

CHANGE IN TEMPERATURE UNLIKELY

WEATHER TODAY

Libh, Dhaka

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

Moderately heavy to heavy 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 6:49pm and rises tomorrow at 5:20am.**

Country's highest temperature 35.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rajshahi and lowest 24.0 degree Celsius at Rangamati. 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	31.4	26.2	90	68	Khulna	30.0	26.5	97	94	
Chittagong	30.5	25.0	94	81		Barisal	29.0	25.7	95	94
Rajshahi	35.2	26.6	88	75			Sylhet	32.0	25.8	92
Rangpur	33.2	26.7	81	70		Cox's Bazar	30.0	25.0	98	80

Discussions at a roundtable, "Safe workplace: Recent experience and way forward", organised by The Daily Star and Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies at The Daily Star Centre in the capital yesterday.



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NEWS IN brief

Man dies from electrocution

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A man died after being electrocuted in the capital's East Shewrapara yesterday morning. The deceased identified as Mohiuddin Ahmed, 55, was a caretaker of a six-storey building. The incident occurred when Mohiuddin tried to switch on a water pump, said Kafrul police. He was found lying unconscious on the ground floor next to the water pump, the police added. He was declared dead at Dhaka Medical College Hospital. An unnatural death case was filed with Kafrul police.

Man's body found with slit throat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The body of a restaurant employee was found with his throat slit inside the Mirpur Beribadh restaurant in the capital yesterday. Murad Hossain, 30, used to sleep inside Shapnochura Coffee House in Garan, Chatbari at night, said Officer-in-Charge of Shah Ali Police Station Md Selim. Other employees found him dead around 12:45pm, and they called in police, he added. Police could not suspect anyone and find the reason behind his killing immediately. The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College morgue for autopsy.

Prof Liaquat made VC of Bangladesh University of Health Sciences

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Prof Liaquat Ali was appointed the first vice-chancellor of the Bangladesh University of Health Sciences, recently established by the Diabetic Association of Bangladesh, by President and Chancellor Abdul Hamid. An internationally reputed medical scientist, Prof Liaquat worked for nearly 20 years at Bangladesh Institute of Research & Rehabilitation in Diabetes and served as director of the Bangladesh Institute of Health Sciences, says a press release. He was closely associated with Biswa Shahitya Kendra's founding and is the founder of Sangskriti Bikash Kendra and Pothikrit Foundation.



Obituary

CITY DESK
Abdul Majid Mallick, retired ground service manager of Biman Bangladesh Airlines, passed away at a hospital at Boynton Beach in Florida, USA on Friday. He was 78. He had been suffering from kidney complications. He left behind his wife, a son and six daughters. A former footballer of Barisal Mohammedan Sporting Club and Azad Sporting Club, he served Biman in Singapore, Bangkok, Dubai, Dhaka and Sylhet. He was buried at West Palm Beach Muslim graveyard in Florida after Juma prayers on Friday. **Abdul Khalek Khan** OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj
Abdul Khalek Khan, president of Shivalaya upazila unit of Awami League, died of old age complications yesterday. He was 72. He left behind his wife, two sons, a daughter and a host of relatives to mourn his death. He was buried at his family graveyard at Tepra village in Shivalaya following his namaz-e-janaza on the Upazila Parishad premises yesterday.

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Country's education needs basic changes

Says Nurul Islam Nahid
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
With the kind of education currently being provided in the country, the majority of the youth of today cannot become effective nation builders, Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid said yesterday. "The current education needs to go through some fundamental changes to make it equivalent of the international standards," he told the launch of a website by "Bangla Bhasha Shikkhak Parshad, an association of Bangla teachers and researchers, at Dhaka College. However, a change is underway, he observed, with the incorporation of creative thinking elements, computer training and multimedia usage in the curriculum. A training session on Bangla spelling system for the teachers was also held at the college. Highlighting the need for establishing a standard spelling method of Bangla, the education minister stated that a Bangla Academy prescribed system was being used for writing the national curriculum textbooks. "However that creates confusion about accuracy among teachers who have learnt to use alternative spelling systems." Professor of Bangla Bishwajit Ghosh, eminent dramatist Prof Momtazuddin Ahmed, and Dhaka College Principal Dr Ayesha Begum also spoke among many others.

BBC SANGLAP All panellists for reforming BCS job quota system

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
All four panellists at the BBC Bangladesh Sanglap including Food Minister Abdur Razzak yesterday spoke for reforming the existing quota system in the public service recruitment. BNP standing committee member Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, one of the panellists, said if voted to power, his party would reform the quota system. Two other panellists were Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) Executive Director Dr Iftekharuzzaman and Ubiniq Executive Director Farida Akhter. The dialogue was held in the capital's Bangla Academy auditorium. Their opinions came amid an ongoing protest by jobseekers and different public university students for the cancellation of the quota provision in the public service recruitment. Currently, 56 percent of the posts under the Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) cadres are reserved as quotas. Of them, 30 percent of the posts go to freedom fighters' children and grandchildren, 10 percent to women, and five percent to indigenous people, 10 percent to people of some districts, and one percent to the physically challenged persons. Meanwhile, the Public Service Commission (PSC) yesterday decided not to apply the quota system in the preliminary test of the 34th BCS examination. It will publish the reviewed results today. When a participant asked whether the time has come for reforming the quota system in all sorts of public service recruitments including BCS, Razzak said, "There is a scope to review the entire quota system, and the government has already given a signal regarding this." Iftekharuzzaman said the existing number of quotas should be reduced. When moderator Akbar Hossain said the BNP did not reform the quota system during its previous tenure, Mosharraf said, "There was no protest against the quota system at that time." Referring to the recent TI report revealing that the political parties are the most corrupt institution, a participant asked whether the report was released with a purpose. Razzak said his party had protested the report, while Mosharraf said the timing of the report had raised a question about it, as TI, for the first time, had brought political parties under its survey. Criticising the report, Farida Akhter said the time of the release of the report had raised suspicion. Ruling out all the allegations, Iftekharuzzaman said it was not true that for the first time TI had brought political parties under its survey. "Timing could be a coincidence," he added. Replying to another question, all the panellists said security measures in the country's garment sector should be beefed up for the interest of the country.

A group of people scramble to board an already packed bus at the capital's Farmgate ahead of the iftar time yesterday, while hundreds are left waiting at the overcrowded intersection due to a terrible shortage of public transports. Women are the worst sufferers of the situation.



PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

Road crashes kill seven

CITY DESK
Seven people were killed and eight others injured in road accidents across the country yesterday. Our Manikganj correspondent reports, Mofjel Hossain, 48, a rickshaw-van puller, died after a pick-up van hit the vehicle before Manikganj Fisheries office gate on Dhaka-Aricha highway yesterday. A Gazipur correspondent reports, an eight months pregnant woman was killed and her husband injured when a lorry rammed their motorbike at Golaghat in Shreepur upazila yesterday. The deceased was Jakia Sultana, 22. Injured Anarul was admitted to Shreepur Upazila Health Complex. Our Pabna correspondent adds, Md Abdul Awal, 20, died after a microbus hit him at Saydabad near Bangabandhu bridge yesterday.

Our Chittagong correspondent reports, a person was killed and four others were injured when a bus crashed into the rear of a standing truck on Chittagong-Cox's Bazar highway in Lohagara upazila yesterday. Deceased, Md Arif, 22, a motor mechanic, was fixing the truck. The injured were on the bus. Our Lalmonirhat correspondent adds, two women were killed and three other persons injured as a bus hit their engine-run three-wheeler at Namuri in Aditmari upazila yesterday. The dead were Jahanara Begum, 35, and Naznin Akhter, 33. Our Madaripur correspondent adds, Shah Alam, 52, Narayanpur branch manager of Islami Bank, was killed as the car carrying him collided head-on with an ambulance in Shibchar upazila yesterday.

ISLAMIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE IN CTG Students demand principal's resignation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
Students of Islamia University College, Chittagong yesterday threatened to go for tougher movement if the authorities do not take steps for Principal Rezaul Kabir's resignation. The students, under the banner of Chhatra Chhatra Sangram Parishad, said this at a press conference at Chittagong Press Club in the city. Joint Convener Md Shahrier Hasan said they would be compelled to declare fast-unto-death if the principal was not removed. The students have been demonstrating since June 21 to realise their 11-point demand, including the principal's resignation. They alleged the principal was misappropriating college funds and misusing the administrative power. Principal Rezaul told The Daily Star that the allegations brought against him were totally false and illogical. Their 11-point demand would be placed at the governing body's meeting tomorrow, he added.

DHAKA TODAY

Exhibition
Students of the Faculty of Fine Arts, Dhaka University will organise a charitable art exhibition "Fidar Jonno"; Venue: its premises; Time: 10:00am.

Henna festival
Dhakabashi will organise a "Henna Festival" marking Eid-ul-Fitr; Venue: Shamsunnahar Hall, Dhaka University; Time: 2:00pm.

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