

**CHANGE IN TEMPERATURE UNLIKELY**

**WEATHER TODAY**  
Linh, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over 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 6:45pm and rises tomorrow at 5:25am.**

Country's highest temperature 35.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rangamati and lowest 25.5 degrees at Rangamati.  
Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage		City	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening		Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	34.2	28.3	69	60	Khulna	33.0	26.2	84	97
Chittagong	32.2	26.7	73	79	Barisal	32.2	26.4	90	73
Rajshahi	33.6	27.3	87	89	Sylhet	34.8	25.9	72	75
Rangpur	32.4	27.1	88	80	Cox's Bazar	32.5	26.1	76	82

**NEWS IN brief**

**80kg cannabis seized in Old Dhaka**  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion seized 80kg of cannabis kept in 85 sacks from the ground floor of a five-storey building on Kazi Alauddin Road in the capital's Old Dhaka last night.  
Bashir Ahmed, assistant director of Rab-2, said on information they seized the cannabis from the floor and detained the house owner Mohammad Arif.  
Quoting Arif, he said, "Three months ago, a person rented the house but Arif failed to give details of the tenant."

**Muggers stab man in capital**  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Muggers yesterday stabbed a construction worker in the capital's West Rajabazar when he resisted them from snatching his belongings.  
Ruhul Amin, 38, with three stab injuries in the back and leg is undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital. He told reporters that three muggers stabbed him as he refused to give them his cellphone and money.  
Sher-e-Bangla Nagar police said they had no information about the incident.

**Fire breaks out at factory in Tongi**  
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

A fire broke out at a PVC pipe making factory of Hatim Group of Industries Ltd in Tongi of Gazipur yesterday morning.  
The fire originated from an electric short circuit at the factory in Markun area and destroyed acid and raw materials for pipe manufacturing, said officials of Tongi fire station.  
Fire fighters doused the blaze after an hour long effort.

**Boy dies as train runs him over**  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An unidentified boy, aged around 10, was killed as a train ran him over in the capital's Gandaria yesterday.  
The boy was travelling on a Narayanganj-bound train sitting on a connecting rod between two coaches. He died after he fell from there and the train ran him over, said Dhaka Railway police officials.  
The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College morgue for an autopsy.

**New Kaliganj mayor takes charge**  
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Newly elected Kaliganj municipality Mayor Md Lutfur Rahman yesterday took over the charge from municipality Administrator Md Kamrul Ahsan Talukder.  
The newly elected 12 councillors of the municipality and its Secretary Md Milon Mia were also present at the event held in its office.  
BNP-backed Lutfur won the first ever election to the municipality of Gazipur on June 20.

**CTO Forum, IUB sign MoU**  
CITY DESK

A memorandum of understanding (MoU) has been signed between CTO Forum Bangladesh and Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) to facilitate collaborative research and development programmes on information technology.  
Tapan Kanti Sarkar, president of the forum, and Prof M Omar Ejaz Rahman, vice-chancellor of IUB, signed the MoU on behalf of their organisations at CTO Forum Bangladesh Secretariat in the capital's Topkhana Road.

**DHAKA TODAY**

**Human chain**  
Garment Stramik Samannaya Parishad will form a human chain protesting the indecent remarks made by Hefajat chief Ahmed Shafi about women; Venue: In front of Jatiya Press Club; Time: 11:00am.

**Seminar**  
Working Children Programme of the Child Protection Sector will arrange a seminar on Rights of Working Children; Venue: Marble Room, Ruposhi Bangla Hotel; Time: 3:00pm.

**Discussion**  
National Awami Party (NAP) Bhasani will hold a discussion on its 46th founding anniversary; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 10:30am.

**Meeting**  
Samajik Protirodh Committee will organise a meeting protesting religious communalism; Venue: Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh; Time: 10:30am.

**Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina hands over a cheque to a family member of a Rana Plaza building collapse victim at Prime Minister's Office in the capital yesterday. Families of 123 garment workers, who died in the nine-storey building collapse on April 24, were given the financial aid yesterday. Over 1,130 people died in the incident.**



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**Officials to be punished if govt loses more land**  
*Land minister cautions DCs*  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will take necessary action against responsible officials if it loses any of its land properties by losing the ongoing cases in court due to their negligence or poor performance, Land Minister Rezaul Karim Hira said yesterday.  
The government will make its custodian concerned responsible if any government land, canal, river or wetland is found to be registered as private property, he said, while delivering his speech at the deputy commissioners' conference in the capital. "You are the owner of the government's land. If you cannot protect the land, how would you hold your post?" the minister asked the DCs.  
In recent years, the government had to hand over many of its valuable properties to grabbers in compliance with court's directions as the officials did not act properly to protect the lands, Hira said. "Being the land minister, it is not pleasing for me to see the government losing its land."  
The minister also said every day newspapers were publishing reports of corruptions and harassment of the people in land-related issues. "You have to think why you cannot curb those corruptions and provide better services to the people," he said, as all those officials involved in corruptions at district level or below worked under the DC.  
The minister said the DCs had multiple tasks to do, but the land related activities should get priority. "Otherwise, the law and order situation of the society will be deteriorated centering the land disputes."  
The DCs requested that his ministry take necessary steps regarding issues including lack of proper laws for the agricultural land protection and lack of fund related to vested property return act, among others.

**Convicted war criminals to lose voting rights**  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission has decided to exclude from the national voter list the names of convicts who were sentenced by the International Crimes Tribunals or found guilty under Bangladesh Collaborators Order, 1972.  
The commission has prepared a proposal to amend the Electoral Roll Act, 2009 in which the new provisions have been incorporated, Election Commissioner Shah Nawaz told reporters at the Election Commission (EC) Secretariat yesterday.  
"The name of a person will be excluded from the electoral roll or will not be included in the voter list if he or she is found guilty under the Bangladesh Collaborators Order, 1972 (now abolished) or convicted by any national or international tribunal or court under International Crimes (Tribunals) Act, 1973 for committing any war time offence," he said.  
The proposed Electoral Roll Act (amendment), 2013 will be sent to the law ministry, after which it will be passed in parliament, the commissioner said.  
After dropping the names of the war criminals and collaborators, the government would take decision whether their citizenship would stay or not, said the commissioner.  
Last month, the EC received a list of 47 collaborators of the invading Pakistani army in 1971 from the home ministry.

**Nahid laments inadequacy of university based research**  
DU CORRESPONDENT

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday said the country was lagging behind due to the inadequacy of university based research which was a pre-requisite for the country's advancement.  
Nahid assured that the government in assistance with the World Bank would allocate fund to 106 research projects at different universities to promote the quality of research.  
The government would frame a separate pay scale for the teachers of government and monthly pay order (MPO), enrolled in schools, to attract brilliant youths to come to teaching, he said.  
The minister was addressing a book publication ceremony at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury senate building of Dhaka University.  
The book titled "Research and Education Change in Bangladesh," was launched as a part of mutual exchange of education and research between Dhaka University and University of Canterbury, New Zealand.  
The book consists of 15 chapters documenting the present condition and challenges of implementation of government policies in promoting education from primary to higher levels in the country.  
The book was edited by Prof Janinka Greenwood, Prof Jhon Everatt, Assistant Prof Ariful Haq Kabir and Associate Prof Safayet Alam.

**Obituary**  
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Veteran freedom fighter Babor Ali died of a cardiac arrest in his residence at Kripal village in Shailakupa upazila of Jhenidah early yesterday. He was 65.  
He left behind his wife, three sons, a daughter, and a host of relatives and well-wisher to mourn his death.  
He was buried at his family graveyard in the village with state honour in the presence of UNO Mohammad Ali Prince.  
All have been requested to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

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