

**RAIN LIKELY**



Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over Rangpur, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions and a few places over 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 5:18am.**

Country's highest temperature 36.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Chuadanga and lowest 24.6 degrees at Rangamati. 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	34.3	27.8	78	73	Khulna	34.0	27.5	81	87	
Chittagong	31.7	26.0	77	82		Barisal	32.3	26.5	80	79
Rajshahi	35.8	27.4	81	63		Sylhet	31.0	25.8	90	97
Rangpur	33.6	26.5	84	75		Cox's Bazar	32.4	26.2	75	77

**24 decorated freedom fighters honoured**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank (RAKUB) honoured 24 decorated freedom fighters at a function held at Room in the city on Saturday.

Among them, Mohor Ali, Kamruzzaman, Nayek Subedar Shah Ali Akand, and Zillur Rahman are holding the Bir Bikram title, while Mujahid Abdus Salam, Havildar Abdur Rahman, Maj Rawshan Yajdani, Modasser Hossain, Abdul Malek and Havildar Azizur Rahman are holding the Bir Protik title. They were given posthumous honorary crests.

Abdul Khalek, and Maj Gen (retd) Helal Morshed Khan are holding the Bir Bikram title, while Prof Shamsul Alam, Badiuzzaman Tunu, Nur Hamim Rizvi, Dr Mahbubul Alam, Subedar (retd) Abu Sayeed Khan, Sheikh Solaiman Ali, Hossain Ali Talukdar, Anwar Hossain Pahari, Nazrul Islam, Azad Ali, Maj Gen (retd) Jamil Uddin Ahsan, and AK Khondoker are holding the Bir Protik title. They received the crests at the function.

RAKUB Chairman Dr M Shah Nowaj Ali as the chief guest distributed crests while RAKUB Managing Director Mofazzal Hossain chaired the programme.

**Obituary**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Md Mokbul Hossain, a retired staff of Jiban Bima Corporation and father-in-law of Dinajpur

Correspondent of the daily Prothom Alo Asadullah Sarker, died of old age complications at his home in the districts' Satellite town on Saturday. He was 76.

He left behind his wife and four daughters.

After his He was buried at Faridpur graveyard in Dinajpur town following his namaz-e-janaza.



Students of Dhaka University block off Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue in the capital after a Dhaka University bus was vandalised by some Tejgaon College students. The vandalism ensued after some of the college students were refused a ride on the bus. *Inset top, While vehicles wait patiently during the road block, a bus of Jagannath University arrives at Banglamotor after driving on the wrong side of the road all the way from Ruposhi Bangla Hotel. Inset bottom, The rows of vehicles stuck on Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue.*

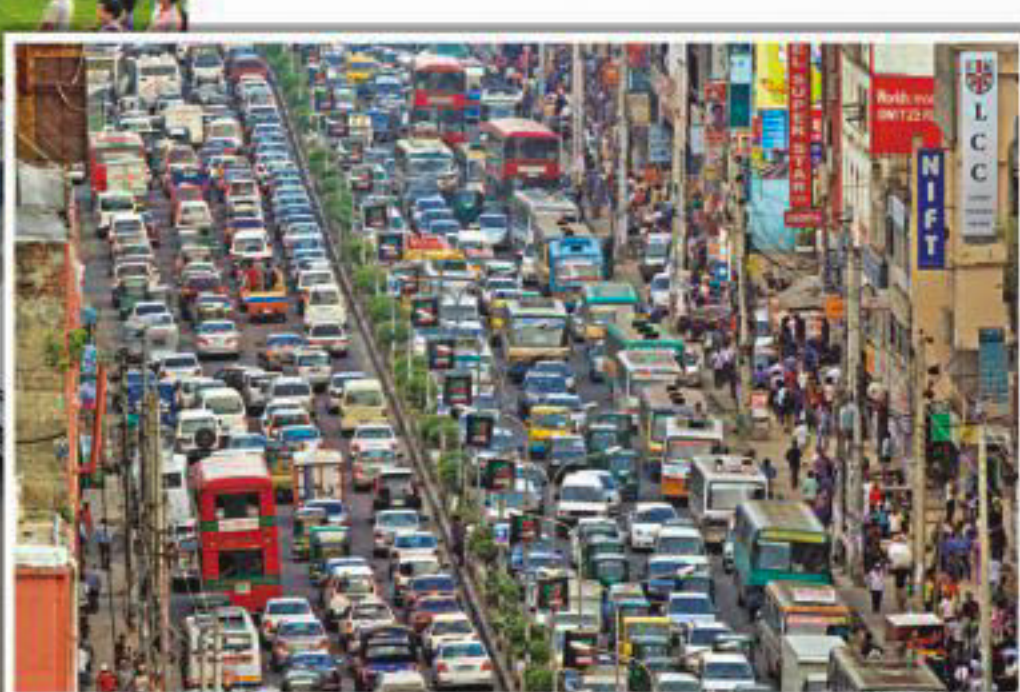


PHOTO: STAR

**4 hurt as DU, Tejgaon College students clash**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least four students of Tejgaon College were injured yesterday afternoon when students of the college and Dhaka University clashed in phases in the capital's Farmgate following altercations.

The clash also caused traffic congestion in the area.

All the injured, who were admitted to a private hospital, are activists of Tejgaon College unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League, claimed students of the college.

The clash broke out at around 3:45pm when some Tejgaon College students wanted to board a bus carrying Dhaka University students, said Amjad Ali, the university's acting proctor.

As they were prevented from boarding the bus, enraged college students vandalised the bus, said a witness.

Shortly two other buses of Dhaka University arrived at the spot and the students got off the buses and attacked the college, he added.

They hurled brick chips at the Tejgaon College, shattering glasses up to its third floor, he further said.

When Tejgaon College students came out of their classes to retaliate, police fired at least five rounds of blank shots and three rounds of teargas shells to disperse the unruly students, said Biplob Kumar Sarkar, deputy commissioner of Tejgaon Division of Dhaka Metropolitan Police. Panic gripped the usually bustling area as pedestrians ran amok.

**FIVE CITY MAYORAL POLLS Results show govt's popularity loss**

Speakers tell BBC Bangladesh Sanglap

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The defeat of the Awami League-backed mayoral candidates in the five recent city corporation elections has indicated a serious decline in government's popularity, majority of the audience members viewed at BBC Bangladesh Sanglap yesterday.

Shipping Minister Shajahan Khan, however, differed, saying government's popularity would be justified through the results of the upcoming parliamentary election.

"The government is not worried because the voters will consider national issues in the national election. And the government has many successes in national issues," he said at the dialogue in the capital's Biam auditorium.

BNP Vice Chairman Abdullah Al Noman said the voters had rejected the AL-backed candidates because they had lost faith in the government due to corruption, nepotism, looting and politicisation of law enforcement agencies. "It's a message," he added.

Dhaka University teacher Dr Shafiqul Alam Bhuiyan and ActionAid Country Director Farah Kabir viewed that the government had failed to fulfil some electoral pledges but said it was difficult to tie the dip in its popularity to the candidates' defeat.

Farah Kabir said the price hike of essentials and electricity and deterioration of the law and order situation might have impacted the decision-making of the voters.

Both the panellists and the speakers from the audience dismissed that the sinking popularity was a result of the AL "ignoring" Jatiya Party.

The participants and the panellists also talked of the state's injustice towards college student Limon Hossain which, an audience member feared, might influence the young voters' decision-making in the next general election.

**Plan for Rampal power plant opposed**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Speakers at a seminar yesterday demanded that the government refrains from constructing the coal-based thermal power plant in Rampal upazila of Bagerhat, near the Sundarbans.

They emphasised conducting an international Environment Impact Assessment and making public the project's details to assess its positive and negative aspects. The seminar, "Rampal coal-based power plant project's impact on the Sundarbans and environment", was organised by the National Committee to Protect Oil, Gas, Mineral Resources, Power and Ports in Khulna Press Club.

The government signed an agreement with India's state-run National Thermal Power Corporation on January 2012 to set up the 1,300-megawatt plant at Rampal, 14 kilometres away from the Sundarbans.

The committee Member Secretary Prof Anu Muhammad and Prof Abdullah Harun Chowdhury were present.

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Vivek Sood, chief executive officer of Grameenphone, and Brig Gen Abu Syeed Md Masud, Hatirjheel project director, inaugurate a tree plantation programme organised by Grameenphone in the capital's Hatirjheel area by planting a sapling on Saturday. A total of 4,500 saplings of various species will be planted under the programme. PHOTO: COURTESY

**Freedom fighter 'commits suicide'**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A freedom fighter allegedly committed suicide in Chaktai area of Chittagong city yesterday.

The deceased was Arun Bikash Das, 65, of Dhalghat in Patiya upazila, Chittagong.

Police recovered Arun's body hanging from the ceiling in his rented house, said Talat Mahmud, sub-inspector of Bakalia Police Station.

The reason behind the death could not be ascertained immediately, he said, adding that police found a diary in the room from where the body was recovered. "We freed the country through the War of Liberation. But I became defeated in the struggles of my life. None is responsible for my death," was written in the diary.

The incident might have occurred between 9:00am and 5:00pm yesterday, the SI said.

**Schoolboy dies as train runs him over in capital**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A schoolboy died as a train ran him over at Gulbagh rail gate in the capital's Malibagh yesterday morning.

The deceased Mahbub Hasan Chowdhury, son of Motahar Hasan Chowdhury of Khilgaon, was a class IX student of Khilgaon Model School and College.

Police said the train crushed Mahbub while he was walking along the railway tracks near his school.

He was declared dead at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

DMCH sources said a slip reading, "No one is responsible for my death. I took decision to commit suicide in cold blood," was found in the pocket of the boy's pants.

However, victim's father Motahar termed it simply an accident.

Dhaka Railway police Sub-inspector Rezaul Islam said they knew about the slip.

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“বিশ্বাসের জোর থাকলে সেটা ছড়াবেই”

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