

# 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 6:08pm and rises tomorrow at 5:43am.** Country's highest temperature 34.4

degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Chudanga and lowest 23.5 degrees at Rangamati. 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	26.6	25.5	95	93	Khulna	30.0	26.5	83	100
Chittagong	30.2	25.5	83	92	Barisal	29.4	26.6	88	87
Rajshahi	34.0	26.8	84	100	Sylhet	31.0	24.5	96	86
Rangpur	31.8	26.2	75	77	Cox's Bazar	31.3	25.0	69	82

# EU wants talks among parties

Says JP general secretary after meeting with team

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The European Union would appreciate it if Bangladesh's political parties minimise the political crisis through dialogues, to which there is no alternative to hold a free and fair election, said Jatiya Party Secretary General Ruhul Amin Howlader yesterday. EU is ready to help Bangladesh hold a credible election and give an organisational framework to its democracy, Ruhul quoted an EU delegation he met for one hour at his Gulshan office in the capital around 6:00pm. The five-member EU Election Exploratory Mission, led by Balthasar Benz of the European External Action Service, arrived here on Saturday on a 17-day visit to discuss with authorities and stakeholders concerned and assess the pre-parliamentary election situation. The meeting sources said Ruhul, to the delegation's question on whether army deployment was necessary in the election, answered in the affirmative. The delegation is scheduled to sit with Awami League today, BNP tomorrow and the Election Commission on Wednesday. It has held meetings with diplomats of EU countries in Dhaka over political situation.



BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia addressing a crowd at Narsingdi Municipality Shishu Park yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

# NEWS IN brief

## Govt to import formalin thru' TCB

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
The government has decided to import formalin through Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB) to control its misuse. The decision was taken in an inter-ministerial meeting. The Ministry of Commerce is working to enact the Formalin Control Act, 2013 which will be passed soon, said a press release.

## Iraq to recruit Bangladeshi doctors

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
Iraq is going to recruit 100 Bangladeshi doctors under its health ministry. Asia Continental Group (BD), a recruiting agency, will manage the recruitment, said a press release of the company yesterday. Dr Khamees Hussein Al Saad, Iraq's deputy minister for health administration, will arrive in the country with his delegation on September 13 to interview the candidates, it added.

## Registration for RU admission test begins on Sept 18

RU CORRESPONDENT  
Registration for the admission test of honours programmes at Rajshahi University under the session 2013-2014 will begin on September 18 and continue till October 6. Admission seekers will have to register their names by sending SMS through Teletalk phone connection. The minimum requirement is a combined HSC and SSC GPA of 7.75 (including 4th subject) for applicants from humanities group, GPA 8.25 for business group and GPA 8.50 for science group. The applicants must have minimum GPA 3.75 (including 4th subject) separately in SSC and HSC.

## Five projects get Aga Khan Award

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT  
Five projects in the world have been awarded Aga Khan Award for Architecture-2013. The award was presented to Salam Centre for Cardiac Surgery in Sudan, Revitalisation of Birzeit Historic Centre in Palestine, Rabat-Salé Urban Infrastructure Project in Morocco, Rehabilitation of Tabriz Bazaar in Iran and Islamic Cemetery in Austria in Lisbon on Friday, said a press release.

# Vultures may go extinct in 5yrs

Fear bird experts, blame use of cattle medicine Diclofenac

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The widely known Bangla proverb "the cow doesn't die at the wish of the vulture" may go extinct with the scavenging bird itself within a matter of years if the government does not stop the use of the banned cattle medicine Diclofenac, bird experts said yesterday. The vulture wants the death of cows as interpreted in the proverb so that they could feed on their carcass. Ironically, it is the cow corpse, which is driving the scavenger towards total extinction from the country, they told a seminar, organised by the Forest Department in its auditorium on the occasion of "International Vulture Awareness Day" observed Saturday. Vultures keep the nature clean by feeding on carcasses, especially that of the cow. Since the use of Diclofenac Sodium, a drug widely used for treating common cattle diseases, started in the subcontinent a few decades ago, over 99 percent of the white backed

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# Govt yet to finalise guideline

APPOINTMENT OF HC JUDGES

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

The government has not finalised any guideline for the appointment of High Court judges due to opposition from some "influential" lawyers and judicial officials, informed sources at the Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs and Supreme Court. These people, also aspirants to the posts, opposed a November 2012 draft guideline over fears that they would not be able to meet the academic and professional qualifications mentioned as prerequisites in it, stated the sources. A law ministry official, talking to The Daily Star recently on condition of anonymity, said HC judges were appointed as per the constitution. According to article 95 (2), the candidate must be a citizen of Bangladesh and have the experience of practicing as a Supreme Court advocate for at least 10 years; or have held judicial office in Bangladesh for at least 10 years; or have such qualifications as may be prescribed by law for appointment as a judge of the High Court. The Supreme Court Bar Association has been demanding specific guidelines through formulation of this "prescribing law" for several years, alleging that incompetent people were being appointed judges on political consideration. A few international organisations, including United Nations Development Programme, had also pursued the government to formulate the guideline, said the law ministry official. The guideline could be made effective through a gazette notification or be passed as a law, added the official.

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# Political parties in grip of criminalisation

Says Muhith

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Finance Minister AMA Muhith yesterday said criminals were spreading terror all over the country as criminalisation had gripped the political parties. This has to be stopped by the political parties, he told a gathering after laying the foundation stone of a new building of Shah Khurram College in Tukerbazar, a suburb of Sylhet city. Muhith also claimed himself to be successful as a lawmaker, saying he has delivered on his pledges and hoped to get re-elected in the upcoming national polls. About Wednesday's looting of about 500 tolas of gold and killing of a night guard at a Sylhet city market, Muhith said he had asked the law enforcers to ensure punishment for the culprits immediately through a proper investigation. Lawmakers Syeda Zebunnesa Haque and Shofiqur Rahman Chowdhury accompanied him.

# Eight marriage media frauds held in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detective police arrested eight marriage media frauds, including four imposters who masqueraded as brides, at a house at Aftabnagar in the capital's Badda on Saturday. They are Ershad, Alamgir Hossain alias Badsha, Ikbal Hossain, Jahangir, Asmaul Husna Mishu, Sadia Mitu, Shayla Sharmin, and Salma. They confessed to cheating people in the name of sending them abroad through arranging marriage with fake citizens of the countries, said Masudur Rahman, deputy commissioner (media) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police. After marriage, they embezzle their clients' money given for going abroad and ornaments given to the brides, he said.



Detective Branch of police produces eight marriage media frauds before journalists at the DB office in the capital yesterday after they were arrested in Badda area on Saturday.

PHOTO: STAR

# DHAKA TODAY

- Workshop**  
Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB) will hold a workshop on communication activities in children and women development; Venue: PIB seminar room; Time: 9:30am.
- Kite festival**  
Dhakabasi Sangathan and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy will stage a kite festival; Venue: Jatiya Chitrasahala premises, the academy; Time: 3:00pm.
- Discussion**  
Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Samajik Sangskritik Jote will hold a discussion on corruption and social degradation; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 11:30am.

# Condolence Message



The Board of Directors and all the staffs deeply mourn at the sudden demise of our Chairman **Mr. Mir Md. Iqbal Hossain** (55 years) who breathed his last on Thursday, 5 September, 2013 (Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi rajiun). We remember his kind and worthy contribution in the advancement of our Company. We pray to the Almighty Allah for the salvation of his departed soul and convey our deepest sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

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- Zenith Travels Ltd. (GSA-Spice Jet)
- I & A Travels Ltd. (GSA-Globus & Cosmos)

# Writ petition filed for death penalty for formalin users

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A writ petition was filed with the High Court yesterday seeking its directive on the government to formulate a law incorporating a provision of death penalty for using formalin and other poisonous chemical in food items. Supreme Court lawyer Eunus Ali Akond, who submitted the petition, also urged the HC to direct the government to table a bill named "Formalin Control Act" in the next parliament

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# Heavy rains lead to waterlogging

ZYMA ISLAM

Daylong incessant but moderate rain, 33mm to be exact as recorded by the Met office, since dawn yesterday, the week's very first working day, disrupted schedules of people stuck in the capital's morning rush. Certain important roads got congested on and off, many got waterlogged while repairs on some and work to replace water pipes added to the misery. Shihab, a private university student, said it took him two hours on a car to reach Gulshan from his Malibagh residence. "There is a lot more traffic jam mainly because everyone takes their cars during the rain," he said. "Vehicles, violating traffic rules, were taking a right turn at the end of the Khamarbari road's left lane, creating a huge mess," claimed one Tawfique coming to his Farmgate workplace around noon. The Tejgaon police (traffic) assistant commissioner told The Daily Star that certain vehicles do take advantage of the rain and traffic sergeants' limited mobility. Shanto, a private service holder, on way to work by a bus from Mohammadpur, said he had to get down at Manik Mia

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# Mamun expresses no trust in judge

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Giausuddin Al Mamun, friend of BNP Senior Vice Chairman Tarique Rahman, yesterday expressed no confidence in the judge hearing a money laundering case filed against them. Barrister Fakhru Islam, representing Mamun, expressed no confidence in Judge Md Mottahar Hossain of the Special Judge Court-3 after the court rejected two of his petitions. In the first petition, Fakhru prayed recalling a Federal Bureau of Investigation official, Debra Laprevotte, who gave

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