

CHANGE IN TEMPERATURE UNLIKELY

WEATHER TODAY

Unb. Dhaka

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

Day and night temperatures may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:22pm and rises tomorrow at 5:39am.

Country's highest temperature 36.4 degree

Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rajshahi and lowest 24.5 degree Celsius at Kutubdia.

The highest and lowest temperatures 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	35.0	28.0	69	68	Khulna	34.8	27.2	81	79
Chittagong	30.7	25.6	91	78	Barisal	34.0	27.3	71	73
Rajshahi	36.4	28.0	81	74	Sylhet	34.8	27.4	81	77
Rangpur	35.0	28.0	76	69	Cox's Bazar	31.8	26.4	73	86

NEWSIN brief

15 govt officials get Japanese scholarship

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Japan has awarded scholarship to 15 young Bangladeshi government officials for higher studies in different fields.

The awardees will go for two-year Master's degrees in various areas, including international relations, public administration, and environmental policy.

The title of the scholarship is "The Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship," said a press release yesterday.

Japan has so far provided scholarship under the programme to 213 government officials of Bangladesh.

Families of 2 slain BGB men get shops

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Border Guard Bangladesh yesterday allocated two shops at Uttara BGB market in the capital for the family members of two of its personnel who died in May 6 Hefajat attack while they were on-duty at Kanchpur, Narayanganj.

Maj Gen Aziz Ahmed, BGB director general, handed over the keys to the shops to the family members of slain Nayeab Md Shah Alam and Sepoy Md Lablu, said a press release.

CU admission test begins on Nov 16

CU CORRESPONDENT

The admission test for honours courses of Chittagong University (CU) for the 2013-14 session will begin on November 13.

The admission committee fixed the date yesterday. However the schedule for the test under the nine faculties has not been finalised yet, said a CU press release.

Admission seekers can register through text message from Teletalk. For details, they can visit the university website.

Body of youth recovered in Gazipur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Police recovered the body of an unidentified youth, aged about 22, from beside Bhabanipur-Pingail road at Lutiarchala in Sadar upazila of Gazipur yesterday.

The body, clad in black pants and a white shirt, bore several injury marks, said Hotapara police. Police sent the body to Gazipur Sadar Hospital morgue for an autopsy. A case was filed with Joydevpur Police Station.

92 BNP men denied bail, sent to jail for attack on cops in Sylhet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A Sylhet court yesterday sent 92 leaders and activists of BNP and its front organisations of Bishwanath upazila unit to jail after rejecting their bail prayers in a case filed for attacking police during the hartal on April 23, 2012.

Arrest warrants were issued against 57 activists who did not appear before the court yesterday.

Two activists of Juba Dal and one of JCD were killed in a clash with police in Bishwanath during the hartal that was called demanding information on the whereabouts of disappeared former BNP lawmaker M Ilias Ali.

5 fake mobile court members held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested five persons, allegedly masquerading as members of a mobile court, in the capital's Khilgaon on Saturday evening.

Informed by suspicious locals, a Rab-3 team caught Md Oahiduzzaman, Saiful Islam, Mahidul Hasan, Nazrul Islam, and Bulbul Ahmed red-handed demanding Tk 50,000 from the owner of Turag Water Pump, a company supplying purified water in jars, said Additional Superintendent of Police Md Anisuzzaman.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina consoles family members of Border Guard Bangladesh personnel, killed in attacks by Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Chhatra Shibir, while handing over financial assistance to them at the Prime Minister's Office in the capital yesterday.



Prof Arefin Siddique becomes elected VC of DU

DU CORRESPONDENT

Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique of mass communication and journalism department was appointed as the elected vice-chancellor of Dhaka University yesterday.

"According to the Dhaka University Ordinance 1973, the chancellor, now President Abdul Hamid, appoints Prof Arefin as the VC for the tenure of four years," said a DU press release.

The Dhaka University senate in a special session, amid boycott by pro-BNP-Jamaat White Panel teachers' representatives, on Saturday nominated a panel of three teachers for the vice-chancellor post.

The other two nominated persons were pro-VC (education) Nasreen Ahmad and pro-VC (administration) Shahid Akhtar Hossain.

On January 17, 2009, Prof Arefin, on a temporary appointment, assumed the office as the 27th VC.

He was born in Dhaka on October 26 in 1953. He obtained his Master's from the journalism department of DU in 1975 and gained a PhD on televised teaching from the University of Mysore of India in 1985.

He joined the department of DU in 1980. He served as the president and general secretary of Dhaka University Teachers' Association.

Dr Arefin also served as the acting dean of social science faculty, chairman of the journalism department and as a member of the senate and the syndicate.

He also served as the chairman of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha, and a member of the management board of Press Institute of Bangladesh.

CHT LAND DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMISSION ACT Incorporate all proposed amendments

Indigenous community leaders urge government

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Indigenous community leaders yesterday urged for the complete incorporation of their 13-point amendment proposal in the proposed Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Land Dispute Resolution Commission (Amendment) Act-2013 and passing it in the upcoming parliamentary session, expected to be the last during the present government's tenure.

Only eight of their proposals were completely incorporated, two were included "partially" while the remaining three were left out, Bangladesh Adivasi Forum General Secretary Sanjeeb Drong told The Daily Star.

The leaders were addressing a discussion organised by National Coalition for Indigenous People (NCIP) in the capital's Ganoshastho Nagar Hospital auditorium.

The commission's formation, to ensure indigenous people's rights, was in the ruling party's election mandate while the ruling party had signed the CHT Peace Accord, 1997, based on which the recommendations were proposed, said Sanjeeb.

The accord says the commission will resolve land disputes in line with the "exist-

ing laws, customs and practices" in CHT, but in the amended act, it was replaced by "existing laws and customs", he said.

The word "practices" is a crucial aspect in land management in CHT, he added. The accord also empowers the commission to cancel ownership of lands including "fringe land given for settlement or occupied (land)" and return those to original owners. But the draft bill mentions only "fringe land" and excluded "or occupied", he said.

Prasenjit Chakma, deputy director, Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Facility of UNDP, said the commission, now to consist of five members, would be headed by a retired Supreme Court's Appellate Division judge.

The Chittagong divisional commissioner will act as its member secretary while the remaining three members will be a representative of the CHT Regional Parishad's chairman and two indigenous people or circle chiefs, he said.

ASA University Bangladesh Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Dalem Chandra Barman, NCIP Vice-Chairperson Anna Minj and Prof Mesbah Kamal of Dhaka University also spoke.

MURDER OF PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED YOUTH Accused yet to be arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Even after a week of the murder of physically challenged youth Shamim Hosen Fakir, police have not been able to arrest the convener of Savar unit Bangladesh Chhatra League, Jahidul Islam Faisal, and BCL activist Jonney, the prime accused.

Police said they have been looking for Faisal and Jonney, both of them having gone into hiding after the incident.

Aminur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Savar Model Police Station, said, "We hope we can arrest them as soon as possible."

Meanwhile, people from different walks of life, including 40 physically challenged people, under the banner of "NGO Shomonnoy Parishad, Savar" formed a human chain demanding immediate arrest of the culprits behind Shamim's death.

They threatened to go for tougher movement if their demand is not fulfilled in 24 hours.

Earlier on August 19, they had formed a human chain with the same demand.

Victim's father Jahangir Alam filed a complaint against Faisal and Jonney alleging that Faisal beat up Shamim as the latter protested when Faisal broke the queue for recharging his mobile phone at a shop at Savar Bazar Bus Stop on August 15. BCL activist Jonney assisted Faisal during the attack, alleged Jahangir.

Shamim died at a hospital on August 17.

OC Aminur Rahman, who is also the investigation officer of the case, told The Daily Star that they have launched drives to arrest Faisal.

However, the victim's family has been alleging that police have not arrested Faisal due to his political identity.



Sammilita Sacheton Torun Projanmo forms a human chain in front of Chittagong Press Club yesterday demanding removal of illegal billboards to save the port city's beauty. Around 100 youths joined the programme urging the city mayor to form a monitoring cell comprising professionals, intellectuals, journalists, educationists, town planners, and environmentalists in this regard.

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