

RAIN LIKELY

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at most places over Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions and at many places over Dhaka, Rajshahi, Rangpur and Sylhet 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 fall slightly over the country.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:45pm and rises tomorrow at 5:26am.

Country's highest temperature 35.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sayedpur 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	33.5	27.8	69	76	Khulna	31.7	27.5	100	89
Chittagong	30.6	26.8	80	92	Barisal	31.6	27.4	85	83
Rajshahi	35.0	26.8	79	69	Sylhet	35.5	24.2	71	77
Rangpur	34.5	27.0	74	57	Cox's Bazar	32.0	24.0	97	92



Nazrul Islam, assistant sub-inspector of Boalia Police Station, suffered splinter injuries in the left hand in a sudden cocktail attack by Islami Chhatra Shibir activists while his team was patrolling Ranibazar area of Rajshahi city yesterday. He was treated in Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.

PHOTO: STAR

Shibir men attack Rajshahi cops

Hurt ASI, damage police vehicles

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

A policeman sustained injuries and two police vehicles were vandalised in an attack by Islami Chhatra Shibir activists that led to a clash with cops at Ranibazar in the city yesterday.

Ziaur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Boalia Police Station, said when two police vehicles reached the spot at 2:00pm, Shibir activists from a brisk procession hurled two cocktails at them, leaving Assistant Sub-inspector (ASI) Nazrul Islam of the police station injured. Shibir activists also vandalised the two vehicles as policemen left those during the attack.

Later, a clash ensued between police and Shibir men when the law enforcers fired rubber bullets and tear gas canisters to control the situation, said the OC.

Shibir activists threw brick chips at police and vandalised another vehicle of Power Development Board on the road during the clash, he said. ASI Nazrul was admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital with splinter injuries in his left hand.

MISOGYNIST SERMON

Filing case against Shafi demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Hefajat-e Islam's chief Shah Ahmed Shafi should be sued for his lewd comments against women, said speakers at a meeting yesterday.

They made the remarks against the backdrop of a video footage of Shafi's sermon, where he likened women to tamarind, which went viral recently.

It is surprising that no case has been filed against the Hefajat chief after the video footage came to the limelight, said Shaheen Anam, executive director of Manusher Jonno Foundation.

"Shafi came up with the hateful campaign against women at a time when they have been demonstrating on the streets demanding capital punishment for the war criminals," said Sultana Kamal, executive director of Ain o Salish Kendra, referring to Shafi's sermon where he said women should limit their world within four walls.

Social Resistance Committee organised the meeting in the capital's Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh to protest against fundamentalism, racism and patriarchy in society.

BISHWAJIT MURDER CASE 4th prosecution witness gives statement

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The fourth prosecution witness of the Bishwajit Das murder case yesterday said he had heard on December 9, 2012 around 10:00am that Bishwajit had been stabbed by some people from a procession and was taken to Mitford Hospital for treatment.

Sometime later, he found Bishwajit dead in the hospital, said Abdul Jabbar, employee of a tailoring shop Biswajit's elder brother owns, while giving his statement before Speedy Trial Tribunal-4.

Some Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists allegedly stabbed Biswajit, 24, proprietor of Amantron Tailors in the capital, to death during a road blockade programme of the BNP-led 18-party alliance that day.

Sub-inspector Md Jalal Uddin of Sutrapur Police Station, the case's complainant, and two others had given their statements before the court. Judge ABM Nizamul Haque fixed July 31 for the next hearing.

The court framed charges against 21 Jagannath University unit BCL activists on June 2.

Inspector Tajul Islam of Detective Branch of police, investigating the case, submitted the charge sheet before the Court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Dhaka on March 5.



GHULAM RAHMAN AS ACC CHIEF Holding office till June 23 was legal

Says High Court

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday ruled that it was not illegal for Ghulam Rahman to continue as the Anti-Corruption Commission chairman till June 23.

The decision came through HC's rejection of a writ petition that challenged the validity of Rahman's holding office after May 1.

In his petition filed on June 9, Supreme Court lawyer Mirza Al Mahmood said Ghulam was appointed ACC chairman for four years on May 2, 2009 and that it was illegal for him to continue holding the office after May 1 this year.

Rejecting his arguments, the HC said Rahman's tenure would be counted from the day of his joining office, which was June 24, 2009. And since he did not enjoy any financial benefits after May 1 this year, it was legal for him to continue as the ACC chief, said the HC bench of Justice Mirza Hussain Haider and Justice Muhammad Khurshid Alam Sarkar.

Ghulam voluntarily refrained from signing any file after May 1 though the HC did not prohibit him to do so, said ACC lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan.

Mahmood's lawyer Bodruddoza Badal said the petitioner would not challenge the ruling since Rahman retired on June 23.

FOOD SAFETY ACT Draft doesn't follow WHO, FAO standards

Discussion told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Some provisions in the draft of the Food Safety Act 2013 need to be amended as those are not up to the standard set by international organisations like WHO and FAO, said speakers at a discussion yesterday.

They said the draft does not articulate definitions of internationally recognised terms related to food safety such as risk analysis, risk management and food safety audit.

The discussion was organised by Campaign for Right to Food and Social Security in the capital's Jatiya Press Club.

The draft of the Food Safety Act 2013 was recently accepted by the cabinet. Once passed in parliament, the law will replace the age-old Pure Food Ordinance, 1959.

Speaking as chief guest, Law Commission member Prof M Shah Alam said further correction of the draft was possible at the moment.

As food safety act is related to public health, everyone should come forward and raise concerns regarding limitations of the law, said Zakir Hossain, executive director of Nagorik Uddyog.

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