

## RAIN LIKELY



Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over Rajshahi, Rangpur, Dhaka, Sylhet, Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions in 24 hours till 6:00pm today. Moderately heavy falls are also likely at places

over northern part of the country, Met Office said. Day and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country. **The sun sets in the capital today at 6:31pm and rises tomorrow at 5:35am.** Country's highest temperature 34.0 degree

Celsius was recorded yesterday at Dinajpur and Mongla 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	29.6	26.0	87	83	Khulna	32.6	26.4	84	97
Chittagong	31.2	25.2	95	79	Barisal	31.5	27.2	80	91
Rajshahi	30.4	26.8	77	90	Sylhet	32.8	24.5	83	76
Rangpur	30.6	26.6	81	90	Cox's Bazar	32.8	26.0	69	79

## Jamaat leader hurt in clash with cops dies

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A Jamaat leader, who sustained injuries in a clash with police on Tuesday, succumbed to his injuries at a Rajshahi hospital yesterday. The deceased Solaiman Hossain, 29, hailed from Roghunathpur village under Mujibnagar upazila in Meherpur. He was a Jamaat-e-Islami leader of Amjhupi union in the upazila. Abdul Jabbar, general secretary of Jamaat's Amjhupi union, said Solaiman joined Tuesday's hartal procession, the second day of the 48-hour hartal enforced by the party. He sustained bullet injuries to the head and chest as police opened fire on the procession, Jabbar said, adding that Solaiman was rushed to Meherpur General Hospital first. He was later shifted to the Rajshahi Islami Bank Medical College Hospital (RIBMCH) to avoid arrest, where he died around 3:30pm, Jabbar added. Abul Hossain, the cousin of the deceased, also confirmed Solaiman's death. Reazul Islam, officer-in-charge of Meherpur Sadar Police Station, told The Daily Star that he was not aware of the death of Jamaat leader. Police will look into the matter, he added.



A group of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal men set fire to the SUV of Chittagong city BNP leader Dr Shahadat Hossain as they clash with the rival faction in front of BNP's office at Nasiman Bhaban in the port city. The activists of the pro-BNP student body clashed over cutting of a cake to observe the birthday of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

## BSF men to learn Bangla

UNB, Dhaka

All ranks of the Border Security Force (BSF) deployed in India's eastern frontier were scheduled to carry a special task from Independence Day--to learn Bangla in its spoken and written forms. The (Indian) Union Home Ministry has launched the programme in the wake of a spate of complaints over human rights abuses and detention of innocent residents by BSF along the border with Bangladesh, reports the Hindu. India shares a 4,000-km boundary with Bangladesh, including 856 km in Tripura, and people living on both sides of the border are largely Bangla-speaking. "The learning programme would officially get underway on Independence Day (August 15) and it would take 90 days to complete," a BSF official told the Indian daily on condition of anonymity. BSF has 1,125 border outposts (BOPs) along the border with Bangladesh and 245 of them are located in Tripura. Misunderstandings between villagers and BSF personnel often result in tension in the villages close to the border.

## POLL-TIME GOVT Ashraf urges BNP to place proposal in JS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Saying the opposition's ongoing movement would not yield any solution for the present political crisis, Awami League General Secretary Syed Ashrafur Islam yesterday urged the BNP to place a proposal over the election-time government in the next session of parliament. "There is no use of protesting. No solution will come from it. If you [BNP] have any constructive proposal, come to parliament and table it. Parliament is the place for discussion," he said, after paying rich tributes to the August 15 martyrs at the capital's Banani graveyard. His comment came against the backdrop of the opposition parties' threat to strengthen their anti-government movement for restoration of a non-party caretaker government system. Ashraf, also the LGRD and coop-

eratives minister, said the fugitive killers of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman would be brought back to the country through legal procedures wherever they were found. Subsequently, the verdict against them will be executed, he said. Ashraf said the judgement was only executed partially, many years after Bangabandhu was assassinated with almost his entire family. Prime Minister and AL President Sheikh Hasina, party stalwarts Amir Hossain Amu, Tofail Ahmed, Suranjit Sengupta, AFM Bahauddin Nasim, and Mrinal Kanti Das, among others, paid their homage to the victims at the graveyard. Later, an AL delegation led by Hasina, eldest daughter of Bangabandhu, paid tributes to the father of the nation at his grave in Tungipara, Goplaganj.

## BCL leader beats up physically challenged man

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

A physically challenged man was beaten up over a trifling matter yesterday allegedly by a leader of Savar unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League. The victim, Shamim, a resident of Sabujbag area, has been admitted to Enam Medical College Hospital in Savar in a critical condition. The victim's father, Jahangir Alom, filed a case with Savar Police Station accusing Jahidul Islam Faysal, convener of BCL, Savar unit of attempting to murder his son, said Aminur Rahman, inspector of the police station. According to the case statement, Faysal and Shamim had argued over recharging their mobile phones at a shop at Savar Bazar bus stand. Faysal had recharged his mobile phone breaking the serial. When Shamim protested, Faysal beat him up with iron rods and sticks leaving Shamim seriously injured.

## Woman dies from acid attack

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A 28-year-old housewife succumbed to her injuries at Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday after struggling with acid burns for 10 days. The victim, Suraiya Begum, hailing from Narsinghi, was attacked allegedly by her husband Ramiz Uddin on early August 5. Suraiya returned from Dubai eight months back and was to go back there after Eid-ul-Fitr, said Nur Islam, the victim's brother. She was living with her husband in Raipura of Narsingdi, he added. On August 5, just before sehri time, Ramiz poured acid on Suraiya's face while she was sleeping and fled the scene. Hearing her screams, neighbours rushed to the spot and took her to DMCH, Nur said.

Talking to The Daily Star, Nur Islam said during her treatment, Suraiya told him that on that day she woke up due to severe pain and saw her husband fleeing the room. Suraiya and Ramiz married in 2001, said Nur. "Their relationship turned sour over the last two months. Ramiz barely stayed at home and sometimes he would spend days outside home. The two argued over it the day before the incident," he added. Victim's mother had filed a case against Ramiz with Raipura Police Station on August 6. Mominal Islam, officer-in-charge of Raipura Police Station, said acid was available at their residence as Ramiz is a gold bar trader. "We are trying to arrest Ramiz who is on the run," he added.

## Armed gang loots Ashulia RMG factory

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

A gang of armed robbers looted a huge quantity of fabrics from a readymade garment factory in Ashulia outside the capital early yesterday. They broke into East West Suiting Ltd in Beltala area around 2:00am, taking the 10 security guards "hostage" at gunpoint and leaving three of them injured. The factory's director Awlad Hossain Khan said the gang of at least 35 robbers looted 30,000 to 35,000 yards of fabrics and some readymade garments worth about Tk 1 crore. They fled with the loots in two pick-up vans, he told The Daily Star. Police suspected that the watchmen had a role in the robbery. Sheikh Shahinur Rahman, officer-in-charge (investigation) of Ashulia Police Station, said they took two guards of the factory into custody for questioning. Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) of Ashulia circle Raseel Sheikh said police arrived at the scene in the morning. "We suspect that the factory's staff were involved in this robbery. We are grilling the guards."

## Boy drowns in canal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A boy drowned in a canal of the capital's Jatrabari yesterday afternoon. The deceased was Hafizur Momin, 4, son of rickshaw puller Abdul Momin. Witnesses told The Daily Star that Momin had fallen into the canal while he was playing with four other boys beside the water body. On information, the victim's mother rescued him and rushed him to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where the on duty doctor declared him dead.

## Death anniversary

CITY DESK



Today is the 10th death anniversary of Amina Mashur Rahman, a social worker and wife of late politician Mashur Rahman. On the occasion, a milad mahfil and a food distribution programme among the destitute will be held in Dhaka, says a press release.

Qurankhwani and a milad mahfil will also be held at her Sundorkhata village residence in Nilphamari.



Pedestrians and vehicles have to use a narrow portion of the Demra road under Sayedabad flyover in the capital, as most of it has turned unusable due to expanding craters and eroded surface. The photo was taken at Karatitola yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

## Canada urges Bangladesh to free Odhikar secy

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Expressing concern over the arrest of Adilur Rahman Khan, secretary of rights body Odhikar, the Canadian government yesterday urged Bangladesh to release him. "Government actions such as this arrest can have a chilling effect on the rights of all civil society organisations operating freely in the country. This is particularly significant in the lead-up to the country's next general election," said Heather Cruden, Canadian high commissioner in Bangladesh, in a press statement. Adilur was arrested on August 10 on charges of tarnishing the image of the government, the state and law enforcers by publishing a "false report" online about the crackdown on Hefajat-e-Islam at Motijheel Shapla Chattrar in May.

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