

## RAIN LIKELY



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

Mild heat wave is sweeping over Rajshahi,

Bogra, Tangail, Satkhira and Rangamati and it may continue, Met Office said.

Day and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

**The sun sets in the capital today at 6:43pm and rises tomorrow at 5:11am.**

Country's highest temperature 36.6 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rajshahi and lowest 24.5 degrees at Rangamati.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

Area	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage		Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage		
	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening	
Dhaka	35.5	28.4	72	58	Khulna	36.0	27.2	71	70
Chittagong	32.5	25.4	79	73	Barisal	35.5	27.8	77	61
Rajshahi	36.6	26.0	77	65	Sylhet	34.7	25.2	89	70
Rangpur	32.2	25.7	89	74	Cox's Bazar	33.5	25.5	69	84

## NEWSIN brief

### Don't harass Salauddin, Alal: HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the government not to harass or re-arrest BNP leaders Salauddin Ahmed and Syed Moazzem Hossain Alal without any legal procedure when they will be released from jail.

The HC passed the order after holding hearing on two petitions filed by the duo.

The BNP leaders have secured bail in all the cases filed against them but they are now apprehending that they can be rearrested soon after being released, the petitions said.

### IT festival begins at DU Friday

DU CORRESPONDENT

A two-day IT festival titled "DUITS-Robi campus IT fest 2013", organised by Dhaka University Information Technology Society, will begin on DU campus on Friday.

As many as 1,000 teachers, students and IT experts from around 45 universalities are likely to participate in it, organisers told a press conference at DU senate building yesterday.

Parliament Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury is expected to attend the festival's inauguration.

### Only 1 out of 3 albino crows found in Ctg remains

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Of the three albino crows found recently in Chittagong, only one remains.

The three crow chicks were handed over to Chittagong Zoo on Saturday and one of them died on the same night and another died early yesterday.

Dr Shahadat Hossain Shuvo, administrative officer of Chittagong Zoo, said the crows were too young to eat without their mother's help and so two of them became weak and died.

"The remaining chick is also taking food in small amounts. We are observing it continuously," he said.

### Schoolboy hurt in cocktail explosion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A schoolboy was injured in a cocktail explosion inside TSC on Dhaka University campus yesterday.

Atiqur Rahman Atique, 12, a class-VI student of University Laboratory School and College, son of Md Abdullah, was given first aid.

Atique said the explosion occurred when he mistook a cocktail wrapped in red tape for his ball and poked it with a stick near the games rooms.

### Four muggers held in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police arrested four alleged muggers in Agargaon Sat Rasta area in the capital on Sunday and Monday.

On their confessional statement, police also recovered 10 CNG-run three-wheelers in the capital on Monday and yesterday.

The arrested are Rahim, Suman alias Dengu Suman, Shahjahan, and Razu.



Three new excavators that were inaugurated yesterday are extracting dirt from the bottom of the Buriganga river in Shyamnagar area of the capital.

PHOTO: STAR

## Wasa to build 3 more water treatment plants

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (Wasa) has taken an initiative to construct three more water treatment plants to reduce dependency on the ground water to 30 percent by 2020.

Addressing at a view-exchanging meeting at Wasa Bhaban yesterday, Managing Director of Wasa Taqsem A Khan said the plants will be built at Jasaldiya of Mawa, Gandhabpur of Rupganj and Sayedabad Water Treatment Plant Phase-III at Sayedabad.

He said land acquisition for the Jhasaldia Water Treatment Plant is progressing. The plant will be built at a cost of about Tk 3,366 crore to treat 45 crore litres of water from the river Padma per day.

Taqsem said the construction of Tk 5,600

crore Gandhapur water treatment plant at Rupganj is expected to start by this year.

He said the Gandhapur plant will be set up at a cost of about Tk 5,600 crore to treat 50 crore litres of water from the river Meghna per day.

The feasibility study of Sayedabad Water Treatment Plant Phase-III is also going on. The plant will be built at a cost of Tk 3,500 crore to treat and supply 45 crore litres of water per day from the river Shitalakkhya.

Taqsem said now Wasa can supply 242 crore litres of water per day against the demand of 225 crore litres. Of which, 22 percent water comes from surface sources and 78 percent from ground water.

Taqsem also said they have taken a plan to bring the capital's all 30 lakh slum dwellers under legal connections of Wasa.

## Whitening of black money worries TIB

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) has expressed concern following some news reports that said the government in the next budget would keep the provision of giving opportunities to whiten black money.

"This provision goes against the government's pledge to establish good governance and to combat corruption," said TIB Executive Director Dr Iftekharuzzaman in a statement yesterday.

Terming the provision "unconstitutional", "discriminatory", "unethical" and "corruption-aiding", he said, "If the black money holders are rewarded the opportunity to invest in real estate sector, it will be discriminatory to the legal money earners."

"It will also promote corruption in this sector."

Governments have been patronising block money earners by the opportunity to whiten their money repeatedly. The opportunity has been given 17 times since the country's independence, said the statement.

The common people are loosing respect to law and ethics and getting discouraged to pay taxes, the statement added.

## HC issues contempt of court rule against judge

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a contempt of court rule against Fifth Joint Sessions Judge of Dhaka Nurun Nahar Sheuly and a Brac Bank official on charge of running the proceedings of a cheque dishonour case, defying an earlier HC order of stay on it.

In the rule, the court asked Nurun Nahar and Shakil Mahmud Emon, an official of Gulshan branch of the bank, to explain by June 18 why contempt of court proceedings should not be brought against them for continuing the case against one Habibur Rahman Hawlader.

The HC came up with the rule after hearing a petition filed by Habibur Rahman.

Petitioner's lawyer Toufique Inam Tipu said the HC stayed the proceedings of the case in November 2009. The case was filed in 2008.

But, the court of Nurun Nahar resumed the case last year, after Shakil submitted an application saying that there was not stay order from the HC, he said.

Meanwhile, the HC issued another contempt of court rule against eight government officials, including managing director of Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (Wasa), for not giving Wasa connection to the house of one Jahanara Ahmed as per an earlier HC order.

The court asked the officials to explain in four weeks why contempt of court proceedings should not be brought against them, said Jahanara's lawyer Manzill Murshid.

### Human chain

Nagorik Sanghati will form a human chain demanding trial of those who tortured a meritorious schoolgirl in Gazipur; Venue: In front of Bangladesh National Museum; Time: 3:00pm.

### Discussion

Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote will hold a discussion on politics; Venue: Shilpakala Academy; Time: 11:00am.

### Film festival

Amader Chhobi Cholochochitro

Andolon will organise a film festival; Venue: Public Library, Shahbagh; Time: 6:00pm.

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