

CHANGE IN TEMPERATURE UNLIKELY

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

Moderately heavy to heavy rain falls are also likely at places over the country, Met Office said. Day and night temperatures may remain nearly unchanged over the country. **The sun sets in the capital today at 6:50pm and rises tomorrow at 5:17am.**

Country's highest temperature 35.1 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rajshahi and lowest 23.5 degree Celsius at Teknaf. The highest and lowest temperatures 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	27.6	69	81	Khulna	34.0	27.4	77	84
Chittagong	31.5	25.8	80	83	Barisal	31.0	26.8	87	90
Rajshahi	35.1	27.1	83	84	Sylhet	29.3	25.9	92	90
Rangpur	32.6	25.4	86	87	Cox's Bazar	32.0	25.6	77	83

NEWS IN brief

Attempt to smuggle 25kg gold thwarted at Shahjalal airport

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Customs at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport thwarted an attempt to smuggle 25kg gold into Bangladesh from Kuwait yesterday. On information, customs officials seized the gold kept under a seat of Biman Bangladesh airlines. The street value of the gold is almost Tk 8.89 crore, Golam Mostafa Kamal, assistant commissioner of the customs told The Daily Star. No one was arrested.

Construction worker falls to death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A construction worker died after falling from the fourth floor of an under-construction nine-storey building of Dhaka Housing in the capital's Adabor yesterday. The victim, Sohel Rana, 20, hailed from Jamalpur. Mohammad Sumon, victim's co-worker, said Sohel and three others were working on that floor when Sohel suddenly slipped and fell off the building. He was declared dead at Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Shamimur Rashid Talukder, officer-in-charge of Adabor Police Station, said there was a security net around the building but it had a hole in it.

TV journalism training ends at BIEM

CITY DESK
A training course on "TV Journalism", conducted by the Bangladesh Institute of Journalism and Electronic Media (BIEM), ended at the institute Friday. Additional Secretary to Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mosud Mannan was present as chief guest and distributed certificates among the participants, says a press release. Milkyway Shipping Lines (Pvt) Ltd Managing Director Golam Zilani Chowdhury and AB Corporation Chief Executive Officer Husain Mahmud Aamer Bhaduri were present as special guests. BIEM Executive Director Mirza Tarequl Qader chaired the event.

Shah Alamgir made new DG of PIB

BSS, Dhaka
The government has appointed journalist Shah Alamgir as the new director general (DG) of the Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB), the Ministry of Public Administration made the announcement on Thursday. Shah Alamgir, currently serving as the chief executive officer (CEO) of Asian Television, will replace Dulal Chandra Biswas who went back to his teaching job at Rajshahi University.

Zakat fair ends in capital

CITY DESK
With the theme "Making a difference with zakat", a two-day long Zakat Fair 2013 ended in National Shooting Federation Auditorium, in the capital's Gulshan yesterday. Former chief election commissioner Justice Muhammad Abdur Rouf inaugurated the fair on Friday, says a press release. Former adviser to a caretaker government Abdul Mueyed Chowdhury was present at the concluding ceremony yesterday.



The ancient sail ship which surfaced on Kuakata beach in June last year undergoing some primary repair works under the supervision of an army team yesterday. Inset, army men unloading wood planks which will be laid like rail tracks to wheel out the boat to its preservation site three kilometres away.

KUAKATA ANCIENT BOAT
Army aiding shift to preservation site

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
A team of army engineers is now assisting the Department of Archaeology (DoA) in Kuakata to shift the ancient sail ship to a site near the zero-point where it will be preserved in a museum. The 72 feet long and 23 feet wide wooden sail ship, believed to be a schooner of the 17th century, surfaced on the Kuakata beach in low tide on June 29 last year. The DoA along with experts lifted the heavy boat from beneath the surface in February. The work had to be postponed due to high tide. Later, cyclone Mohasen buried the ship under about eight feet of sand. The army team, led by Maj Md Abdul Bari, is now removing the sand from the

hull of the ship before taking up a strategy to move the 60-tonne wooden schooner three kilometres away in Kuakata. During the first salvage attempt, archaeologists found out that the hull of the sail ship was protected by a bright copper sheet. They also recovered various artefacts from the ship. A 200 feet long heavy marine anchor chain was unearthed during the first attempt. The government has selected a site near the Buddhist temple to set up the country's first ever marine museum in Kuakata. At its current site near the Gangamati river three kilometres away, hundreds of tourists are flocking to have a look at the wooden ship. Experts said once the ship was moved to the museum site, they would conduct a research to ascertain its history.

Shun war criminals
Sector Commanders Forum urges political parties

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Leaders of Sector Commanders Forum (SCF) yesterday urged all political parties to refrain from having any sort of ties with war criminals. They also urged the public not to allow war criminals to participate in elections, and even if they do the public should not vote for the criminals. Sector Commanders Forum Chairman Air Vice Marshal (ret'd) AK Khandker said people should be aware that not a single war criminal can enter the parliament. He was addressing a national conference of SCF's representatives at Chattagram Samity office in the capital. AK Khandker said politics of Jamaat-e-Islami and Jamaat backed Islami Chhatra Shibir should be banned to stop the use of religion in politics. Former Army chief Maj Gen (ret'd) KM Shafiullah, Bir Bikram stressed the need for more integration among the organisation's members so that they are more effective in resisting anti-liberation forces. Hefajat-e Islam, Jamaat and Shibir will become more violent in the coming days and strong coordination is needed among pro-liberation forces to tackle them, he added.



3rd death anniversary of Matlub Anam today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Today is the third anniversary of death of Matlub Anam, a language movement veteran and columnist. He was the third son of renowned litterateur, journalist and politician late Abul Mansur Ahmad and elder brother of Mahfuz Anam, editor and publisher of The Daily Star. Matlub Anam was born at Dhanikhola village of Trishal thana in Mymensingh on December 25, 1933. He was jailed for taking part in the historic language movement in 1952. In his colorful professional career, Matlub Anam served at different renowned multinational pharmaceutical companies including Pfizer, Searle, SK&F and Social Marketing Company (SMC). He went into retirement after serving as the managing director of Ganoshasthya Pharmaceuticals. Matlub Anam used to write regular columns in different national newspapers on contemporary issues. On this occasion, a family doa mahfil will be held at his residence. Food items were distributed to the poor.



A contingent of Bangladesh Police forms a Guard of Honour before the coffin bearing Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra artiste Bipul Bhattacharya in the capital's Central Shaheed Minar yesterday. The noted folk artiste breathed his last on Friday.

Wage board for electronic media under process: Inu

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
The process of forming a wage board for the electronic media is ongoing, said Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu yesterday. He was talking to reporters after attending the closing ceremony of the three-day Chittagong Eid E-Commerce Fair at Chittagong Jila Kria Sangstha Gymnasium. Regarding main opposition BNP's allegation of manipulating the Gazipur City Corporation polls, the minister said, "Whoever has complaints regarding the election can go to the Election Commission with relevant evidence. The commission will then take action as per the law." He further said the country's people would always remember the incumbent government for introducing mass people to information technology and for taking initiatives to bring the war criminals to book. Asked whether the trial of war criminals would be concluded within the term of the incumbent government, he said, "The tribunal is conducting the trial, not the government."

DHAKA TODAY

Workshop
Bangladesh Jatiya Mohila Ainjibi Samity will organise a workshop on "Good practices on support services for victims of trafficking"; Venue: Brac Centre Inn, Mohakhali; Time: 10:00am.

Founding anniversary
Bangabandhu Nagorik Sanghati Parishad will organise its eighth founding anniversary; Venue: In front of Bangabandhu Bhaban, Dhanmondi-32; Time: 9:00am.

garment sector of Bangladesh; Venue: The Daily Star Centre, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue; Time: 10:15am.

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