

RAIN LIKELY



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

Moderately heavy to heavy falls are also likely at places over the country, Met Office said. Day temperature may fall slightly and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country. **The sun sets in the capital today at 6:50pm**

and rises tomorrow at 5:19am.

Country's highest temperature 35.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and lowest 25.1 degrees at Sayedpur. Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded 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	71	69	Khulna	34.0	27.4	78	92
Chittagong	31.5	26.2	79	76	Barisal	33.0	26.8	77	89
Rajshahi	35.0	27.0	81	70	Sylhet	32.0	26.2	83	90
Rangpur	32.0	25.7	94	76	Cox's Bazar	31.7	25.8	92	83

WAR CRIMES TRIAL OF ABDUL ALIM

Four PWs 'missing' since May

Prosecution tells tribunal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Four of the prosecution witnesses in the war crimes case against Abdul Alim have been "missing" since May, the prosecution told the International Crimes Tribunal-2 yesterday.

Prosecutor Rana Dasgupta appealed to the court to consider the "missing" witnesses' statements given to the investigation officer as evidence.

The three-member tribunal headed by Justice Obaidul Hassan however rejected the appeal as "it would not be lawful".

Rana Dasgupta also appealed to the court to accept the statements of five other witnesses as evidence. Of the five, two died in 2011, two others are said to be physically unfit, and another one is abroad.

The tribunal accepted only the statements of the deceased witnesses as evidence.

The prosecution yesterday filed the petition under section 19 (2) of the International Crimes (Tribunals) Act,

1973, which says, "A tribunal may receive in evidence any statement recorded by a magistrate or an investigator officer being a statement made by any person who, at the time of the trial, is dead or whose attendance cannot be made without an amount of delay or expense which the tribunal considers unreasonable."

Rana said their witnesses Nurul Islam, Abul Khayer Sarker, Fazlur Rahman and Matiur Rahman had been "missing" since May this year.

He also said Dulu Talukder died on June 12, 2011 and Akramuddin on November 24.

Sirajul Haque and Shamshul Huda Chowdhury were not fit to appear before the court and Krishna Kumar Bajla was in India for his wife's treatment, he added.

Alim's lawyer Tarikul Islam said the two witnesses had died long before the prosecution pressed charges against his client. "Why did they [the prosecution] cite the names of the deceased as their witnesses?" he asked.

The prosecution pressed charges against Alim, a former member of late president Ziaur Rahman's cabinet, on March 15, 2012.

As many as 34 prosecution witnesses including eight seizure-list witnesses have so far testified against Alim, who was indicted on 17 charges including murders and genocide committed during the Liberation War in 1971.

Earlier on Monday, the tribunal fixed tomorrow for recoding testimony of the investigation officer of the case.

In another war crimes case against BNP lawmaker Salauddin Quader Chowdhury, prosecutor Zead Al Malum yesterday completed cross-examining second defence witness Nizam Ahmed.

Following completion of the cross-examination, defence counsel Fakhru Islam sought a three-week adjournment.

The three-member International Crimes Tribunal-1 led by Justice ATM Fazle Kabir however adjourned the proceeding until today.

Hefajat chief's advice on restricting women education denounced

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Samajik Protirodh Committee, a platform of 66 women, human rights and development organisations, yesterday denounced the comment of Hefajat-e-Islam Ameer Shah Ahmad Shafi that women should not be let continue education after primary level.

According to a news report, a YouTube video shows Shafi preaching at his followers not to educate girls after primary level, to keep them at home, and not to let women become financially independent. Sexual harassment and violence against women will continue as long as they go outdoors, he says.

In a joint statement signed by the committee convener, Ayesha Khanam, the committee termed the comment "obscene and dirty" and demanded its immediate withdrawal.

The committee leaders said activities of those, who do politics in the name of religion, should be banned and demanded immediate implementation of the National Women Development Policy 2011.

While women are taking leading positions to run the state, accelerating country's economic growth, and contributing to other development activities, the Hefajat chief made such a speech to confine women to home like medieval era,

NEWS IN brief

PM pays homage to World War II heroes in Minsk

UNB, Belarus

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, now on an official visit to Belarus, paid homage to the people who died in the World War II placing floral wreaths at Victory Square in Minsk yesterday morning.

On her arrival at the Victory Square near the House of Government, Sheikh Hasina was formally welcomed by the Mayor of Minsk, Mikolai Ladutsko.

After placing the wreaths, Hasina stood there in solemn silence for some time as a mark of respect to the millions who died in the war.

Four bodies recovered from Padma

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Police recovered the floating bodies of four unidentified persons, including a woman, from the Padma river near Shyampur Water Treatment Plant in Rajshahi city yesterday evening.

Motihar police sent the decomposed bodies to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital for autopsies.

Quoting locals, police said the four might have died during the recent flood in India and the bodies came floating from there.

Schoolboy drowns in pond

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A schoolboy drowned in a pond in the capital's Jatrabari yesterday morning.

Refat Ahmed, 16, of Malitola in Old Dhaka, was a class X student of Jatrabari Ideal School and College.

Refat's friend Badhon told reporters at Dhaka Medical College Hospital that they visited the house of one of their friends in Jatrabari.

Refat drowned in the pond while they were bathing in it in the area, he added. The victim was declared dead at DMCH.

'Mugger' shot by cops in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police shot and arrested an alleged mugger in the capital's Pallabi area early yesterday.

Mainuddin Sujon, 22, with bullet injuries in the left leg, was undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Pallabi police said they were attacked by a group of muggers with machetes in the area.

On retaliation, the law enforcers fired shots, injuring Sujon while his cohorts fled. Officer-in-Charge Abdul Latif said a machete was recovered from the spot.

Two Milk Vita staff suspended

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The authorities of the state-run dairy Milk Vita yesterday suspended its officer Dr Nazrul Islam and Accountant Baitul Hossain for misappropriating Tk 6 lakh, said a press release.

They were suspended after the authorities detected anomaly in the accounts of the corporative firm's Sreepur plant in Gazipur.

With this, total four employees were suspended in the last few days on charges of corruption and negligence to duty while two others were fined Tk 96,000.

Meanwhile, the authorities cut salary of 30 workers for violating discipline.

Gousal Azam new envoy to Lebanon

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The government has decided to appoint Ambassador to Sweden AFM Gousal Azam Sarker as the new ambassador to the Lebanese Republic, a foreign ministry announcement said yesterday.

Gousal belongs to the BCS (Foreign Affairs) batch of 1986.

He obtained a master's in English literature. He had earlier served at Bangladeshi Embassies in Paris, Kathmandu, and Cairo and Bangladeshi Consulate General in Hong Kong in various capacities.

Blood bank sealed, 4 jailed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mobile court yesterday sealed off a blood bank and jailed its four staff with 43 bags of blood at Boro Moghbazar intersection in the capital yesterday for making fake blood test reports.

The mobile court, led by Rab executive magistrate Anwar Pasha, with the help of the Directorate General of Health Services sealed off the Quality Blood Bank running without any blood testing equipment, said a Rab press release.

The court jailed three owners of the blood bank--Dulal Mia, Zahirul Islam, Motaleb Alim--and their technician Motaleb Hossain for two years.

Dulal told the court that they collect blood from drug addicts and other such donors and make fake reports by using fake seals and initials of doctors.



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