

RAIN LIKELY

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

Day and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country. **The sun sets in the capital today at 6:17pm and rises tomorrow at 5:41am.**

Country's highest temperature 34.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Chuadanga and lowest 23.4 degrees at Hatiya. 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	33.0	26.6	83	73	Khulna	32.8	26.2	83	84
Chittagong	30.6	25.6	91	86	Barisal	30.0	25.8	97	90
Rajshahi	33.6	26.6	86	75	Sylhet	33.2	26.2	79	90
Rangpur	32.0	26.5	83	81	Cox's Bazar	32.0	25.4	80	83

Girl murdered 'after rape by boyfriend' in Pirojpur

Woman gang raped in Lalmonirhat
CITY DESK

A 14-year-old girl was allegedly raped and murdered by her boyfriend in Pirojpur district sometime between Tuesday and Thursday and a housewife is now fighting for life after being gang raped in Lalmonirhat district in the early hours yesterday.

The girl's body was found in a Balipara Bazar canal in Zianagore upazila on Thursday noon after going missing for nearly 33 hours, reports our Pirojpur correspondent.

The victim phoned the accused Hasan, 30, a pharmacy owner of the upazila who is married and has a child, from her uncle's residence, some four kilometres away from the canal, on Tuesday using her

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Some of the 30 secondary level students of English and Bangla medium schools in Sylhet division who qualified for the national round of "The Daily Star-HSBC Junior Climate Champions", due on September 20, at Scholarhome School and College in Sylhet city yesterday. *Inset*, some of the 450 competitors who took part in the competition's three categories -- poster design/painting, quiz, and extempore speech.

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Youths need to be aware of climate change

SUST VC Prof Aminul tells climate championship event; 30 qualify from Sylhet division

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Vice Chancellor of the Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (SUST) Prof Aminul Haque Bhuyan yesterday said there should be coordinated efforts of all concerned to create mass awareness about the environmental degradation.

Particularly, the young generation needs to be properly aware of the environment and climate change issues to ensure the liveability of earth, he said.

Prof Haque was speaking as chief guest after distributing green cards among the winners of the Sylhet division level contest of "The Daily Star-HSBC Junior Climate Champions" at Scholarhome School and College in Sylhet city.

About 450 secondary level students of English and Bangla medium schools from across Sylhet division took part in the competition on environmental and climate change issues.

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Appeal for help

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

His birth was the happiest event to his parents but when Shourab Alam was diagnosed with rare and critical heart complexities at the age of one month, the smile faded away.

Since then Shourab's parents Alamgir Hossain and Moni Alamgir knocked doors of doctors at different hospitals in the country for treatment. After 23 months of struggle, doctors gave up hope of his treatment in Bangladesh.

Alamgir, who is an employee of a private firm, is not able to bear his baby's treatment cost, Tk 10 lakh, in India.

So he urged the well-off in society for financial support to save the baby. Aid can be sent to account no.

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RANA PLAZA COLLAPSE

Children of victims want education

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

The school-going children of the victims of Rana Plaza collapse yesterday demanded that the government ensure education opportunities for them.

They said they will most likely have to stop going to school as their families cannot bear their education expenses.

The children were speaking at a programme organised by Socialist Students Front (SSF), student wing of Socialist Party of

Bangladesh, at Savar Girls School yesterday.

Sagorica Akter Toma, a class II student of Emandipur Government Primary School, said her mother, Zahanara Begum, went missing in the collapse of nine-storey Rana Plaza. She said her mother used to work at New Wave Style Ltd, one of the garment factories housed in Rana Plaza.

"My mother used to pay my school fees. I will probably have to stop going to school now," she said.

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Govt planning further changes to constitution

Says Moudud

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Senior BNP leader Moudud Ahmed yesterday accused the government of planning a new amendment to the constitution to prolong its stay in power.

The latest and 15th amendment, which scrapped the caretaker government system from the charter, has failed to serve the purpose of the government, he said.

Addressing a discussion of Jatiyatabadi Samabay Dal, a pro-BNP organisation, at Dhaka Reporters Unity, Moudud claimed that the government was trying to prolong its stay in power as far as January 25. "To do that, they are hatching a new conspiracy involving the constitution."

Terming the 15th amendment controversial, the BNP standing committee member said the BNP, if voted to power, would cancel it.

"With this amendment, the government has made the constitution too complicated to bring any change in the future, if necessary."

He also reiterated that his party would not join the upcoming election under the incumbent prime minister-led administration.

FINANCIAL REPORTING ACT ICAB opposes draft

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chartered accountants yesterday vehemently opposed the proposed Financial Reporting Act 2013, saying the law would establish bureaucratic control on the accountancy profession and hurt the independence of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB).

"If the act is passed, it will not only harm the profession but also create stalemate in control and monitoring of the profession," said Abdus Salam, president of the ICAB. "It will disrupt the preparation of the financial reporting and auditing," he told a press briefing at Jatiya Press Club in the capital.

On August 19, the cabinet approved the draft of the first-ever FRA mainly to set up a Financial Reporting Council (FRC) for strengthening the monitoring of the accountancy profession.

The ICAB, a legislative body like Bangladesh Bank and Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission, not an

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POOR NAVIGABILITY

Ferry service in Daulatdia suspended

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

Hundreds of vehicles to be ferried got stuck on Dhaka-Paturia road as services of 10 Ro-Ro ferries were suspended in the Padma river yesterday.

The Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation (BIWTC) authorities suspended the ferry service around 9:00am after a ferry, Keramat Ali, ran aground in Daulatdia channel in

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Tofail Ahmed slams Prof Yunus

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League stalwart Tofail Ahmed yesterday criticised Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus for his recent comments that he was willing to discuss with the government ways to resolve the ongoing political crisis, if the latter wanted.

"You [Yunus] have said that you don't go to anyone. But anyone can come to you. How arrogant?" the AL leader said, addressing a rally at the capital's Suhrawardy Udyan. "Who are you that the Awami League will go to you?" Tofail asked.

The AL lawmaker also questioned the neutrality of Prof Yunus. "Are you neutral? No...you aren't. Like the BNP, you [Yunus] too wanted the caretaker government [to be constitutionally nullified]," he added. Tofail alleged that Yunus had become a "politician" now.

Addressing the rally, another AL stalwart, Amir Hossain Amu, said the next election would be held as per the current constitutional framework.

VANDALISING HANNAN SHAH'S VEHICLE 9 Rangpur JCD men expelled

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Nine leaders and activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal of Rangpur have been expelled from the pro-BNP student organisation over vandalising party leader Hannan Shah's vehicle in the city Monday night.

The expelled are members of Rangpur city unit Robi Hasan, Sayeed Mian, Faruk Hossain and Afchar Mian; leader of ward no-20 unit Mehedy Hasan Munna; activists of Rangpur Government College unit Ismail Hossain Abid, Ibrahim Hossain, and Alamin Mian; and leader of Rangpur Carmichael College unit Rezaul Karim Rana, said a statement, approved by JCD President Abdul Kader Bhuiyan Jewel and General Secretary Habibur Rashid, on Thursday.

The JCD activists denied the allegation.

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