

CHANGE IN TEMPERATURE UNLIKELY

WEATHER TODAY

Unib, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at a few places over Rangpur, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions till 6:00pm today.

Moderately heavy rainfalls are also likely at

places, Met Office said.

Day and night temperatures may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:39pm and rises tomorrow at 5:30am.

Country's highest temperature 36.6 degree

Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rajshahi and Sayedpur and lowest 25.5 degree Celsius at Comilla.

The highest and lowest temperatures 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	33.0	27.0	82	73	Khulna	33.6	27.5	88	92
Chittagong	31.4	26.0	80	80	Barisal	32.9	27.5	84	80
Rajshahi	36.6	27.5	76	74	Sylhet	33.6	27.4	84	80
Rangpur	36.0	27.4	74	64	Cox's Bazar	32.0	26.0	74	76



A motorcade of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina passes through Kuril Flyover in the capital after she opened it to the public for the first time yesterday.

Inset, the prime minister waves to the waiting crowd below the flyover during the inauguration.

PHOTO: STAR, BSS



Kuril Flyover brings relief to commuters

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Commuters of the capital's Airport Road and Kuril intersection breathed a sigh of relief yesterday with the opening of the 3.1 kilometre Kuril Flyover, stating that traffic congestion there has become nearly non-existent, helping save time and fuel.

The 8.9 metre wide and 14.6 metre high flyover comprises four sections providing uninterrupted connection among Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Nikunja, Banani, Rampura and Purbachal areas.

Rampura and Purbachal areas can now be directly accessed by vehicles coming from the direction of the airport and Banani and vice versa. The flyover also provides direct connection to vehicles moving between Rampura and Purbachal areas.

According to a Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha (Rajuk) estimate of 2007, around 1,57,000 vehicles coming from the five aforementioned areas crosses the Kuril intersection every day.

A level crossing at the intersection closes 98 times every day. This used to halt traffic for a total of around eight hours and create around one-kilometre long tailbacks in the five directions, said a Rajuk official.

The flyover is helping in the uninterrupted movement of vehicles, saving valuable time and fuel of commuters, he said. By

2015, around 3,59,520 vehicles would be using the flyover every day, said the official, requesting anonymity.

One Mokhlesur Rahman, who has his office in Bashundhara Residential Area, said before opening of the flyover it took him at least 30 minutes to reach the residential area's main entrance from the intersection on a vehicle.

"Today it took only 10 minutes," he said. Delowar Hossain, driver of a CNG-run auto-rickshaw, said sometimes it took nearly one hour to cross the intersection to reach Airport Road from Pragati Sarani.

But now it was taking only around 10 minutes as vehicles were moving uninterrupted, even when a train was passing through the intersection, he said.

However, some commuters expressed dissatisfaction at the lack of road signs and markers, leaving them in a quagmire once they entered the wrong direction.

This correspondent even found a traffic policeman directing traffic towards the wrong ways. Requesting anonymity, he said he did not know the proper directions and it would take time for him to get an idea of the directions.

Rajuk Chairman Md Nurul Huda said they failed to put up all the signs and markers due to a shortage of time. "We hope to put up the signs and markers within the next few days," he said.

AMENDMENT TO ELECTORAL LAWS EC moves for level playing field

Claims Election Commissioner Shah Nawaz

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Against the backdrop of outpouring criticism over the Election Commission's (EC) recent move to amend the electoral laws, Election Commissioner Shah Nawaz yesterday said they were doing everything to create a level playing field in the national election.

"Considering the overall situation, we are doing everything in the interest of all political parties that will contest the polls. We do not have any lacking in maintaining neutrality," he told journalists at the EC Secretariat.

The EC on July 25 sent proposals to the law ministry to bring changes in the Representation of the People Order. After two days, the EC decided to scrap its authority to cancel one's candidature in parlia-

mentary polls for violation of electoral laws. Shah Nawaz defended the EC move saying, "The provision is contradictory because an innocent candidate may become victim of injustice due to offences of other candidates. The section is not very much important."

As per existing provision, fresh election will be held if only one candidate remains in the electoral race in a constituency after cancellation of a candidature or candidatures for gross violation of electoral laws.

On EC losing the opposition's trust, he said, "This is their (opposition) matter. If they wish, they can talk to us."

Shah Nawaz also avoided a question on why the EC did not hold any dialogue with political parties before proposing the amendments.

88 air-conditioned buses launched ahead of Eid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Ministry of Communication last night launched 88 new air-conditioned buses on different routes to facilitate movement of homebound passengers ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr.

The 40 seater buses, imported from India under the Indian line of credit, started playing the routes between Dhaka and Rajshahi, Barisal, Gopalganj, Kishoreganj and Noakhali.

Communications Minister Obaidul Quader, while talking to reporters at Gabtali bus terminal in the capital yesterday, said some of the buses would also operate in different districts of Dhaka, Rajshahi, Khulna and Barisal divisions.

Quader visited the bus terminal and Gabtali-Savar road to see the traffic situation ahead of the Eid.

He also visited different ticket counters and asked passengers to inform to the police control room at the terminal, if anyone asked for extra fare.

The ministry has set up police control rooms at different bus terminals to check realising extra fare and maintain discipline.

In addition, Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC) will introduce about 100 buses tomorrow.

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