

RAIN LIKELY

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at most places over Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal Rajshahi, Rangpur, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions till 6:00pm today. Moderately heavy to very 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 6:37pm and rises tomorrow at 5:31am.**

Country's highest temperature 33.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Cox's Bazar and lowest 24.1 degrees at Srimangal. 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	30.6	24.5	83	95	Khulna	31.0	25.8	90	92
Chittagong	31.2	25.8	84	79	Barisal	32.5	25.5	80	76
Rajshahi	30.0	26.9	90	98	Sylhet	30.8	24.7	94	95
Rangpur	27.3	25.2	97	97	Cox's Bazar	33.5	26.3	79	81

NEWS IN brief

Two 'criminals' arrested in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Police arrested an alleged criminal and his cohort with illegal arms at Taltola in the capital's Agargaon yesterday. Abu Sayeed, 32, an accused in a drug case, was arrested with a pistol, a machete, five cell phone sets and a motorcycle without registration number, said Sher-e-Bangla Nagar police. His cohort is Nuru Mia. Locals complained that Sayeed had picked up four people from the area yesterday and tortured them for extorting money, police added.

Draft education act on internet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The education ministry yesterday put the draft of the first ever Education Act-2013 on its website to receive public opinions on it. The act was drafted to implement the guidelines of the National Education Policy-2010, says a handout. It is now available on www.moedu.gov.bd. The ministry asked civil society members, politicians, public representatives, educationists, teachers, officials and people of all walks of life to send recommendations to info@moedu.gov.bd, rafiq021259@yahoo.com, and law_officer@moedu.gov.bd by August 25.

Body found in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The body of a man, aged around 35, was found inside a sack in the capital's Khilgaon yesterday. The sack was lying by the road in Shekeraja in Khilgaon police recovered it around 1:00pm. His mouth was taped with duct-tape, said police. The body clad in a white checked lungi and a white half-sleeved shirt was sent to the Dhaka Medical College morgue for an autopsy.

British High Commission closed from today to Aug 11

CITY DESK
The British High Commission in Dhaka, its office in Sylhet, and DFID Bangladesh will remain closed to the public from today till Sunday [August 11] for Eid-ul-Fitr.



Dr Salehuddin Ahmed, managing editor of The Daily Star, handing over Tk 15,000 to each of 12 Rana Plaza collapse victims in Savar yesterday. Two of the recipients are new mothers while the others are expecting. These courageous women were working in Rana Plaza when the building collapsed on April 24 and were trapped under the rubble for several days. After going through a gruesome ordeal, they were miraculously rescued. The employees of The Daily Star donated one day's basic salary for the fund.

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Power failure multiplies Ctg city's water crisis

UDAY SANKAR DAS, Ctg
The perennial water crisis in the port city of Chittagong shows no sign of abatement with frequent power failures and falling underground water level affecting both production and supply when the demand is very high in the month of Ramadan. The Water and Sewerage Authority (Wasa) has the capacity to produce 200 million litres of water every day, but due to power outage, the production has declined as much as 10 percent on some days adding to the miseries of the city dwellers. The water produced by Wasa comes from over 90 deep tube wells and from the Mohora and Kalurghat water treatment plants, and this output can only meet 40 percent of the demand of the city, which is around 500 million litres a day. Chief engineer of Wasa, Chittagong Md Abdul Karim Chowdhury told The

Daily Star that although the demand had been increasing over the past five years, Wasa was boring new tube wells had increased production and maintain the 40 percent level during this period. "Another problem we are facing is that the underground water table is continuously sinking, making extraction more time-consuming and expensive." Five years ago, he said, the water levels at Kalurghat and Halishahar were 70 and 150 feet, which had now gone down to 150 and 350 feet respectively. Coupled with this, power outage has made the problem worse yet, and aggrieved consumers sometimes staged demonstrations in front of the Wasa office demanding regular supply of water. Chowdhury said he personally met the chief engineer of the Power Development Board and requested him to ensure power supply in the daytime so that water extraction is not hindered.

A local official of Wasa at Agrabad said that because of power failure, production of water from deep tube wells had dwindled, and due to low pressure of water, it was becoming difficult to carry water from the treatment plants to various parts of the city. The Wasa chief engineer also admitted that in some areas, where water is supplied on specific days of the week, they were unable to maintain the schedule, adding to the anguish and exasperation of the consumers. Moreover, the multi-storied apartment buildings have their own deep tube wells, and at this time of the year, especially with the rainfall this monsoon being less than normal, the water level goes further down and the ordinary people have to suffer immensely. Chowdhury said, "With our limited capacity, we are trying our best to ensure that all the consumers get at least some water every day."

DOUBLE MURDER IN SYLHET Leaders of AL, BNP for arrest of other culprits

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet
Leaders of both the Fenchuganj upazila units of Awami League and BNP at a rally yesterday demanded immediate arrest of the killers of two brothers in the upazila in Sylhet on Saturday. Md Shaokat Ali, upazila AL president, Abdul Basit Tutul, upazila AL general secretary, and Toslim Ahmed Nihar, upazila BNP general secretary, among others, addressed the rally. A Sylhet court on Monday sent an AL leader and two others to jail in a case filed in this connection. They are Abdur Rouf, joint secretary of Fenchuganj upazila AL unit; Mahbubur Rahman Fuad, Rouf's son; and Shakil Ahmed, Rouf's nephew. Brothers Shahin and Shamim were hacked to death on Saturday night. Their elder brother Shakil Khan filed the case on Sunday night, accusing 13 people including the three. Shakil alleged that Rouf's son and others had killed his brothers over previous enmity. On Saturday night, Shahin had an altercation with a friend of Sohag, another son of Rouf, as the friend drove his motorbike recklessly and hit a pedestrian in the upazila, said police. Following this, Sohag along with other youths rushed to the spot and hacked Shahin and later Shamim, as he tried to save his brother, with sharp weapons. The siblings were declared dead at the upazila health complex the same night.

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