

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 and at a few places over Rajshahi, Rangpur and Dhaka divisions till 6:00pm today.

Moderately heavy to heavy falls are also likely at places, 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 5:16am.**

Country's highest temperature 35.1 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Tangail and lowest 25.0 degrees at Patuakhali. 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	34.0	27.7	81	73	Khulna	34.0	26.5	82	90
Chittagong	31.0	26.2	80	82	Barisal	32.0	26.0	81	96
Rajshahi	33.5	26.9	87	99	Sylhet	33.0	25.5	90	70
Rangpur	33.3	27.2	81	73	Cox's Bazar	31.0	25.5	88	83



NEWS IN brief

Bakery gutted in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
A tin-shed bakery was gutted by a fire at Nazirhat in Fatikchhari upazila in Chittagong early yesterday. The fire was originated from an electric short circuit at the bakery causing damage of Tk 7 lakh, said fire service officials. Fire fighters doused the fire within half an hour.

Study in India fair starts in capital tomorrow

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT
An Indian company will organise a two-day education fair titled "Study in India" in the capital from tomorrow in view of the interest among students in Bangladesh to study in India. AFAIRS Exhibitions and Media Pvt Ltd will hold the fair at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre, said an Indian High Commission press release. Pankaj Saran, high commissioner of India to Bangladesh, will inaugurate the fair while Abdul Matlub Ahmad, president of the India-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry, will be the guest of honour.

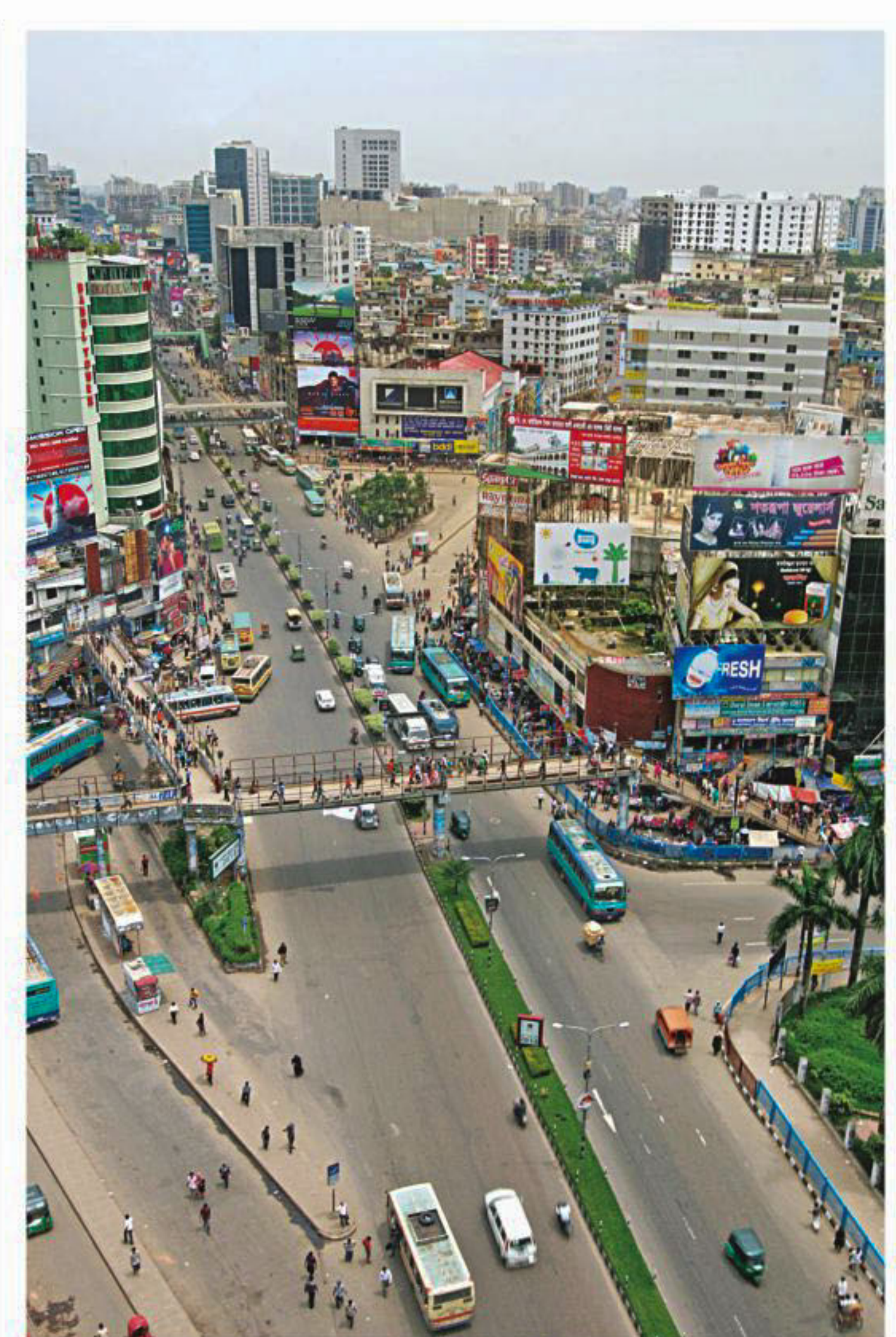
Motorbike of The Daily Star executive stolen in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Unidentified miscreants stole the motorbike of a senior executive of The Daily Star from his residence at Kalyanpur in the capital on Monday. Nasir Alam, senior executive of the daily, said he kept his motorbike in the garage of his flat after returning from work on Sunday night. "The next morning, I found my Hero Honda Glamour 125cc motorbike (Dhaka Metro Ha-35-6556) missing," he added. A case was filed with Mirpur Model Police Station in this connection.

Missing college student's decomposed body found

Girlfriend's uncle, brother arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi
Police, informed by locals, recovered the decomposed and tied up body of a college student, five days after he went missing, in a jute field half a kilometre away from his residence in Rajshahi's Puthia upazila yesterday. Police also raided the houses of the girlfriend of the deceased Abdul Motin, 18, and her relatives and arrested her uncle, Mokhlesur Rahman, 42, and brother, Abdus Sobhan, 38. The body of Motin, son of Nurul Islam of Jaigirpara village and an HSC examinee of Baneswar College, was sent to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy, said Ataur Rahman, acting OC of Puthia Police Station. "The inquest report suggests that he was murdered. We came to know that the girlfriend's family did not approve of the relation," he said. Motin's father Nurul Islam said Motin went missing on June 28. The girl's parents, residing in the neighbouring Dholat village, arranged her marriage with another person on June 28, went to Motin's house and threatened his family of dire consequences if he did not leave her, he said. Nurul was preparing to file a murder case against ten persons, including the girl's father Saifuddin, with Puthia Police Station.



A few vehicles plied the otherwise busy Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue in the capital due to Islami Chhatra Shibir's countrywide dawn-to-dusk shut-down yesterday. The photo was taken around 1:00pm.

PHOTO: STAR

Nursing students end fast-unto-death

Govt assures them of meeting demands

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Government nursing college students ended their indefinite hunger strike on their third day yesterday following assurance by the Directorate of Nursing Services (DNS) of meeting their six-point demand. The demands include introducing six to 12 months of internship following four-year BSc degree in nursing, increasing monthly stipend for each nursing student to Tk 3,000, and allowing them to wear aprons during clinical practice. The students also demanded introducing MSc in nursing, introducing a special cadre for nurses in Bangladesh Civil Service and publishing the recruitment policies, and forming nursing faculties in universities under which nursing colleges function. DNS acting director Taslima Begum assured Dhaka Nursing College students that the government, in approximately three months, would increase the stipend and introduce the internship. "We are issuing an order so that students will be able to wear aprons while in hospital for clinical practice," she told The Daily Star. Health Secretary MM Niaz Uddin said letters were sent to the finance ministry regarding the internship and stipend. "The government has limited resources. But we will make a reasonable increase," he said. Students of nursing colleges in Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Barisal, Sylhet, Rangpur and Mymensingh went on the strike to press home the demands. At least 32 students in Dhaka fell sick, 18 of whom were hospitalised, informed Bangladesh Basic Graduate Student Nurses Association President Rajib Kumar Biswas. Our correspondents informed that 20 students in Chittagong fell sick, 10 of whom were admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital, while another 7 in Rangpur, 5 in Mymensingh and 21 in Barisal were hospitalised.

Boy strangled over sharing money from gecko sale

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Police yesterday recovered the body of a 15-year-old readymade garment worker and rescued his cousin in an unconscious state from the latter's residence in the capital's Konapara, Demra. Police also arrested one Talat Masud, a friend of the cousin, Saiful Islam, 35, who is undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital. During preliminary interrogation, Talat claimed that he and Saiful strangled Mohammad Rakib Hossain around 1:30am yesterday over sharing Tk 45 lakh received from the sale of a tokay gecko, said police. Around 5:30am, Talat and Saiful got into a fight and the latter was knocked unconscious. Neighbours who overheard the fight informed police. Rakib's father filed a murder case accusing Talat and Saiful, said police.

Unlawful price hikes during Ramadan to be checked

Says home minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Home Minister Muhiuddin Khan Alamgir yesterday said teams will be deployed to monitor markets during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan to check unlawful price hike of essentials. He also warned hoarders of stern action saying, "If anyone hoards essentials only to make profit, stern action will be taken against the person under the existing law." He was addressing reporters after a meeting with business and transport community leaders and the chiefs of law enforcement agencies at his secretariat office in the capital. The government will form 14 bazar monitoring teams comprising personnel from several ministries and Dhaka district administration and Dhaka city corporations, said a source in the meeting. Each of the teams aided by police, Rapid Action Battalion and Border Guard Bangladesh will monitor markets constantly to check artificial price hikes during Ramadan, he said. In a bid to keep prices of essentials stable, the minister said he already ordered law enforcers to take steps against criminals and extortionists across the country so that vehicles carrying essentials can move freely.

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DHAKA TODAY

Workshop
Society of the Deaf and Sign Language Users, and Department of Social Services will jointly organise a workshop on developing the educational and living standards of deaf and sign language users; Venue: the department; Time: 10:00am.

Meeting
National Human Rights Commission will hold a meeting, "Creating better environment for garments workers and improving working conditions in the readymade garment sector: Reforming the labour law"; Venue: Brac Centre Inn; Time: 2:30pm.

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