Country's highest temperature 36.6 degree

Celsius was recorded yesterday at Dinajpur and

UNLIKELY

CHANGE IN TEMPERATURE Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi, Rangpur and Dhaka divisions till

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Moderately heavy to heavy falls are also likely at places over the country, Met Office said. Day and night temperatures may remain nearly

unchanged over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:49pm and rises tomorrow at 5:13am.

lowest 25.0 degree Celsius at Comilla. The highest and lowest temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns Rajsh yesterday were:

	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage		1	emperature in Celsius		Humidity in percenta	
	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening		Max:	Min:	Morning	Eveni
aka	34.5	26.4	73	65	Khulna	34.0	28.0	76	81
ttagong	32.5	26.8	73	76	Barisal	33.3	26.1	75	71
shahi	36.0	26.0	86	66	Sylhet	36.4	25.8	78	62
ngpur	35.7	27.6	77	73	Cox's Bazar	33.2	26.2	73	73

RMG worker killed 'for refusing unwanted advances'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

A garment worker yesterday was stabbed to death allegedly by her cousin as she refused his unwanted advances in Gabtali area at Narayanganj Sadar upazila. Yasmin, 25, of

Mymensingh, resided in the area.

Deceased's sister Sufia said Billal Hossain stabbed Yasmin in the back with a scissor before her workplace Rupayan Sweater Factory. Billal was bothering Yasmin as she did not respond to his marriage proposals, she added.

Yasmin was declared dead at Narayanganj hospital in Khanpur.

Fatulla police arrested Billal. The factory was closed for the day as workers demonstrated in protest.

Road crashes kill one CITY DESK

A man was killed when a

bus ran him over before the factory of Walton company in Chandra area of Kaliakoir upazila yesterday morning, reports our Gazipur correspondent.

The deceased was Md Rajib Hossain, 28, of Bogra. Police sent the body to Gazipur Sadar Hospital morgue for an autopsy. Our Natore correspon-

dent adds, at least 30 people were injured as a Rajshahi-bound bus of Hanif Paribhan collided head-on with a truck on Natore-Dhaka highway at Dattapara in Natore Sadar upazila yesterday.



PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

Loaded lighter vessels remain stranded at Anu Majhir Ghat of Sadarghat area in the Karnaphuli river of Chittagong yesterday as workers of Ghat-Gudam Sramik Union went on an 11-hour strike since morning protesting an attack on two of their leaders. (Story on Page 4)

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Vocational training, microcredit ensure self-reliance

CRP, MJF roundtable told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Providing vocational training and microcredit to people with disabilities can make them self-reliant and ensure their involvement in productive work, said experts at a roundtable yesterday.

This form of employment creation can ensure their financial wellbeing and, to some extent, restore their dignity and respect in society, they added.

The roundtable, "Realising Potential of Persons with Disabilities: Creating Entrepreneurs", was organised by the Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (CRP) in association with Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) in the capital's CRP-Mirpur.

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A World Health Organization estimate states that around 10 percent of Bangladesh's population suffer from various forms of disabilities, said CRP Executive Director Md Shafiq-ul Islam.

"One major hurdle in the rehabilitation is that society sees the efforts as charity when it is actually their right to have access to healthcare, education and employment," he said.

MJF Programme Manager Najrana Yasmin Heera said people with disabilities often lack the confidence and motivation to look for employment. "CRP's primary challenge is to awaken their will to be selfreliant," she said.

CRP should start programmes to rehabilitate the many Rana Plaza building collapse survivors, she added.

FOREIGN WORKERS IN SAUDI ARABIA Business leader hints at amnesty extension

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Saudi business leader has hinted that the Kingdom might extend the July 3 deadline of the amnesty that allows irregular foreign workers to rectify their status. Deputy Chairman of Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and

Industry Mazen Batterjee said on Friday that he spoke to the labour minister and apprised him of the anxiety among expatriate workers, Saudi Gazette reported yesterday.

The amnesty, declared by Saudi Arabia on May 10, came as a huge opportunity for the foreign workers, including nearly four lakh irregular Bangladeshis in the Kingdom, either to regularise their status or return home by July 3 without facing penalties.

Those not taking the advantage will be penalised after the amnesty is over in the Kingdom, which is Bangladesh's crucial labour market with some 12 lakh Bangladeshis. Bangladesh Embassy officials in Riyadh said till date, only around two lakh Bangladeshis availed the opportunity. Foreign Minister Dipu Moni on June 19 requested the

months. Other labour exporters, including Pakistan, India, Indonesia and the Philippines, and Saudi businesses also made the similar requests. Amid such calls, said Batterjee, the business community would provide all possible assistance to the foreign workers

Saudi authorities to extend the amnesty deadline for three

to change sponsorship and those who want to leave on final exit would be treated honourably. Addressing a job fair organised by Pakistan Consulate General in Jeddah, Batterjee said those getting registered

with their consulates would not be considered violators even after the end of the amnesty period. Meanwhile, Bangladesh Embassy in Riyadh with the

Riyadh Chamber of Commerce and Industry will soon organise a job fair at Riyadh Convention and Exhibition Centre for correction of job status of Bangladeshi workers.

On Tuesday-Wednesday, the embassy hosted a job fair in Riyadh where some 1,000 workers took part and held negotiations with the companies interested in recruiting them.

NEWS_{IN} brief

Pakistani held with 89.66 lakh Indian rupees at Shahjalal airport

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Customs officials arrested a Pakistani national with 89,66,000 Indian rupees at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in the capital yesterday.

The arrestee Wahid Ali reached Bangladesh on a flight of Emirates Airlines around 09:00am from Dubai, said Kazi Iraj Ishtiak, assistant commissioner of customs. The officials recovered the foreign currency from a biscuit container after searching his suitcase.

Boy punched to death in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A 15-year-old shop employee died after being punched in the chest by his fellow at Mouchak Market in the capital. The victim Abdur Rahman, was a shop employee at

the market. Quoting witnesses, victim's cousin Md Arif said Sobuj, 15, a nearby readymade garment shop employee punched Rahman in the chest around 4:30pm over a trivial matter, leaving him unconscious.

He was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where the doctor declared him dead.

Teenager drowns in pond in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A teenager drowned in a pond in Khwaja Road area of Chittagong city yesterday afternoon. The deceased was Md Shukkur, 14, son of Md Absar

of the area. Chandgaon police said Shukkur, who was an epi-

lepsy patient, drowned while bathing in the pond. Locals rushed him to Chittagong Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him dead.

PRAB forms new committee

CITY DESK



The 29-member working committee of Public Relations Association of Banks (PRAB) was formed with Md Ataur Rahman, executive vice president of Islami Bank Bangladesh

Ltd, as the president on Thursday.

Md Moniruzzaman Tipu, senior assistant vice president of NCC Bank Ltd, was made the general secretary and Md Abdul Khaleque, assistant general manager of Bangladesh Development Bank Ltd, the finance secretary. The committee was formed to develop professional efficiency and coordination.



Discussion

Bangladesh Youth Forum will hold a discussion on lessons from Palassy; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 4:00pm.

Seminar Bangladesh Agricultural Economists Association will arrange a seminar on agriculture and food safety; Venue: Bangladesh Agriculture Research Council, Farmgate; Time: 5:30pm.

Discussion

South Asia Media Commission, Bangladesh will hold a discussion on "Right to information and the accountability of authorities"; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 3:30pm.

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