

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 Dhaka, Rajshahi and Rangpur divisions till 6:00pm today.

Moderately heavy to 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 35.6 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Comilla and Srimangal and lowest 24.0 degrees at Rangamati.
Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City	Temperature: in Celsius		Humidity in percentage		City	Temperature: in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening		Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	34.5	28.0	71	59	Khulna	32.7	27.8	92	82
Chittagong	33.0	27.4	71	84	Barisal	32.6	27.6	82	69
Rajshahi	35.0	27.0	86	72	Sylhet	35.5	25.2	74	74
Rangpur	34.0	27.7	73	61	Cox's Bazar	34.0	24.8	71	76

NEWS IN brief

2 Bangladeshis killed, 2 others injured in Malaysia road crash

UNB, Dhaka
Two Bangladeshis were killed and two other persons injured in a road accident near Tapah in Malaysia yesterday.
The dead are Delowar Hossain M Raju Miah, 31, and Sumam Hossain Kashem, 28. The injured Bangladeshi, Alif Hossain Bahar Ali, 25, is undergoing treatment at Teluk Intan Hospital.

The accident occurred when a lorry carrying the Bangladeshis crashed into a parked trailer and swerved off the road into another lane before crashing into another car, reports Bernama, the Malaysian official news agency, quoting another injured, S Lechumanan, the lorry driver.

3 get life term for murder in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
A Chittagong court yesterday gave life term imprisonment to three persons for killing a village doctor.
The court also fined Faridul Alam, Mujibur Rahman and Shakhawat-Tk 1,000 each, in default, to suffer one month more and acquitted eight others accused in the case.
According to the prosecution story, village doctor Abu Taher was shot dead in a clash between two groups of villagers over a cricket match at Ushakhain village in Anwara upazila of Chittagong on November 2, 1999.

Missing schoolboy found dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj
A schoolboy, who has been missing since Saturday, was found dead yesterday in a ditch on a dhaincha field at Shalmodi Nayapara in Arahazar upazila of Narayanganj.
Mahabul Hossain, son of Mostafa Hossain, a third-grader, went missing after he set off for Ramchandradi area to attend a religious gathering.
On information, police recovered the decomposed body. An unnatural death case was filed.

Presidency University celebrates 10th founding anniversary

CITY DESK
Presidency University celebrated its 10th founding anniversary on its Gulshan campus yesterday.
The university started its journey on this day in 2003, says a press release.
Prof Dr Muhammad Mahboob Ali, vice chancellor of the university, told the celebration programme that Presidency University has been working to develop skilled human resources through a low-cost standard education.



New pro-BNP mayors of Barisal, Sylhet, Rajshahi and Khulna city corporations, accompanied by senior BNP leaders, place wreaths at the grave of former president and BNP founder Ziaur Rahman in the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

Hand over charges to four new city mayors soon: Moudud

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
BNP standing committee member Moudud Ahmed yesterday asked the government to hand over the charges to the newly elected mayors and councillors of four city corporations immediately.
He made the comments as the government said the new mayors, who were sworn in at Prime Minister's Office Sunday, would take office after terms of their predecessors ended.
None of the previous four mayors' five-year tenure will end until at least one month later, said a new mayor.

Moudud yesterday paid homage to former president Ziaur Rahman at his grave in the capital with the four new mayors--Ariful Haque Chowdhury of Sylhet, M Moniruzzaman Moni of Khulna, Ahsan Habib Kamal of Barisal, Mosaddek Hossain Bulbul of Rajshahi. He, however, said, "The BNP is happy, as the prime minister administered the oath to the mayors."
Secretary to the Local Government Division Abu Alam Md Shaheed Khan said handing over charges to the new mayors before end of the previous mayors' tenures would be a violation of the City Corporation Act 2009.

Ticfa signing within few weeks: Dan Mozena

UNB, Dhaka
The much talked-about Trade and Investment Cooperation Framework Agreement (Ticfa), aimed at boosting bilateral trade and investment between Bangladesh and the USA, is likely to be signed within the next few weeks, US Ambassador in Dhaka Dan Mozena said yesterday.
He said this while talking to reporters after a meeting with Foreign Secretary M Shahidul Haque at the foreign ministry.
On June 17, the cabinet approved the draft of the Ticfa, a legally "nonbinding" agreement that emphasises prohibition of protectionist trade policy.
The US envoy also talked about issues relating to the Generalised System of Preference (GSP), connectivity, Rohingya and the foreign secretary's recent visit to Myanmar. Mozena said the US wanted good relations between Bangladesh and Myanmar.

Responding to a question on the Grameen Bank issue, he said there had been many successes that the bank carried and everybody would have to be careful about its future. The US expects that an acceptable managing director will be appointed for the Grameen Bank, he added.
Shahidul Haque said no date was fixed for signing the Ticfa.
The US envoy also met State Minister for Women and Children Affairs Meher Afroze Chumki at her office and discussed issues of the GSP, women's empowerment, child mortality and RMG sector.
At the meeting, Mozena said the US would work with Bangladesh to make its ready-made garment (RMG) No 1 brand in the world if Bangladesh could prevent accidents like Rana Plaza.
Meher Afroze said cancellation of the GSP facilities for Bangladesh would hamper women's empowerment in the country.

Reduce migration cost, ensure safety

Dipu Moni urges Baira
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The public sector must reduce migration costs and ensure safe work environments abroad for Bangladeshi workers, said Foreign Minister Dipu Moni yesterday.
"The government is always concerned to protect the rights of migrant workers. So, the private sector must be alert over any form of malpractice in sending workers abroad," she said.
The private sector must work with the government to bring discipline in the migration sector for it is vital to ensure accountability and transparency, Dipu Moni told an iftar party as chief guest.
Bangladesh Association of International Recruiting Agency (Baira) organised the iftar in a hotel in the capital.
Some major recruiting countries imposed restrictions over accepting Bangladeshi workers due to malpractice by some Baira members, said Dipu Moni.
In this regard, the government has taken a strong stance to streamline the migration sector, not to prevent the private sector from doing business, she added.



Small generators like these have been set up by traders of markets in the capital so that power supply is uninterrupted during the pre-Eid shopping period. The generators in the photo, taken yesterday, were set up by traders of different markets in Sadarghat area.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

DHAKA TODAY

Discussion
Deshpremi Jonogoner Mancha will organise a discussion on job quota. Time: 3:00pm. Venue: Sangskritik Bikash Kendra.

Henna Festival
Dhakabashi and Bishwa Kalakendra will hold a henna festival. Time: 12:00pm. Venue: TSC, Dhaka University.

Human Chain
Shankhari Bazar Bhumi Malik Shartharaksha Panchayet Committee will form a human chain to protest the bar on building renovation and reconstruction there. Time: 12:00pm. Venue: Shankhari Bazar.

Seminar
Bangladesh Institute of Social Research will hold a post-budget seminar. Time: 9:45am. Venue: Jatiya Press Club.

Human Chain
Doctors for Health and Environment will hold a human chain to protest the setting up of Rampal power plant near the Sundarbans. Time: 2:00pm. Venue: Jatiya Press Club.

Discussion
Bangabandhu o Jatiya Char Neta Parishad will hold a discussion on independence and achievements. Time: 3:30pm. Venue: Mukti Bhaban.

Body found in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Police yesterday recovered the decomposed body of a youth, who has been missing since Saturday, from a water body behind Rayerbazar Martyred Intellectuals' Memorial in the capital.
Shahidul Islam Bappy, 24, an employee of a hotel, went missing from Pulpar of Rayerbazar.
Victim's wife Shakila Begum said her husband left their house to visit his mother in Basila. He never made it to his mother's house.
Mahfuzar Rahman, sub-inspector of Mohammadpur Police Station, said the body bore no injury marks.
The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for an autopsy.
A murder case was filed in this connection.

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