

SLIGHT RISE IN TEMPERATURE LIKELY



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

Moderately heavy falls are also likely at places, Met Offices said.
Day and night temperature may rise slightly over the country.
The sun sets in the capital today at 6:43pm and rises tomorrow at 5:11am.

Country's highest temperature 36.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Satkhira and lowest 21.6 degrees at Rangpur.
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	35.4	27.0	74	60	Khulna	35.4	27.0	84	70
Chittagong	32.2	26.8	80	80	Barisal	34.0	26.8	71	70
Rajshahi	35.5	26.0	69	77	Sylhet	34.1	25.5	76	64
Rangpur	33.0	21.6	87	77	Cox's Bazar	33.0	26.0	75	72

BIGGEST YABA HAUL Convict Amin Huda sent to jail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday again sent to jail Amin Huda, who was earlier sentenced to 79 years' rigorous imprisonment in connection with the biggest haul of Yaba tablets, on rejecting his bail petition after his surrender.
Judge Motahar Hossain of the Speedy Trial Tribunal-4, as per another petition of Amin, also directed the jail authorities to provide him treatment, if necessary.

On October 25, 2007, Rapid Action Battalion seized 1,30,000 Yaba tablets and 5,000 Yaba alternative drugs from the possession of Amin and his partner Ahsanul Haque Hasan at their Gulshan office in the capital.

On July 15, 2012, a trial court passed the sentence on Amin and Hasan in connection with two cases filed with Gulshan Police Station following the seizure.

The High Court, on February 11 this year, granted bail to Amin for six months on health grounds. On May 5, the Supreme Court cancelled Amin Huda's High Court bail and directed him to surrender before the trial court within a week.

Amin duly complied and submitted the two petitions, one seeking bail and the other seeking treatment in jail custody.

Old Faujians Assoc gets new committee

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Maj (Retd) Zulfiqar H Choudhury and Prof Sazzad Hossain were elected Chairman and Secretary General respectively of the central governing body of Old Faujians Association for the term of 2013-2015, said a press release.

Dr Sarwar Ahmed and Brig Gen (Retd) MH Salahuddin were elected vice chairmen.



President Abdul Hamid administers oath to newly appointed State Minister for Women and Children Affairs Meher Afroz Chumki at Bangabhaban in the capital yesterday while Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina looks on.

PHOTO: PMO

Patients suffer at CMCH for strike

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Ctg

Patients continued to suffer as interns of Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) carried on their indefinite strike for the second day yesterday protesting an attack on their fellow on Saturday.

The interns kept all the collapsible gates of the hospital locked but the gate to the emergency unit was open.

Many patients left without treatment when they found the doors of the hospital locked, said hospital sources, adding that a lot of patients did not know that the gate to the emergency unit was open.

Visiting the hospital yesterday, The Daily Star found that the queue of patients outside the doctor's chamber in the outdoor section was very short compared to regular days while many chambers remained devoid of any patients.

The strike also hampered the activities inside the hospital. Patients complained that no doctor came to check up on them till the visit by The Daily Star at noon.

Abu Ahmed, a patient of cardiology ward, said, "Doctors usually come and see us between 10:30am and 11:00 but today they did not come."

However, when contacted, Brig Gen Khondakar Shahidul Ghani, director of CMCH, said activities in both the outdoor and indoor sections were normal as all hospital staff except interns were discharging their duties.

Meanwhile, Chittagong Medical College (CMC) unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League, expressing solidarity with the interns, forced students to boycott classes.

On Saturday morning, a group of miscreants hacked Sohail Parvez Suman, an intern doctor and also a former president of CMC unit of BCL, in the city's Mehedibag area.

Police arrested five persons in connection with the attack but Musin Abdullah and Nadil Abdullah, who were identified by the victim, were not among them.

Rashedur Reza Sunny, president of Internee Doctors Association (IDA), said the strike will continue until the duo is arrested.

CONCERN OVER CRACKS

Khilgaon Ideal School abandons building

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Khilgaon National Ideal School authorities yesterday abandoned one of the school's buildings in the capital amid concerns centring some cracks on it.

Some guardians, noticing some cracks on the building, no-5, filed a general diary with Khilgaon Police Station in mid-May expressing their concern, said Sub-inspector SM Raisul Islam of the police station.

The school authorities soon declared summer vacation and got the building examined by a team of civil engineers of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet).

The team recommended that occupancy could continue but without increasing load, said Raisul.

With school resuming yesterday, the

guardians opposed holding classes in the building and on information a police team led by Raisul arrived.

"The decision was reached following a meeting among the school authorities, guardians and police. The authorities said they would accommodate the building's students in other buildings," added Raisul.

Prof Sekender Ali, director of Bureau of Research, Testing and Consultation of Buet, said any crack was not always a cause for alarm but one must take steps after necessary caution and examination.

Afsar Uddin, authorised officer of Rajdhani Unnayan Kartipakkha, said he was unaware of the incident and would visit the site this morning.

The school authorities could not be contacted immediately.

Russia praises Bangladesh for constructive foreign policy

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Russia has appreciated Bangladesh for its constructive foreign policy aimed at solving all disagreements through integration and connectivity in South Asia.

This was stated by Russian Ambassador in Dhaka Alexander A Nikolaev while he was addressing a programme marking the National Day of the Russian Federation at Radisson Hotel in the capital on Saturday.

About exploration of gas by a Russian company in Bangladesh, he said the GAZPROM had finished the drilling of the Shipkail-3 gas well near Comilla only one month ago.

"The output of just this first well is con-

firmed at the point of more than 700,000 cubic metre of natural gas per day."

"I underline - more than 700,000 cubic metre, not cubic feet. Let's hope the rest nine wells will be not less effective Inshallah," he said.

On strategic decision to construct Rooppur nuclear power plant, he said now it is necessary to get the adoption of atomic project by the broad public opinion of Bangladesh.

On bilateral trade between Bangladesh and Russia, the ambassador said the turnover of bilateral trade was equal to \$ 700 million in the last year.

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Syed Ashraf Islam also spoke on the occasion.

RU cancels double appointments

RU CORRESPONDENT

The Rajshahi University (RU) Syndicate terminated one of the two appointments made to each of two university officials on February 24, the last day of immediate past vice-chancellor (VC) Prof M Lutfar Rahman, DIU founder VC Prof Emeritus Aminul Islam and DIU Treasurer M Mizanur Rahman hold up copies of The Daily Star yesterday during a distribution ceremony. As per a Memorandum of Understanding, DIU will subscribe to for one year copies of the English daily every Sunday, when the supplement Star Campus comes out. PHOTO: STAR

VC Prof Muhammad Mizanuddin said one official cannot hold two posts at a time and accordingly the decision was taken on Thursday.

The Syndicate sources said Tamanna Yeasmin will now hold the post of lower division assistant of RU Engineering Office after her appointment as caretaker of Rokey Hall was terminated.

Similarly, Alam Badsha will now hold the post of lower division assistant of Habibur Rahman Hall after his appointment as office assistant of RU Administration Building was terminated, they said.

Prof Sobhan said the appointment process was overseen by the then pro-VC Prof M Nurullah, who yesterday admitted the "mistake" to The Daily Star.

NEWS IN brief

Budget allocation for organisations of people with disabilities sought

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least one percent of the national budget should be reserved for the development of organisations of people with disabilities, demanded Disabled Citizens' Rights Council yesterday.

Its other demands include establishment of a ministry coordinating the development of the disabled; a member in the cabinet and reserving 35 seats in parliament for the people with disabilities.

The demands came at a press conference of DCRC at Jatiya Press Club in the capital.

BBC Janala launches new course

CITY DESK

BBC Janala yesterday launched the "BBC Janala Amar Engreji Course 2" on mobile phones, the internet and in print.

The second course especially designed for the adults who already know a little bit of English will be useful for the learners who have already used the "BBC Janala Amar Engreji Course 1", said a press release.

The second course includes 96 structured lessons covering useful English words, grammar, conversation and pronunciation, and quizzes.

French envoy visits project

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

French Ambassador to Bangladesh Michel Trinquier yesterday visited a project site of French NGO Water and Life in capital's Bhashantek slum at Mirpur.

The project includes providing a water supply network and sanitation facilities in the slum to ensure legal supply of safe water for the slum dwellers in order to improve their health.

The ambassador was also given an overview of a project, which had been financed earlier this year, on fire prevention and fire fighting training, and making children aware of hygiene and washing hands.

Obituary

CITY DESK

Akram Ali Khan Rabu, a maternal uncle of Awami League lawmaker Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh, died at a hospital in Delhi of India on Saturday. He was 65.

He left behind his wife, two sons and a host of relatives and well-wishers to mourn his death, said a press release yesterday.



Briefing session

Centre for Policy Dialogue will hold a briefing session on its review of the national economy; Venue: its office; Time: 3:00pm.

Memorial meeting

Bangladesh Christian Association will organise a meeting in memory of the victims of the 2001 bomb attack on Baniarchar Catholic

Church, Muksdipur upazila, Gopalganj; Venue: Central Shaheed Minar; Time: 5:00pm.

Concluding ceremony

National Science and Technology Museum will organise the concluding ceremony of the "National Science and Technology Week"; Venue: its premises; Time: 3:00pm.



From left, Daffodil International University (DIU) Faculty of Science and Information Technology Dean Prof SM Mahabubul Haque Majumder, The Daily Star Managing Editor Dr Saleh Uddin Ahmed, DIU Vice-Chancellor (VC) Prof M Lutfar Rahman, DIU founder VC Prof Emeritus Aminul Islam and DIU Treasurer M Mizanur Rahman hold up copies of The Daily Star yesterday during a distribution ceremony. As per a Memorandum of Understanding, DIU will subscribe to for one year copies of the English daily every Sunday, when the supplement Star Campus comes out. PHOTO: STAR

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