

**RAIN LIKELY**

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at most places over Rajshahi, Rangpur, Khulna, Dhaka, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions 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 6:14pm and rises tomorrow at 5:41am.**

Country's highest temperature 33.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Dinajpur and lowest 19.0 degrees at Khepupara. 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	32.2	27.5	80	76	Khulna	31.0	28.2	90	78
Chittagong	30.8	26.0	92	82	Barisal	29.8	25.6	94	98
Rajshahi	30.8	24.2	94	95	Sylhet	32.6	26.0	80	90
Rangpur	31.3	26.0	79	87	Cox's Bazar	30.5	25.6	82	83

**JnU students clash with shopkeepers**  
*Vehicles damaged, 4 hurt in the brawl erupting when one didn't want to pay watch repair cost*

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
Four people were injured and several vehicles were vandalised in a clash between retail goods traders of Patuatali market and students of Jagannath University yesterday over paying the repair cost of a watch.  
Police arrested a student named Srabon, a Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal member, in this connection.  
A student of Jagannath University went to get his watch fixed at the shop from which he bought it about two months ago; but he refused to pay the cost of the repair work, said Dr Ashok Kumar Saha, proctor of the university.  
He said the student and shopkeeper argued over it and the student claimed that at one point the shopkeeper slapped him.  
The student told his friends on the campus about the incident and then about 20 to 25 students went to the shop, ransacked it and beat up the staff, Dr Saha said.  
The traders of the market then closed their shops and protested the incident vandalising several vehicles in the process. They then clashed with students of the university and hurled brick chips at the university building smashing its windows, said university sources.  
The officer-in-charge of Kotwali Police Station claimed that the students that ransacked the shop are all activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal.  
However, denying the allegation, Faisal Ahmed Sajal, president of Jagannath unit of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, said, "We had a meeting at Suhrawardy Udyan and we were busy preparing for it, so our activists could not be involved in the incident."



**Agitating traders of a watch market in the capital's Islampur block an intersection near Jagannath University yesterday after they clashed with the university students following an altercation between a student and a watch repairman. Police encircle the agitators to prevent them from heading towards the university campus.**



**Abul Mansur Ahmad's 115th anniversary of birth today**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
Today is the 115th birth anniversary of Abul Mansur Ahmad, a renowned litterateur, journalist and statesman of the sub-continent, says a press release.  
Doa mahfils will be held at Dhaka and Mymensingh on the occasion.  
One of the greatest satirists of Bengali literature, Abul Mansur Ahmad was also a renowned politician, lawyer and a leading journalist. He was the editor of Daily Krishak, Nabajug and Ittehad in undivided Bengal and a pioneer in progressive journalism.  
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**'Bangladesh First' quiz contest launched**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
Bangladesh First, a nationwide quiz contest on Bangladesh, was launched by The Daily Star and e-learning portal champs21.com at a press conference in the capital's The Daily Star Centre yesterday.  
The programme, titled "Rin presents Bangladesh First - powered by Standard Chartered Bank", will begin on September 6.  
A total of 8,000 students of classes VI to X from 80 champs21.com partner Bangla and English medium schools will contest in the first round, comprising multiple choice questions (MCQ).  
The educational programme contains two other rounds, namely Oral and TV rounds.  
The contest, focusing on facts and figures on Bangladesh's history, heritage, culture, tradition, literature etc, will uphold the importance of having extensive knowledge on Bangladesh as a country.  
Maasranga TV, as the official telecasting partner, will air over 32 episodes of the contest presumably from around late October or early November.  
The first round of the contest will be held on September 6 at 10:00am at St Joseph Higher Secondary School in Mohammadpur, Dhaka.  
It will simultaneously be held in Chittagong Government High School in Chakbazar, SEE PAGE 4 COL 2

**BDR CARNAGE CASE PW statement recording, cross-examination end**

**Judge to read out the depositions on Sept 9**  
**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
The trial of the country's biggest ever murder case, over the 2009 BDR carnage, yesterday marked a big step forward with the court wrapping up recording statements and cross-examination of prosecution witnesses.  
Counsels of former BNP lawmaker Nasiruddin Ahmed Pintu, one of the accused, yesterday finished cross-examining the case's Investigation Officer (IO) Abdul Kahar Akand, whom the court had decided was the last prosecution witness.  
Out of 1,333 prosecution witnesses, the makeshift court in the capital's Bakshibazar recorded statements of 654.  
Judge Mohammad Zohurul Hoque fixed September 9 to read out the witnesses' statements against the accused and to ask the accused whether they were guilty.  
The court will then ask the accused whether they will produce defence witnesses to claim themselves innocent. Over their depositions are recorded and they are cross-examined, the court will hear arguments from the prosecution and the defence.  
The court will then fix a date to deliver judgement.  
Yesterday, Khandker Mahub Hossain, Aminul Islam and Md Shahjahan cross-examined the IO, a Criminal Investigation Department special superintendent.  
Noted lawyers Rafique-Ul Huq, former attorney general AJ Mohammad Ali and BNP leaders Moudud Ahmed and Rafiqul Islam Mia were also present to represent Pintu.  
Aminul said the addresses which three prosecution witnesses against Pintu gave have houses owned by former Awami League lawmaker Haji Selim, a political rival of Pintu.  
The witnesses are loyal to Selim and the Awami League-led government implicated Pintu to harass him politically, he alleged.  
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**ALLEGATIONS AGAINST JU VC Probe body formed**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
The government yesterday formed a two-member probe commission to resolve the stalemate at Jahangirnagar University over some teachers' demand for removal of Vice Chancellor Prof Anwar Hossain.  
The commission led by University Grants Commission member M Muhibur Rahman will submit its report in 15 working days, said an official order of the education ministry. The second member is the ministry's Joint Secretary Mohammad Ahasanul Jabbar.  
The order came upon a directive of President Abdul Hamid, also chancellor of JU.  
On August 24, Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid at a meeting with the agitating teachers, who had confined the VC to his office for four days since August 21 to force him to quit, assured them of investigating their allegations against Prof Anwar.  
The crisis at JU began on April 6 when Bangladesh Chhatra League's JU unit General Secretary Rajib Ahmed Rasel assaulted a teacher. The agitating teachers demanded Prof Anwar's removal for not expelling Rajib. They also accused him of doing anomalies in teachers' appointments, ruining the campus by taking up unnecessary projects, and misusing funds.  
**Protest against Shibir Attacks**  
The JU unit BCL formed a human chain on the campus yesterday, demanding punishment for the Islami Chhatra Shibir men who recently assaulted BCL activists at Rajshahi University and the Shahjalal University for Science and Technology in Sylhet, adds our JU correspondent.

**DEATH IN CUSTODY Police press charges against five cops**

**COURT CORRESPONDENT**  
Savar police yesterday pressed charges against five policemen for their alleged involvement in the killing of businessman Shamim Sarkar in June.  
Shamim, a land broker, was allegedly tortured after a team of plain-clothes police picked him up along with his nephew from Hemayetpur on June 6 and demanded Tk 5 lakh from his family for his release. He died at a hospital that day.  
The accused -- sub-inspector of Ashulia Police Station Emdadul Haque Khan, assistant sub-inspector Akidul Islam of Savar Police Station and its constables Mofajjal Hossain, Ramjan Ali and Yousuf Mia -- are now in jail. The court fixed September 5 for hearing on the acceptance of the charge sheet.



**Left to right, Russell T Ahmed, CEO of champs21.com; Ajoy Kumar Kundu, executive director (sales and marketing) of Maasranga TV; Tanveer Faruq; media manager of Unilever Bangladesh; Abrar A Anwar, acting CEO of Standard Chartered Bank, Bangladesh; and Dr Salehuddin Ahmed, managing editor of The Daily Star, after "Bangladesh First", a nationwide television quiz contest for class VI-X students of Bangla and English medium schools, was launched at The Daily Star Centre yesterday.**

**HC directs jail authorities to give Adilur division**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
The High Court yesterday directed the jail authorities to provide Adilur Rahman Khan, secretary of rights organisation Odhikar, with division facilities in prison.  
The HC gave the order after hearing a petition by Khan's wife, Saira Rahman. Khan is now in Kashipur jail-1 in Gazipur.  
Khan was arrested on August 10 in a case filed under the Information Technology and Communication Act-2006 for publishing a "false report" on the crackdown on Hefajat-e Islam in the capital's Motijheel area on May 5.

**Junior Climate Champions**  
an Initiative of  
**HSBC The Daily Star**

**Junior Climate Champions** competition is open to all students of class Six to Ten in Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions. The competition offers a wide range of activities and interactive sessions for the participants to understand more about environment and climate change related issues. Participants can register for multiple categories of the competition:

- Quiz Competition
- Poster Design
- Extempore Speech

**Chittagong Divisional Round:**  
Venue: Chittagong Collegiate School, Ice Factory Road, Chittagong.  
Date: 6 September 2013  
Participant Entry Time: 9.00 am

**Guidelines for the Divisional Round:**

- Students must carry their school ID and wear uniform on the day of divisional competition
- No travel allowance / daily allowance will be provided to the participants
- Students must bring a printed copy of the confirmation letter of registration
- For Poster / Painting: Paper will be supplied to the participants. Other painting materials have to be brought by the participants (e.g. pen, pencil, water color, oil paint, crayon etc.)
- Divisional round will be a whole day event.
- For any further queries, please visit: [www.juniorclimatechampion.com](http://www.juniorclimatechampion.com) or Call 01675262616

**DEVELOPING COLD-TOLERANT RICE Korea-Bangladesh working together**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
Scientists of Korea and Bangladesh are working jointly under a project to develop modern farm machinery and research capacity along with a cold-tolerant rice variety, said a press release issued by the Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BRRI) yesterday.  
The BRRI has already been provided with a number of facilities for that including a rice-breeding laboratory (molecular laboratory) and cold-tolerant rice screening protocols, manual carrier, harvesting machines, power weeder, rice mill, direct seeding machines and crop cutting machines.  
For completion of the project, a modern research workshop building has been constructed on the Farm Machinery  
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**Obituary**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
 Fatema Begum, mother of Dr Hasan Wadud who is one of the directors of Nibedita Shishu Hospital in Wari, passed away yesterday. She was 69.  
She left behind her three sons and three daughters, says a press release.  
Fatema was the younger sister of Khondokar Ibrahim Khaled, former deputy governor of Bangladesh Bank.

**TK 945CR EMBEZZLEMENT ACC grills MLM firm chairman, directors**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
The Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday interrogated the chairman and two directors of Ideal Cooperative Society Ltd, a so-called multilevel marketing company, which allegedly misappropriated around Tk 945 crore of depositors' money.  
A five-member ACC investigation team led by its Deputy Director Mohammad Nasir Uddin grilled the MLM company's chairman Rafiqul Alam and directors -- Kazi Fakhrul Islam and Kazi Shamsun Naher -- who are also siblings at the anti-graft watchdog's headquarters in the capital.  
A source in the investigation team said the trio was asked to show documents related to starting and running the business and collection of deposits from over 2,600 clients between 2001 and 2012 but they failed to produce the documents.  
"The MLM company was involved in real-estate and building construction businesses," he said quoting the trio and added that the company had 12 sister concerns. SEE PAGE 4 COL 4