

RAIN LIKELY

WEATHER TODAY
Unb, Dhaka

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

Moderately heavy to heavy falls are also likely at places, Met Office said.
Day and night temperatures may remain nearly unchanged over the country.
The sun sets in the capital today at 6:21pm and rises tomorrow at 5:40am.

Country's highest temperature 33.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and Chuadanga and lowest 24.4 degree Celsius at Khepupara.
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	32.2	25.5	85	92	Khulna	32.0	25.4	94	100
Chittagong	27.4	25.5	90	90	Barisal	33.3	26.6	80	93
Rajshahi	32.7	25.0	93	86	Sylhet	30.6	24.5	92	93
Rangpur	30.5	25.6	95	92	Cox's Bazar	28.0	25.0	96	91

Create a non-communal Bangladesh

Dr Kamal urges people

Staff Correspondent

Eminent jurist Dr Kamal Hossain yesterday urged people from all walks of life to work sincerely, actively and even take life-threatening risks to establish a non-communal environment in the country for its development.

"The country's development is hampered if its people become victims of religious discriminations," he said while speaking as a special guest at a book-launching ceremony at Jatiya Press club in the capital.

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DESTINY SCAM SC orders Islam Trading proprietor to surrender

Staff Correspondent

The Supreme Court yesterday ordered Shaiful Islam Polash, proprietor of Islam Trading International, to surrender before the lower court concerned within two weeks in a money laundering case against Destiny Group officials.

Chamber judge of the Appellate Division of the SC also stayed for two months a High Court order that granted bail to Shaiful in the case.

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Man held for acid attack on college girl

Our Correspondent, Gazipur

Police early yesterday arrested a man on charge of acid attack on a college girl at Shaldai village in Kapasia upazila of Gazipur.

The arrestee was identified as Mohsin, 19.

Delwar Hossain, officer-in-charge of Kapasia Police Station, said they arrested Mohsin at one of his relatives' house in Bagerhat village of the same upazila around 3:00am. Victim's uncle Shihab Uddin filed a case with the police station on Monday night.



Pedestrians, motorcyclists and rickshaw-pullers dangerously cross Tophkana Road in front of the Jatiya Press Club in the capital paying no heed to the divider created by police and the footbridge just up ahead. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Death anniversary

Staff Correspondent

Today is the 30th death anniversary of MA Wadud, a Language Movement veteran and the father of Foreign Minister Dr Dipu Moni and renowned surgeon Dr Jawadur Rahim Wadud, says a press release.

Wadud was a close associate of Bangabandhu and Huseyn Shaheed Suhrawardy and played key roles in different democratic movements since 1947 till the last day of his life.

Akhlakul Hossain Ahmed
Staff Correspondent

Today is the first death anniversary of Akhlakul Hossain Ahmed, an organiser of the Liberation War and a member of Bangladesh Constituent Assembly of 1972, says a press release.

On the occasion, a doa mahfil and Qurankhwani will be held in his Mohanganj residence in Netrakona. Akhlakul Hossain Ahmed Smriti Parishad will place a wreath on his grave and will bring out a mourning procession and also hold a discussion.

Akhlakul, as an Awami League candidate, was elected a member of East Pakistan Provincial Assembly in the 1970's election.

Kazi Abu Nasar
City Desk

Today is the 47th death anniversary of Kazi Abu Nasar. He was a close associate of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Bangabandhu kindly remembered him in his book "The Unfinished Memoirs" in page 55.

A doa mahfil will be held in the residence of his son Kazi Shamsuddin at 6-B Periwinkle, CES (E) 12, Road 126, in the capital's Gulshan, marking the day.

Friends, relatives and well-wishers are requested to attend the programme.

UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE Downsizing likely

Says US expert on peace operations Adam C Smith

Diplomatic Correspondent

About Bangladesh's demand for more commanding posts in the UN peacekeeping missions, Smith said Bangladesh had the right to demand because it was the largest troops contributing country in the world.

But, he said, Bangladesh's presence in the command was visible as Ameerah Haq had been appointed UN Under-Secretary-General for the Department of Field Support, thus becoming the highest-ranking Bangladeshi official at the United Nations.

Besides, another high commanding post in the UN peacekeeping belongs to Bangladesh while Bangladesh Institute of Peace Support Operation Training (BIPSOT) is an important institute where peacekeepers from 25 to 30 countries received training, he said.

Smith suggested that Bangladesh continue to push for more commanding posts.

Lauding Bangladeshi peacekeepers, he said different countries usually hesitated to engage in all types of peacekeeping operations but Bangladesh never did.

He said the UN had also chosen Bangladesh and allowed the highest number of peacekeepers from the country because of its strong commitment to democracy.

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RESOLVING POLITICAL CRISIS Nazmul Huda places proposal

Staff Correspondent

Former BNP leader Nazmul Huda yesterday at Dhaka Reporters Unity placed a proposal to the government and opposition parties to overcome the present political crisis.

Huda has prepared it by following the constitution enclosing eight points where he asked the government to make the Election Commission "neutral and strengthened", he said.

However, he said, "It is not alternative to caretaker government system, but it will help all hold a free and fair national election."

According to the proposal, he proposed the government to reform the Election Commission by appointing new election commissioners "as it has lost its acceptance of political parties".

He requested the election commissioners to

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BNF fails to qualify for EC registration again

Staff Correspondent

The much talked-about political party Bangladesh Nationalist Front (BNF) has failed for the second time to fulfil the conditions to be registered with the Election Commission (EC).

As per requirements, a political party must have offices in 21 districts, 100 upazilas or thanas with at least 200 supporters in each upazila or thana.

The EC officials in their second report prepared early this month said the BNF had offices at 88 upazilas. But it fulfilled two other conditions, said an EC official.

Meanwhile, the party once again filed an application for re-investigating their field offices.

"Now, we will place the report at the commission meeting, and the commission will decide whether the BNF will get more time or not," said the official.

In their first report submitted on July 6, the EC officials said the BNF was found to be existing and active in only 15 districts and 32 upazilas.

On July 17, the BNF was given 15 more days to meet the condition after the party sought more time. But in the second investigation, the EC found that the party had defaulted again.

The main opposition BNP for several times has urged the EC not to give registration to the BNF as the party used the photograph of BNP founder and late electoral symbol Ziaur Rahman and picked sheaf of wheat as electoral symbol, when BNP's symbol is sheaf of paddy.

Expelled BNP vice chairman Nazmul Huda launched the

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The ravaged Madaripur Brothel in the district town's Puranabazar area after several hundred Islamist activists ransacked and looted it yesterday in an attempt to free Madaripur of prostitutes. The attack left around 500 sex workers of the 250-year-old brothel homeless.

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