

RAIN LIKELY



Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at most places over Rangpur, Rajshahi, Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions 6:00pm today.

Moderately heavy to heavy falls are also

likely at Barisal and Chittagong 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 33.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Ishwardi and lowest 25.0 degrees at Kutubdia.

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	32.3	27.0	79	81	Khulna	32.0	27.0	86	89
Chittagong	28.8	25.2	97	98	Barisal	29.5	26.3	96	92
Rajshahi	33.0	27.0	90	90	Sylhet	30.5	26.2	92	86
Rangpur	32.7	26.5	84	84	Cox's Bazar	29.5	26.0	90	92

Stop meddling in Grameen Bank affairs

BNP asks govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP has asked the government to stop interfering in the affairs of Grameen Bank.

"We (BNP) are with the 84 lakh borrowers of Grameen Bank. If we win in the next parliamentary polls, we will bring back the bank into its previous structure," said Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, acting secretary general of the BNP.

He was briefing reporters at the party's Nayapaltan headquarters in the capital yesterday to clarify the party's stance on the GB.

Earlier in the morning, Fakhrul held a meeting with Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus, also founder of the GB, at Yunus Centre in the capital.

Fakhrul said no political issues were discussed in the 40-minute-long meeting that started around 9:00am, adding that he had visited Yunus to greet him on his winning the US Congressional Gold Medal.

From the beginning of its tenure, the government had been insulting and harassing the Nobel laureate, Fakhrul alleged, terming the move to split the GB a conspiracy of the government.

He asked the government to use the wisdom of Yunus in the greater interest of the nation.

BNP chairperson's Foreign Affairs Adviser Sabihuddin Ahmed accompanied Fakhrul during the meeting.

The meeting was held at a time when the Grameen Bank Inquiry Commission formed by the government is planning to place a set of proposals for restructuring the microcredit organisation.



BNP Acting Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, right, and Sabihuddin Ahmed, an adviser to BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, left, present a bouquet to Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus during their meeting with the professor at Yunus Centre in the capital yesterday.

WAR CRIMES TRIAL

Hearing on formal charges against Mir Quasem adjourned

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday adjourned hearing on formal charges against war crimes accused Mir Quasem Ali until July 18.

Justice ATM Fazle Kabir, chairman of the tribunal-1, adjourned the proceeding following a petition by the defence.

Defence counsel Mizanul Islam told the tribunal that they could not complete preparations as some of the documents provided by the prosecution were not readable. He sought adjournment for eight weeks.

Prosecutor Zead Al Malum prayed to the tribunal to allow only one week.

NIZAMI'S CASE

Yesterday, the defence completed cross-examining the 11th prosecution witness, Shamsul Haque, in the war crimes case against Motiur Rahman Nizami.

Shamsul said he found Nizami as chief of Al-Badr, an auxiliary force of the occupation Pakistani army, in newspapers in 1971. The proceeding was adjourned till July 7.

NEWSIN brief

Missing fish trader's body found

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The decomposed body of a fish trader, who went missing seven days ago after going out to collect money from debtors, was found in a roadside drain in the capital's Pallabi yesterday.

The family of the deceased, Khalilur Rahman Kalu, 40, a resident of Adarshanagar, Mirpur-11, believes he was murdered.

July 8 last date for seeking Umrah visas

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Saudi Arabian government has announced July 8 (Shaban 29) as the last date for applying for Umrah visas this year.

All Saudi diplomatic missions across the world will continue issuing Umrah visas until the end of Shaban, reports Arab News quoting Osama Nugali, a spokesperson of Saudi's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, yesterday.

However, Bangladesh Hajj Counsellor in Makka Mohammad Asaduzzaman told The Daily Star that they did not receive any notice about the deadline yet.

Illegal Indian clothes seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Bangladesh Coast Guard (West Zone) seized illegal Indian clothes worth around Tk 85 lakh from a pick-up van in Rupsha Bridge area of Khulna city early yesterday.

The driver of the pick-up and his cohort fled the scene leaving the vehicle behind while the Coast Guard chased them.

34 CID men, fire fighters given training in arson investigation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Twenty nine officials of Criminal Investigation Department (CID) and five fire fighters have been given training in arson investigation to develop their skills to find out the causes of fire incidents.

Dan W Mozena, US ambassador in Dhaka, handed over the certificates on the 5-day course to the participants at its closing ceremony at Police Staff College Bangladesh in the capital yesterday.

International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program and the Department of Justice of US Embassy in Dhaka sponsored the course.

DU observes 92nd anniversary July 1

UNB, Dhaka

The Dhaka University authorities will observe Dhaka University Day on July 1 with great enthusiasm and festivity to mark its 92nd founding anniversary.

The theme of this year is "Dhaka University in Cherishing Liberation War Spirit and Freethinking", on which a lecture will be delivered in TSC auditorium in the afternoon.

Vice-chancellor AAMS Arefin Siddique will formally inaugurate the day's programmes by hoisting the national flag and cutting a cake on the campus in the morning.

DU SENATE Registered graduates' election Aug 31, Sep 14

DU CORRESPONDENT

The voting for electing 25 registered graduates' representatives to the Dhaka University senate will take place on August 31 and September 14, the authorities announced yesterday.

The DU senate is a statutory body which nominates a three candidates' panel from which the chancellor appointments the vice chancellor. The 105-member body includes 25 representatives from the university's registered graduates.

As per the schedule, nomination forms for aspirants will be available between 9:00am and 2:00pm on the working days from July 1-15 at the administrative building.

The deadline for submission of nomination forms is 3:00pm on July 15. Voter cards will be available at the building from July 15-31.

The 25 posts remain vacant for one year due to an absence of election, which was last held in 2009. The representatives' three-year tenure expired in 2012.

CURBING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN More role of women in arbitration sought

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a seminar yesterday said democratisation of Shalish (arbitration) could help reduce violence against women.

They said the role of Shalish in remote areas was helpful in some cases to ensure justice for women.

The seminar was organised by Nagorik Uddyog in the Young Women Christian Association auditorium in the capital.

The participants spoke on the role of Shalish to ensure justice for women and marginalised people and said women were playing an active role as organisers in the system now.

Executive Director of Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK) Sultana Kamal said the institution of Shalish was greatly dominated by men, and women

JUBO LEAGUE-BCL GUNFIGHT IN CTG Babar on 4-day remand, 4 others on 3-day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chittagong court yesterday placed Jubo League central committee member Helal Akbar Chowdhury Babar on a four-day remand in connection with a gunfight in the city's CRB area on Monday that killed two people, including a boy.

The court also granted a three-day remand for Babar's four other fellows - Khokan Chandra Tanti, Ritu Das alias Bablu, Shah Alam and Premashish Mutsuddi alias Chhoton Barua.

It passed the order after police produced the five accused before it seeking a seven-day remand for each, said Kotwali police Sub-inspector Md Sanaulah.

The activists of ruling Awami League's front organisation Jubo League, led by Babar, and pro-AL Bangladesh Chhatra League activists, led by BCL central committee Assistant General Secretary Saiful Islam Limon, fought the battle over submission of a railway tender.

Police arrested Babar at a residence in the capital's Gulshan on Wednesday, said Inspector (Investigation) Md Nejam Uddin.

Since the incident, 52 people, including Limon, were arrested. Of them, 44 were remanded for one day.



Dr Dawood Farahi, left, president of Kean University of the USA, and Maj Gen (retd) M Abdur Rab, right, chairman of the Governing Body of International Medical College of Bangladesh, signing an agreement between the university and the medical college on BSc Nursing Education Collaboration on the Kean University campus in New Jersey on June 18. Dr Michael Searson, executive director of the university, and Nasreen Rab, member of the medical college governing body, were also present.

DISAPPEARANCE OF TWO YOUTHS Families seek PM's intervention

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Family members of two youths who went missing from the capital two months ago claimed yesterday that law enforcers did not help them to find the victims and sought intervention of the prime minister, home minister, and Dhaka Metropolitan Police commissioner.

At a press conference in the capital's Crimes Reporters' Association office, Joshna Begum, an aunt of Rafiul Islam Raza, 21, and Mohammad Roni, 18, said the two went missing with two of their friends--Nizzol Ahmed, 21, and Nahim Ahmed, 21--from Lalbagh on April 25.

Nizzol and Nahim were found critically wounded after 20 and 26 days respectively in Narsingdi but her two nephews still remain missing, she said.

The four friends, all residents of Kalinganj in Keraniganj, went to Lalbagh to visit the fort.

Quoting a shopkeeper in Lalbagh, Joshna said some plain clothes men bundled the four into a microbus identifying them as "policemen".

Two separate general diaries (GDs) were filed with South Keraniganj Police Station on June 13 in connection with the disappearance of Raza and Roni.

Human chain

Awaj Foundation will form a human chain demanding Tk 8,000 as the minimum monthly wage for garment workers; Venue: Badda Link Road; Time: 5:00pm.

Biennial conference

Bangladesh College-University

Teachers' Association

will organise its biennial conference; Venue: TSC, Dhaka University; Time: 9:30am.

Discussion

Jatiyatabadi Peshajibi Parishad will hold a discussion on neutral government; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 10:30am.

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