

RISE IN TEMPERATURE LIKELY



WEATHER TODAY

Unb, Dhaka

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

Moderately heavy to heavy falls are also likely at places over the country, Met Office said.

Day and night temperatures may rise slightly over the country.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:45pm and rises tomorrow at 5:10am.

Country's highest temperature 36.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rajshahi and lowest 24.5 degree Celsius at Sylhet and Chandpur.

The 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	33.8	25.6	78	73	Khulna	34.0	26.0	77	84
Chittagong	32.6	26.0	84	70	Barisal	33.0	25.0	90	92
Rajshahi	36.2	26.0	79	70	Sylhet	30.0	24.5	97	90
Rangpur	34.0	25.5	85	64	Cox's Bazar	32.5	25.4	81	83

NEWSINbrief

DU VC urges Canada to deport Bangabandhu's killer

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique yesterday urged the Canadian government to deport Nur Chowdhury, a convicted fugitive killer of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Prof Arefin requested Canadian High Commissioner in Dhaka Heather Cruden to help in this regard.

He was delivering a lecture marking the Foundation Day of the Peace and Conflict Studies Department at the Senate Bhawan, DU, where the high commissioner was present.

Girl 'commits suicide'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A teenage girl allegedly committed suicide by hanging herself from the ceiling fan in Dakkhinkhan of the capital yesterday.

The girl, Minsha Hossain, 16, was found dead in her room, said Dakkhinkhan police Sub-inspector Syed Ali.

Family disputes might be the reason behind the suicide, he added. The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College morgue for autopsy.

Man held with Phensedyl

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion arrested a man with 550 bottles of Phensedyl in the capital's Khilgaon area early yesterday.

The arrestee is Abdus Salam, 54, said a Rab-3 press release.

Salam was carrying the bottles under the backseat of a private car, which he was driving, said Senior Assistant Superintendent of Police Md Kudrat-e-Khuda.

Worker dies from electrocution

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A construction worker died after being electrocuted at his workplace in Islambagh of the capital yesterday morning.

The deceased was Atiqur Rahman, 40.

Atiqur, standing on the roof of a three-storey building, was pulling out iron rods from the ground, said Chawkbazar police. He was electrocuted when he touched the rods, which were electrified by a live electric wire connected to nearby poles, the police added.



DHAKA TODAY

Roundtable


Transparency International Bangladesh will organise a roundtable discussion on "Bangladesh's progress in implementing the anti-corruption charter of the United Nations"; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 10:30am.

Conference

Manusher Jonno Foundation will arrange the concluding ceremony of a two-day international conference on social accountability in practice; Venue: Brac Centre Inn; Time: 3:30pm.

Views exchange meeting

Adivasi Bisayak Sangsadiyo Caucus will organise a views exchange meeting about the law on indigenous people's rights; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 10:00am.



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A six-storey building, right, tilted towards the adjoining five-storey building, left, in Shyamoli residential area of Chittagong city yesterday, prompting the Chittagong Development Authority (CDA) to evacuate, inset, both the buildings housing some 18 families.

Record management needs improvement

Roundtable told

Management process of records of the country needs to be improved, said speakers yesterday at a roundtable ahead of the International Archives Day today.

The Bangla daily Prothom Alo arranged the roundtable on "Bangladesh-er Nothi Babosthapon: Shomoshya O Uttarane Poth" at its office in the capital.

Most of the government and non-government offices have no budget for archiving important documents, said Muhammad Lutful Haq, adviser of Research and Archives, Prothom Alo.

Wadudul Bari Chowdhury, director of the Directorate of Archives and Libraries, said digitisation of important documents is going on at present. The directorate will soon start publishing, periodically, around 8.3 lakh documents online.

"In the past, we may not have put the required effort in managing the country's records but we have the privilege to say that in our archive one can find documents dating back to the 1760s," said Cultural Secretary Ranjit Kumar Biswas.

Fake medicine seized in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) seized a huge amount of fake medicine and arrested a man for producing those in the capital's Patuati area yesterday.

A Rab team seized the medicine worth around Tk 40,000 and equipment used for producing those after conducting a drive at a house, said Rab Executive Magistrate AHM Anwar Pasha.

The arrestee, MA Barek, was awarded two-year jail term. He was also fined Tk 1 lakh, he said. Barek confessed to selling the medicine at his shop, he added.

BNP hails Hasina's

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high-level team to each of the city corporations to back the opposition-supported mayor aspirants, sources said.

The meeting of the BNP's highest policymaking body was presided over by Chairperson Khaleda Zia at her Gulshan office.

"Our strategy regarding the anti-government movement will depend on the outcome of the city corporation elections. Polls results of the (BNP-led 18-party) opposition alliance-backed mayor aspirants will determine the nature of our fresh movement," a BNP standing committee member told this correspondent after the meeting.

There was no briefing for the media.

The 18-party leaders will discuss the issues tomorrow [Monday] at a meeting at the same venue, sources said.

The standing committee decided to declare the month of Ramadan as "organising month," committee member Lt Gen (retd) Mahbubur Rahman told this correspondent.

The opposition alliance will not enforce hartal or blockade before June 15 for uninterrupted campaign of their candidates in the city corporations.

At a meeting of the AL Parliamentary Party on June 6, Prime Minister and Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina said that October 25 would be the last working day of the ninth parliament and the next general election would be held by January 25 under an interim government formed with elected representatives.

BSF picks up

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Their relatives' houses are along the India-Bangladesh border, the sources added.

Md Shahiduzzaman, company commander of Shimulbari BGB, said a letter had been sent to BSF yesterday morning, seeking the release of the boys.

Lt Col Ziaul Haque Khaled, commanding officer of 45 BGB Battalion in Kurigram, said, "A company commander-level flag meeting was held to discuss freeing the boys in the morning."

At the meeting, the BSF members said they [BSF] would inform them [BGB] of the matter after talking to their [BSF] battalion commander, he said.

"But we [BGB] have not received any further information in this regard," Ziaul added.

Six-storey building tilts in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A six-storey building tilted towards another adjoining building in Shyamoli residential area of Chittagong city yesterday.

The building "Kohinur Mansion" leaned towards the five-storey building "ABC House" in the afternoon.

Md Joynal, a resident of the tilted building, said "We could feel that the building was being tilted on Friday night. But we thought it was an earthquake."

The tilt became visible when it was found that the building's top parts nearly touched the adjacent building around 12:00 noon, he said.

Md Manjur Hasan, an executive engineer of Chittagong Development Authority (CDA) (zone-1), said they initially sealed "Kohinur Mansion" off.

Around 18 families of the two buildings have been asked to leave their residences, he said.

"The caretaker of the building (Kohinur Mansion) is claiming that the approval of the building was taken in 1995 and it was built in 1999. But he could not show us any approved plan."

"We will examine the papers of the building and decide the next course of action accordingly," he said adding that the building might have tilted due to weakness of its foundation.

Locals said the building was built after filling up a pond. United Arab Emirates expatriate Mahbubul Alam is the owner of the tilted building.

TALKS ON POLLS-TIME GOVT

AL leaders making contradictory statements

Alleges Moin Khan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Some leaders of the ruling Awami League are making contradictory statements about holding talks with the opposition to discuss the formation of an election-time government, alleged BNP leader Abdul Moin Khan yesterday.

"Sometimes they [ruling party leaders] agree to hold dialogue and urge the opposition to sit in talks in or outside of the parliament. And sometimes they announce that no dialogue will be held," he said.

He was speaking at a discussion programme at Jatiya Press Club in the capital.

Thanking Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for her recent announcement that the current parliament will be dissolved on October 25, he said all the problems will be solved if she [Hasina] now makes another announcement of restoring the caretaker government in the constitution.

At another programme at the same venue, BNP leader Rafiqul Islam Miah said a BNP lawmaker had withdrawn the adjournment motion seeking discussion in parliament for restoration of the caretaker government as the government wanted to trap the opposition party in the name of discussion.

The government would have scrapped the issue of caretaker government if the opposition MPs joined the discussion.

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