

RAIN LIKELY

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

likely at places over the country, Met Office said. Day and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country. **The sun sets in the capital today at 6:16pm and rises tomorrow at 5:41am.**

Country's highest temperature 34.6 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Chuadanga and lowest 24.2 degrees at Sandwip. 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	27.5	78	94	Khulna	33.5	27.4	90	82
Chittagong	30.6	26.4	85	83	Barisal	32.6	25.6	82	80
Rajshahi	33.0	27.0	87	87	Sylhet	33.1	26.4	90	79
Rangpur	29.7	26.6	93	87	Cox's Bazar	32.2	26.5	84	79

NEWS IN brief

AP Dhaka bureau chief Farid Hossain retires

UNB, Dhaka
Farid Hossain, Dhaka bureau chief of Associated Press, retired after 27 years of service with the New York-based global news agency. He is succeeded by AP's Bangladesh Correspondent Julhas Alam who has been with the news agency since 2004. Farid's retirement, effective from today, comes as he reached 60, when an AP employee is required to retire, said an AP release. Starting his career with The Daily Star, Julhas also worked for New Age and others.

Asia Foundation donates 4,000 books to educational institutions

CITY DESK
The Asia Foundation Bangladesh yesterday donated 4,000 books to the libraries of 20 educational institutions at a function Kalatiya High School Auditorium in Keraniganj upazila of Dhaka. Two NGOs -- Eakok Attomanobik Unnayan Sangstha and Media Communication Foundation -- organised the event. Shaik Yusuf Harun, deputy commissioner of Dhaka, attended the programme as the chief guest. Saima Anwar, deputy country representative of the foundation, Sukla Dey, coordinator of Books for Asia, and Babul Mia, upazila nirbahi officer, also attended the event.

Security guard's body recovered

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Police yesterday recovered the body of a security guard from the guard room of an apartment in the capital's Banasree residential area. Deceased Abul Kalam, 65, of Natore, used to work in the apartment. There were injury marks on the genitals, said Mohammad Julhas, sub-inspector of Rampura Police Station. He also suspects that he might have been murdered. The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College morgue for an autopsy. A case was filed in this regard.

Missing man found dead in Gazipur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur
Police yesterday recovered the body of a man, who went missing on Thursday night, from a waterbody at Baghdi in Kaliganj. The deceased was Rony Gomes, 33, son of Bijoy Gomes. Kaliganj police said Rony had been missing since Sony Gomes, his wife's cousin brother, invited him for fishing in a marsh near the waterbody. Locals held and handed over Sony to police. The decomposing body with marks of beating on the forehead was sent to Gazipur Sadar Hospital for an autopsy.



Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Khandker Mosharraf Hossain, left, shakes hands with Iraq's Labour and Social Affairs Minister Nasser-Al-Rubaiee after signing a deal for the recruitment of Bangladeshi workers in Iraq at the ministry in the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: PID

15 injured as BCL factions clash at CU

CU CORRESPONDENT
At least 15 activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League were injured at Chittagong University yesterday when two compartment-based BCL groups of the university shuttle train repeatedly clashed on the campus following a trifling matter. Police fired 50 shotgun rounds and 20 tear gas shells to bring the situation under control, said Officer-in-Charge (Investigation) of Hathazari Police Station Abul Kashem. In the violence, a police constable was wounded after being accidentally hit by shotgun pellets. Witnesses said the clash took place after some members of the Sixty Nine group beat up an activist of the Varsity Xpress (VX) group following an altercation over a trifle. About 200 students from the two sides initially clashed in front of the arts faculty and later at the campus railway station. They carried knives, iron rods and tree branches. The clashes left 11 of the VX activists and

four Sixty Nine members wounded. Assistant Proctor Anwar Chowdhury said the condition of the four of the injured--Imon being stabbed and Rabbi, Akash, and Durjoy being struck by shotgun pellets--were critical. They are being treated at different private clinics in Chittagong city. CU BCL Office Secretary Jalaluddin blamed the clashes on the Sixty Nine led by CU BCL General Secretary MA Khaled Chowdhury and Organising Secretary Alamgir Tipu, but both of them denied involvement in those. Proctor Dr Khan Md Towhid Osman said they would take action if any of the injured filed a complaint. No case was lodged in this connection. The VX is operated by CU BCL President Mamunul Hoque, a loyalist of Chittagong city Awami League President ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury and the Sixty Nine is led by CU BCL General Secretary Khaled, a follower of the city AL leader AJM Nasir Uddin.



Prepare to join movement for CG system

Khaleda urges people
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday urged people and BNP activists to prepare and join the opposition's movement to reinstate the caretaker government system in the constitution in order to save the country and democracy. In a message on the eve of BNP's 35th founding anniversary, she alleged that the country's the law and order situation had severely deteriorated.

Failure to ratify will be disgrace for India

Renowned Indian journalist Shekhar Gupta writes in The Indian Express
OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi
Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has been "incredibly brave in turning around her India policy" and not to deliver on the "two solemn agreements, Teesta water and the land boundary pact, is already becoming her "killer embarrassment", says widely-respected senior Indian journalist Shekhar Gupta in a post-editorial published in "The Indian Express" yesterday. Making a powerful case for India to honour the Teesta river water-sharing deal and implement the land boundary agreement, Gupta says Indian parliament's failure to ratify the LBA "will be a disgrace for India" and a "loss of strategic opportunity that may not, or in fact may never come in a generation". The post-editorial, which is in the form of an open letter addressed to BJP leader Narendra Modi, who is seen by many in his party as the future prime minister of India, Gupta says if Hasina loses in the coming elections in

Khurshid to talk to Trinamool this weekend

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi
Observing that time is "running out" for ratification of the India-Bangladesh land boundary agreement by the Indian parliament, External Affairs Minister Salman Khurshid yesterday said he would have a detailed discussion with Trinamool Congress, which had expressed reservations about the accord, over the weekend on the issue. Lawmakers of Trinamool Congress blocked the introduction of a constitution amendment bill by Khurshid in the Rajya Sabha on August 19, after which a three-member committee was formed by the party to discuss the issue with the federal government. "We are still working on it. Trinamool Congress has formed a committee to talk to us. I know time is running out but I hope to have a more detailed discussion

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Correction

Argentina Matavel Piccin, newly assigned UNFPA representative in Bangladesh, presented her credentials to Foreign Minister Dipu Moni at the latter's office on Thursday. But in a photo caption Friday, we mistakenly replaced her name and identity with those of newly appointed UNHCR representative Stina E Ljungdell. We regret the error.

DHAKA TODAY

- Dialogue**
Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad will organise a national dialogue on "Commercial Freedom: Key to Sustainable Development of Telecommunication Industry"; Venue: Cirdap Auditorium; Time: 10:00am.
- Event**
Bangladesh Road Transport Authority and Brac will jointly hold an event "Four Wheels to Freedom for Women"; Venue: Brac Driving School; Time: 11:00am.
- Workshop**
Rural Development and Cooperative Division of the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives will organise a workshop, "One house one farm: New way to alleviate poverty"; Venue: Cirdap Auditorium; Time: 10:30am.
- Launching**
The Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication, and Free Press Unlimited - Netherlands will hold a launching of "Pioneering, Connecting & Empowering Voices for Change: Strengthening Community Radio in Bangladesh to Fight Poverty and Promote Development"; Venue: IDB Bhaban; Time: 10:00am.



Former chief adviser to a caretaker government Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman addresses a condolence meeting, organised by the Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs at its auditorium in the capital, in memory of eminent constitutional expert Dr Muhammad Zahir. On his right are eminent jurist Dr Kamal Hossain and Attorney General Mahubey Alam and on his left are eminent jurist Shahdeen Malik and Dr Zahir's brother and former chief information commissioner Muhammad Zamir. Story on page 3.

PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

US to provide naval ship to Bangladesh

Mozena tells seminar
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The US will provide a well-equipped naval ship to enhance the strength of the Bangladesh Navy in November as part of the military cooperation for bolstering the latter's maritime security, the US ambassador said yesterday. "I am eagerly waiting for November when the 378-foot long ship is due to arrive in the Bay of Bengal," Dan W. Mozena told a seminar at the capital's Brac Centre. The Centre for East Asia Foundation and the US Embassy jointly organised the seminar on US-Bangladesh relations and security in the Bay. The ship named "Samudra Joi" (conqueror of the sea) is going to be the "most capable" military vessel in the Bangladesh Navy to remain in a "tough form" in the Bay and the country's newly demarcated maritime boundary, he said. The US has already trained the navy personnel to man the ship to better secure the maritime resources and prevent robbery, piracy, trafficking of people and illegal arms, said Mozena. Both the US and Bangladesh have strategic and economic interests in the Asia-Pacific region that is going to emerge as the fastest growing economic zone in the 21st century, he said. Replying to a question whether the US is planning

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Couple found

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on Friday evening identifying that they were hailing from Chouddogram in Comilla. The following morning, hotel staff did not get any response from the room despite several calls and informed the police of the matter. Police broke open the door locked from inside and found the woman's body in the bed with the throat slit while the man was found hanging from the ceiling fan. A national identity card found in the room revealed that Ajeda hailed from Diesel Colony area of Pahartali in Chittagong and her husband's name was Golam Mousa. Ajeda's mother Rahima Begum told police that Golam was her daughter's first husband and they divorced two years ago. Ajeda had three children with Golam, said Rahima. Later, Saiful and Ajeda got married. But they had been living separately since the previous Ramadan over a family dispute, she added. Police detained the hotel manager Rafiqueul Islam and two other staff, Tarek and Faruk, for interrogation. The police filed a murder case in this regard.

Empowering local govt stressed

STAR REPORT
Speakers at a policy dialogue on local governance yesterday stressed the need for empowering local government institutions (LGIs) at all levels to deliver quality services to the citizens. The policy dialogue was held at the deputy commissioner's office in Khulna, says a press release. The Upazila Governance Project (UZGP), being implemented by the Local Government Division (LGD), organised the dialogue. The speakers demanded that overlapping functions of LGIs and government functionaries at all levels such as union, upazila and district be removed. State Minister for Labour and Employment Begum Monnujan Sufian, as chief guest, said the government was committed to reforming and developing the existing local government system. Md Shah Kamal, additional secretary (admin) of LGD and national project director of UZGP, was present at the programme as special guest. Eminent LG expert and National Technical Adviser to UZGP Dr Tofail Ahmed presented the keynote paper. Abdul Jalil, divisional commissioner of Khulna, chaired the function.

Matiranga attack was to grab land

Says citizens' committee after visit to affected areas
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The main motive behind the August 3 attack on indigenous communities in Khagrachhari district's Matiranga upazila was to grab their lands, said a citizens' committee yesterday. Rejecting the local administration's claim that the incident was triggered by an abduction, the committee said it had become a practice to spread rumours and propaganda before carrying out such attacks to grab indigenous people's lands. The committee, "Matiranga-e Akranto Adivasider Shohayotae Nagarik Committee-2013" (committee to assist affected indigenous people in Matiranga), was revealing its findings on the attack at a press

Youth shot dead in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
An unidentified gang shot a youth dead in the capital's Arambag in front of Notre Dame College last evening. Sabbir Hossain, 22, who came back home on leave four months ago from Dubai where he worked, had a bullet lodged in the chest. Two of his friends, Aftab Hossain Tanu and Shovon Ahmed Jewel, took him to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where he was declared dead around 9:00pm. Family members said Jewel owed the victim Tk 10,000 and he went to the scene with Tanu to meet Sabbir. They were arrested by DMCH camp police. The duo told police that when they were chatting, two men riding a motorcycle and three others on foot approached them. They tried to take Sabbir away, and at one point one of the motorcycle riders shot Sabbir, DMCH camp police said, quoting the two. Family members said Sabbir went out of his house in Mugda after Jewel called him by phone around 7:00pm and claimed that Jewel might have a role in the killing.