

RAIN LIKELY

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

Moderately 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 6:13pm and rises tomorrow at 5:42am.**

Country's highest temperature 34.6 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rajshahi 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:		Max:	Min:
Dhaka	33.5	27.0	Khulna	34.0	26.5
Chittagong	29.0	25.3	Barisal	32.5	26.4
Rajshahi	34.6	26.0	Sylhet	32.3	25.8
Rangpur	30.4	25.6	Cox's Bazar	31.0	25.6

NEWS IN *brief*

KU admission test starts Dec 7

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Khulna*
The admission test for the honours programmes of Khulna University for the 2013-2014 session will begin on December 7. The decision was taken yesterday at a meeting chaired by KU Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Fayequzzaman. Information regarding admission can soon be found on the university's website www.ku.ac.bd/admission.

NSU team to join camp in China

CITY DESK
A group of 94 students, led by six teachers, of North South University in the capital will fly for Yunnan in China on Sunday to attend a 14-day project "Chinese Bridge Summer Camp for Bangladeshi Students". They were selected from about 300 students by a series of exams and interviews. The largest summer camp in South Asia has been organised by Confucius Institute Headquarters (Hanban), Confucius Institute at North South University and Yunan University.

Road crash kills youth in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A youth died as a minibus ran him over near Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in the capital yesterday. The deceased Syed Badrul Alam, 21, came to Dhaka by a train from Jagannathpur in Sunamganj in search of a job. The accident occurred while he was crossing the road around 2:00pm.

Four get Chevening Scholarships

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT
Four Bangladeshis have been awarded Chevening Scholarships, the British government's prestigious global scholarship programme to study in the UK this academic year. They are Sabbir Ahmed, Ms Shadnaz Khan, Al Asad Md Mahmudul Islam and Mohammad Saifur Rahman. The scholarships offer the opportunity to study for a one-year master's degree at any of the UK's leading universities. Meanwhile, the British High Commission said applications for Chevening 2014-2015 are now open and can be submitted online at www.chevening.org.

Prof Sattar Britannia University VC

CITY DESK
Prof Md Abdus Sattar has been appointed vice-chancellor of Britannia University in Comilla for four years. Earlier, he served as the acting vice-chancellor and treasurer of North South University and at the mathematics department of Dhaka University, said a press release.

FIGHTING DRUG ABUSE
Parents advised to help children

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Speakers at a discussion on how to resist drug abuse yesterday called upon parents to keep aware of the adverse surroundings their children are growing up in. Eminent psychiatrist Dr Mohit Kamal urged parents to stop imposing their opinions on children, and allow for healthy discussions to sort out the differences. "Try to put yourself in the shoes of your children and understand why they think the way they do," he told the meeting. "Build Social Resistance Against Drugs", organised by Bangladesh Mahila Parishad at the capital's Jatiya Press Club. The psychiatrist of the National Institute of Mental Health also asked parents to help their children build their self-image and self-esteem so that they do not go astray for drugs. "Stop being in denial if your child starts abusing drugs. Address it and discuss it with them," said Dr Mohit. He also asked parents not to shy away from visiting a mental health counsellor if their child is suffering from any psychological difficulty, frustration or depression. Dr Anwara Syed Haque, a noted psychiatrist at Birdem, laid stress on the role of schools in taking care of the psychological condition of children.

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ATTEMPT TO KILL ASIF Mufti Rahmani on remand

GOOD GOVERNANCE IN PRY EDUCATION
Irregularities major hurdle

COURT CORRESPONDENT
A Dhaka court yesterday placed Mufti Muhammad Jasimuddin Rahmani, a leader of Ansarullah Bangla Team, on a two-day remand in a case filed over an attempt to kill blogger Asif Muhiuddin in January. Metropolitan Magistrate Keshab Roy Chowdhury passed the order after Detective Branch of police Inspector Nibarun Chandra Burman, also the investigation officer of the case, produced Rahmani before it with a 10-day remand prayer. Rahmani's name was not included in the First Information Report (FIR), but he was shown arrested in the case on August 13.

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Speakers tell TIB workshop

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Speakers at a workshop yesterday identified lack of teachers and infrastructure, poor monitoring system, irregularities at education offices, and inactiveness of school management committees as major challenges in establishing good governance in the country's primary education sector. They said political influence in teachers' posting, lack of promotion and proper training of the teachers, dropout of students, and teachers' involvement in out-of-school activities were also hindering the delivery of quality education. Teachers of different primary schools, officials of district and upazila primary education offices, and members of school management bodies gave these observations at the workshop titled "Challenges of good governance in primary education sector and ways to overcome". Transparency International, Bangladesh (TIB) organised the daylong workshop in the capital's Biam auditorium. The participants came from 45 regions under a TIB project.

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Jamaat, Shibir again strike terror in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Around 50 activists of Jamaat-e-Islami and its student wing, Islami Chhatra Shibir, blasted some seven cocktails and hurled brick chips when police tried to disperse their procession in Elephant Road yesterday. Meanwhile in Mohakhali, Shibir activist tried to bring out a procession from an alley near Arjotpara around 8:30am but were chased off by police. Dhaka Metropolitan Police Deputy Commissioner (Tejgaon Zone) Biplob Kumar Sarker said four people were detained. They were later found to be garment workers caught up in the confusion and released. The activists in Elephant Road, emerging from an alley near the Bata Signal intersection around 9:25am, were protesting the government decision to bar war crimes convicts from being registered as voters, said police.

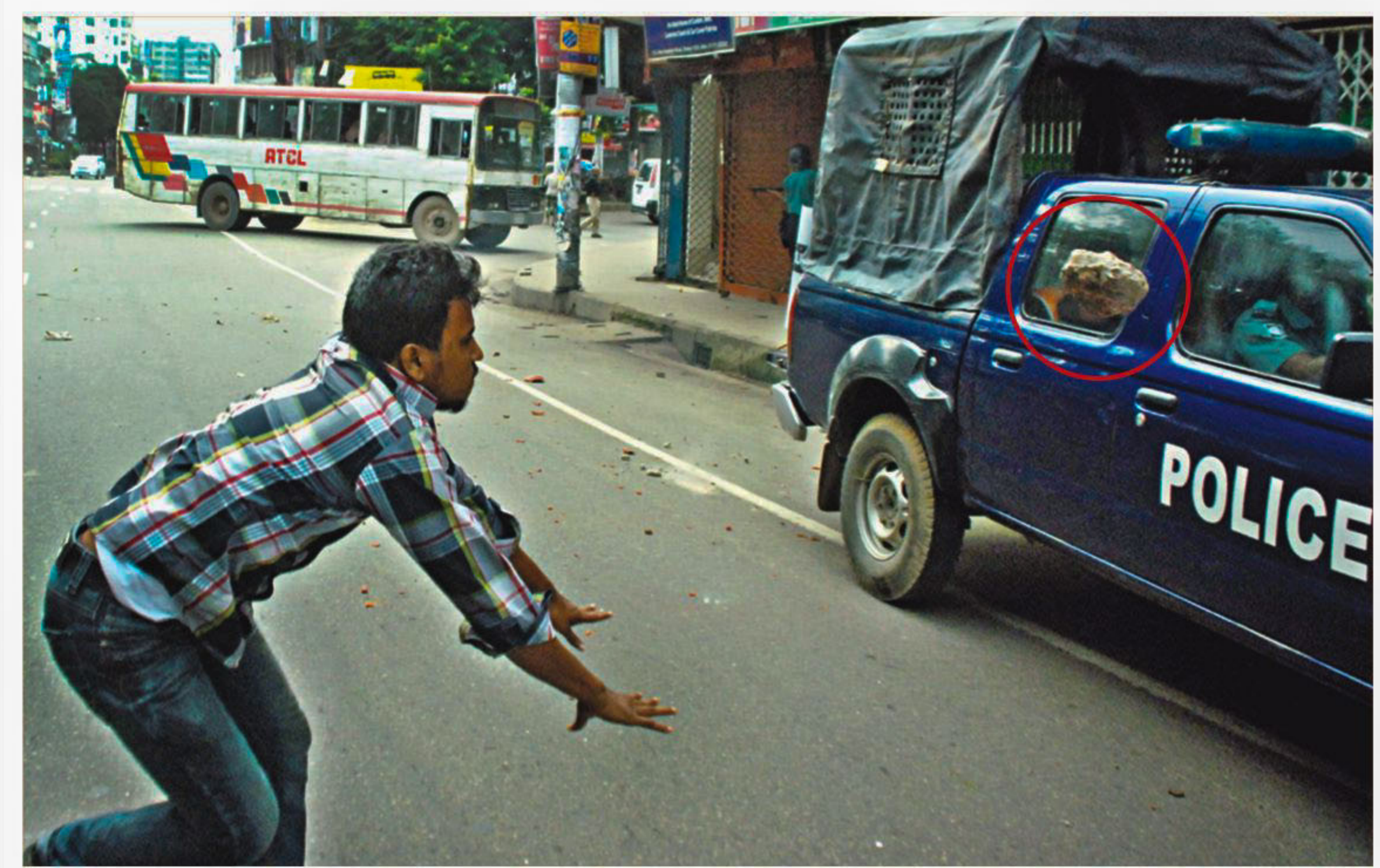
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Saifur Rahman's anniversary of death today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Moulvibazar*
Today is the fourth death anniversary of former finance minister and BNP founding member M Saifur Rahman. On the occasion, foods will be distributed among the poor. Family members requested all to pray for the salvation of the departed soul, says a press release.

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A moment from yesterday's attack by activists of Jamaat-e-Islami and its student wing Islami Chhatra Shibir who threw brick chips, circled red, and exploded bombs when law enforcers tried to disperse their procession in the capital's Elephant Road. PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

Trader, RMG worker murdered in Gazipur

A CORRESPONDENT, *Gazipur*
Unidentified criminals have murdered a trader and a garment worker in separate incidents in Sadar upazila of Gazipur. In Tongi, police recovered the body of an eatery owner Saiful Islam, 30, kept in a box beside a road in Pratyasha area early yesterday. Raziur Rahman, sub-inspector of Tongi police, said miscreants hacked him to death with sharp weapons and dumped the body on the spot. The victim's family members said Saiful did not return after going out of his residence Tuesday afternoon. They filed a case with the police. Meanwhile, police recovered the body of Abu Raihan, 25, a worker of

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FRESH WATER SOURCES
Destruction threatens food security

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The country's food security and public health will be in danger if the rivers and wetlands are destroyed at the present rate, experts said at a seminar yesterday. The Bangladesh Institute of Planners (BIP) and Delhi-based Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) jointly organised the seminar at BIP's office in the capital. Unplanned urbanisation and contamination are fast destroying both the surface and underground fresh water sources, said Kazi Matin Ahmed, a geology professor at Dhaka University. He said groundwater, the primary source of fresh water in Bangladesh, was vital for irrigation for food production, industrialisation, and public health, while industrial pollution and poor sanitation were making surface water unusable. Public health largely depends on uncontaminated groundwater, which singly contributes 98 percent of the world's fresh water, he said. Water-related diseases are responsible for 80 percent of all deaths in the developing world, he added. Sushmita Sengupta, deputy programme manager of the CSE, said the

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Justice Kemaluddin remembered

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Speakers at a memorial meeting on former chief justice Kemaluddin Hossain yesterday recalled him not only as an extraordinary jurist but also a prudent litterateur and historian. "Justice Kemaluddin Hossain was very respectful to democracy, human rights and the rule of law and we should try to learn something from his works and ideology to implement those," said Chief Justice Md Muzammel Hossain. Law Commission organised the meeting in the capital's Judicial Administration Training Institute with its Chairman and former chief justice ABM Khairul Haque in the

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REPATRIATION OF BANGABANDHU'S KILLER
US senator assures Dhaka of cooperation

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT
An influential US senator has assured Bangladesh of cooperation in the repatriation of self-confessed convicted killer of Bangabandhu, Rashed Chowdhury, and war crimes accused, Ashrafuzzaman Khan. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid gave the assurance during an hour-long meeting with Bangladesh Foreign Minister Dipu Moni in Las Vegas, Nevada on Monday. Dipu Moni informed Senator Reid that a self-confessed convicted killer of Bangladesh's founding father Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and a war crimes accused wanted by the International Crimes Tribunal of Bangladesh had been living in the US. She hoped that the US government would help Bangladesh in upholding the rule of law and human rights by sending these persons back to Bangladesh. Senator Reid assured the foreign minister of extending all sorts of cooperation in this regard, according to a foreign ministry press release. Welcoming the foreign minister to Las Vegas, Reid showed keen interest in the social developmental issues of Bangladesh. Dipu Moni apprised the senator of Bangladesh's progress in women empowerment, primary and mass education, cutting infant and maternal mortality, and achieving many of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

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