

RAIN LIKELY

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Rangpur, Rajshahi, Dhaka and Khulna 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 6:49pm and rises tomorrow at 5:20am.**

Country's highest temperature 34.8 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and lowest 20.3 degrees at Khepupara. Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

	Temperature in Celsius	
	Max:	Min:
Dhaka	32.0	26.8
Chittagong	31.4	25.4
Rajshahi	34.4	26.3
Rangpur	32.8	26.5

	Humidity in percentage	
	Morning	Evening
	87	85
	80	81
	78	72
	76	69

	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening
Khulna	34.5	26.5	77	80
Barisal	32.0	26.0	90	83
Sylhet	33.8	25.4	72	63
Cox's Bazar	31.8	24.5	88	76

NEWS IN brief

Indian immigration police return 3 Bangladeshis after 3 weeks

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Indian immigration police returned three Bangladeshis through Tamabil immigration police on Tamabil-Dauki border on Saturday afternoon.

They are Panna Das, 25, and Askir Mia, 50, of Balaganj upazila in Sylhet; and Kabir Ahmed, 24, of Baniachang upazila in Habiganj.

Md Firoze Alam, sub-inspector of Tamabil Immigration Police Check Post, said Indian Border Security Force picked up the three people from near Kanaighat border 22 days ago on charge of illegally entering Indian territory.

Man stabbed to death in Mirsarai

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Miscrants stabbed a man to death before snatching his motorbike near Noytila Mazar in Mirsarai Upazila of Chittagong city on Saturday.

Md Mobarak, 30, of Bhuijpur, used to carry passengers by his motorbike.

Joranganj police recovered the body with stab injuries in the chest and throat from Ramgarh road. Hijackers, disguised as passengers, might have killed him and took away his motorbike, suspect police. A murder was filed in this regard.

One held with 7,600 Yaba tablets

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police arrested a man and seized 7,600 Yaba tablets from his possession in Chittagong city early yesterday.

The arrested was Johur Alam, of Paschimpara village in Teknaf.

On information, police stopped a truck coming from Teknaf while it was crossing the City Gate area in Chittagong city around 4:00am, caught the man and seized the Yaba, said Abdur Razzak, officer-in-charge of Akbarshah Police Station.

Woman 'commits suicide' in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A woman allegedly committed suicide by hanging herself from a ceiling fan in her residence at Khatunganj of Chittagong city early yesterday.

The deceased was Trishna Bonik, 19, wife of Tapas Das. Trishna was declared dead at Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH). Quoting her family, CMCH police officials said Trishna allegedly committed suicide over a family dispute.

Road crashes kill three, injure four

CITY DESK

Two persons were killed and four others injured as a bus rammed a standing CNG-run auto-rickshaw at Shantirhat in Patiya yesterday, our Chittagong correspondent reports.

The dead were Md Nazrul Islam, 30, and Abdus Sukkur, 40. The injured were rushed to Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

Protesting the accident, agitated locals blocked Chittagong-Cox's Bazar highway for an hour.

Our Chapainawabganj correspondent adds, Saif Ali, 8, son of Younus Ali, died after a truck hit him at Dhop Pukur intersection of Shibganj upazila yesterday.

Two cases filed against 20 BCL activists for vandalism in Sylhet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Two cases were filed on Saturday against 20 BCL activists, including former joint convener of BCL Sylhet city unit Pijush Kanti Dey, for vandalising an office and two vehicles.

Faisal Azad Khan, a former BCL leader, filed the cases against them for vandalising his office of DM Traders at Madina Market and two cars of his family and friend at Ambarkhana on Saturday afternoon.

According to the cases, they carried out the vandalism as he refused to give them extortion money.



Participants at a roundtable on "Civil and Political Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Bangladesh", organised by ADD International and The Daily Star, at The Daily Star Centre in the capital yesterday. Story on page 4. PHOTO: STAR

NHRC chief assures Limon of smooth rehabilitation

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) Chairman Mizanur Rahman yesterday assured Limon that NHRC would ensure him a smooth rehabilitation into a normal life.

"We have in principle decided to help Limon continue his studies and later find him a suitable job," he said, five days after the government decided to withdraw the two cases Rab filed against Limon.

Limon took his HSC exams this year from Kathalia PCS Bilateral Technical School and College. He is now waiting for the results.

Regarding the case filed by his mother Henoara Begum against six Rab personnel, Mizanur said, since Ain o Salish Kendra was providing Limon legal help, he did not think it necessary to step into that area.

Prior to leaving for his Shaturia village residence in Jhalakathi after seeking treatment in Dhaka of his ear that was injured during his arrest in 2011, Limon yesterday went to NHRC to express gratitude for helping him.

He told this correspondent that his family would seek justice for the nightmare they had to suffer over the last two years.

"We have nothing against Rab but we shall seek punishment to those six men who took the law into their own hands," he added.

A Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) team on March 23, 2011 shot Limon, then a 16-year-old schoolboy, point-blank in his left leg, taking him for a notorious criminal, when he went to fetch his family cattle from a field near his residence.

That day, they sent him to a hospital and filed the two cases -- one for possessing arms and another for obstructing law enforcers. Four days later, Limon's leg had to be amputated. He now walks on an artificial leg.

Musa talks about his Mt Elbrus conquest

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Musa Ibrahim, the first Bangladeshi to conquer Everest, has added another feather in his cap by reaching the summit of the highest mountain in Europe, Mt Elbrus.

He disclosed the details of his journey to Elbrus's peak at a press conference in the capital's Russian Cultural Center yesterday. His compatriots for the expedition included Niaz Patwary, who had previously accompanied Musa Ibrahim in conquering Mt Kilimanjaro, and Sifat Fahmida Nowshin.

The trio, identifying themselves as Team Bangladesh, raised the national flag at 18,510 feet, on the peak of Mt Elbrus, on June 26, revealed a jubilant Sifat.

"I hope that our accomplishment will encourage others to join mountaineering as well," said Musa.

Elbrus, a dormant volcano nestled within the Caucasus mountain range, was the third mountain to be conquered in Musa's conquest to conquer the seven highest mountains of the seven continents.

The expedition was sponsored by Summit Group, Fareast Islami Life Insurance Company Ltd and Abdul Monem Ltd, and organised by mountaineering groups North Alpine Club Bangladesh and Everest Academy.

SHAFI'S MISOGYNIST SERMON Rise up in protest

Meher Afroz Chumki urges country's women

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

State Minister for Women and Children Affairs Meher Afroz Chumki yesterday urged the country's women to protest and stand against the derogatory remarks of Hefajat-e Islam chief Shah Ahmed Shafi about women.

"About two crore women are working in different professions who discharge their duties skilfully and with dignity. But Hefajat wants to confine these working women inside rooms and turn Bangladesh into an Afghanistan or Pakistan," Chumki told a press briefing at her ministry secretariat.

A video clip of Shafi's sermon likened women to mouth-watering tamarind and in it he is shown saying that women should be in their homes taking care of their husbands' furniture and raise their children.

Chumki said the statements are derogatory to Islam, which is the only religion where women get the highest priority.

The video drew flak from women rights bodies and eminent civil society members.

Meanwhile, many organisations also strongly condemned and expressed their resentment towards Shafi's remarks yesterday. They demanded punitive action against Shafi for his remarks.

Karmojibi Nari, in a statement, said the remarks were demeaning to both males and females and contradictory to the constitution. Sammilita Samajik Andolan, Nari Mukti Andolon, Bangladesh National Woman Lawyers' Association and Jatiya Ganotantrik League also condemned the remarks.

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Death anniversary

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Today is the 14th death anniversary of Abdul Hamid Sarkar, a language movement veteran and founder president of Chatmohar Press Club.

Abdul died in 1999.

His family members and Chatmohar Press Club have organised day-long programmes on the occasion.

All his relatives, friends and well-wishers have been requested to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

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