

RISE IN TEMPERATURE LIKELY



WEATHER TODAY
Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at many places over Rajshahi, Rangpur, Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong, Dhaka 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 temperature may rise by 1-2 degree Celsius over the country.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:50pm and rises tomorrow at 5:15am.

Country's highest temperature 34.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sylhet and lowest 24.5 degrees at Rangamati.

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

	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	33.2	26.5	86	73
Chittagong	32.2	25.0	87	85
Rajshahi	34.0	26.2	100	86
Rangpur	32.4	25.8	85	72

	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening
Khulna	32.0	26.3	100	84
Barisal	31.7	26.0	98	77
Sylhet	34.2	26.5	83	69
Cox's Bazar	32.0	25.0	87	80

NEWS IN brief

Transport workers threaten strike in Khulna division

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Khulna divisional unit of Transport Workers' Federation yesterday threatened to go for a 48-hour strike in the 10 districts of the division from July 4 if their four-point demand is not fulfilled by tomorrow.

The demands include ensuring proper weighing of goods carried by trucks and buses, proper toll collection from buses and trucks, curbing robbery and mugging on highways and an end to harassment by BIWTA men at different ferry ghats including Dauladia and Paturia.

ALPP meeting tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An emergency meeting of Awami League Parliamentary Party will be held in the capital's Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban tomorrow.

With the party chief and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair, the meeting will start after tomorrow's parliamentary session, said a parliament secretariat release.

Party sources said the latest political situation, specially the defeat in the recent four city corporation polls, and the upcoming general polls might be discussed in the meeting.

RU student Faruk murder accused Golap re-arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

The Detective Branch (DB) of police arrested a former leader of Jamaat-e-Islami backed Islami Chhatra Shibir on Sunday soon after he was released from Rajshahi Central Jail on bail.

Shamsul Alam Golap, former president of Shibir Rajshahi University unit, was arrested in a case filed with Motihar Police Station on February 2 in 2010.

Golap, also accused in eight other cases, was arrested in April 2010 in connection with BCL activist and RU student Faruk Hossain murder case.

Wasa evicts encroachers from its land in N'ganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Narayanganj Wasa yesterday evicted 20 families who were illegally living on its lands at Sonakanda in Bandar upazila in the district. It also partially destroyed nine of the illegally built buildings.

Wasa officials said another pipe line was needed to be added to the existing one of Sonakanda Water Treatment Plant, which has gone through the area from the Shitalakkhya river. But they could not continue the work for the illegal structures.

Apollo Hospitals hold seminar on patient care

CITY DESK

Apollo Hospitals Dhaka recently organised a seminar on "Updates on Advanced Patient Care Management in Apollo Hospitals Dhaka" with the doctors of Chittagong city at a local hotel in the capital.

Dr Shams Munwar, senior consultant of Apollo Heart Centre, and Dr Alim Akhter Bhuiyan, consultant of Apollo Neuroscience Centre, among others, addressed the seminar.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid, centre, University Grants Commission Chairman Prof AK Azad Chowdhury, left, and Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique, right, together cut a cake on DU campus yesterday on the occasion of the university's 92nd founding anniversary. Story on page 5.



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Three carjackers, cop shot in gunfight

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three alleged carjackers and a detective were shot after a gunfight ensued between them near Golap Shah Mazar in the capital's Gulistan in the early hours of today when Detective Branch of police tried to stop a pickup van.

The injured Robin, Purban and Yeasin and constable Abdul Aziz, 30, were rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH), said DMCH Police Camp Inspector Mozammel Haque.

Carjackers were trying to escape in the snatched vehicle around 12:30am when they fired upon the detectives, who retaliated, he said.

UAE to impose one year ban on workers using fake permits

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Workers who obtain fake work permits from any company will not be allowed to work in United Arab Emirates (UAE) for one year, said a senior official of its labour ministry.

Humaid Bin Deemas Al Suwaidi, assistant undersecretary for labour affairs, said a one year ban would be imposed on the work of anyone who obtains a labour card with a company they are not really working for, reports GulfNews yesterday.

First Secretary of Bangladesh Consulate in Dubai Nasreen Jahan confirmed The Daily Star about the UAE's labour ministry's decision.

"It is an existing direction of this country's government to ensure transparency of the agreement between the employer and the worker. Each worker must have a valid identification card provided by a legal company to work here," she added.

Al Suwaidi said his ministry was determined to overcome the problem of false labour ties between the sponsors and the workers.

The failure of the employer to renew a labour card for a worker may be considered a deception, he added.

The ministry is investigating all companies who are asking it to reduce fines on labour cards, he said.

Eco-friendly sanitation sought for Khulna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Speakers at a workshop in Khulna city yesterday stressed the need for a financially viable and environment friendly sanitation system in Khulna and coastal towns to ensure sound health for people.

The workshop titled "Action Planning Workshop for Improving Sanitation Conditions in Khulna and the Coastal Towns" was organised by Asian Development Bank at the city's Hotel Castle Salam.

Azmoz Ahmad Tapon, mayor (in charge) of Khulna City Corporation, addressed as the chief guest.

The workshop aims to trigger discussions, which will lead to improvement of wastewater management.

The ADB funded project Regional Technical Assistance (RETA) to promote innovations in waste management in Asia and the Pacific targets eight countries including Bangladesh. RETA particularly aims to promote innovations in technology and financing mechanism.

International and local experts shared their experiences on different wastewater projects.

Ron Slangen, ADB urban development specialist, Paul Bulson, sanitation team leader, Prof Md Alamgir, vice-chancellor of Khulna University of Engineering and Technology, Md Abdullah, managing director of Khulna Water and Sewerage Authority, and Prof Zifu Li of Beijing University of Science and Technology, among others, addressed the programme.

GAZIPUR CITY CORPORATION POLLS

Election officials 'pro-ruling party'

Alleges BNP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP yesterday demanded that the Election Commission investigates allegations that pro-ruling party officials were appointed to conduct the Gazipur City Corporation polls scheduled for July 6.

The main opposition also claimed the government "is plotting various schemes to manipulate the polls" and demanded deployment of the army to hold free and fair polls to the maiden election of the local government body.

"We came to know from newspapers that the government engaged 392 officials as presiding officers, who are pro-ruling party minded, to conduct the polls," said BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir.

He was addressing the re-launching of an online news portal, "Sheershanews.com", in the capital's Dhanmondi. Launched on August 17, 2009, the government temporarily banned the website on August 22, 2011.

The BNP spokesperson also alleged that the EC was not taking "due action" although the ruling party men were violating the electoral code of conduct.

Local administrations and law enforcers are trying to influence the polls in favour of the ruling party-backed candidate, he said.

"We hope the commission will show its neutrality by deploying the army. Or else, people will think the Election Commission is not neutral and competent to hold fair election in Gazipur," he said.

ELECTORAL CODE VIOLATION

Mayoral candidates accuse each other

PANKAJ KARMAKAR and ABU BAKAR SIDDIQUE AKAND

Mayoral candidates of Gazipur City Corporation polls at a meeting with the chief election commissioner (CEC) yesterday accused each other of violating the electoral code of conduct and demanded relaxation of some rules to facilitate campaigning.

Officials of the civil administration and law enforcement agencies and many mayoral and councillor candidates attended the meeting at Bangladesh Rice Research Institute in Gazipur.

Awami League-backed mayoral candidate Ajmat Ullah Khan alleged that BNP-backed candidate MA Mannan was using religion on a smear campaign against him to secure votes.

Instead of commenting on it, Mannan alleged that Ajmat and his supporters were bringing up "personal issues" while spreading propaganda against him.

Independent mayoral candidates Rina Sultana and Dr Nazimuddin alleged that both Ajmat and Mannan were spreading "black money" and using their political identity in the non-partisan local government election.

The administration is turning a blind eye to violations of electoral code of conduct, alleged Nazimuddin.

CEC Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmad suggested filing specific allegations and assured of taking due steps against the violators.

Drives will continue to end the violation of rules, he said, urging people of all walks of life to cooperate in holding a free and fair election.

A ward 32 councillor candidate, Asadul Kabir, demanded that the time limit, from 2:00pm to 9:00pm, on the use of loudspeakers in campaigns be extended by three hours.

One councillor candidate for a reserved seat for women demanded that they be allowed to use vehicles on July 6, the day of the election, as they would have to go round three wards. Rakibuddin, however, said it was not possible to allow anything beyond electoral laws.

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Views-exchange meeting

The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry will organise a views-exchange meeting with the businesspersons on prices of essential commodities ahead of Ramadan; Venue: FBCCI Auditorium, Motijheel; Time: 10:30am.

Rally

Grameen Bank Rakkha o Durjan Protirodh Kendra will stage a rally demanding a stop to conspiracy against the bank; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 10:00am.

Discussion

Bangabandhu Academy will hold a discussion on free and fair elections; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 10:30am.

Four cops sued for extortion in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A case was filed against four police officers of Karnaphuli Police Station with Chittagong Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court yesterday on charge of extorting a shop owner.

They are Officer-in-Charge Mahiuddin Mahmud, Inspector (Investigation) Uttam Kumar Dev and sub-inspectors Ataul Haque and Harunur Rashid.

In his case statement, complainant Mainuddin-al-Maijbandari said the officers demanded Tk 2 lakh as he sought their help when Abul Kalam, chairman of Shikalbaha Union Parishad, with around 150 goons burnt his four shops in Shikalbaha area and grabbed the land on June 6.

OC Mahiuddin, denying the allegation, said Mainuddin never came to him for help.

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6th July 13	British Council, Dhaka.	11:00 AM	(02) 8618905
7th July 13	Imperial Consultancy Services	10:00 AM	0161 4449906-10

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