

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.

Moderate heavy falls are also likely at places, 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 5:22am.

Country's highest temperature 35.6 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rajshahi and lowest 24.0 degrees at Cox's Bazar.

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	33.2	27.2	83	67	Khulna	33.5	25.8	84	83
Chittagong	31.0	25.6	82	83	Barisal	32.2	26.6	80	75
Rajshahi	35.6	26.9	78	71	Sylhet	30.8	25.0	77	83
Rangpur	31.6	26.6	80	80	Cox's Bazar	32.2	24.0	81	73

NEWS IN brief

3 Jamaat men held for torching ADC's car

A CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Police arrested three Jamaat activists in Gazipur city yesterday in a case filed over torching the car of Gazipur additional deputy commissioner at Joydevpur during Wednesday's hartal.

Driver Kamal Hossen filed the case with Joydebpur Police Station accusing 30 Jamaat-Shibir activists.

The arrested are Imran, son of Amin Uddin of Gazipur sadar upazila; Jamal Uddin, son of Joinal Abedin of the upazila; and Nazrul Islam, son of Abdul Hamid of Madaripur.

Two add IGs get secretary status

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday elevated the status of two top police officials to grade-1 (secretary level) yesterday, said a police headquarters press release.



Javed Shahidul

Status of Additional Inspector General of Police Mohammad Javed Patwary, head of the Special Branch of Police, and Additional Inspector General (Administration and Operation) AKM Shahidul Hoque of police headquarters was raised to secretary level through a home ministry order, added the press release.

Body recovered from Balu river

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

Police recovered the body of a man from the Balu river in Bariachhoni area at Rugganj upazila of Narayanganj yesterday.

Anawrul Alam Liton, 42, was involved in brick, sand and land business in the area.

Police sent the body to Narayanganj General Hospital morgue for an autopsy.

Rugganj police said miscreants might have dumped the body after strangling him.

Businessman shot in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Unidentified miscreants shot and injured a businessman in the capital's Mirpur yesterday.

Mirpur police said Kazi Nurunnabi, 48, got a phone call asking him to come out from his two-storey residence around 6:00am.

Nurunnabi refused to do so and looked out of the window to check out the caller when someone shot him in his right arm from the ground.

A case was filed in this regard.

Woman found dead in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An unidentified woman, aged around 25, was found at Botanical Garden in the capital's Mirpur yesterday.

Gardeners found the body around 6:00pm, said the garden authorities.

Shah Ali police sent the body to Dhaka Medical College morgue for an autopsy.

Galleri Kaya's painting exhibition to continue till Aug 6

CITY DESK

The duration of Galleri Kaya's painting exhibition titled "GLIMPSES", being held in the capital's Uttara, has been extended till August 6.

Thirty-nine selected artworks done by 30 renowned artists are being displayed at house-20, road-16, Uttara sector-4, says a press release.

The artists include Aminul Islam, Murtaja Baseer, Qayyum Choudhury, Hashem Khan, Rafiqun Nabi, Hamiduzzaman Khan, and Kalidas Karmakar.

The exhibition is open for public everyday from 11:00am to 7:30pm.

JAMAAT'S REGISTRATION WITH EC Decision about scrapping after getting Ghulam Azam verdict copy: CEC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Election Commission will take a decision on cancellation of Jamaat-e-Islam's registration after getting the copy of tribunal's verdict that termed Jamaat a "criminal organisation", said Chief Election Commissioner Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmad yesterday.

"Before getting the copy (judgement), we can not speculate anything," he replied to queries from reporters at EC secretariat in the capital after a meeting on amendment of Representation of the People Order (RPO).

While delivering the verdict of Ghulam Azam's case on Monday, the International Crimes Tribunal-1 termed Jamaat a "criminal organisation".

Talking to reporters, Rakibuddin informed that the EC had moved to debar the convicted war criminals from contesting the general elections.

"We have already included a provision in the RPO so that convicted war criminals can not contest the elections," said Rakibuddin.

The amended proposal will be sent to the law ministry. After getting approval from the ministry, it will be placed in parliament to pass it as a law, he added.

INT'L MATH OLYMPIAD Bangladesh team leaves for Columbia today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A team of four math whizzes are heading out to Columbia today to represent Bangladesh in the 54th International Mathematical Olympiad being held in Santa Marta.

Bangladesh Mathematical Olympiad Committee announced this at a press conference at Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday.

The team comprises of Shourav Das and Nur Mohammad Shafiqullah from Dhaka College, Mohammad Zahidul Hasan from Mymensingh Anandamohan College and Adib Hasan from Mymensingh Zila School.

Zahidul, a two-time champion of the national math Olympiad, along with Adib is going to be participating in the international arena for the first time.

On the other hand Shourav and Shafiqullah are veterans who are going for the third time, both having bagged a bronze medal in an international Olympiad previously.

The national team is taking part in the international competition for the ninth year running and had previously won one silver medal, six bronzes and fifteen honourable mentions.

Dr Mohammad Zafar Iqbal, co-chairperson of the Bangladesh Mathematical Olympiad Committee, said the team would do a lot better if the members did not also have to keep up with their regular studies, and could devote more time to math.

"They have to think about getting admitted into university. I urge university authorities to take in students who have earned medals internationally without making them go through the regular admission procedure, so that they can spend more time in specializing," recommended Zafar Iqbal, claiming that Shahjalal International University of Science and Technology already does so.



Thousands of Hindus join the Ula Rathjatra, which marks the return journey of Lord Jagannath to his temple from his garden palace in the countryside, at Nandan Kanan intersection in Chittagong city yesterday. The occasion occurs eight days after the Rathjatra, the chariot journey of Lord Jagannath, which is one of Hindus' biggest annual festivals.

PHOTO: STAR

NATIONAL CSR POLICY FOR CHILDREN EU to help formulation

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The European Union will support Save the Children and the Ministry of Labour and Employment to formulate a "National Corporate Social Responsibility Policy for Children."

The Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) and Save the Children Bangladesh signed an agreement on formulating the policy, which aims to establish a common understanding in the corporate sector on CSR for children and include child rights in core business principles, said a press release yesterday.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Ambassador William Hanna, head of delegation of the European Union to Bangladesh, said different actors are carrying out CSR activities in a scattered way and implementation of CSR activities varies among companies.

"Also there is not enough focus on children regarding corporate social responsibility," William Hanna added.

"The formulation and execution of a uniform policy will have a sustained effect on the lives of working children and youth," he said, adding, "Having a policy on CSR will also boost Bangladesh's commitment to international compliance, and improve the country's international reputation."

Michael McGrath, country director of Save the Children, said child labour, poor working conditions and the lack of vocational training opportunities for youth are a matter of great concern for Bangladesh.

Secretary of the Ministry of Labour and Employment Mikail Shiper said corporations play a driving role in building a skilled work force in developed countries.

This initiative is a part of the project "Partnerships to Combat Child Labour through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in Bangladesh" funded by the European Union and implemented by Save the Children since November 2011.

INDO-BANGLA LAND BOUNDARY DEAL India again assures passage in parliament

STAR REPORT

India yesterday assured Bangladesh that it would try to have the bilateral land boundary agreement passed in the coming monsoon session of parliament beginning on August 5.

The assurance came at a meeting of senior officials from both sides of the Joint Working Group at Taj Palace Hotel in New Delhi in the run-up to today's meeting of home secretaries of the two countries, said Bangladesh Home Ministry's Additional Secretary (Political) Kamal Uddin.

While Bangladesh has approved the land boundary accord, more popularly known as Indira-Mujib agreement of 1974, Indian parliament is yet to pass it.

Repatriation of Bangladeshi criminals

and checking small arms smuggling into the country will top the agenda of the 14th home secretary-level talks, said the home ministry sources. Besides Bangladesh will raise the issue of halting border killings by Indian border force, destroying Phensedyl factories in Indian territory in the bordering areas during the four-day long talk.

Before leaving for New Delhi, Additional Home Secretary Kamal Uddin Ahmed said the discussion would be in four categories--border management, security measures, ratification of treaties, and implementation of already ratified ones and mutual assistance.

A 12-member Bangladeshi delegation led by Senior Home Secretary CQK Mustaq Ahmed yesterday left for India for the talk.

WORKER'S DEATH IN TAZREEN FIRE Court orders Ashulia OC again to submit probe report by Sept 9

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday again ordered officer-in-charge (investigation) of Ashulia Police Station to submit a probe report by September 9 in a case filed over the death of a garment worker at Tazreen Fashions.

Senior Judicial Magistrate Taibul Hassan passed the order after Ashulia police failed to submit the probe report by yesterday.

On May 29, Abdul Matin, brother of Tazreen Fashions fire victim Rehena Begum, filed the case with the Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court of Dhaka accusing the garment owner Delwar Hossain and 30 others for their gross negligence resulting in the death of his sister.

Matin, who went missing since the factory building caught fire on November 24, used to work as a packer at finishing section of Tazreen Fashions Ltd at Ashulia on the outskirts of the capital.

Delwar and his 30 other unnamed associates were directly involved in setting fire to the factory, leaving 112 workers dead and 12 others missing, the complainant said in the case statement.

Mandela's actions can be inspiration for Bangladesh

His birthday celebration programme told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The unity Nelson Mandela forged among his compatriots during the anti-apartheid movement can be an inspiration to overcome Bangladesh's ongoing political crisis, speakers said at an event celebrating the iconic South African leader's 95th birthday in the capital yesterday.

They said Mandela was an inspiration on every aspect--from a political leader to a successful president, from a rights activist to a social reformer.

The anti-apartheid legend spent his 95th birthday (July 18) in hospital in Pretoria, while events took place around the world and in South Africa in his honour.

Addressing the programme at Liberation War Museum, hosted by cultural organisation Wishiz Shilpi Goshthi, Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu said Mandela's stand against

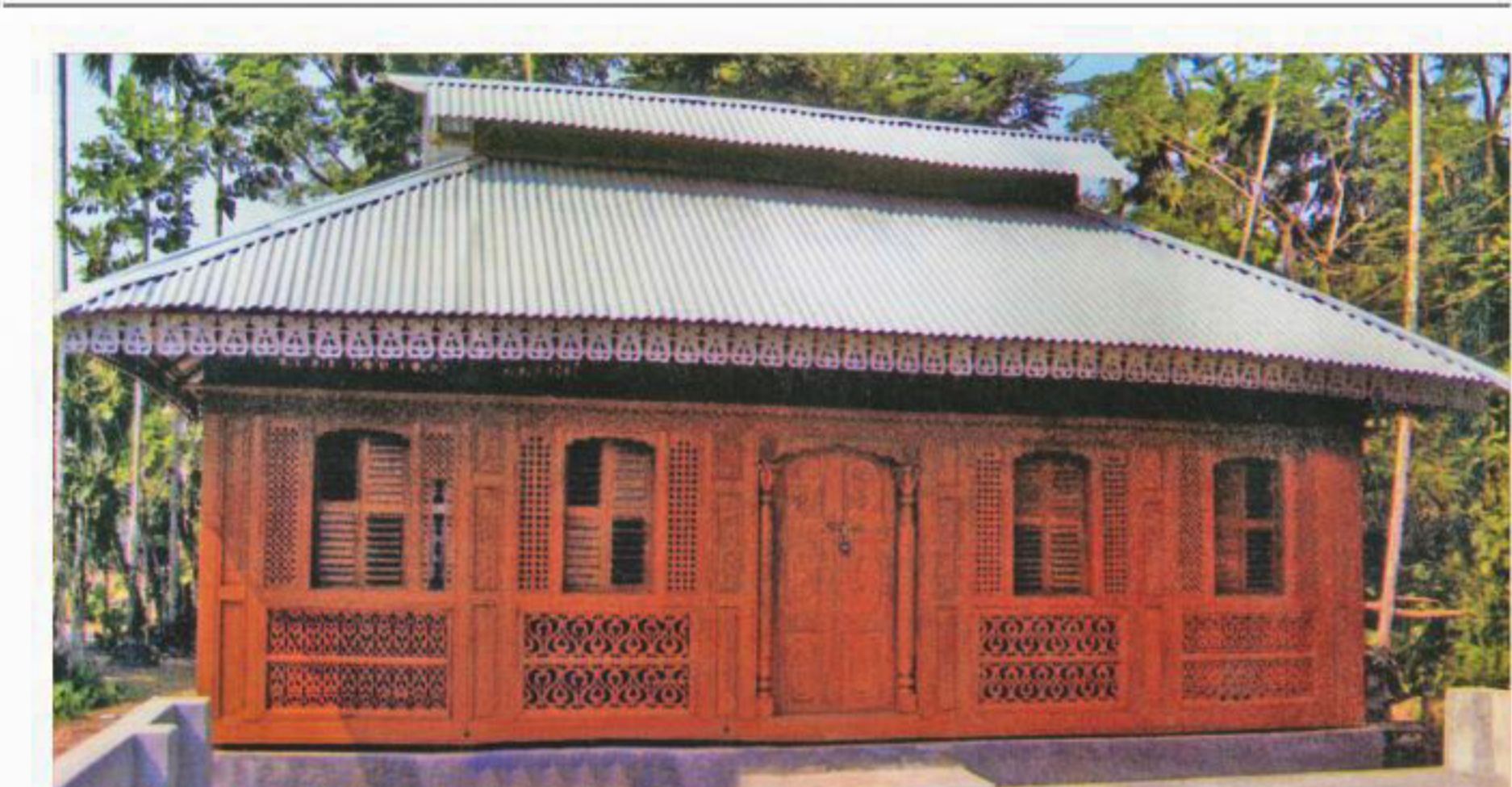
racism revealed the darker side of the social malpractice and put it before the world for judgment.

Bangladesh is celebrating his birthday in a context when the class struggle is still visible in the society, and the country people are threatened by fundamentalists, he added.

Mandela was able to unite his countrymen with a vision to free them, said Mofidul Haq, publisher and trustee of the museum. "Our political leaders should take this message."

Adviser of the Communist Party of Bangladesh Manjurul Ahsan Khan said, "The present situation of the country reminds us of the need for a political leader like him."

Gono Sangeet artiste and Wishiz President Fakir Alamgir offered a song for Mandela, while different cultural groups, including Satyen Sen Shilpi Goshthi and Udichi, and solo performers sang inspirational songs and recited poems in honour of the legendary leader.



A photograph of this early 20th century wooden mosque at Udayatpur Burirchar village in Mathbaria, Pirojpur was hung as a new exhibit in the National Museum on July 14 on the occasion of the heritage's 100th anniversary. Its walls were crafted out of teak, sal, and ironwood, and no iron hinges or nails were used. Late Maulavi Momin Uddin Akan built the mosque in 1913-1920 by employing 20 carvers. The structure with its interior adorned with fine carvings sits on a rectangular concrete base. The Department of Archaeology enlisted the "Momin mosque", said to be the lone mosque of this sort in South Asia, as a heritage in 2003.

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