

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 Dhaka, Rangpur and Rajshahi 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 5:56 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:48am.**

Country's highest temperature 35.6 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rajshahi and lowest 24.7 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	34.0	27.3	68	66	Khulna	33.5	25.5	77	79
Chittagong	32.0	25.5	76	80	Barisal	31.9	26.2	76	80
Rajshahi	35.6	26.0	81	76	Sylhet	34.1	25.0	83	73
Rangpur	33.5	26.6	79	72	Cox's Bazar	32.3	25.0	70	78

NEWS IN brief

12 govt officials leave for Korea today

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT
A 12-member team of high-level officials of the Ministry of Planning and Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics will leave Dhaka today for Korea to participate in an 18-day training programme on capacity building. The programme styled "Capacity Building and Empowerment Program for Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS)" is being organised by Korea International Cooperation Agency (Koica). The training program was designed to strengthen statistical capacity of BBS for establishing accurate economic and social development strategy through improved National Statistical Policy and the system, said a Koica release.

IUB Alumni Campus Day observed

CITY DESK
Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) organised an Alumni Campus Day programme on its campus in Bashundhara Residential Area, Dhaka yesterday. Prof M Omar Rahman, vice chancellor of IUB; Saifur Rahman, chairman of Founding Trust; and Rashed Chowdhury, chairman of the Board of Trustees spoke on the occasion, says a press release. A cultural programme performed by IUB students and the alumni was also held. IUB is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year.

Worker dies from electrocution

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A construction worker died after being electrocuted at Borobagh in the capital's Mirpur-2 yesterday. The victim was Monirul Biswas, 30. He was electrocuted while setting up an iron pipe which accidentally came in touch with a live electric wire on the ground floor of a multi-storey building around 9:00am, said Mirpur Police Station Sub-inspector Masud Parvez. He was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him dead.

BRUR VC confined for fourth day

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur
Permanent teachers withdraw from protest

Though the permanent teachers and staff of Begum Rokeya University, Rangpur (BRUR) withdrew from their protest after being assured of payment of three months' salaries by Monday, the temporary ones confined the vice chancellor for the fourth straight day yesterday. Associate Prof Abu Kalam Md Farid-ul Islam, joint convener of "Progotishil Shikkhak Samaj", a platform of temporary teachers, said they would not backtrace from the demonstration until their salaries were deposited in their bank accounts. They took the decision at an emergency meeting, around five hours after "Sachetan Shikkhak Samaj", a forum of permanent teachers, withdrew from their fast unto death and sit-in around 2:00pm yesterday and postponed their protest till Monday. The teachers and staff, both permanent and temporary, have confined VC Prof AKM Nur-un-Nabi since around 11:00am on Tuesday, demanding salary arrears for the last four months till August and regularisation of the job of 338 temporary teachers and staff. Dr Tuhin Wadud, member secretary of "Sachetan Shikkhak Samaj", told The Daily Star that they postponed their programmes after the assurance from the VC, but they would re-launch the movement if the authorities failed to meet their demands by Monday. A total of 674 staff and teachers are currently employed at BRUR against 336 permanent posts. The overstaffing has created a fund crunch causing a delay in the payment of salaries. Earlier, the VC said the UGC would decide on the temporary teachers and staff within this month, and he had nothing to do with them now. The VC was confined till around 11:00pm last night when the report was filed.



Ten college graduates pose with guests at a reception accorded by Green University to 7,000 GPA 5 achievers in this year's HSC examinations at Shaheed Suhrawardy Indoor Stadium in the capital yesterday. The 10 were chosen through a lottery from those who achieved GPA 5 in all subjects.

PHOTO: STAR

Take Bangladesh ahead
Nahid urges new generation at reception event to HSC GPA 5 achievers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday called upon the new generation to shoulder the responsibility of taking the country ahead, which is the spirit of the Liberation War. "You will build a new and modern Bangladesh. We are looking up to you," he told a reception organised by Green University in the capital's Shaheed Suhrawardy Indoor Stadium for 7,000 GPA 5 achievers in this year's HSC exam. Nahid advised the youth to nurture honesty, values and the sense of respect towards others to become self-sufficient

persons. The political turmoil was responsible for the overall poor performance in this year's HSC exam but "you achieved great results", he said. Former adviser to a caretaker government Rasheda K Choudhury said, "You are lucky that you could come to the ceremony. But do not forget persons who could not." She advised the attendees to join hands with those who were lagging behind in efforts to build the nation, to be respectful towards females and to say no to drug abuse and acid attacks.

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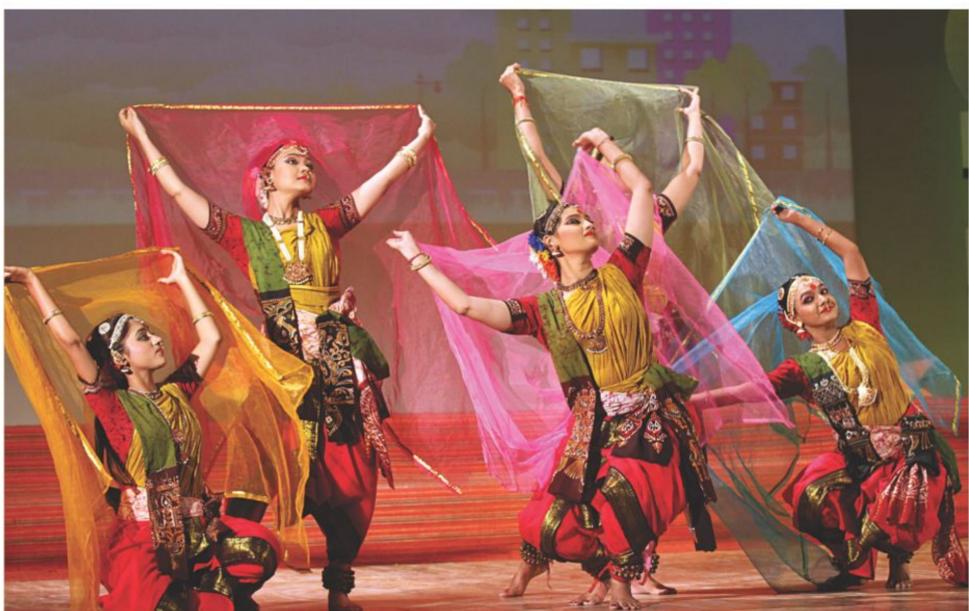
Hang convicted war criminals by Dec 16
Demands Gonojagoron Mancha

DU CORRESPONDENT
All the convicted war criminals must be executed before the upcoming Victory Day on December 16, the Gonojagoron Mancha activists demanded yesterday. The anti-war criminal campaigners also urged the government to ban Jamaat-e-Islami as a terrorist organisation so that it cannot create anarchy ahead of the next general election. Addressing a rally at the capital's Shahbagh, war crimes researcher Shahriar Kabir said, "Jamaat could be banned for its anti-state activities administratively under the anti-terrorism act." Quoting terrorism expert Dr Irfan Al Alawi, he added,

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Two hanging bodies found in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
The bodies of a college student and a school student were found hanging from a tree in their house in Noapara of Raozan upazila in Chittagong yesterday. The dead are Ramzan Ali, 20, a higher secondary student of Noapara University College, and Sukhi Akter, 16, a class X student of Noapara Muslim High School. The two are in-laws as Ramzan's brother Azgar is married to Sukhi's sister Lucky. Family members of the deceased claimed that the two were in a relationship and that they committed suicide as their parents would not approve of their relationship. Locals and family members said a suicide note was found near the hanging duo which said that nobody is responsible for their deaths and that they wished to be buried next to each other. "We could not live without each other but none would approve of our relationship. That is why we are leaving this world," the note read. Two unnatural death cases were filed. "Family members of the dead claim suicide but we are investigating the matter," said Enamul Hoque, officer-in-charge of Raozan Police Station. The bodies were sent to Chittagong Medical College morgue.



Clockwise from left, young dance artists perform during the award ceremony of HSBC-The Daily Star Junior Climate Champions 2013 at the capital's Bangla Academy yesterday. Painting contestants in the national finale held at The Daily Star Centre. BDCyclists joins a procession of the organisers and participants on the Dhaka University campus on the way to Bangla Academy.

PHOTO: STAR

Stabbed body of woman found in in-law's house

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Police recovered the body of a housewife from her father-in-law's house at Sarulia in the capital's Demra area yesterday morning. The deceased, Afsana Begum, 24, mother of two children, was found with stab wounds. Afsana was sleeping with her two children while her husband Abdul Karim, a bus driver, was away. She suddenly burst into her in-laws' room with stab injuries at about 3:00am, said Minhajul Islam senior assistant commissioner of Demra Zone, quoting Karim's parents. "We are investigating whether she stabbed herself or someone else stabbed her," he added. Victim's elder brother Alamgir Hossain filed a case in this connection. Alamgir suspects Karim, his parents and three brothers planned his sister's murder. "They often tortured my sister for dowry. Even they did not take her to hospital after she was stabbed," he told The Daily Star.

RAMU, UKHIA BUDDHISTS Attacks may recur if perpetrators go unpunished
Speakers tell discussion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Speakers at a discussion yesterday expressed concern at the possibility of recurrence of last year's attacks on the Buddhist community if the perpetrators were not identified and punished. They alleged that the perpetrators remained unidentified almost one year after the attack due to indifference of the local administrations and the government in taking stern action. The discussion on the attacks was organised by editors of a publication, "Ramu Shamprodayikota Shahingshota Sankalan" (compilation of the Ramu communal violence), in the capital's Dhaka Reporters Unity. Islamist fanatics attacked Buddhist homes and temples in Ramu and Ukhia upazilas of Cox Bazar in a two-day mayhem on September 29-30 last year, following a fake Facebook post demeaning the Quran. It all began on the evening of September 29, after a certain quarter tagged a local Buddhist boy with the doctored photo. The Daily Star in its own investigation found that the photo was then printed and spread in and around Ramu by the quarter to help gather a big crowd and instigate violence. "A home ministry probe report failed to identify the perpetrators and it said the reason behind the attack could not be known," alleged Proganondo Bhikkhu, residential director of Ramu Central Sheema Bihar. Till date 19 cases were filed against 15,000 people while police submitted charge sheets of seven cases only and arrested 364 people who were not the perpetrators, he said. Prof Anu Muhammad of Jahangirnagar University criticised

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DHAKA TODAY

Symposium
United Nations Association of Bangladesh will organise a symposium, "Education for Peace"; Venue: Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban, Dhaka University; Time: 10:00am.

Seminar
The Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh will hold a seminar, "Challenges for Engineers to Combat Future Coastal Vulnerabilities: Bangladesh Context"; Venue: its premises; Time: 4:00pm.

Discussion
Coalition of Local NGOs, Bangladesh will organise a discussion, "Bangladesh's contribution to world peace"; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 11:00am.

Human chain
Eminence will form a human chain, "Scaling up Nutrition"; Venue: before Jatiya Press Club; Time: 11:00am.

Lecture
Gan-Sohagi Memorial Trust Fund will hold the 10th International Day of Peace Lecture 2013; Venue: Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban, Dhaka University; Time: 10:00am.

Rally
Garments Sramik Samannay Parishad will organise a rally demanding just wages; Venue: Suhrawardy Udyan; Time: 2:00pm.

Seminar
Commonwealth Society of Bangladesh will hold a seminar on "International Day of Peace"; Venue: Brac Centre Inn; Time: 4:00pm.

Seminar
Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management will organise a seminar, "Bank, Stock Market and Economic Growth: Bangladesh Perspective"; Venue: its premises; Time: 10:30am.

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