

# RAIN LIKELY

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

Moderately heavy falls are also likely at places, said Met Office. Day and night temperature may rise slightly over the country. **The sun sets in the capital today at 6:50pm and rises tomorrow at 5:16am.**

Country's highest temperature 34.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rajshahi and lowest 24.6 degrees at Hatiya. 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      | 33.5                   | 27.3 | 79                     | 58      | Khulna                 | 32.7 | 25.6                   | 81      | —  |
| Chittagong | 31.2                   | 26.4 | 76                     | 85      | Barisal                | 32.0 | 26.0                   | 84      | 92 |
| Rajshahi   | 34.4                   | 27.0 | 86                     | 85      | Sylhet                 | 31.8 | 26.7                   | 92      | 76 |
| Rangpur    | 32.5                   | 27.5 | 84                     | 73      | Cox's Bazar            | 31.5 | 25.3                   | 76      | 86 |

# NEWS IN brief

## AL leader strangled in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

An Awami League (AL) leader was strangled in Sandwip upazila of Chittagong yesterday. Rafiqul Islam alias Rafique Company, 52, was a member of Sandwip upazila unit of AL Working Committee and the convener of AL Gachhua Union unit. Sandwip police said Swapan, who owed money to Rafique, took him to Robi's house and strangled him with a towel. Police held Robi and Swapan's father Alauddin.

## Jubo League man held with gun

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Police arrested a Jubo League activist and seized a foreign gun and three bullets from his possession in Khulna city early yesterday. The Detective Branch of Khulna Metropolitan Police arrested Nahid Newaz Khan, 33, at his residence in KDA Gaikur area and handed him over to Daulatpur police. A case was filed in this connection.

## Assam CM honours Tommy Miah

CITY DESK



Chief Minister of Assam Shri Tarun Gogoi honoured internationally acclaimed Bangladeshi-born chef Tommy Miah with Osomia Jaapi, which is known as the symbol of honour in the north-eastern state of India, and a crest at London in the UK on Friday.

The Sylhet community in London organised a programme to welcome the chief minister where various dishes prepared by Tommy Miah were served. Tarun was so impressed with the famous local dish of Sylhet, Satkorar Dal, that he honoured the chef.

## Khulna seminar stresses healthcare for children, mothers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Speakers at a seminar in Khulna city yesterday stressed ensuring nutrition and healthcare for mothers and children. The seminar on a health survey, organised by National Institute of Population Research and Training (NIPORT), was held at a hotel. Khulna Divisional Commissioner Md Abdul Zail addressed it as chief guest with NIPORT Director General Dr Selina Afroza in the chair. Khulna Divisional Family Planning Director Md Robiul Haque, Health Director Dr Goura Priyo Mozumder and Khulna Deputy Commissioner Mesbahuddin were present as special guests.

## Pallabi Awami Sweschasebak League gets new committee

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami Sweschasebak League on Sunday formed its Pallabi thana unit committee with Mohammad Sohel Rana as president and Sakhawat Hossain Mithu as general secretary, says a press release. The committee was formed through a council held in the capital's Mirpur Bangla High School with AL Organising Secretary AFM Bahauddin Nasim as the chief guest.

## Sultan Hafeez IGS executive director

CITY DESK

Dr Sultan Hafeez Rahman, former director general of Asian Development Bank (ADB), South Asia, has been appointed as the executive director of the Institute of Governance Studies (IGS), an academic and research institute of Brac University. Dr Rahman, a renowned economist, started his career at the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) in 1975, says a press release.

This kitchen market has been running illegally on the footpath of Jasim Uddin Road at the capital's Uttara Sector-1. The market stretching around 150 metres on the road's southern side keep coming back on the footpath despite being removed many times. The photo was taken on Monday.



PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

# Illegal kitchen market persists on Uttara footpath

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Despite being removed several times since it was established during the last caretaker government, an illegal kitchen market has been running on the footpath of Jasim Uddin Road at the capital's Uttara Sector-1.

The market stretching around 150 metres on the road's southern side was set up by shop owners who were earlier evicted from the footpaths near the DIT market of Uttara Sector-6, according to locals.

"Jashim Uddin Kantchabazar" is being run by a group of people who call themselves members of the community police. They also erected a signboard at the illegal market site reading "Community Policing Unit-2, Airport Police Station".

Benozir Ahmed Belayet, general secretary of the unit, said the owners of the 80 shops running business on the footpath were members of the community police.

Locals say in order to operate the unauthorised market, the shop owners

paid officials of Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC), police and local goons. They use the signboard of the community police to get some advantage, they add.

Benozir, however, denied bribing anyone and said they collected money from people who rented or owned the shops to pay the salaries of five security guards and a cleaner dedicated for the market. He added that as they did not get salary from the government as members of the community police, they ran the market.

A shop owner said Tk 20 to Tk 100 was collected from his shop every day.

Although there is a shortage of kitchen markets in Uttara, no illegal market is acceptable, said Hasan Zoberi, a resident of Jasim Uddin Road.

According to a former official of Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (Rajuk), every sector in Uttara needs a kitchen market. So far 14 sectors of Uttara have been developed, but the authorities constructed only two kitchen markets—in sector-6 and sector-11.

DNCC's Chief Estate Officer

Fasiullah said the shortage of kitchen markets was created because Rajuk did not keep any place for kitchen markets during its development.

Rajuk Chairman Nurul Huda recognised that some necessary civic facilities like kitchen markets and graveyards were absent in the planning of Uttara.

Fasiullah said DNCC had already conducted two drivers against the illegal markets in Uttara but they returned again. He said it was not possible for them to monitor it round the clock.

"We are considering giving them (Jashim Uddin market) scope to continue the business at the place by charging toll to bring it into a system, but we will not give them any allotment or lease."

Officer-in-Charge of Airport Police Station Shamsuddin Saleh Ahmed Chowdhury said there was no relation with the community police and the illegal market, and trashed accusations of taking bribe from the market shop owners.

# Repatriate Rohingyas Dipu Moni urges Myanmar

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh has offered to cooperate with Myanmar to promote socio-economic development in Myanmar, including in the Rakhine State, and urged authorities to resume voluntary repatriation of Rohingya refugees.

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni made the offer during a bilateral meeting with Myanmar Foreign Minister Wunna Maung Lwin on the sidelines of the 20th ASEAN Regional Forum Ministerial Meeting in Brunei yesterday.

She stressed the need for addressing the citizenship issue of the Muslim minorities in Rakhine State and urged the Myanmar authorities to resume voluntary repatriation of Myanmar refugees in Bangladesh.

In response, the Myanmar foreign minister said the Myanmar government would actively consider resuming the repatriation process of the refugees already verified last year.

He said the process could start once the housing and relocation of the Muslim minority people currently residing in makeshift camps in the Rakhine State were completed.

Dipu Moni hoped that Bangladesh and Myanmar would be able to resolve this outstanding issue in the spirit of good neighbourly relations existing between the two countries.

Dhaka also proposed Naypyidaw launch a bilateral security dialogue to discuss the entire gamut of security related issues, including information about criminal networks and activities.

The Myanmar foreign minister assured of further follow up on Bangladesh's proposal to establish an institutional mechanism to enhance dialogue between the two border security forces.



Stéphane Nordé, managing director of Nestlé Bangladesh Ltd, inaugurates the clean drinking water tank at Nolgaoon High School in Gazipur on Monday. Naquib Khan, corporate affairs director, and Mirza Golam Hossain, senior manager of corporate affairs and communication, of Nestlé Bangladesh Ltd were also present. In line with Nestlé worldwide initiative of Creating Shared Value, the water tank has been built as part of their project for ensuring students' access to clean water at village schools.

# CTG ARMS HAUL CASES IO denies torturing accused for confession

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The latest and fifth investigation officer (IO) in the Chittagong arms haul cases yesterday denied physically torturing an accused and threatening to kill him in crossfire during interrogation for forcing him to confess his involvement in the 2004 arms smuggling.

The IO Md Moniruzzaman, additional superintendent of police of the Criminal Investigation Department, denied this while being cross-examined at Chittagong Metropolitan Special Tribunal-1.

Advocate Abul Hasan Shahabuddin, defence lawyer for former field officer of National Security Intelligence (NSI) Akbar Hossain Khan, told the IO that during his seven day remand in Dhaka from April 27, 2009, Akbar was tortured with his eyes

blindfolded and hands handcuffed behind his back from midnight to dawn every day.

He was also left hanging from a moving ceiling fan at night and was given electric shock in the daytime during the remand period, the lawyer claimed.

Moniruzzaman denied doing both of these things.

The lawyer also alleged that the IO took signatures of Akbar on nine white sheets during the remand, and later a magistrate wrote dictation of the IO on the papers to produce those as Akbar's confessional statements under section 164.

The IO said it was not true.

On April 2, 2004, around 1,500 wooden boxes containing huge arms and ammunition were seized from two vessels at the jetty of Chittagong Urea Fertiliser Ltd (CUFL).

Two cases were filed the next day.

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