

RISE IN TEMPERATURE LIKELY



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

Moderately heavy falls are also likely at places, Met Office said. Day and night temperatures may rise slightly by 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 35.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Madaripur and lowest 20.6 degree Celsius at Jessore. Highest and lowest temperatures 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 34.6	22.0	81	72	Khulna 34.5	21.2	78	77
Chittagong 31.4	25.4	78	80	Barisal 33.8	23.5	82	83
Rajshahi 33.6	22.5	81	70	Sylhet 33.3	25.3	76	83
Rangpur 29.5	22.0	97	80	Cox's Bazar 33.0	24.2	71	78

NEWSINbrief

Khaleda to meet BNP MPs at JS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Opposition leader and BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia has convened a meeting with party lawmakers at Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban for tomorrow afternoon. The meeting is due to start at 4:00pm at Khaleda's office, said a BNP release yesterday. The lawmakers, who have remained absent in the parliament for 83 days, are expected to discuss their joining the budget session, which begins tomorrow.

2 die as trains hit them in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two persons were killed as trains hit them in two areas of the capital yesterday. In Nakhhalpara, Amena Begum, 55, of Thakurgaon, died after she was run over by a Dhaka-bound train around 8:00am, said Rezaul Islam, assistant sub-inspector of Dhaka Government Railway Police. The victim had come to Dhaka to visit her son. In Joar Shahara area, a Tongi-bound train hit an unidentified person, killing him instantly, the police said.

Woman falls to death from rooftop

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A woman died after she fell from the rooftop of a six-storey building in Hazaribagh of the capital yesterday. The deceased was Tamanna Anjum Mostafa. Police recovered the body around 1:00pm. Hazaribagh police Sub-inspector Ashraful Islam suspected that the accident might have occurred as Tamanna suffered from faulty vision and the edges of the rooftop was not surrounded by a wall. An accidental death case was filed.

Ayesha Memorial Hospital launches diabetes centre

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ayesha Memorial Hospital in Mohakhali of the capital launched a new diabetes centre yesterday. The centre was inaugurated by Maj Gen (retd) Dr AR Khan, former adviser to a caretaker government. "It is good news for the locals of the area to have facilities for treating diabetes within their area," he said

Ctg Samity-Dhaka honours GPA-5 holders in SSC exams

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chattagram Samity-Dhaka accorded reception to the children of its life members, who achieved GPA-5 in SSC and equivalent examinations, 2013, in the samity auditorium yesterday.. Besides, 11 meritorious students with disabilities from different colleges and universities were given stipends.



PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Members of Fire Service and Civil Defence in a fire fighting exercise at Bangladesh National Museum in the capital yesterday.

CMCH interns go on indefinite strike

Hacking of a fellow sparks the protest

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) interns went on a strike from around 11:00am yesterday protesting the hacking of their fellow just hours earlier.

They declared to continue the strike until the attackers, who they claimed were Islami Chhatra Shibir's CMCH unit activists, were arrested.

Sohel Parvez Suman, also a former Bangladesh Chhatra League's (BCL) Chittagong Medical College (CMC) unit president, received stitches in his head and his condition is stable, said CMCH sources.

With doctors, other than interns, working inside, patients were confused over how to enter as Internee Doctors Association (IDA) locked up four gates and barricaded the remaining one, before the emergency unit.

Though police removed the barricade after half an hour, there was no notice informing that the emergency unit gate was open. IDA Member Secretary Shanto Debnath said only a 10-member squad of interns were responding to emergency calls. Earlier, IDA and BCL activists blocked

Prabartak Intersection for half an hour from around 10:45am.

CMCH Director Brig Gen Khondakar Shahidul Ghani said all medical officers were asked to continue duty.

Meanwhile, no classes were held at CMC. Students accused BCL activists of barring them from attending classes while the latter claimed that students had called an indefinite class abstention.

CMC Principal Prof Selim Muhammad Jahangir could not be reached for comment.

Sohel was attacked in Chittagong city's Mehediabag area around 7:00am on returning from a trip to Sylhet, said Salman Mahmud Siddique Rafsan, general secretary CMC Central Students Union.

Around 15 men on five motorcycles pulled Soheli out from a CNG-run autorickshaw and hacked him, he said.

Denying the allegation, Shibir's CMC unit President Azizul Hakim Bappa said, "I have information that the attackers were train ticket scalpers with whom Soheli had a scuffle in Chittagong Railway Station." Police said IDA members filed a case against some 15 people, two of whom were named.

120 ILLEGAL GAS CONNECTIONS Titas' ex-MD denies giving approval

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The immediate past managing director of Titas termed untrue and motivated Petrobangla's allegation that he illegally provided gas connections to 120 industries during his tenure.

"I never awarded any gas connection without written instruction from the Petrobangla chairman or the concerned authorities," said Md Abdul Aziz Khan in a statement sent to The Daily Star yesterday.

Petrobangla Chairman Hossain Monsur, at a press briefing in his office on May 28, claimed that "Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution Company Ltd's former managing director" awarded the illegal connections.

He, however, did not name the managing director.

Monsur also admitted that the government ban, from mid-2009 till last month, on new gas connections bred corruption as during this time about 150,000 households and 120 industries obtained illegal connections.

Abdul Aziz said the definition of new connections might have been confused with connections which were reconnected or transferred.

Besides, a government committee led by the energy adviser had provided some new connections during the ban, he said.

"Titas only provided new gas connections to customers who had already paid for new connections in line with the government decision," he said, questioning why Petrobangla had not disconnected those 120 connections.

WAR CRIMES TRIAL Completion within this govt's tenure stressed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Freedom fighters, educationalists and a jurist yesterday demanded completion of the trial of people currently facing war crimes charges and execution of the verdicts within the present government's tenure.

Addressing a discussion, "Thwart the conspiracy hatched to foil the war crimes trial", organised by Sector Commanders Forum (SCF) in the capital's Bangladesh National Museum, they also demanded banning Jamaat-e-Islami and stopping its funding.

SCF President and Planning Minister Air Vice Marshal (retd) AK Khandker urged the government to repeal the provision allowing war crimes convicts to appeal to the Supreme Court within 30 days of the verdict.

"They should not get the chance (to

appeal) for the crimes they had committed (during the 1971 Liberation War)," he added.

Castigating Hefajat-e-Islam's recent activities, eminent jurist M Amir-Ul Islam said people, irrespective of religion, caste and creed, must unite for religion, civilisation, country, democracy and human rights.

Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor AAMS Arefin Siddique said a conspiracy was ongoing to delay and foil the war crimes trial and people should remain vigilant in this regard.

SCF Vice-Chairman Maj Gen (retd) KM Shafiqullah, Communist Party of Bangladesh leader Haider Akbar Khan Rano, Institute of Architects, Bangladesh President Mobashwer Hossain, Janata Bank Chairman Abul Barkat, and Imam of Sholakia Fariduddin Masud also spoke at the programme.

Agrani Bank decides to probe test question leak

DU CORRESPONDENT

Agrani Bank yesterday decided to investigate widespread allegations that questions of Friday's recruitment test for its posts of senior officers had been leaked.

"We asked the committee tasked with the recruitment test to submit a probe report before the bank's June 7 board meeting," Agrani Bank Chairman Prof Khandaker Bazul Haque told The Daily Star.

"We will decide whether the test would be cancelled after going through the report," he said.

Many candidates alleged that the question paper and corresponding answers, in handwritten format, were offered for sale in photocopy shops of different Dhaka University halls.

The one-hour test, beginning at 4:00pm, had 75 questions. A total of 42,000 candidates took the test in 15 centres in the capital.

The committee Coordinator Prof Hasibur Rashid of Dhaka University on Friday said they received a paper around 3:45pm containing 50 answers, many of which matched the answers of the actual test's multiple-choice questions.

The committee comprises five Dhaka University teachers from the departments of management information systems and international business.

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DOUBLE KILLING IN DHAKA

Police suspect flatmate's involvement

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law enforcers suspect that the murder of two youths inside a flat in the capital's Shewrapara on Friday was committed by one of their flatmates over money and valuables.

Biplob Kumar Sarkar, deputy commissioner of Tejgaon division of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP), said they were trying to arrest the suspect, Milon, the victims' flatmate who is absconding after the incident.

Md Rajib, 30, a private university student, and Abul Bashar, 31, an employee of a private firm, were found dead inside their apartment on the first floor of a four-storey building.

Seven youths, including Rajib, rented the flat eight months ago while Bashar joined later, said the building's owner Saidur Rahman.

Bashar's uncle Howlader Al Mamun said, "Bashar recently received Tk 1,50,000 from one of his relatives living in Dubai. He asked his younger brother to come to Dhaka for taking the money."

DMP Deputy Commissioner Biplob Kumar said they would check the bank account of Bashar today to ascertain the transaction.

Police are interrogating separately three people -- two inmates of the victims and a housemaid -- detained in this connection.

The housemaid claimed to have seen Milon with the victims in the flat around 10:30am on Friday, said Biplob Kumar.

Police are also following another lead that a woman's scarf was found in the hand of Bashar.

The criminals took away three computer monitors from the flat.

Dhaka Medical College morgue sources said the victims were hit with blunt objects in their heads.

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