

RAIN LIKELY

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at most places over Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at many places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Rangpur 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 Ishwardi and lowest 23.5 degrees at Kutubdia. 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	32.5	27.0	75	76	Khulna	31.6	25.5	87	88
Chittagong	30.5	25.2	81	82	Barisal	31.9	26.0	83	82
Rajshahi	33.0	26.2	88	94	Sylhet	30.1	25.5	92	92
Rangpur	31.5	25.2	95	92	Cox's Bazar	31.2	25.5	87	83

NEWS IN brief

PM inaugurates IT labs of model schools of all districts today

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT
Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate Information Technology Laboratories (IT labs), recently set up in the model schools in 64 districts, at her office in the capital today. The IT labs, each having 10 computers with high speed internet connection, were set up with the support of the Indian government after Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh promised to help in this regard during his visit in Bangladesh on September 6-7. It took Tk 4,29,87,520 to implement the project, said an Indian High Commission press release.

IGP leaves for Turkey to join OIC confce

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A two-member delegation led by Inspector General of Police Hassan Mahmood Khandker left the country yesterday to join a three-day conference of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in Turkey. The third meeting of "Heads of Police Organisations and Agencies" starts today in the Turkish city, Istanbul, read a press release. Police chiefs and senior officials of OIC member countries as well as representatives of international agencies will discuss issues including cooperation among the countries in controlling crimes, countering terrorism and training of police officials.

Teenager 'commits suicide'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A teenager allegedly committed suicide by hanging herself from a rafter in her tin-shed house at Basila in the capital's Mohammadpur yesterday. Mother of 19-year-old Mosammat Mariam found the body hanging by a scarf after she arrived home around 12:00am. Quoting her mother, Mohammadpur police said Mariam committed suicide as she could not bear her stomach pain further. The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College morgue for an autopsy.

Three held with fake notes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Police arrested three men with 42 fake notes of Tk 1,000 denomination in the capital's Bhashantek on Monday night. A police team arrested Manik, Md Sohul and Md Russel in an alley near Café Labanga Hotel at the intersection of Road No14, said a press release. A case was filed with Bhashantek Police Station.

BRDB sets up handicraft showroom

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT
Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB) with support from Korea International Cooperation Agency (Koica) has set up a handicraft showroom "Shanti" at its Bhaluka premises in Mymensingh yesterday. M Amanullah MP, Korean Ambassador in Dhaka Lee Yun-young and Resident Representative of Koica Kim Bok-Hee attended the inaugural ceremony, said a press release. A huge number of women who received training from the Koica-BRDB Training Centre will be able to make dresses and sell those from this showroom, which will help them in generating income.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina departs the premises of the newly reconstructed Lal Ching-Moitree Bihar Complex after inaugurating the Buddhist monastery in Ramu upazila of Cox's Bazar yesterday. PHOTO: PMO

WAR CRIMES TRIAL Prosecution prays for indictment of Azharul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The prosecution yesterday prayed to International Crimes Tribunal-1 to frame charges against Jamaat-e-Islami Acting Secretary General ATM Azharul Islam. On the second day of his argument, prosecutor AKM Saiful Islam said, "We've brought six specific charges against him. So, we are requesting the tribunal to frame charges." Meanwhile, the tribunal fixed September 8 to hear the defence's arguments on the discharge petition, which may be filed any day before that date, after defence counsel Tajul Islam sought more time for preparation. Azharul, now 61, was a student at Rangpur Carmichael College and president of Rangpur district unit Islami Chhatra Sangha, the then student wing of Jamaat-e-Islami, in 1971. He was involved in committing the massacre in Rangpur where some 1,225 people were killed during the Liberation War, according to the probe report. Besides, he was involved in killing four people, abducting 17, raping one, confining

13, torturing 13 people and looting and torching numerous houses in the district, it says. While reading out the charges, prosecutor Saiful said that in 1971, Azharul was also the commander of Rangpur Al-Badr, an auxiliary force to the Pakistani army. The accused was "involved" in the abduction and killing of four professors of Carmichael College and the wife of one of them, he said, claiming, "It was an act of genocide." Azharul faces another charge for his involvement in abduction, confinement, torture, rape, mass killings and genocide from March 25 to December 16, 1971, Saiful said. In this connection, the prosecutor referred to one Mansura Khatun, who had been tortured at a torture centre and witnessed the war crimes of Azharul and his associates from there. Quoting the witness, Saiful said, "Both male and female were tortured naked after

Oishee is 19 Shows medical test

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A medical examination has shown the age of Oishee Rahman to be around 19 years, meaning she is no longer a child as per law and therefore will be tried accordingly for killing her parents in their house recently. The test conducted by Dhaka Medical College also shows that Sumi, the family's domestic help, is aged 11. The report was submitted to the Detective Branch of Police on Monday, said Jahangir Hossain Mattoobor, deputy commissioner of DB (east zone). Oishee confessed to killing her parents--inspector of Special Branch of Police Mahfuzur Rahman and his wife Swapna Rahman--following her surrender to police 22 hours after the couple was found dead in their Chamelibagh house in the capital on August 16. In this connection, police have arrested three persons--Oishee, Sumi and Oishee's friend Mizanur Rahman Rony. After her confessional statement before court, Oishee was sent to Dhaka Central Jail and then to Juvenile Development Centre in Tongi, Gazipur, where Sumi is detained, before finally being taken to Kashimpur Women's Central Jail, Gazipur. The debate about whether Oishee should be tried as a child or an adult started after her school records showed her age to be 17. As per the child act, anyone below 18 years of age is a child. Meanwhile, the detectives have found Oishee's date of birth to be August 17, 1994, from her birth records at a Khulna clinic.


SI jailed for two years for bribery

COURT CORRESPONDENT
A Dhaka court yesterday sentenced a sub-inspector of Mirpur Model Police Station to two years' rigorous imprisonment for taking bribe from a complainant of a case. The judgment was delivered in absence of the convict SI Rakibul Hassan, although he was on bail till yesterday. He went into hiding before the verdict. Judge Md Motahar Hossain of the Special Judge's Court-3 also fined him Tk 10,000, in default to suffer two months more in jail. According to the prosecution, the accused demanded Tk 5 lakh as bribe from one Ferdous Ara to arrest some criminals after she filed a case against five people on December 3, 2010. Following the demand, Ferdous Ara gave Tk 15,000 to Hassan the same day, but he demanded more money repeatedly over cellphone. SEE PAGE 4 COL 8

Construction worker shot in Keraniganj

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Unidentified miscreants shot a fifteen-year-old worker yesterday at the under construction Central Jail at Keraniganj in Dhaka. The injured Mohammad Mamun, a labourer of Khan and Sons Bangladesh Ltd and son of Md Hasen of Pabna, was undergoing

8th Death Anniversary



Tinni Anwar
We Thank our Allah Upon every remembrance of you.
Abbu, Ammu & Bhai

Comilla univ bans political activities

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Comilla
Comilla University authorities have imposed a ban on rallies, processions and other political activities on the campus for an indefinite period from yesterday. The decision came at an emergency meeting of the university proctorial body Monday night. Proctor AKM Raihan Uddin told The Daily Star that the authorities imposed the restriction to prevent any onward incident on the campus as Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and Bangladesh



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DHAKA TODAY

Meeting
Transparency International Bangladesh will hold a meeting on primary education and good governance; Venue: Biam Auditorium; Time: 3:00pm.

Founding anniversary
Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote will organise its 33rd founding anniversary; Venue: Public Library Auditorium, Shahbagh; Time: 11:00am.



AKM Fahim Mashroor, president of the Bangladesh Association of Software and Information Services (BASIS), hands over a cheque for Tk 20,000 to an injured victim of the April 24 Rana Plaza collapse at its office in the capital yesterday. PHOTO: STAR