

RAIN LIKELY

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi, Rangpur and Dhaka 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 6:48pm and rises tomorrow at 5:21am.**

Country's highest temperature 35.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sayedpur and lowest 24.3 degrees at Srimangal. 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	33.6	27.7	79	69	Khulna	33.0	27.5	87	81
Chittagong	32.9	26.8	75	85	Barisal	31.6	26.9	78	72
Rajshahi	35.0	26.8	78	65	Sylhet	33.8	25.2	91	66
Rangpur	34.4	27.8	75	63	Cox's Bazar	31.5	26.0	83	83

NEWS IN brief

Today's NU exams postponed

A CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

All the examinations under Nation University, scheduled to be held today, have been postponed, said a press release yesterday. The new schedule for the examinations would be disclosed later on NU website (www.nuadmission.info) and (www.nubd.info), it added.

ACC okays charges against Milk Vita official

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday approved submission of charge sheets in 10 cases filed against assistant manager Shahiduzzaman Khan of Milk Vita for misappropriating around Tk 1.5 crore from its employees' provident fund. According to the ACC, Shahiduzzaman embezzled the money showing false deposits between 1995 and 2006. The Milk Vita authorities filed the cases with Tejgaon Police Station against Shahiduzzaman in 2006. After investigation, ACC filed the charge sheets.

Training course on journalists' safety inaugurated

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A five-day training course titled "Journalists' Safety and Media Rights Monitoring" was inaugurated at Cirdap auditorium in the capital yesterday. Twenty five local journalists are taking part in the course, organised by International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) and Bangladesh Manobadhikar Sangbadik Forum (BMSF). Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu inaugurated the event. IFJ South Asian Programme Manager Sukumar Muralidharan and its member Sunanda Deshapriya spoke at the function with BMSF President Enamul Kabir Rupom in the chair.

NSI staff 'commits suicide' in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A National Security Intelligence (NSI) staff allegedly committed suicide in the capital's Natun Bazar area yesterday evening. The deceased Mehedi Hasan Tonmoy, 28, was a field operative at Gulshan-2 zone. He went out of home to buy food for iftar, Setu Begum, Mehedi's wife, told The Daily Star. On return, Mehedi told his wife that he had swallowed poison, Setu claimed. Mehedi was declared dead at Dhaka Medical College Hospital, said police.

BCL RU unit 24th council Saturday

RU CORRESPONDENT

The 24th council of Rajshahi University unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League will be held on Saturday at Shabash Bangladesh Chhattar on the campus, said a press release yesterday. The distribution of nomination papers for the posts of president and general secretary started yesterday while tomorrow is the last day for the submission, added the press release.



Gonojagoron Mancha and some student organisations demonstrate before Bangladesh National Museum in the capital during yesterday's hartal that they called demanding death penalty for all war criminals.

PHOTO: STAR

Country facing big crisis due to govt misrule
Says Khaleda

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday said the country is facing a big crisis due to misrule and corruption of the incumbent government. "We pray to the Almighty Allah in the holy month of Ramadan so that we can overcome this great crisis," Khaleda said at an iftar programme hosted by Liberal Democratic Party in the capital's Trust Auditorium. The BNP chairperson, in her brief speech, said the country needs to be saved from what she said is the most oppressive and corrupt government. "We also need to rid the country of criminals and establish democracy in the country," added the leader of the main opposition. The Iftar party was organised in honour of leaders of different political parties and Alem-Ulemas.

AMENDMENT BILL ON CHT LAND DISPUTE RESOLUTION
Indigenous leaders place objections to JS body

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The representatives of the indigenous communities of Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) objected to an amendment bill relating to CHT land dispute resolution when it was placed at a meeting of the parliamentary standing committee on the land ministry for review yesterday. The bill, aimed at resolving thousands of land dispute cases, has made the minority communities rather aggrieved, they said, adding that the amendment was supposed to be made in accordance with the 1997 CHT Peace Accord but the government did not follow it during its drafting. The indigenous leaders submitted a set of objections and recommendations regarding the CHT Land Dispute Resolution Commission Act 2001 (Amendment 2013) Bill. They alleged that the proposed bill excluded some important provisions which the government and the indigenous people agreed to incorporate in the amendment. The CHT Accord says the land commission will resolve land disputes in line with the "existing laws, customs and practices" in CHT, but in the bill, it was replaced by "existing laws and customs" excluding the word "practices". The word "practices" implies the role of the headman (mouza head) in the land management in CHT. As per the existing practices in CHT, it is required to take report or recommendations from the headman concerned for transferring, establishing settlement, and acquiring any land of the hill districts and for ensuring whether the land is free from disputes or not. The CHT Accord empowers the land commission to cancel ownership of lands including "fringe land given for settlement or occupied [land]" and give those back to original owners. But the draft bill mentions only "fringe land" and

excluded "or occupied". Yesterday, the committee listened to the representatives of the Adivasis. It will hear from the Bangla speaking people of CHT in another meeting, said State Minister for Land Mustafizur Rahman. "The bill will be passed in the next session of parliament," he told The Daily Star. The next session will not take place until two months later. Mangal Kumar Chakma, publicity secretary of Parbatya Chattagram Janasanghati Samity (PCJSS), said, "Today, they just heard from us but no decisions were made." The CHT land commission is not in operation now as the bill is not passed into law yet. Earlier, six land commissions, each headed by a retired justice, were formed but they could not function properly as the chairmen were not empowered enough to resolve land disputes. Land Minister Rezaul Karim Hira was present at yesterday's meeting.

Gonojagoron Mancha observes hartal peacefully

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Frustrated by the verdict against former Jamaat-e-Islami chief Ghulam Azam, the youths of Gonojagoron Mancha yesterday observed a daylong hartal amid demonstration and rallies to reiterate their demand that all the war criminals be given death penalty. With a vow to continuing their movement until the war criminals are hanged, the protesters announced to take position at Shahbagh this morning as the verdict in the war crimes case against Jamaat Secretary General Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed is due today. On Monday, Ghulam Azam was sentenced to 90 years in prison for masterminding crimes against humanity and genocide in 1971. In protest of the judgement, the Shahbagh activists and 10 student bodies enforced the hartal bringing out several peaceful processions, holding rallies and chanting slogans. From around 6:30am, the youths started streaming to Shahbagh where a large number of law enforcers were deployed. Defying police obstruction, they brought out the first procession around 7:15am and paraded different streets from Shahbagh to Kataban, Matshya

Bhaban and Ruposhi Bangla Hotel intersections. Following the march, the protesters tried to take position at Shahbagh intersection but police forced them to gather in front of the National Museum. "We have done it to minimise public sufferings. If they had sat at the intersection, it would have halted traffic movement," said Sirajul Islam, officer-in-charge of Shahbagh Police Station. Around 9:00am, the protesters brought out the second procession marching from Shahbagh to Kataban, Shishu Parkgate and TSC. Different student bodies, political parties and individuals joined the Shahbagh gathering and chanted slogans like "Prohosoner ai ray, mani na manbona" (We do not accept the farcical verdict), "Ghulam Azam er fashi chai" (We want Ghulam Azam to be hanged). "Ghulam Azam is the architect of genocide during the Liberation War. So, the punishment is inadequate and the verdict unacceptable," said Gonojagoron Mancha spokesperson Imran H Sarker. The youths also took position at different points in the capital, including Technical, Jatrabari, Uttara, Mohammadpur, Paltan, Khilgaon, and Nabisco intersections, he claimed.

DEMAND FOR CARETAKER GOVT
BNP to launch tougher movement after Eid

Says Rafiqul Islam Miah

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP standing committee member Rafiqul Islam Miah yesterday said the party would go for tougher movement after Ramadan to oust the government, if it did not restore the caretaker government system. He made the remarks at a discussion and Iftar party of Dhaka City South Unit of Jatiyatabadi Samajik Sanskritik Sangstha held in Jasya Press Club. Rafiqul said after getting the five city corporation polls results, the government decided not to hold elections to the two Dhaka city corporations. He alleged that even though the Election Commission one month ago announced to declare the schedule for the Dhaka city corporation elections after Ramadan, it is reluctant to hold the polls.



A representative of a community clinic receives a laptop from Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at a function on the occasion of awarding seven best community clinics of the country at Osmani Memorial Hall in the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: PID

DHAKA TODAY

Torch Procession
Amra Muktijoddhar Shantan and Bangladesh Shadharan Chhatra Parishad will bring out a torch procession to demand extension of the age limit for entry into government jobs to 35 years. Time: 7:30pm. Venue: Central Shaheed Minar.

Roundtable
A project of Jica and the Public Works Department (PWD) will hold a roundtable on the Rana Plaza collapse. Time: 9:45am. Venue: PWD auditorium.

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