

RAIN LIKELY

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at many places over Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Dhaka divisions and at a few places over Rangpur, Rajshahi 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 rise slightly over the country. **The sun sets in the capital today at 6:42pm and rises tomorrow at 5:28am.**

Country's highest temperature 35.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sylhet and lowest 24.0 degrees at Rangamati. 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 | 32.6 | 26.4 | 74 | 65 | Khulna | 32.2 | 26.0 | 84 | 94 |
| Chittagong | 32.1 | 26.4 | 80 | 77 | Barisal | 30.8 | 26.5 | 83 | 86 |
| Rajshahi | 33.8 | 25.7 | 76 | 72 | Sylhet | 35.2 | 27.1 | 73 | 69 |
| Rangpur | 34.2 | 27.5 | 77 | 70 | Cox's Bazar | 30.0 | 24.7 | 82 | 85 |

CHT PEACE ACCORD IMPLEMENTATION
Adivasis tired of govt's inaction

Says Santu Larma

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Adivasi leader Santu Larma yesterday said the indigenous people of Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) were aggrieved and tired as the government had been only repeating its assurances about implementing the 1997 peace accord for years without actually acting on it.

Jyotirindria Bodhipriya Larma alias Santu Larma, chairman of Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghaty Samity (PCJSS), made these remarks at a press conference in the capital's Sundarbans Hotel, organised ahead of "International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples".

With the theme, "Indigenous peoples building alliances: Honouring treaties, agreements and other constructive arrangements", the adivasi people are going to observe the day on August 9 amid grievance of deprivation.

Bangladesh Adivasi Parishad organised the press conference, which was moderated by Sanjeeb Drong, secretary general of the parishad.

The speakers demanded the constitutional recognition of all 54 indigenous communities and immediate implementation of the CHT peace accord and all other assurances the government has given to them.

IID executive director Numan Ahmed Khan, adivasi leaders Shaktipada Tripura, Rabindranath Soren, and Jagannath University teacher Rajib Mir attended the conference. Around 400 million indigenous people living in 90 countries have been observing the day every year since 1994.



Jyotirindria Bodhipriya Larma alias Santu Larma, chairman of Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghaty Samity (PCJSS), speaks at a press conference in the capital's Sundarbans Hotel yesterday, organised ahead of "International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples".

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ADVANCE TRAIN TICKET SALE
Kamalapur sees smaller crowd on last day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Kamalapur Railway Station witnessed smaller crowds yesterday, the last day of the advanced ticket sale as most tickets were sold out in the first three days.

The advanced sale began on Saturday.

Of the total number of tickets, 38 percent were reserved under quota for ministers, lawmakers, justices, army officers, government officials, political leaders, police and railway's serving and retired officials, while thousands fought for the rest 42 percent, with many leaving the station empty-handed after hours of wait for tickets.

Railway's Divisional Commercial Officer of Dhaka Mahbubur Rahman said the rail-

way had a capacity of carrying 47,000 passengers from Dhaka to different destinations daily. This is only 10 percent of the total passengers who travel homes ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr, he added.

Abu Taher, director general of the railway, said, "The situation will improve in the next two or three years as railway is bringing new engines and coaches to run dozens of new trains all over the country."

Our Chittagong office reported that hundreds had queued up at Chittagong Railway Station since morning for advanced tickets. All tickets of Suborna Express and Mohanagar Probhatee were sold out within 1:00pm, said Station Manager AA Shamsul Alam.

GOODS TRANSPORTATION POLICY
HC stays execution for six months

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The High Court on Monday stayed the implementation of the Transportation of Goods Policy 2013, formulated on July 8, for six months.

According to the policy, the importers despite having own lighter vessels will have to hire lighterage vessels from the third party listed with Water Transport Cell at a higher rate for carrying at least 50 percent of their imported raw materials, which is contrary to the Competition Act 2012, said Barrister Tanjib-ul Alam.

Following a writ petition moved by Seven Circle (Bangladesh) Limited, the HC division bench issued a rule upon eight respondents, including the shipping minister and the director general of the Department of Shipping, to explain why the Transportation of Goods Policy 2013 should not be declared to be without lawful authority and is of no legal effect, said the barrister.

DEMAND FOR DEMOLISHING ILLEGAL BGMEA BUILDING
SC urged to uphold HC verdict

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a rally yesterday urged the Supreme Court to uphold the High Court verdict to demolish BGMEA building, which was illegally constructed grabbing the land of Begunbari canal in the capital.

They termed the BGMEA building as "a symbol of corruption and offence" and alleged that the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) had ignored the law by grabbing government's land.

The rally was jointly staged by Citizens Rights Movement, Initiative for Peace, and Combined Movement for Wetland Protection in front of BGMEA building.

Columnist Syed Abul Moksud hoped

that the SC would set an example by upholding the HC's verdict on BGMEA.

Ruhin Hossain Prince, a central committee member of the Communist Party of Bangladesh, said due to the BGMEA building, the water of Begunbari canal was being contaminated and the environment polluted.

It was essential to relocate the building, he added.

Declaring the BGMEA building set up in the capital's Hatirjheel project illegal, the HC in its verdict in March ordered the government to demolish the structure within 90 days and use the land in the public interest.

In May, BGMEA, however, filed a petition with the SC seeking its permission for moving an appeal before it against the HC verdict.

Intellectuals worked for Pakistan till Dec 13-14

Says Kader Siddiqui

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The intellectuals who stayed in Dhaka till December 13-14 in 1971 had worked for the Pakistani government and for protecting the Pakistani state, President of Krishak Samik Janata League Kader Siddiqui said yesterday.

"Any trial for murdering them [the intellectuals] should be conducted in the ordinary courts instead of the international crimes tribunal," he said, referring to a recent verdict of a war criminal without mentioning the name.

His remarks came at a roundtable, "Country's existing political crisis and ways out", organised by Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) at the capital's Jatiya Press Club.

In an immediate reaction, Projonmo '71, a platform of the children of the Liberation War martyrs, strongly condemned the remarks as "synonymous with extreme defamation". In a statement, it demanded immediate withdrawal of the "audacious" remarks.

The speakers at the roundtable said the country people wanted a third political force which would be a better alternative to either the Awami League or the BNP.

The people are turning away from the AL but are not going for the BNP because they want political programmes that will bring the nation out of the ongoing crisis, they said.

The people neither want to see the army nor the elite civil society as the third force, said Gonoshasthya Kendra Executive Director Dr Zafullah Chowdhury.

JSD leader ASM Abdur Rab moderated the roundtable, while Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh (BDB) President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury also spoke on the occasion.

Freedom fighter Belal Mohammad passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Belal Mohammad, a freedom fighter and one of the pioneers of Biplobi Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra during the Liberation War, died at Apollo Hospital in the capital early hours yesterday. He was 77.

Belal, who had been suffering from old age complications, breathed his last around 5:00am, said an official at the hospital. He was admitted to the hospital on Monday, he told The Daily Star.

Belal earlier lost his wife and only son. He received Swadhinata Padak 2010 for his outstanding contribution to the 1971 war.

His body was taken to his Uttara residence in the morning and his first namaz-e-janaza was held there. The body was kept at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU).

Around 11:00am today, his coffin will be taken to Central Shaheed Minar for his well-wishers and people from all walks of life to pay their last respects. Before that, it will be taken to Bangladesh Betar Kendra at Shahbagh, said Hasan Arif of Sammito Sangskritik Jote.

His second namaz-e-janaza will be held at the Dhaka University central mosque after Zohr prayers.

In accordance with his last wish, his body will be donated to BSMMU, said Arif.

Born on February 20, 1936 in Musapur village at Chittagong's Sandwip upazila, Belal entered politics as a student. He joined the daily Azadi as a deputy editor in 1964 before starting off as a scriptwriter and artiste for Radio Pakistan's Chittagong office.

During the war, he was employed at Chittagong radio station at Kalurghat. On March 26, 1971, Belal and his associates turned the station to Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra, from where the independence of Bangladesh was declared.

President Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina expressed deep shock at his death.

In a message, the president said, "Through his death, the country lost a great freedom fighter." The country lost a true patriot and a person who always loved democracy, said the premier.

Different socio-cultural organisations also condoled his death.

DU ousts 100 outsiders from Jagannath Hall

DU CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaka University authorities drove out around 100 outsiders from the Govinda Chandra Dev building of Jagannath Hall in a three-hour raid beginning Monday night.

A total of 13 rooms in the building, which housed only outsiders, were sealed during the raid conducted by the hall provost and 10 house tutors with assistance from the proctorial team.

Jagannath Hall provost Prof Ashim Sarker said the outsiders included former students, businessmen, job holders and students of other dormitories.

Notices were sent to each of the rooms before the raid, which was carried out on information that the outsiders had been living there for a long time, he added.

If any outsider is found in the hall again, he will be handed over to police, he said.

Campus sources said the outsiders had been staying in the university dormitories for years due to the authorities' indifference to take regular steps to drive them out.

A resident student said the outsiders could stay because of their political affiliations and muscle power.

Admitting that the previous authorities did not take proper steps, DU acting proctor Amzad Ali said, "We have discussed the issue in a recent meeting of the provost standing committee and decided to carry out drives in other dormitories in phases to make those free from outsiders."

Milk Vita suspends deputy manager for graft

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The authorities of state-run dairy firm, Milk Vita, yesterday suspended a deputy manager of its Khulna plant on charge of misappropriation of Tk17 lakh.

A special audit shows that the deputy manager, Hamidul Islam, has transferred the company's fund to his own account with anomalous bank cheques, said a press release.

The authorities also fined Dr Md Ashrafuzzaman, officer-in-charge of Milk Vita's Ramganj plant in Laxmipur and its laboratory superintendent Tk 66,000 on charge of irregularities in milk procurement.

Mohammad Munir Chowdhury, managing director of Milk Vita, said the efforts must go on to bring back financial and administrative disciplines in the firm.

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