

RAIN LIKELY

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong, Sylhet, Dhaka, Rajshahi and Rangpur divisions till 6:00pm today. Moderately 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 6:46pm and rises tomorrow at 5:24am.** Country's highest temperature 35.4

degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rajshahi and lowest 22.5 degrees at Kutubdia. 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	33.5	27.7	73	71	Khulna	34.0	26.5	88	91
Chittagong	31.2	25.5	73	85	Barisal	32.0	26.7	88	75
Rajshahi	35.4	26.8	85	74	Sylhet	34.4	26.4	78	69
Rangpur	33.0	26.5	77	69	Cox's Bazar	33.0	26.0	72	80

Youth shot dead in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A youth was shot dead by criminals in the capital's Rampura yesterday. The deceased Ujjal Hossain, 25, was also an accused in several cases, said Rampura police Inspector Wahiduzzaman. A witness told The Daily Star that Ujjal was lounging by a railing in Rampura in the evening, when two local criminals in a rickshaw crossed him, opening fire on him. Earlier, Ujjal staged a rally at the human hauler stand in the area against extortion, he claimed. Ujjal succumbed to his injuries on the way to Dhaka Medical College Hospital around 7:30pm. He was hit by three bullets in the ribs and neck, said Dhaka Medical College morgue sources.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina administers oath to the mayors-elect of four city corporations -- Barisal, Rajshahi, Sylhet and Khulna -- at the Prime Minister's Office in the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: BSS

NEWS IN brief

5 held with stolen bikes in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The Detective Branch of Police arrested five youths with three stolen Yamaha motorbikes in the capital on Saturday. A team led by Assistant Commissioner Mahmuda Afroz Lucky arrested Md Rasel and Shafiqur Rahman alias Shofi at Bangshal, and Shah Alam, Nazmul Hossain Roche and Abdur Rahman alias Robin before Bijoynagar water tank. During preliminary interrogation, they confessed that they buy stolen motorbikes from district towns and sell them along with fake papers after manipulating the engine and chassis numbers.

Body of boy drowned in Ctg recovered

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
The body of a schoolboy, who drowned in Ashkar Dighi in Jamal Khan area of Chittagong city on June 20, was recovered yesterday noon. Md Jony, a class II student of National Primary School, was playing with his friends on the surface of the historic water body filled with water hyacinth. Md Hanif, who is supervising a drive to clean the dighi, said workers found the body while removing a thick layer of water hyacinth.

JUVA gives money to Rana Plaza victims

JU CORRESPONDENT
Jahangirnagar University Voluntary Association (JUVA) yesterday afternoon donated Tk 90,000 to 15 victims injured in Rana Plaza building collapse in Savar on April 24. On behalf of the association, Department of Public Administration Chairman Mahmudur Rahman handed over the money to the victims at an iftar party on the campus. Department of Botany Chairman Dr M Ali Akond and JUVA chief Rakib Haidar were present among others.

Jamaat leader held over violence

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
Police arrested a Jamaat leader in Goods Hill area of Chittagong city yesterday afternoon on charge of a pre-hartal violence in the city. The arrested Anwarul Alam Chowdhury is the Ameer of Bakalia Thana unit. Mohiuddin Selim, officer-in-charge of Kotwali Police Station, said Anwarul was involved in vandalising vehicles, blasting cocktails and torching police motorcycles on July 14 ahead of the party-enforced hartal on July 15.

Elephants trample man to death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
Wild elephants trampled a man to death in Banshkhalia upazila of Chittagong yesterday morning. The deceased was Nur Hossain, 58, of the upazila. Banshkhalia police said Hossain was returning home from a mosque when a herd of elephants trampled him. Three people were trampled to death by elephants in last four months as the animals entered locality due to lack of their food and habitat, said police.

Eid shoppers throng Ctg malls

ARUN BIKASH DEY and SHAHADAT HOSSAIN, Ctg
With Eid-ul-Fitr, one of the biggest religious festivals of the Muslim community, approaching, shopping malls in Chittagong city are bustling with shoppers of all ages as sales gain momentum. To buy their desired outfits and accessories, Eid shoppers have been crowding the city's malls including Biponi Bitan (popularly known as New Market), Mimi Super Market, Central Plaza, Sanmar Ocean City, Afmi Plaza, and Zahur Hawkers' Market. However, shoppers complained that this year, price of clothes is very high compared to last year. Nur Mohammad, a private service holder, who was shopping at Biponi Bitan with his wife and daughter, said, "A Panjabi that I liked at a shop is priced at Tk 7,000, but I bought a Panjabi of similar quality last year for Tk 3,000." Traders said the price of outfits is high this year due to soaring prices of cloths like cotton. "As our production cost is high, we have to fix the selling price accordingly," said Akther Hossain, proprietor of Euro Fashion, a shop at Central Plaza. Popular Indian fashion brands like Kashish, Mohini, Tajmahal, Sakhi and Rivaa have flooded the market with salwar kameez sets ranging from Tk 4,000 to Tk 9,000. Besides, local fashion names like Fashion Asia, Bastra Barnali and Style are drawing customers with their salwar kameez sets ranging between Tk 1,500 and Tk 3,000, Akhter said.

Four city corporation mayors sworn in

UNB, Dhaka
The newly elected mayors of Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal and Sylhet city corporations were sworn in yesterday at a ceremony at the Prime Minister's Office in the capital. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina administered oath to the mayors while LGRD Minister Syed Ashraf Islam administered oath to the councillors of the four city corporations. The city mayors are Ariful Haque Chowdhury of Sylhet City Corporation, M Mosaddek Hossain Bulbul of Rajshahi City Corporation, M Moniruzzaman Moni of Khulna City Corporation and M Ahsan Habib Kamal of Barisal City Corporation. Speaking briefly on the occasion, the prime minister said her government has proved that free, fair and neutral election is possible under a political government. "People irrespective of party affiliation have voted for you spontaneously and you should work for the welfare of the people as per your oath despite your loyalty to your party," she said. Hasina said the outgoing mayors have implemented massive development programmes in four city corporations in the last four years, which has never been done before. She requested the new mayors to continue with the current pace of development activities, saying, "This is what the public wants." Sheikh Hasina suggested the mayors that as elected representatives they should work for the welfare of the people rising above their political identity. "You should perform your respective duties democratically fulfilling the expectations of the people," she said. Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury and Industries Minister Dilip Barua, among others, were present. The opposition-backed mayoral candidates won the elections to the four city corporations held on June 15 defeating the ruling party-supported candidates with impressive margins. In the election to the Rajshahi City Corporation, Awami League favourite AHM Khairuzzaman Liton, who was elected mayor in 2008, lost to Bulbul by a margin of 47,332 votes. In Khulna, BNP favourite Moniruzzaman Moni beat AL-backed Talukder Abdul Khaleque by 60,671 votes. In both Barisal and Sylhet, BNP-backed mayoral candidates defeated their rivals by 17,010 and 35,157 votes respectively.

Hold dialogue or amend constitution for CG system

Reiterates Khaleda

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday again urged the government to either hold dialogues with the opposition or amend the constitution on its own initiative to reinstate the caretaker government system to hold the next general polls in a fair manner. "I want to warn you that there will be no election in the country without a non-party government," she told an iftar organised by BNP Dhaka city unit at the Parliament Members' Club. Khaleda reiterated that once BNP assumed office, it would bring changes in the nation. "We will establish good governance and rule of law and create jobs and a corruption free nation...The government has been detached from people. That is why they are afraid of holding the next general polls under a non-party administration," she said. Reaching the venue around 6:45pm, Khaleda exchanged greetings with her party colleagues while a good number of BNP leaders and activists attended the programme.

Andrew Tilke, chief executive officer of HSBC Bangladesh, addresses a press conference on "Junior Climate Champions", at The Daily Star Centre in the capital yesterday. On his right is Talukdar Noman Anwar, head of communications of HSBC, Bangladesh. The competition among high school students was jointly launched by HSBC and The Daily Star to raise awareness about climate change issues among the youth.



PHOTO: STAR

Miscreants snatch arrestee from police

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
Six police personnel, including a sub-inspector (SI) and assistant sub-inspector, were injured after some 40 unidentified miscreants attacked them and snatched an arrestee of an arms case in Chittagong's Hathazari upazila yesterday. The attackers blockaded Dhalai Kadirhat Road to prevent the six-member police team from leaving with Mahin Uddin, 35, arrested at his Muhuribari residence under Farhadabad union around 12:30am. SI Nazer Hossain of Hathazari Police Station said the attackers, comprising locals and some local Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and Jubo League activists, claimed that Mahin had been bailed. Afterwards back-up arrived and police arrested 15 BCL and Jubo League activists on raiding the locality. Some 10 machetes were seized from the residence of one arrestee, Ershad, a local BCL activist, he added. After the case was filed with the police station in 1998, Mahin had fled abroad. He returned to the country recently, said police. A case was filed with the police station in this connection.

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Seminar
Bangladesh Mahila Parishad will organise a seminar on role of the media in protecting women's rights; Venue: Cirdap Auditorium; Time: 11:00am.

Discussion
Nouka Samartha Goshthi will hold a discussion on speedy execution of convicted war criminals; Venue: Institute of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh; Time: 11:00am.

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