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RAIN LIKELY

WEATHER TODAY

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

Moderately heavy falls are also likely at places, Met Office said.

Day and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5:55pm and rises tomorrow at 5:48am.

Country's highest temperature 36.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rajshahi and lowest 25.0 degrees at Rangamati.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

	Temperature in Celsius Max:	Min:	Humidity in percentage Morning	Evening		Temperature in Celsius Max:	Min:	Humidity in percentage Morning	Evening
Dhaka	35.0	26.8	63	85	Khulna	35.5	26.3	73	70
Chittagong	32.0	27.0	75	76	Barisal	33.6	26.0	68	73
Rajshahi	36.0	26.2	81	67	Sylhet	35.0	26.3	73	73
Rangpur	34.0	27.0	81	70	Cox's Bazar	32.5	25.5	69	76

This 14-storey commercial building, constructed by Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha in the capital's Gulshan and opened yesterday, offers a 228-vehicle parking facility in its two basements and first seven floors.

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Yet another high-rise car park in Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (Rajuk) yesterday opened a multi-storey car park with a capacity of 228 vehicles at Gulshan in efforts to ease the horrendous traffic congestion in the city's posh neighbourhood.

The capital development authority has developed the facility comprised of two basements and first seven floors of a 14-storey commercial building.

Rajuk has constructed the building at a cost of Tk 39 crore on a 19.5-katha land in front of the city corporation market at Gushan-1 over a period of six years since December 2007.

The top seven floors will be rented out for office and other commercial occupancy. There will be seven shops on the ground floor and a Rajuk office on the second floor.

Asked how many vehicles of the building's rented floors will share parking space, Project Director Golam Mostafa said it was yet to be estimated.

He then said the number would not be over 50.

The parking facility would be leased out, and an individual user will have to pay a certain fee for it, he added.

Out of a total of 1,39,260 square-foot floor area, 98,935 square feet will be allocated for car parking, and 40,325 square feet for office.

There are three car lifts to travel between 3rd and 7th floors.

Abdul Mannan Khan, state minister for housing and public works, formally opened the facility.

Secretary to the ministry Khondaker Showkat Hossain and Rajuk Chairman Md Nurul Huda spoke on the occasion.

Rajuk Executive Magistrate Rokon Ud-Daula and Executive Engineer Nurul Islam, among others, were present.

Farzana Naim passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Farzana Naim, director of Manusher Jonno Foundation, died from cancer at a hospital in the capital Friday. She was 52.

She was buried in Banani Graveyard after Zohr prayers yesterday. Her Qulkhwani will be held in her residence, House 20/22, Road 15, Gulshan 1, after Asr prayers on September 27.

Farzana, a well known development expert and daughter of Abdun Naim and Monowara Begum, had played a pioneering role in enacting the Right to Information Act 2009.

RANA PLAZA COLLAPSE

Governance failure, not engineering

Prof Jamilur Reza tells magazine launching

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The April 24 Rana Plaza collapse, claiming around 1,132 lives, was more of a governance failure than of engineering, said Prof Jamilur Reza Choudhury yesterday.

The collapse resulted from the vibrations of nearly six generators which were turned on simultaneously on the building's rooftop, coupled with the cracks it already had, he said.

Initially constructed for commercial purpose, the building was later used for

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Fire displaces 58 families in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A massive fire lasting more than two hours reduced to ashes 10 houses made of wood and tin sheets at Rasulpur in the capital's Kamrangirchar yesterday.

There were no human casualties but the blaze left about 58 low-income families like those of garment factory workers and rickshaw pullers homeless.

Five units of fire fighters rushed in some 15 minutes after the fire began around 12:55pm.

The fire fighters carried four water pumps, which would have been sufficient to control the fire as a channel of the Buriganga river runs along the area, said Enayat Hossain, senior station officer of Fire Service and Civil Defence, Lalbagh. "But our pumps could not lift water, as the river was filled with earth and garbage," he

told The Daily Star.

Enayet said they could not extinguish the flames until two and a quarter hours later due to unavailability of water in the river as well as in the area, which should have taken less than an hour. By then the fire had engulfed the 10 houses, mostly two-storey, he said.

Enayat, however, praised the locals who in their hundreds had rushed to the scene with buckets and pitchers full of water.

The fire started from a short circuit in one Maqsuda Begum's house, but none was hurt because almost everyone was out for work, said locals.

Three children had got trapped inside Maqsuda's house but they escaped by wrapping themselves with blankets, said locals.

Mohammad Rajon, 15, eldest of the children, told The Daily Star that when the

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Prof Jamilur Reza Choudhury, Commodore (retd) AZ Nizam, Prof Harun-Or-Rashid and Prof Munaz Ahmed Noor at the publication ceremony of "Beyond Building", a monthly magazine on construction engineering, at The Daily Star Centre in the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

15,000 Yaba pills seized

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested four people with drugs, including 15,000 Yaba pills, in the capital yesterday and Friday.

Rab-10 yesterday arrested Md Abdur Rahim, an alleged dealer, near Shonir Akhra in Jatrabari and recovered the Yaba pills from the bumper of the Tata Ace pickup van he was driving, said Rab officials.

Abdur brought the pills from Cox's Bazar, the sources added.

Meanwhile, Rab-3 personnel arrested Rajib Alam Chowdhury, Saiful, and Kamruzzaman Kafi at the garage of a building in Bashundhara area of Bhatara on Friday night, said a press release.

They seized 415 bottles of Phensedyl and 35 bottles of Recodex (an illegal cough syrup), a laptop and a car inside which they found the drugs, it added.