

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 a many places over Rangpur and Rajshahi divisions till

at places, Met Office said. Day and night temperatures may remain nearly

unchanged over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at

Country's highest temperature 33.4 degree Celsius lowest 24.4 degree Celsius at Khepupara.

Dhaka

Temperature in Celsius Morning 32.2 25.5 Chittagong 27.4 25.5 25.0 Rajshahi 32.7 25.6 30.5 Rangpur

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Humidity in percentage Morning Evening 80 93 92 96

#### Create a noncommunal Bangladesh

Dr Kamal urges people STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eminent jurist Dr Kamal Hossain yesterday urged people from all walks of life to work sincerely, threatening risks to establish a non-communal

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

DESTINY SCAM SC orders

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

Chamber judge of the Appellate Division of SC also stayed for two months a High Court order that granted bail

#### Man held for acid attack on college girl OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Police early yesterday at Shaldai village in

Kapasia upazila of Gazipur. The arrestee was identi-

Station, said they arrested Mohsin at one of his relatives' house in Bagerhat around 3:00am. Victim's

Moderately heavy to heavy falls are also likely

6:21pm and rises tomorrow at 5:40 am.

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was recorded yesterday at Jessore and Chuadanga and The highest and lowest temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

Humidity in percentage Temperature in Celsius Evening Max: 32.0 25.4 Khulna 90 26.6 33.3 Barisal 30.6 Sylhet 24.5 Cox's Bazar 28.0 25.0

actively and even take lifeenvironment in the country for its development.

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#### Islam Trading proprietor to surrender STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Group officials.

to Shafiul in the case.

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arrested a man on charge of acid attack on a college girl

fied as Mohsin, 19. Delwar Hossain, officerin-charge of Kapasia Police

village of the same upazila uncle Shihab Uddin filed a case with the police station on Monday night.



Pedestrians, motorcyclists and rickshaw-pullers dangerously cross Topkhana 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** 

#### UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE

## Downsizing likely

Says US expert on peace operations Adam C Smith

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

An American expert on the UN peace operations yesterday hinted that the number of peacekeeping troops working across the world might be cut down for a range of factors, particularly the global financial crisis.

Adam C Smith, research fellow and manager of the Peace Operations Programme at the International Peace Institute (IPI) in New York, said the number of the peacekeeping troops had been reduced from 51 percent to 33 percent in the last six years, and it might decline further as the UN was facing shortage of fund to carry out its missions.

Smith, however, said the deployment of police, including women from South Asian region, including Bangladesh, was increasing as the UN peacekeeping was increasingly called on to deploy multi-dimensional operations to help countries transition from conflict to peace with a significant focus on protecting civilians.

In an interview with The Daily Star, Prothom Alo and Dhaka Tribune at the American Center yesterday, the US expert said there was a possibility of reducing the number of Bangladeshi peacekeepers too in the changed situation.

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 ful-: filled 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 sec-

ond 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 president 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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#### 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



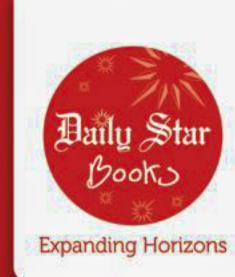
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47th death anniversary of Kazi Abu Nasar. He was a

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.

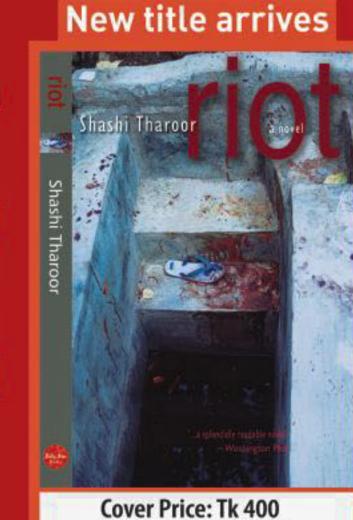


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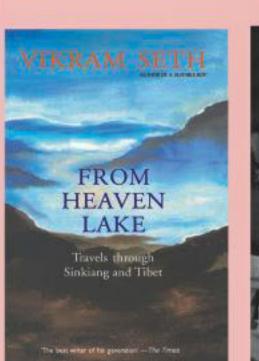


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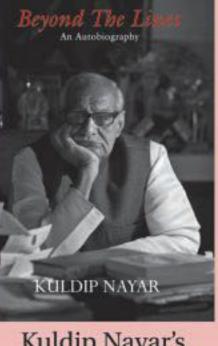


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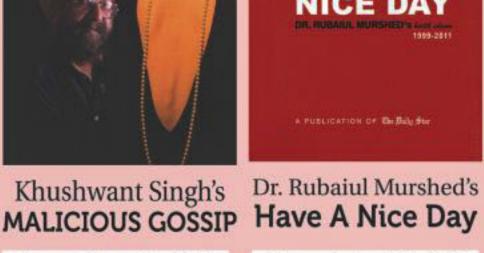


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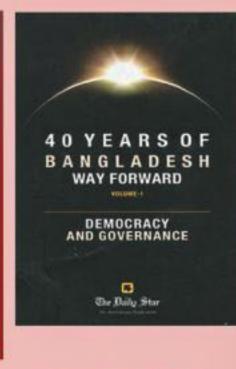
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BANGLADESH

**40 YEARS OF** 

Medea Benjamin's 'Drone Warfare: Killing by Remote Control'

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.



PHOTO: STAR



## **Protect Your Kidneys, Stay Healthy**

Prof. (Dr.) Rajesh L. Sherke, Senior Consultant Nephrologist from India, is now in Apollo Hospitals Dhaka.

He is trained in UK and India and performed over 600 live renal transplantation, approximately 150 cadaveric renal transplantation, over 500 renal biopsies, approximately 500 peritoneal dialysis (PD), several thousands haemodialysis (HD) and CAPD, along with being an expert on several other renal procedures.

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