

RAIN LIKELY

WEATHER TODAY
Dhaka

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

likely at places over the country, said Met Office.
Day and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.
The sun sets in the capital today at 6:26pm and rises tomorrow at 5:37am.

Country's highest temperature 34.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sylhet and lowest 23.6 degrees at Kutubdia.
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	30.5	25.3	93	75	Khulna	29.0	25.4	100	100
Chittagong	31.0	25.2	85	82	Barisal	31.2	25.0	86	83
Rajshahi	28.9	25.6	91	92	Sylhet	34.5	25.5	85	81
Rangpur	28.8	25.4	96	87	Cox's Bazar	31.5	24.3	83	83



Justice Kemaluddin no more

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former chief justice Kemaluddin Hossain died of old age complications in the capital's United Hospital early yesterday. He was 90.
He left behind his wife, three sons, three daughters-in-law, and three grandchildren.

President Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina expressed deep shock at his death and conveyed their sympathy to the bereaved family.

Law Minister Shafique Ahmed and State Minister for Law Qamrul Islam also condoled his death.

Justice Kemaluddin was the fourth chief justice of Bangladesh from February 1, 1978 to April 11, 1982.

In 1968, he was appointed as deputy attorney general of the East Pakistan High Court and in 1969 he was recruited as a judge of the East Pakistan High Court.

Kemaluddin was appointed a judge of the Appellate Division of Bangladesh Supreme Court in 1978.

He was the Law Commission chairman between 1998 and 2001.

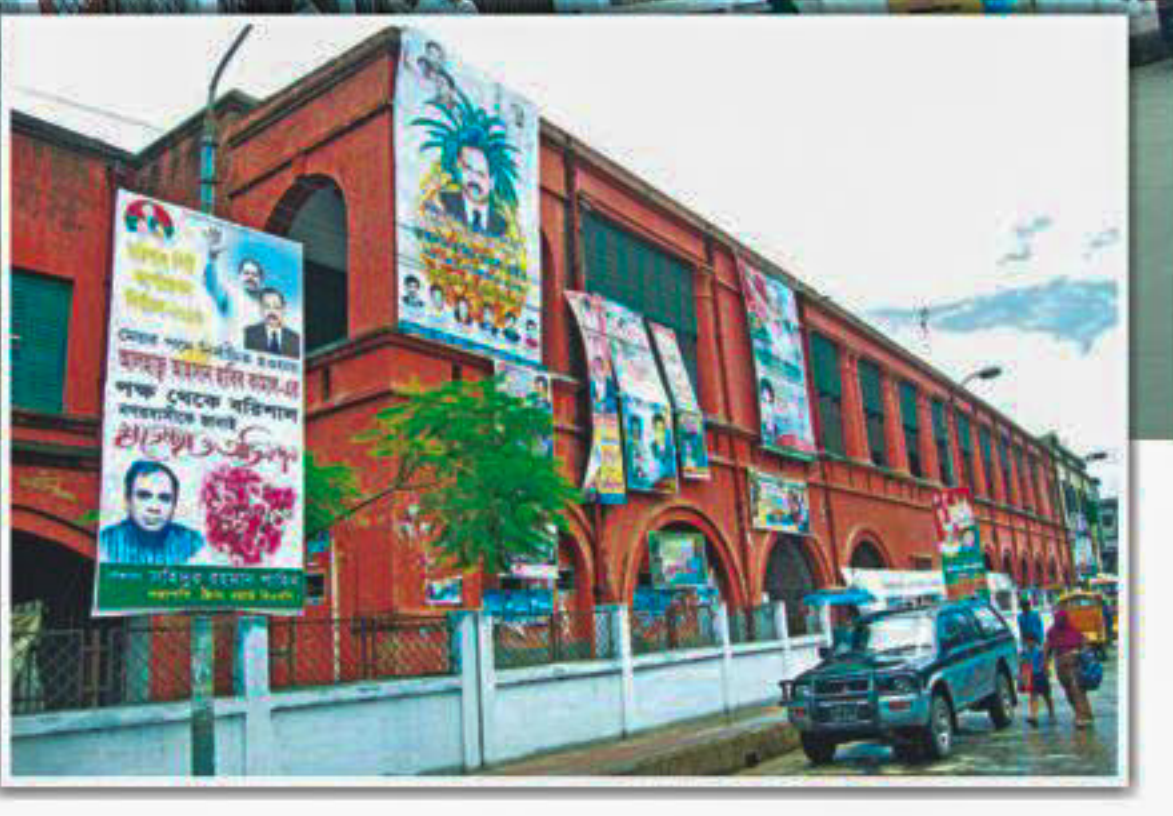
His first namaz-e-janaza was held on the Supreme Court premises at 2:30pm yesterday.

Later, he was buried at Banani graveyard following the second janaza at Gulshan Azad mosque, his son Istiaq Hossain told The Daily Star.



Barisal Museum after the Barisal City Corporation authorities cleared its facade of unauthorised banners and festoons yesterday. The move came after The Daily Star published the inset photo on Monday. Defying a BCC ban, the banners and festoons were put up for greeting the new city mayor, whose office, the BCC Bhavan, stands just across the street from the museum.

PHOTO: ARIFUR RAHMAN



HELPING RANA PLAZA VICTIMS Bring initiatives under single umbrella

Urges Dr Kamal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Initiatives redressing the loss suffered by Rana Plaza victims must be brought under a single organisational umbrella to create a more transparent system for providing compensation urged Dr Kamal Hossain at a discussion yesterday.

"A lot of people are donating money to funds created by different organisations but there is no actual record of the amount of money provided to victims so far and to whom. Moreover, there are several lists of the number of the dead, injured and missing victims but nothing absolute," he said.

Representatives of 20 garment workers' organisations and lawyers convened the discussion in the capital's Supreme Court Bar Association premises.

They also demanded that the Prime Minister's Office and Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association provide details on the amount of money which had accumulated in their funds and to whom it was being given.

A separate tribunal could be created to deal with cases, like those of the Savar victims, where victims could seek compensation for having been wronged, advised Barrister Amirul Islam.

"This is because the normal civil court proceedings are delayed by a backlog of cases," he said.

Barrister Sara Hossain told this correspondent that a separate act could be created to deal with the situation and all similar future ones.

The workers' organisations include Jatiya Poshak Shilpo Sramik Federation, Bangladesh Garments Sramik Shangha, Jatiya Garments Textile Sramik Federation, Textile Garments Workers' Federation, Samannito Garments Sramik Federation, and Garments Sramik Oikyo Forum.

45,066 Bangladeshis deported from New Delhi in last 22 yrs

Indian court told

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Over 40,000 illegal Bangladeshi migrants have been deported from India's national capital in the last 22 years, a Delhi court was told on Tuesday.

The Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO) also said this year till June 30, they have deported 182 Bangladeshi migrants and 119 more are awaiting deportation.

"...this office (FRRO) has deported 45,066 illegal migrants of Bangladesh since the year 1991 till date and a batch of 119 illegal migrants of Bangladesh are restricted for deportation," the FRRO said in its reply to the court which had sought an explanation from it for not

complying with its direction to periodically identify illegal Bangladeshi migrants.

Additional Session Judge Rajender Kumar Shastri, while sentencing four Bangladeshi nationals to 13 years in jail for committing a robbery in south Delhi, had on April 4 directed Delhi state government to identify and deport all foreigners living illegally in the national capital.

An advocate, Rajesh Sharma, had approached the court, saying Bangladeshis are having an "easy access" to come and go back to their country after committing crimes.

"This cannot be possible without active connivance, nexus and collusion of government officials in Delhi or at borders," he said.



Participants at the inaugural ceremony of the two-day Dhaka YES Conference 2013 at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhavan of Dhaka University yesterday. Transparency International, Bangladesh organised the conference to sensitise the young people to TIB's anti-corruption movement. Story on page 3.

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CTG ARMS HAUL CASES Ex-NSI DG implicated under govt pressure: Defence lawyer

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The fifth and last investigation officer (IO) of the Chittagong arms haul cases implicated former National Security Intelligence (NSI) director general (DG) Brig Gen Abdur Rahim under pressure from the present government, claimed Abdur Rahim's lawyer yesterday.

The present government holds a political grudge against Abdur Rahim as he accompanied BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia in her visits while she was the prime minister, added Advocate Kamrul Islam Sazzad.

Kamrul was cross-examining the IO, Moniruzzaman Chowdhury, also a prosecution witness, before Chittagong Metropolitan Special Tribunal Number-1 Judge SM Mojibur Rahman.

Kamrul also accused Moniruzzaman of giving false statements and taking confessions forcibly from witnesses.

The first statement Abdur Rahim provided to an IO did not have any mention of NSI and Directorate General of Forces Intelligence (DGFI), he said.

Chittagong Metropolitan Police commissioner SM Sabbir Ali and Criminal Investigation Department (CID) deputy inspector general Forrukh Ahmed, he said.

However, Abdur Rahim was later compelled to give a confessional statement to a court and the remaining three statements to IOs relating to the NSI and DGFI, he added.

Moniruzzaman denied these arguments. Kamrul also said statements given by two witnesses -- sergeants Alauddin and Helaluddin -- to CID in 2009 differed from what they gave to a court in 2010. Moreover, they did not accuse anyone before 2010, he said.

Eleven accused of the cases, including former state minister for home Lutfozzaman Babar and former industries minister Motiur Rahman Nizami, were produced before the court yesterday.

The court fixed today for the next hearing. The two cases were filed with Karnaphuli Police Station a day after seven truckloads of arms and ammunitions were seized at a jetty of Chittagong Urea Fertiliser Ltd in Chittagong city on April 2, 2004.

Charge sheets of the two cases, one for smuggling firearms and the other under the arms act, accused 50 and 52 persons respectively.



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