

RAIN LIKELY

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at most places over Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions and at many places over Rajshahi, Rangpur and Sylhet divisions in 24 hours till 6:00pm today.

Moderately heavy to heavy falls are also 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 6:15pm and rises tomorrow at 5:41am.**

Country's highest temperature 35.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Chuadanga and lowest 23.0 degrees at Kutubdia. Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage		Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage		
	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening	
Dhaka	33.2	27.4	82	81	Khulna	34.6	28.0	79	84
Chittagong	31.4	26.2	78	83	Barisal	32.6	27.5	84	90
Rajshahi	35.0	27.3	88	100	Sylhet	32.8	25.5	89	93
Rangpur	32.2	26.0	90	80	Cox's Bazar	32.0	26.0	89	83



WEATHER TODAY
Linh, Dhaka

Rain water collects on this pothole-riddled road near Golap Shah Mazar in the capital's Gulistan, causing sufferings to passengers of vehicles plying over it. The photo was taken yesterday.



PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

COP, WIFE MURDER Court to hear Oishee's bail plea Sept 5

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court will hear a bail petition of Oishee Rahman on September 5 in connection with a case filed for the murder of her parents-- Special Branch Inspector Mahfuzur Rahman and his wife Swapna Begum. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Bikash Kumar Saha set the date, after her lawyer submitted the petition. The court also asked the jail authorities to produce Oishee before it on the day. Meanwhile, another Dhaka court rejected a bail petition of Khadiza Khatun Sumi, Oishee's house help. Metropolitan Magistrate Erfan Ullah passed the order saying that the case was at a primary stage of investigation and she had earlier given a confession. SEE PAGE 4 COL 4

CRIMES AGAINST JOURNOS EU worried over unsolved cases

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A European Union (EU) delegate yesterday expressed concern over the culture of impunity that perpetrators seem to enjoy in Bangladesh given the high number of criminals who go unpunished and cases of crimes against journalists that remain unsolved. "We are keeping an eye on the situation regarding the freedom of press and freedom of journalists," said Phillippe Jacques, Head of Cooperation, EU Delegation in Bangladesh. He was speaking at the launching ceremony of a project, "Pioneering, Connecting & Empowering Voices for Change: Strengthening Community Radio in Bangladesh to Fight Poverty and Promote Development", funded by European Union and organised by Free Press Unlimited and Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communications, at IDB Bhaban in the capital. EU is providing 500,000 Euros for the 2-year programme implemented by Dutch NGO Free Press Unlimited and BNNRC to help establish 20 community radios across the country through providing training. SEE PAGE 4 COL 2

WITHOUT MRPs BY MARCH 31, 2015 Migrant workers may face horrors

Labour attachés tell conference

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladeshi nationals working abroad with manual passports may face difficulties if they fail to obtain machine-readable passports (MRPs) by March 31, 2015, said labour attachés of Bangladesh foreign missions yesterday. "A large number of Bangladeshi workers are working without MRPs in Malaysia. They will face difficulty in changing their visa status if they fail to obtain MRPs before the deadline," said Malaysia labour council member Mantu Kumar Bishwas. He urged the government to take steps for providing MRPs for the Bangladeshi workers in Malaysia quickly as the country has already started a crackdown on illegal foreign nationals. Muhammad Maqsur Rahman, labour attaché of Bangladesh embassy in Qatar, said the workers whose passport and visa validity will expire before the MRP deadline have to return to Bangladesh as they cannot renew their work permits. He urged the government to create skilled manpower to tap into the opportunity for working in Qatar as the country has a plan to hire one million foreign workers in the next five years. SEE PAGE 4 COL 6

CASE AGAINST TARIQUE Court asks ACC IO to place probe findings Sept 8

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday asked ACC Deputy Director Mohammad Ibrahim to appear before it on September 8 to narrate what he found in his investigation in a money-laundering case against BNP Senior Vice Chairman Tarique Rahman and his close friend Giasuddin Al Mamun. After completion of cross-examination of another ACC Deputy Director Syed Tahsinul Haque as a witness, Judge Md Motahar Hossain of the Special Judge Court-3 set the date. Earlier the court recorded statements of 12 out of 18 prosecution witnesses, including the complainant and a FBI official. Tarique is absconding. SEE PAGE 4 COL 6

BISWAJIT MURDER CASE Prosecution witness gives deposition

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A metropolitan magistrate as a prosecution witness testified before a Dhaka court yesterday that three accused had confessed to their involvement in the Bishwajit Das murder case. The accused are Mahfuzur Rahman Nahid, Rafiqul Islam Shakil and GM Rasheduzzaman Shaon. Metropolitan Magistrate Md Erfan Ullah while giving his deposition before the Speedy Trial Tribunal-4 of Dhaka said he recorded the statements of the three at his chamber on December 23 last year. The three accused willingly had narrated the murder incident and said they along with the others stabbed Bishwajit to death. SEE PAGE 4 COL 8



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina addresses a rally of female garment workers at Ashulia School and College ground in Savar on the outskirts of the capital yesterday afternoon. PHOTO: PID

JUBO DAL LEADER MURDER 8 including AL backed men sued

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A murder case was filed against eight named and about five unnamed others yesterday for killing a Jubo League leader in the capital's Pallabi area on Saturday. Shah Ali Rocky, 28, vice-president of Jubo League unit under ward-92 and also a jhut (garment waste) trader, was stabbed to death in Mirpur-7, about 100 metres from the victim's house. Pallabi police told The Daily Star that six out of the eight accused are involved in ruling party-backed. SEE PAGE 4 COL 4

NEWS IN brief

1 held with gold bars at Ctg airport

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Customs officials caught a man red handed with four gold bars and ornaments worth about Tk 60 lakh at Shah Amanat International Airport in Chittagong city yesterday. Abdul Matin of Chhagal Naiya upazila in Feni was passing through the immigration check. The customs officials seized four gold bars weighing 466.55 grammes and 69 gold chains weighing 410 grammes which were kept in his underwear and tied with cloths to knees.

Shop staff dies from electrocution

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A youth died from electrocution on Kazi Alauddin Road in Old Dhaka yesterday. Jahid Hasan, 18, was a motorcycle accessory shop employee. He came in contact with an iron rod connected to a live electric wire around 8:30am while he was working at the shop, said Bangshal Police Station Sub-inspector Rafiqul Islam. After being electrocuted, he fell to the ground and started vomiting, he added. Jahid was declared dead at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Youth arrested with three bombs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A youth was arrested with three locally made bombs in Old Railway Station area of Chittagong city on Saturday. Sadarghat police said Farid Uddin, 23, a fourth-year student of Government Hazi Muhammad Mohsin College, is an Islami Chhatra Shibir activist. Acting on a tip-off, they intercepted Farid and recovered the bombs and 12 flares, devices that produce a bright flame, from the two sacks he was carrying, they added.

Brindabon College alumni give money to Rana Plaza collapse victims

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

The alumni association of Habiganj Government Brindabon College yesterday handed over Tk 28,000 to 16 families of Rana Plaza collapse victims each in Sylhet district. Of the victims, who hail from Habiganj, ten lost their lives in the nine-storey building collapse in Savar while the remaining six got injured. Abu Sayeed Chowdhury, member-secretary of the Brindabon College Alumni Association chaired the function at Habiganj Press club. Lawmaker Abdul Mazid Khan, Habiganj municipality Mayor GK Gous, and Deputy Commissioner Manindra Kishore Mazumder were also present.

Body in shackles recovered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Police recovered the body of a man bound with shackles around the waist from Taltala Bazar area in Narayanganj on Saturday. Asihur Rahman Apu, 32, was a drug addict, said his father Makbul Hossain. Makbul said some 25 people came to his house on Friday night and threatened to kill Apu alleging that he had stolen their iron rods. Makbul added that yesterday morning an unknown caller told him that a yester was beating Apu in the bazar. Fatullah Model Police said the body with injuries was sent to a morgue for an autopsy. A murder case was filed.



Views-exchange meeting Pragati Auditorium; Time: 3:30pm.
Bangladesh Garment Sramik Sanghati will organise a views-exchange meeting on "The question over salary, movement of garment workers and the struggle for democracy"; Venue: Mukti Bhaban-
Workshop International Jute Study Group will hold a workshop on "Revisit the Roadmap for Jute"; Venue: its premises; Time: 9:30am.

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Be serious in studies

Nahid urges students at Kuet anniversary event

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid at a daylong programme in Khulna University of Engineering and Technology yesterday urged students to be more serious in their studies, get good results in their examinations and prepare themselves to face the challenges of the 21st century. "Brilliant and meritorious students are the assets of the country and they will develop the nation in the future by making the best use of their merit and talents," he said. Nahid was speaking at the programme held to observe the 10th founding anniversary of Kuet on the university campus. He inaugurated the function by hoisting the national flag. The vice chancellor of Kuet hoisted the university flag. To mark the day, students and teachers of the university

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