

RAIN LIKELY

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

also likely at places over Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions, Met Office said. Day and night temperatures may remain nearly unchanged over the country. **The sun sets in the capital today at 6:29pm and rises tomorrow at 5:36am.**

Country's highest temperature 34.8 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Chuadanga and lowest 24.0 degree Celsius at Kutubdia. 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	31.3	25.5	83	73	Khulna	33.2	26.5	90	86
Chittagong	26.7	25.0	92	92	Barisal	30.8	26.0	91	83
Rajshahi	33.0	25.8	84	80	Sylhet	34.0	25.4	83	64
Rangpur	33.2	26.0	82	69	Cox's Bazar	26.5	24.8	99	100



Left, a police tow-truck pulls away a truck which broke down on Dhaka-Tangail highway in Tangail sadar's Shibpur area yesterday. Such incidents and the rush of holidaymakers returning to Dhaka after the Eid-ul-Fitr holidays caused a 70 kilometre tailback on the highway from Friday night till noon yesterday, resulting in the sufferings of passengers onboard vehicles.



Right, holidaymakers take up every available space on a train to return to the capital. The photo was taken at Tongi Junction Railway Station yesterday.

Mozena attends IUB cultural programme

CITY DESK
US Ambassador Dan W Mozena yesterday attended a cultural programme participated by American students at Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) in the capital. The talent show, reflecting different forms of Bangladeshi culture, was organised by the Bangla Language Institute (BLI) of the university and performed by the students supported by American Critical Language Scholarship (CLS). The BLI has been organising nine-week-long Bangla language programmes for the American students for nine years. Through the event, the foreign students exhibited their overall experience in Bangladesh. Mr Rashed Chowdhury, chairman of Board of Trustees of IUB; Mr Saifur Rahman, chairman of the founding trust of IUB, ESTCDT; and Prof M Omar Rahman, the vice-chancellor, also spoke at the event.

Age of darkness to return if BNP gets power: Matia

UNB, Dhaka
Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury yesterday said the age of darkness would return to the country if BNP came to power again. "It's possible for Khaleda Zia and her government only to bring about August 17-like serial blast. If BNP comes to power again, the age of Aiame Jaheliat (darkness) will come back," she said. Matia, also presidium member of the ruling Awami League, was addressing a discussion organised by Awami Jubo League at its Bangabandhu Avenue office in the capital marking the serial bomb blasts in 63 districts on August 17, 2005. Matia was also critical of Hefajat-e Islam as it had carried out mayhem at Shapla Chattar in the capital on May 5. She said Hefajat also gave a wrong impression to people through a smear campaign saying that the government had killed many Hefajat men during its programme. Matia called upon the Jubo League leaders and activists to remain vigilant across the country against the false propaganda by Hefajat against the government. The AL leader also criticised foreign diplomats for their reactions to the arrest of Odhikar Secretary Adilur Rahman Khan. "A group of people took to the streets for the rights of telling lies. Another group took to the streets in the name of establishing human rights crying for the release of the Odhikar secretary. Their behaviour amounts to devoid of norms and etiquette," she said. Jubo League Chairman Omar Faruque Chowdhury chaired the function.

Awareness on misuse of ICT may prevent harassment of women

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With advancements in and increasing use of information and communication technology, women are empowering themselves, communicating with their families abroad and receiving foreign remittance from them while those in the garment sector are sending income to their families. Meanwhile, due to abuse of such information and communication technology, women are also becoming victims of harassment. Against such a backdrop, speakers at a roundtable yesterday said a collective effort must be taken to stop such violence against women. Bangla daily Prothom Alo and Bangladesh Federation of Women Entrepreneurs (BFWE) jointly organised the roundtable, "Information and Communication Technology (ICT) to Stop Violence Against Women", at the daily in the capital. During a multimedia presentation, ICT expert Munir Hasan informed of a recent survey which found that around 2.5 crore of 10 crore cellphones functioning in the country had cameras while 1.2 million of around 5.4 million Bangladeshi Facebook users, until August 14, were females. As the use of camera-enabled cellphones and Facebook rises, people must become more aware on preventing their misuse, he added. Former adviser to a caretaker government and BFWE President Rokia Afzal Rahman said by empowering themselves, women were helping their families. When success comes, it brings money, cellphones and so on but women have to be careful about misuse of their cellphones, she said. Another former adviser to a caretaker government Rasheda K Chowdhury said technology was like a sharp knife. A criminal would use it to kill someone, while a surgeon would use it to save lives, she said. Shaheen Anam, executive director of Manusher Jonno Foundation, said technology has been recognised as a tool for women empowerment. Women need support from all, including their families, to prevent violence against them, she said. Abul Hossain, project director of Multi-Sectoral Programme on Violence Against Women under the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, informed that a helpline -- 10921 -- was present to provide immediate support to victims and their families. Prothom Alo Editor Matiuur Rahman assured to organise more discussions and roundtables featuring representatives from different sectors to strengthen social awareness to stop violence against women. Javed Morshed, a cyber crime expert, and Shamima Parveen, senior programme officer, UNFPA, spoke at the programme.

Rearing autistic children a feat of courage

Programme of Parents Forum for Differently Able told
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Parents of autistic children should be proud of themselves because they show a feat of courage and dedication by raising their children, said speakers at an "Eid Reunion" programme yesterday. In a society where there is a stigma attached to autistic children, the parents have to fight a war to rear them, they added. Hundreds of autistic children along with their parents gathered at the programme organised by Parents Forum for Differently Able at the auditorium of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU). "It is regrettable that autistic children become known in society for their disability. Autism becomes their identity," said Saima Wazed Putul, chairperson of Bangladesh National Advisory Committee on Autism. "We must understand first that these children should be recognised as human beings, not as a burden," she added. Announcing that the parents gathered at the programme are a source of inspiration for her, she congratulated them for trying to open opportunities of a normal life to the autistic children. The organisers informed that the parents can consult specialist doctors by posting their questions on the organisation's website: www.parents-forum.org. Prof Pran Gopal Datta, vice chancellor of BSMMU, said autistic children could always see doctors at his hospital without having to wait in queues.

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Rescued from a canal in Chittagong city's Halishahar area, this endangered Olive Ridley sea turtle succumbed to its injuries within an hour of being brought to Chittagong Zoo on Friday night. A Chittagong city resident discovered and brought the turtle to the zoo.

Endangered sea turtle cruelly killed in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
An endangered sea turtle, weighing about 20kg, succumbed to its injuries at Chittagong Zoo on Friday night, an hour after it was found with severe wounds and two of its flippers cut off. Md Shahadat Hossain, a resident of the port city's Halishahar area, rescued the turtle from a local canal and sent it to the zoo around 9:00pm on Friday. Shahadat said the turtle was unable to move as two of its flippers were missing. Monjur Morshed Chowdhury, curator of Chittagong Zoo, said the turtle was brutally beaten and sustained severe injuries to its back, neck and flippers while two of its flippers were cut off. The turtle was severely bleeding when brought to the zoo. The turtle died due to excessive bleeding at 10:00pm, despite several efforts to save it, he added. Monjur said the reptile belonged to the species of Olive Ridley Turtle, which is an endangered species of sea turtles. According to Bangladesh Wildlife (Preservation and Safety) Act of 2012, killing of any endangered wild animal, including sea turtles, is illegal, Monjur added. M Zahirul Islam, member of Marinelife Alliance, an organisation that monitors nesting of tortoises in the coastal areas of Cox's Bazar and Saint Martin, said this species is found in Cox's Bazar, Sonadia Island, Shah Porir Dwip, Pechar Dwip and Sundarbans. According to Banglapedia, Olive Ridley Turtles, Loggerhead Turtle, Green Turtle, and Leatherback, four of the five species found in Bangladesh, are endangered while Hawksbill Turtle is on the verge of extinction.

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