery case against Bashundhara Group Chairman Ahmed Akbar Sobhan Shah Alam and four others at the lower court. Rejecting a petition, filed by the accused for scrapping the case, the HC yesterday vacated its last year's order that had stayed the trial proceedings of the case. Selim Ahmed, the then director of Bangladesh Textile Mills Association, filed the case with the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka on December 27, 2011 against Shah Alam, chairman and managing director of East West Properties Development Ltd, a concern of Bashundhara Group, and four others of the company. The four other accused are Sadat Sobhan, Alam's son and one of the directors; Mahub Morshed Hasan, vice-chairman; Towhidul Islam, deputy managing director; and MA Hassan, assistant general manager. Selim, in the case statement, said he had bought three plots of five kathas each from the company's Baridhara project in 2007 at Tk 3.95 crore. Alam went into hiding after the caretaker government assumed power in the same year. After his return in 2008, he demanded another Tk 3 crore from the plaintiff. On October 30, 2011, the company refused to hand over the land or give back the money, Selim alleged.

RUPCHANDA- STAR LIFESTYLE
AMATEUR CHEF COOK-OFF

Put on your finest apron and your chef's hat because The Daily Star's Star Lifestyle, in association with Rupchanda, are launching Bangladesh's first ever search for the best amateur chef! Send in your best recipe with a picture of your creation to lifestyleds@yahoo.com and you stand to battle it out with a line-up of Bangladesh's very best amateur chefs. The deadline for submissions is 10 June. Check out our Facebook page (facebook.com/lifestyleds) for more.




CONTEST DETAILS

1. Rupchanda-Star Lifestyle Amateur Chef Cook-Off competition will be divided into three different rounds.
2. In the first round, interested participants will send their recipe and a picture of their own dish to lifestyleds@yahoo.com.
3. The initial applicants will be short-listed to a final list of contestants, who will be invited for interview in the second round of the competition. The selected applicants will then be divided into 5 different categories-Appetiser, Dessert, Baked Goodies, Regional Specialties and Main Course. Each competitor will then provide a recipe and a picture of a dish related to their category.
4. In the third round of the competition the short-listed contestants will take part in the actual cook-off. The cook-off will be held in The Daily Star premises.
5. All contestants will have their recipe printed, along with their name and picture, in Lifestyle's Eid Special Cook-book.
6. The top 3 stand to win prizes and every participant will go home with attractive gift hampers from Rupchanda.
7. The deadline for submissions is 10 June, 2013. Applicants must be 18 years or above.