

RAIN LIKELY

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over Chittagong, Barisal, Khulna and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi, Rangpur and Dhaka 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 6:07pm and rises tomorrow at 5:44am.**

Country's highest temperature 34.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rajshahi and lowest 24.0 degrees at Kutubdia and 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	31.6	25.5	93	77	Khulna	31.2	26.0	99	80
Chittagong	31.0	24.8	84	83	Barisal	30.5	25.5	83	96
Rajshahi	34.4	26.6	88	87	Sylhet	32.5	24.6	96	78
Rangpur	32.3	26.3	82	72	Cox's Bazar	31.5	24.4	78	76

NEWS IN brief

Judicial Service Commission gets two new members

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Two High Court judges -- Justice Quamrul Islam Siddiqui and Justice Md Moinal Islam Chowdhury -- have been appointed the members of Bangladesh Judicial Service Commission for next five years. President Abdul Hamid made the appointments on September 4 as the tenure of two members -- Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed and Justice Md Emdadul Huq -- had expired, said a law ministry press release.

DoE fines printing industry Tk 5 lakh for land grabbing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The Department of Environment (DoE) yesterday fined Al-Mostafa Printing and Packaging Industries Tk 5 lakh for grabbing riverside land and polluting environment in Narayanganj. DoE Director (monitoring and enforcement) Md Alamgir fined the company after the district administration verified an allegation of grabbing government land reported in the daily Prothom Alo, says a press release. The DoE also ordered the company to bring the land back to its previous form. The company authorities pledged to take preventive measures, it added.

Worker killed at factory

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar
A worker was killed as a truck hit him inside his factory area at Dhamrai, on the outskirts of the capital, on Monday. Labhlu Miah, 34, son of Abul Kasem, a resident of Kumrail in Dhamrai, use to work at the beverage section of The ACME Laboratories Ltd, confirmed ACME officials. Dhamrai police said the truck belonging to the factory hit Labhlu while it was being parked. He declared dead at Enam Medical College and Hospital. Police detained the driver Shakil Hosen and seized the truck.

Two books on midwifery launched

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Two books on the evolution and development of midwifery have been launched recently at a hotel in the capital. The books titled "300 Years in the Service of Life" and "Midwife in the Service of Life" have been published jointly by the Swedish Association of Midwives and Bangladesh Midwives' Society, said a press release. The Publication is funded by the Swedish embassy in Dhaka and UNFPA while Bangladesh provided technical support. Health and Family Welfare Secretary MM Neazuddin and Director General of DGHS Khandaker Mohammad Shefyetullah were also present at the event.

Transport strike called off in Khulna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna
Rupsha-Bagerhat Bus-Minibus Owners' Association and Rupsha-Bagerhat Motor Workers' Union withdrew their strike in Khulna on Monday night, 10 hours after they enforced it demanding a ban on plying of locally made three-wheelers on highways. The strike was called off after the local administration assured them of banning the three-wheelers on highways immediately, said the president of the association.

Bangladesh envoy presents credentials to PNG governor-general

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT
Newly appointed Bangladeshi High Commissioner to Papua New Guinea Nazmul Quanine yesterday presented his credentials to Grand Chief Sir Michael Ogio, governor-general of Papua New Guinea, at the Government House in Port Moresby. Nazmul had meetings with some dignitaries including ministers of PNG and discussed especially about the employment of skilled and semi-skilled manpower, exporting RMG, pharmaceuticals and other products and simplification of visa procedure for Bangladeshis. Nazmul is currently the resident ambassador to Indonesia and concurrently accredited to Timor-Leste.



Even light rains cause flooding of the road in the capital's Mirpur-12, which lacks a proper drainage system. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

Mozena echoes Kerry's views

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B,baria
US Ambassador Dan W Mozena yesterday said he was in full agreement with the views of Secretary of State John Kerry that the major political parties should engage in constructive dialogue to find a way to hold a free, fair, and credible election. "My suggestion to all parties is the same. It is the same that Secretary Kerry wrote in his letters to the prime minister and the leader of opposition," he told a meeting with journalists at Akhura Land Port in Brahmanbaria. With a 12-member team, Mozena visited different places of the district, which he said would be a highway of trade between Central, South and Southeast Asia.

BCL men run amok in Rupganj

Block Dhaka-Sylhet highway, damage 50 vehicles as upazila unit committee disbanded; 10 injured as cops use batons
OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj
At least 10 people were injured as police tried to disperse a group of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists of Rupganj upazila unit, who blocked the Dhaka-Sylhet highway and vandalised about 50 vehicles yesterday, protesting disbanding of the unit committee. On Monday, the central authority of BCL disbanded the upazila unit committee led by Masum Chowdhury Apu as president and Aminul Islam Khokon as general secretary on charges of corruption, extortion, and irregularities. It also declared a new six-member body with Hasibur Rahman Hasib as president and Hafizur Rahman Sajib as general secretary. After the news spread, the members of the previous committee put blockades at several points, including Bhulta, Golakandail and Kanchan bridge, on the highway. Due to the protest, traffic movement on the road and ferry services at Murapura in the Shitalakkhya river remained halted for around one hour, during which the BCL men allegedly snatched valuables from the stranded travellers. On information, police reached the spots and used batons to

Deal inked between BR, Indian firms

CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Bangladesh Railway (BR) yesterday inked a Tk 567.16 crore deal with two construction companies of India to construct the 2nd Bhairab bridge over railway tracks. The companies, IRCON and AFCONS, will build the 982-metre long bridge in two and half years. The fund will come from the Indian \$800 million loan, said BR officials. The deal is a part of the government's initiative to turn the single-tracked Dhaka-Chittagong route into a double-tracked one. BR Director General (Projects) Md Mozammel Haq and IRCON's General Manager Jogesh Kumar Mishra signed the deal on behalf of Bangladesh Railway and the companies. A project is also at the final stage to construct another rail bridge over the river Titas on the Dhaka-Chittagong rail route. Another deal will be signed in this regard soon, said the railway officials.

WAR CRIMES TRIAL Prosecution finishes arguments against Alim

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The prosecution yesterday completed their closing arguments on factual aspects in the war crimes case against BNP leader Abdul Alim and the International Crimes Tribunal-2 fixed today to hear their arguments on legal aspects. Alim, the alleged chairman of Joypurhat Peace Committee, an auxiliary force of Pakistani army during the Liberation War in 1971, is facing 17 charges for his alleged involvement in crimes against humanity and genocide committed in

AL to train 6.5 lakh activists to help voters

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The ruling Awami League will dispatch letters to all of its upazila and thana unit leaders today asking them to send two party men's names who will be trained in the electoral process. "We've planned to train 6.5 lakh party men from across the country who will assist voters during the next parliamentary elections," AL lawmaker Saber Hossain Chowdhury said after a meeting at party president Sheikh Hasina's political office in the capital's Dhanmondi yesterday.

Cyclone damage may rise fivefold by 2050: Minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The damages from a single fierce cyclone are likely to increase fivefold to over \$9 billion by the year 2050 if additional measures are not put in place in Bangladesh, said Disaster Management and Relief Minister Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali yesterday. "And this will affect the poorest households the most," he told a daylong national policy consultation workshop on "Bringing Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction Together: Towards Resilience" at the capital's Bangabandhu International Conference Centre. Experts from different government and non-government organisations as well as representatives of donor agencies spoke at the workshop divided into three sessions. Speaking as chief guest in the closing session, the minister said that to respond to the challenge, new models of cooperation and coordinated policies were required. Cross-sector coordination between climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction programmes and their implementation are needed to protect the future of the climate change victims, said the speakers. The climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction programmes have come up separately in policies and practices, both globally and locally, they told the workshop, organised by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Bangladesh. But in recent years in Bangladesh, a convergence between this two has come about, as in the country, nine out of 10 disasters are climate-related, they added.

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