

RAIN LIKELY



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 till 6:00pm today.

Moderately heavy to heavy falls are also likely

at a few places over Rajshahi, Rangpur and Dhaka divisions, Met Office said.

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

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:50pm and rises tomorrow at 5:14am.

Country's highest temperature 33.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rajshahi and Dinajpur and lowest 24.0 degrees at Rangamati.

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	30.5	27.2		89	90	Rangpur	33.2	26.0		82	86
Chittagong	28.0	25.4		96	85	Khulna	30.0	27.2		92	95
Rajshahi	33.5	27.0		86	95	Barisal	29.7	26.8		97	87
						Sylhet	31.7	26.7		81	90

NEWSIN brief

2 weekly holidays at DU from July

DU CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaka University authorities will observe two weekly holidays from July.

The authorities have added Saturday to the weekly holiday list during a syndicate meeting at the registrar building on Saturday. The university has been observing Friday as the only weekly holiday.

According to the new rules, all activities of the university would continue on every Thursday from 9:30am to 5:00pm.

The summer vacation will be shortened by a week from the next year.

5 lower court judges transferred

UNB, Dhaka

The government has brought some changes in the judiciary through the transfer of five district and sessions judges and 13 other judicial officials.

The changes have been made in consultation with the Supreme Court and a gazette notification has been issued in this regard, said a law ministry press note on Monday.

Khaleda returns from Singapore

UNB, Dhaka

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia returned home on Monday night, after her weeklong tour in Singapore for treatment.

Khaleda, also the leader of the opposition in parliament, arrived at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport around 10:40pm.

Senior BNP leaders, including BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, Moudud Ahmed and MK Anwar, received her at the airport.

The former premier went to Singapore for treatment on June 16.

Two housewives 'commit suicide'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two housewives allegedly committed suicide by drinking poison in different areas of the capital's Pallabi yesterday.

In Mirpur-11, Nasima Begum, 45, swallowed Savlon antiseptic liquid at her residence. Her family said she had been depressed after being diagnosed with cancer.

In Mirpur-6, Modina Begum, 50, drank toilet cleaner Harpic at her residence. The reason behind her suicide could not be known immediately.

Pallabi police are investigating the incidents.

Foreign secretary leaves for Beijing

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Foreign Secretary Md Shahidul Haque left for Beijing yesterday for a five-day visit to China.

During the visit, he will meet Chinese leaders and officials for enhancing bilateral cooperation in different areas, including trade and investment.

He is leading an inter-ministerial delegation, consisting of senior officials of ministries of finance, communications, commerce, board of investment, prime minister's office, armed forces division.

Discussion

Ekattorer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee will hold a discussion marking Jahanara Imam's death anniversary; Venue: WVA Auditorium, House-20, Road-27, Dhanmondi; Time: 4:00pm.

Dialogue

Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies will organise a two-day policy

dialogue on strengthening transport connectivity; Venue: Sonargaon Hotel; Time: 9:25am.

Hunger strike

Bangladesh Diploma Engineering Peshajibi-Chhatra-Shikkhak Sangram Parishad will stage a hunger strike demanding removal of salary inequalities between the diploma and B.Sc engineers; Venue: Before Jatiya Press Club; Time: 12:00noon.



People clear the rubbles after the first-floor balcony railing of this three-storey building, inset, at Boro Khatra in Old Dhaka collapsed on Monday afternoon, leaving five people, including two pedestrians, injured. Locals say the building being used as a warehouse is two centuries old.

PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA



GAZIPUR CITY CORPORATION MAYORAL POLLS Mannan declares manifesto

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

MA Mannan, the BNP-led 18-party alliance backed mayoral candidate for the Gazipur City Corporation polls, declared his electoral manifesto at a press conference at a community centre yesterday.

In his manifesto announced at Gazipur Shapla Community Centre, Mannan promised to develop the city's different sectors including education, health and medical service, law and order situation, transportation and communication, drainage and wastage management system.

Mannan, also a former state minister, pledged to set up a modern information technology supported public university, new hospital, and mobile clinics with well equipped medical facilities for the city dwellers.

Mannan also said he would take necessary steps to resolve the waterlogging problem of the city.

His rival Ajmat Ullah Khan, the Awami League-led 14-party alliance-backed candidate, is expected to come up with his electoral manifesto within a day or two.

Both Mannan and Ajmat campaigned in different parts of the city yesterday.

The city has been seized by election euphoria as the mayoral and councillor aspirants' campaigning gains momentum despite holidays and showers.

The candidates have been busy canvassing and making door-to-door visits to seek votes.

The city areas, starting from tea stalls to school grounds, were buzzing with electoral gossip as people continue to analyse the candidates and compare the present situation to that of the previous elections.

Vitiligo non-contagious curable disease

Say physicians marking World Vitiligo Day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Vitiligo, a dermatological disease known as "shwety" in the country, is a non-communicable disease and it can be cured with proper treatment at the early stage of its occurrence, said physicians yesterday.

Contrary to popular belief, vitiligo does not result from curse or sin. Rather, it is a condition caused when the cells responsible for skin pigmentation are unable to function at certain sections of skin, they said.

They were speaking at a press conference at Jatiya Press Club in the capital. Vitiligo Foundation of Bangladesh (VFB) organised the event marking World Vitiligo Day.

VFB President Dr MU Kabir Chowdhury said vitiligo patients suffer from psychological distress only because of misconceptions about the disease.

VFB General Secretary Dr Morol Nazrul Islam said there are many superstitions regarding vitiligo. Girl patients suffer much humiliation due to the misconceptions.

Teacher beats class IV student, threatens family in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A class IV student of Nazirpara Government Primary School in Chittagong city suffered bruises and bumps in the left arm after her teacher beat her up with a wooden ruler for failing to answer questions in the classroom a week ago.

The assistant teacher, Monira Yasmin Moni, also threatened the 11-year-old victim's family and the school headmistress not to disclose the matter. The incident came to light after headmistress Khaleda Begum filed a general diary (GD) in this regard yesterday.

Trisha Dhar was beaten black and blue during the general science class on June 18, said her mother Runu Dhar. Due to the beating, Trisha got a portion of her index finger skin missing, she added.

Runu said immediately after the incident, she took her daughter to Monira and asked for an explanation about the corporal punishment, which was declared illegal by the High Court in 2011, but Monira drove them away. Runu then informed the incident to Patenga police.

On the same day, police took a bond from Monira, where she stated that she would not give any corporal punishment in the future, said Runu. But at that night, two unknown men visited Runu's house and inquired about the incident, and the next day Monira threatened to disqualify Trisha in the examinations, she added.

The school headmistress said she communicated the incident to the assistant thana



Trisha Dhar, a class IV student, shows her bruises inflicted by her teacher in Chittagong city last week. PHOTO: STAR

education officer after Monira and her people threatened her.

Contacted, Monira admitted that she beat Trisha but denied giving any threats.

Runu is planning to have her daughter transferred to another school.

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