

**RAIN LIKELY**

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

Day and night temperature may rise slightly over the country. **The sun sets in the capital today at 6:24pm and rises tomorrow at 5:38am.** Country's highest temperature 35.5

degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Srimangal and lowest 24.5 degrees Chuadanga. 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	33.5	26.7	71	65	Khulna	33.8	26.5	90	81
Chittagong	31.7	26.2	80	83	Barisal	33.0	26.6	73	75
Rajshahi	34.8	25.3	83	78	Sylhet	35.3	25.9	83	80
Rangpur	33.4	27.2	81	65	Cox's Bazar	32.0	26.0	89	83

**NEWS IN brief**

**Missing youth found dead in Savar**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar  
A youth was found dead in a ditch at Zamshing in Savar, three days after he went missing. On Tuesday afternoon, Saiful Islam, 22, son of Khililur Rahman, went out for a walk around the area and did not return home. His family filed a general diary the next day, said Savar model police. The body, bearing several injury marks, was sent to the Dhaka Medical College morgue for an autopsy.

**Five robbers held after gunfight**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali  
Coast guard personnel yesterday arrested five sea robbers with firearms after a gunfight with them at Jangalia canal in Hatia of Noakhali. The five are Kashem, Humayun, Tofazzal, Liton, and Khokon. Coast guard also seized a double-barrel gun, a single-barrel gun, a rifle and a machete from them.

**Body of Rafiq killed in Malaysian bus accident may arrive this week**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
The body of Bangladeshi-born Canadian citizen Rafiq Ali Bhuiyah, who was killed when a bus travelling from Genting Highlands to Kuala Lumpur plunged into a ravine, may reach the country this week. The body will be sent after Malaysia completes the official procedures, SM Anisul Haque, counsellor at the Bangladesh High Commission in Kuala Lumpur, told The Daily Star over phone yesterday. He said the deceased's son reached Malaysia from Canada and said that the body would be sent to Bangladesh for burial. Rafiq was among the 37 who died when the bus plunged into the ravine on Wednesday.

**Body of youth found in Gazipur**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur  
Police recovered the body of a youth from a forest in Baraichati area of Kaliakair upazila in Gazipur yesterday. Deceased Russel Hossain, 25, resident of the area, was a drug addict, said Kaliakoir police. Local sources said Russel did not return home on Thursday night and in the next morning they found the body. The body was handed over to his family.

**Robi call centre staff go on strike**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
Call centre of mobile operator Robi remained closed yesterday as the employees observed a work abstention. An official of the call centre who works on a contract basis, said the working environment has been deteriorating for a month when Robi handed over the call centre to a third party, Genex Infosys. "Since the handover there is no job security. We use to be paid double our basic for working during public holidays but not anymore," he said. Mahmudur Rahman, executive vice-president of Robi Axiata, said the matter was not a Robi matter and that they will take it up with Genesis to continue customer services. Prince Mojumder, CEO of Genex Infosys, said the staff were protesting some recent "disciplinary actions" against some of their colleagues.

**DU observes 'Black Day'**

DU CORRESPONDENT  
Hundreds of students, teachers and staff of Dhaka University yesterday observed "Black Day" condemning the atrocities unleashed upon the teachers and students during the military backed caretaker government on August 20 to 23, 2007. They wore black badges, held rallies and discussions, among other programmes, on the occasion. DU Vice-Chancellor AAMS Arefin Siddique demanded immediate punishment of the culprits. At a human chain at Aparajeya Bangla, DU students and teachers made the same demand. On August 20, 2007, army personnel beat three students and insulted a teacher in the DU playground during a football match. Thousands of DU students on the same day took to the streets protesting the incident and soon it spread to all other educational institutions. The then government imposed a curfew on the divisional cities and arrested some university teachers and students.

**AUGUST 2007 VIOLENCE CASE 11 ex-RU students still fight against conviction**

RU CORRESPONDENT  
Although four Rajshahi University (RU) teachers, convicted in a case filed over the August 2007 protests, received a presidential pardon, 11 former students have been struggling for nearly six years to overturn their conviction. In December 2007, a Rajshahi speedy trial court sentenced the students to three years' rigorous imprisonment in a case filed on August 23, 2007 by the then acting registrar Prof Muhammad Shafi over violence on and around the campus the day before. Clashes between police and students had erupted there, alongside other educational institutions in the country, from demonstrations protesting the actions of army personnel who beat three Dhaka University (DU) students and insulted a teacher at the DU gymnasium playground on August 20, 2007. Following the beating, thousands of DU students took to the streets demanding an apology from the troops and withdrawal of an army camp, set up on the campus after a declaration of emergency. During the clashes in RU, a rickshaw-puller was killed, around 200 people were injured, vehicles were torched and properties, including the vice-chancellor's (VC) residence, were damaged. Now on bail, the 11, in January 2008, filed an appeal against the conviction with the

Rajshahi District and Sessions Judge's Court, the hearing of which is still ongoing. The next hearing is scheduled for September 3. The presidential pardon for Molooy Bhoumik, Dulal Chandra Biswas, Sayed Selim Reza Newton and Abdullah Al Mamun came on December 9, 2007, five days after a Rajshahi speedy trial court sentenced them to two years' rigorous imprisonment. They were charged for violating Emergency Power Rules 2007 by bringing out a silent procession on the campus on August 21, 2007. On February 6, 2012, a parliamentary standing committee on the education ministry placed in the House a special report on the 2007 DU campus violence, recommending withdrawal of all cases filed against teachers, students and others over the violence. The Daily Star recently talked to some of the 11 - Abu Sayem, Ayen Uddin, Dipayan Sarker, Mizanur Rahman, Sardar Ayaz, Azim Bin Kamal Uzzal, Shamim Ahmed, Shakhawat Hossain, Fakhru Islam, Abdul Latif and Ataur Rahman. They accused the RU authorities and the government of not assisting their efforts to get over the stigma attached to their conviction. Both RU Pro-VC Prof Chowdhury Sarwar Jahan and Legal Cell Administrator Dr M Ahsanul Kabir informed that they would provide assistance if the 11 officially filed an appeal with them.

**British PM urged to deport war crimes accused Mueen**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
The anti-war criminal platform Ekatturer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee has urged British Prime Minister David Cameron to deport war crimes accused Chowdhury Mueen Uddin, who is being tried in absentia by a tribunal in Bangladesh. In a memorandum submitted by the platform's representative in the UK last week, it asked Cameron's government to increase vigilance over Jamaat-e-Islami's British wing, which it said, was collecting fund for committing militancy in Bangladesh. Executive President of Ekatturer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee Shahriar Kabir said General Secretary of the committee's British chapter Syed Anas Pasha filed the memorandum with the British Prime Minister's office in London. Talking to The Daily Star yesterday, Shahriar said they had requested Mueen's deportation. "If that is not possible, the British government should make sure Mueen serves his sentence (if found guilty by the Bangladeshi tribunal) in the British jail." "Since the country [UK] doesn't have the provision of the capital punishment, if the tribunal awards him the capital punishment, the British government could reduce it to life imprisonment. We want his punishment, that's our demand," he added. Shahriar also said, "With grave concern, we have noticed that Jamaat's British wing is collecting fund through different British NGOs to commit militancy in Bangladesh." Asif Munier, son of martyred intellectual Prof Munier Chowdhury, and Assistant General Secretary of Ekatturer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee's British chapter Jamal Ahmed Khan, among others, were present during the memorandum's filing. Al-Badr leaders Mueen and Ashrafuzzaman Khan were facing 11 charges at International Crimes Tribunal-2 for allegedly killing 18 intellectuals at the fag end of the Liberation War in 1971. Asif Munier testified against the two at the tribunal in July.

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**DHAKA TODAY**

**Roundtable conference**  
 Bangladesh Medical & Dental Council will hold a roundtable conference on Ethical Guidelines for Medical Practice; Venue: Milton Hall, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University; Time: 10:00am.

**Seminar**  
 Bangladesh Shikshak Samity will organise a seminar on education law; Venue: Dhaka Reporters Unity; Time: 3:00pm.

**Human chain**  
 Jatiya Garments Sramik Federation will form a human chain demanding adequate compensation to Rana Plaza collapse victims; Venue: In front of Jatiya Press Club; Time: 11:00am.

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