

# RAIN LIKELY

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over Rajshahi, Rangpur, Sylhet, Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong 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 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 Sayedpur and lowest 24.0 degrees at Teknaf. 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	31.4	27.1	76	88	33.3	27.2	83	90
Chittagong	29.8	25.5	94	83	31.7	26.0	96	84
Rajshahi	34.6	25.4	84	84	32.6	25.6	94	94
Rangpur	33.4	27.2	82	72	29.2	25.2	91	75

# NEWS IN brief

## Schoolboy drowns in Buriganga

A nine-year-old schoolboy drowned in the Buriganga river in the capital's Islambagh yesterday. Deceased Abu Rahat, son of Sohel Miah, was a student at Bornomala Pathshala. The incident occurred when Rahat was bathing in the river, said his father quoting the witnesses who later pulled Rahat out of the river in Tankighaat. Rahat was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him dead.

## Days of polls rigging over: EC Zabed

Election Commissioner Zabed Ali yesterday said the days of election rigging are over. Addressing a views exchange meeting as chief guest in Arahazar upazila parishad auditorium, Zabed also said elections to Arahazar and Gopaldi municipalities will be free, fair and transparent. Stern actions will be taken against those who will try to create any anarchy centring the elections, Zabed added. Later, the EC inaugurated the newly built Arahazar Upazila Server Station building.

## CU students demonstrate for classrooms

Students of Applied and Environmental Science Department of Chittagong University (CU) yesterday laid a siege to the science faculty dean's office for an hour demanding sufficient classrooms for their department. Since its inception in 2011, the department has had only one classroom to accommodate its 55 students. The students withdrew after the CU authorities assured to give them two more rooms for the department within Monday. Contacted, Science Faculty Dean Prof Md Abdul Karim said they held an urgent meeting with the university high-ups for classrooms for the department.

## 1,100 bottles of Phensedyl seized

Police recovered 1,100 bottles of Phensedyl from a microbus, which had "Police Headquarters" written on it, from the capital's Shyamoli area last night. On information, Mirpur police chased the microbus and around 10:30pm Sher-e-Bangla Nagar patrol police waylaid with the help of the locals waylaid the vehicle on road no-2. Sher-e-Bangla Nagar police also detained the driver Md Sumon, 28, and handed him over to Mirpur police along with the microbus and drugs.

## BNP behind Mirror report

Claims Hasan Mahmud

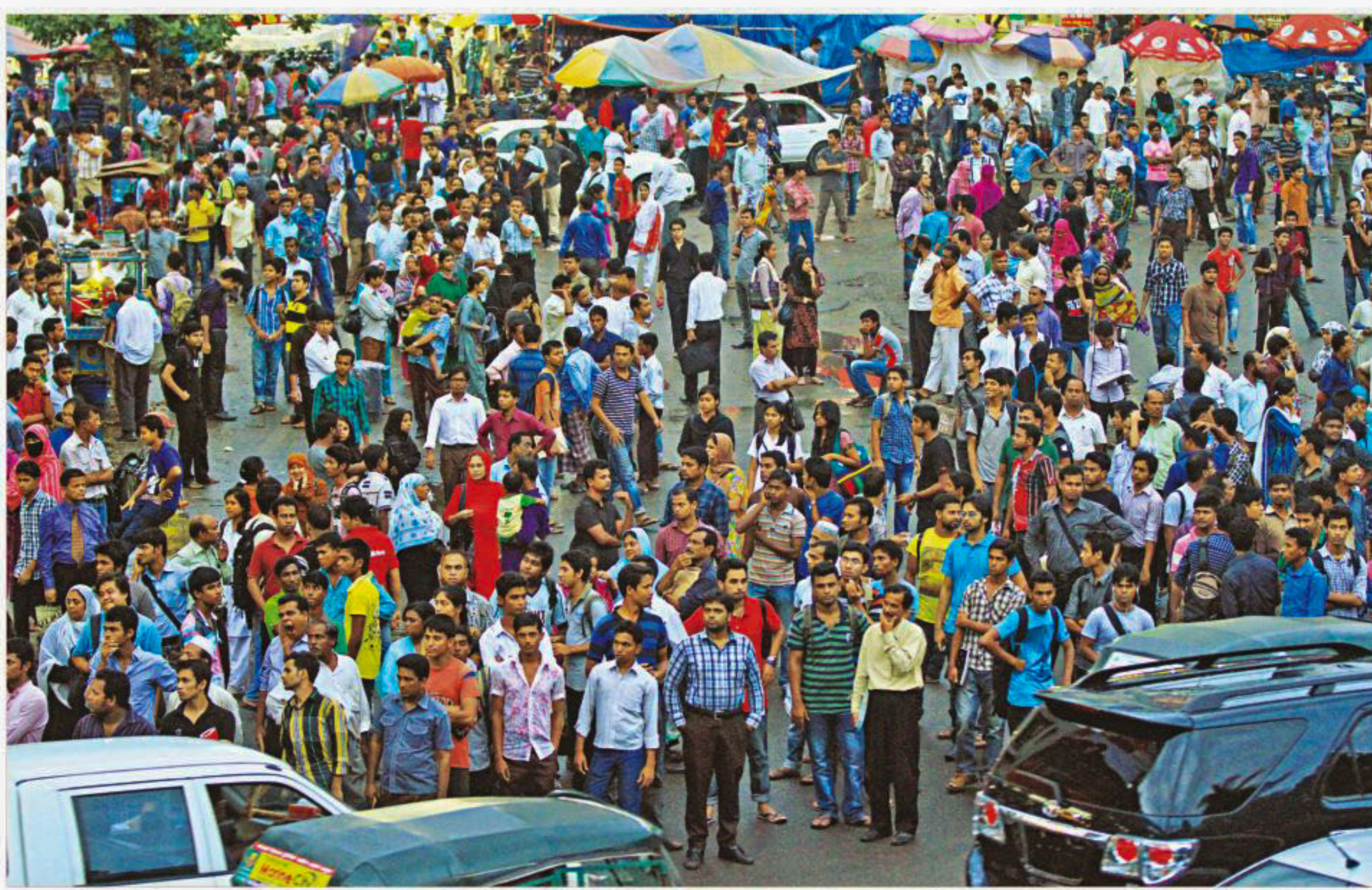
STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Environment and Forest Minister Hasan Mahmud yesterday said the BNP was involved in publishing the report of the Daily Mirror that termed the miraculous rescue of former garment worker Reshma Begum from the Rana Plaza rubble after 17 days a hoax.

Both the reports published in the Daily Mirror and the Washington Times are interlinked, he told journalists after inaugurating the sale of essential commodities at subsidised rate by the Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry in the port city's Agrabad area.

"It (the report in the British tabloid) was an effort to belittle the acclaim earned by Bangladesh Army's rescue mission at Rana Plaza. Besides, it was aimed at tainting the image of Bangladesh Army," he said. The BNP has recruited lobbyists to publish the reports to tarnish Bangladesh's image, he added.

The minister said the evidence of BNP's involvement in publishing the June 30 Mirror report was that it was first published by BNP's mouthpiece the daily Amar Desh on June 23.



A large number of people in miserable wait for public buses in the capital's Farmgate yesterday. The scenario recurs every day due to inadequate public transports.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

## GAZIPUR POWER PLANT Purchase committee okays tariff proposal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The purchase committee yesterday approved the tariff proposal for a 200 megawatt (MW) power plant in Gazipur at 3.799 cents per unit.

The committee meeting, headed by Finance Minister AMA Muhith, awarded the gas-powered power plant project to Rural Energy Holdings Ltd for 22 years.

The committee also approved the proposal for a 200MW gas-powered combined power plant at Ashuganj in Brahmanbaria.

The purchase committee approved the proposal of purchasing 12,050 wooden

poles to take electricity to rural areas under a project titled "1.8 Million Consumer Connection through Rural Electrification Expansion" of the Rural Electrification Board. The committee awarded the project of Tk 28.08 crore to Nordic Woods Ltd.

The proposal for buying 75 lakh sacks at a cost of Tk 71 each by the food ministry from Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation was also approved by the committee.

The purchase committee also approved the construction of two bridges in Jamalpur on the river Brahmaputra at a cost of Tk 203.96 crore by the Local Government Division.

## Security to be beefed up for Ramadan, Eid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion along with other law enforcement agencies will take special security measures across the country during the upcoming Muslim holy month of Ramadan and Eid-ul-Fitr, said a Rab press release yesterday.

Uniformed and plain clothes Rab officials will increase patrol in sensitive areas, including shopping malls, banks, wholesale and retail markets, mosques, and bus and rail stations, where incidents of extortion, mugging and robbery increase during Ramadan.

Checkpoints will be set up at entry and exit points of big cities, said the release, adding that to avoid traffic jams on narrow roads, police will patrol on motorbikes and foot.

Mobile courts of Rab, district and metropolitan magistrates will also increase drives against adulterated food sellers.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina exchanges greetings with cabinet members at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in the capital yesterday before leaving for an eight-day visit to London and Belarus.

PHOTO: BSS

## 23,500 schools to have multimedia in classes this yr

Says education minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Multimedia teaching facilities will be available in the country's 23,500 schools this year, ensuring a better learning experience, said Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid.

Bureaucratic tangles often bar implementation of major decisions over resolving longstanding problems in the education sector but the government is trying to achieve the maximum in the minimum possible time through sincere and effective efforts, he said.

Nahid was talking to journalists in Sylhet Circuit House on Wednesday night after meetings with the ministry officials.

Teachers are being trained on ways to get students interested in science while the country's 54 polytechnic institutes now have a second shift to accommodate a greater number of pupils, he added.

Construction of two government high schools will soon begin in Dakkhin Surma and Lakkatura areas in Sylhet city, said Nahid.

## KARNAPHULI FERTILIZER COMPANY LIMITED is looking for Head of Human Resources

Karnaphuli Fertilizer Company Limited (KAFCO) is an export oriented international joint venture company. KAFCO is the leading Urea fertilizer manufacturing company in Bangladesh. KAFCO is inviting applications from experienced candidates for the position of **Head of Human Resources**, reporting to the CEO.

### Key Responsibilities

The key areas of responsibility will be:

- Establish and implement HR efforts that effectively communicate and support the company's strategic vision and mission. He/she will also play a leading role in the cultural change process designed to lift the Company's approach to performance.
  - Develop plan for overall succession and comprehensive strategic recruiting and retention plans to meet the human capital needs of strategic goals.
  - Able to handle labor relations, specifically in negotiating and interpreting collective bargaining agreements.
  - Identify individual and organizational training needs. Establish and co-ordinate a realistic training and development plan and budget to achieve company's goals.
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- Requires human resources personnel with a minimum of 15 years of experience, with at least 8 years working experience as senior management position. Working experience in MNC and manufacturing company will be preferred.
  - Master's degree or MBA is preferred.
  - Strong working knowledge of labour/employment laws and regulations.
  - Experience in managing personnel, evaluating work performance and training staff; a demonstrated commitment to their personal and professional development and to building a strong organizational team culture.
  - Strong technical knowledge on human resources functions and technology with extensive experience in the administration of compensation and benefits program.

Applications close on Sunday 21 July 2013.

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## SHANKHARI BAZAR HERITAGE PRESERVATION Owners demand freedom to alter buildings

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Shankhari Bazar Lane is in a worse-off condition after being enlisted for preservation as a heritage site as its dwellers are barred from carrying out maintenance on their buildings, said the building owners yesterday.

"The heritage status, according to a Rajuk gazette of 2009, was given because many of the buildings are over 100 years old," said one building owner, Ajay Kumar Nandy Modon.

Due to their age, the buildings are in need of repair for safety reasons. In addition, many of them were damaged in fires during the Liberation War and require regular maintenance, he said.

Ajay was addressing a press conference Shankhari Bazar Bhumii Malik Shartharaksha Panchayet Committee, a collective of the building owners, organised in the capital's Jatiya Press Club.

"We require special permission from Rajuk (Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha) to make any changes," said another property owner, Udhayab Kumar Nag.

The preservation decision was taken without consulting the 20,000 dwellers on the inconvenience it would cause, said the owners.

"We want to be taken off the list and be able to demolish our old buildings and build new ones," said Ajay.

"The community primarily consists of shankharis (craftsmen who make conch shell bangles) who find it convenient to live together, which will be difficult if we do not extend our houses," he said.

Rajuk Member of Planning SA Mannan told The Daily Star over phone that experts prepared the list and the buildings will not be de-listed.

"If truly dilapidated and under threat of collapse, the property owners can take assistance from Rajuk's Urban Development Committee to decide whether the buildings need to be demolished or can be repaired," said Mannan.

The government will extend monetary support for maintenance, said Mannan, adding that the list's preparation should have coincided with the availability of the support.

Ajay claimed to have no idea of the availability of the support.

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