Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at a few places over Rangpur, Rajshahi, Dhaka, 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 5:53pm and rises tomorrow at 5:49am. Country's highest temperature 36.7 degree Celsius

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was recorded yesterday at Rajshahi and lowest 24.4 degrees at Rangamati. Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday

	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage			Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentag	
	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening		Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening
naka	34.2	27.2	79	70	Khulna	34.8	26.5	72	65
ittagong	33.2	27.5	73	81	Barisal	35.0	26.6	74	77
jshahi	36.7	26.8	79	65	Sylhet	35.8	27.5	76	70
ngpur	35.2	27.4	72	74	Cox's Bazar	33.0	26.5	70	84

NEWS_{IN} brief

First tea garden at JU

JU CORRESPONDENT

Jahangirnagar University (JU) authorities yesterday planted around 250 seedlings of a hybrid tea, BT-2, on the campus near JU Teacher-Student Centre (TSC).

JU Vice-Chancellor Prof Anwar Hossain inaugurated the garden while Pro-VC (education) Prof MA Matin and Pro-VC (administration) Prof Afsar Ahmed were present, among others.

The VC said JU is the first public university to have a tree garden and they are planning to use the leaves for making green tea.

ACC arrests woman for fraudulence

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday arrested a woman on the ACC compound at Segunbagicha in the capital when she was trying to realise money from a trader threatening to implicate him in an ACC case.

Papia Akhter Popy, 27, resident of Segunbagicha, was handed over to Ramna police. After being informed by the victim, Md Ali Bhuyan,

the ACC authorities made a trap and caught Popy, said ACC sources.

Popy admitted that she had been involved in such crimes for many years.

Ali's elder brother Mahbubur Rahman, also an indenter, said an unknown caller, who is Popy, first demanded money from them in June.

Debate contest begins at JU today

JU CORRESPONDENT

A five-day national debate championship begins on Jahangirnagar University (JU) campus today. Patronised by the Ministry of Liberation War Affairs,

the event has been organised by JU Debate Organisation (JUDO). Total 40 universities, 45 schools and colleges are participating in the competition.

Man dies after falling through elevator shaft

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man died after falling down an elevator shaft from the sixth floor of a multi-storied building in the capital's Rampura area on Sunday.

The deceased was identified as Ikramul Haque, 49, caretaker of Lyric Apparels Ltd.

Ikramul pressed the button for the elevator and when it came, he tried to enter it but the elevator suddenly shot up and Ikram fell through the shaft, Jasim Uddin, compliance officer of the garment factory, told The Daily Star quoting security guard Mohammad Ali.

He was declared dead at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.



will stage a sit-in demanding compensation; Venue: before Jatiya

Sit-in

Press Club; Time: 11:00am. Lecture

Victims of the Rana Plaza collapse

Asiatic Society of Bangladesh will hold The FINAS Foundation Lecture 2013; Venue: its premises; Time: 4:30pm.

Session Bangladesh Association of Software

and Information Services, and Junior Chamber International will organise a session on "the power of youth"; Venue: Institute of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh; Time: 5:30pm.

Dialogue

Centre for Policy Dialogue will hold a dialogue on "Minimum Wage for the RMG Sector: Analysis and Proposals"; Venue: Cirdap Auditorium; Time:



onions at a fair price, Tk 55 a kilo, yesterday. The move came as onion prices have jumped to as much as Tk 80-85 a kg in the retail market recently. PHOTO: STAR

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STAFF CORRESPONDENT

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BURNT DURING JAMAAT'S HARTAL

Two more vehicle drivers die

Road blockade in Bogra town today

STAR REPORT

Two of the three transport workers who suffered severe burns during Jamaat-e-Islami's 48-hour hartal violence on Wednesday and Thursday breathed their last at the Burn Unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) yesterday. The other victim, Shamsul Islam, 55, a

resident of Gondagram in Bogra's Shahjahanpur upazila, had succumbed to his injuries on Sunday. Protesting his death, Bogra District Bus-

Truck Transport Workers' Samity declared a one-hour blockade from 11:00am at Charmatha intersection of the Rangpur-Dhaka highway in Bogra town today, ₹ reports our Bogra correspondent. The three were admitted to the Burn Unit 3

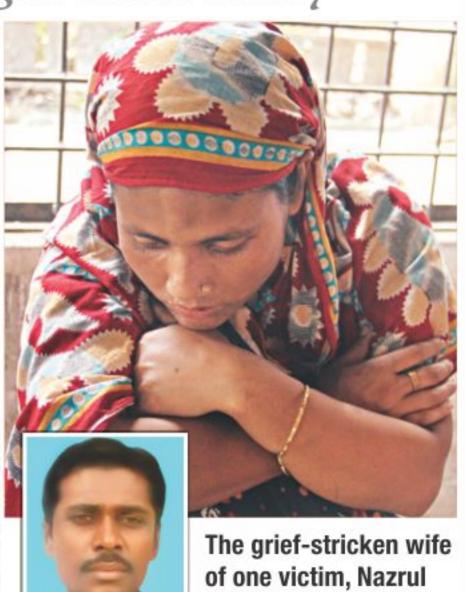
on Thursday. The DMC morgue sources said ₽ the bodies, after autopsy, were taken away by ö relatives to their respective villages for burial. Yesterday, bus driver Nazrul Islam, 35, a

resident of Gazipur who suffered around 60 percent burns, passed away around 6:30am. He, along with his bus, was set on fire by Jamaat-Shibir activists who boarded in the

guise of passengers at Bogra bypass area in Gazipur on Thursday around 8:15am. When he begged for mercy, the picketers yelled at him for driving the bus during

Jamaat's hartal, Nazrul had told The Daily Star on Thursday. Nazrul's relatives demanded punishment of the perpetrators and compensation for the bus which was the only means of

earnings for his wife and two daughters. Truck driver Sikandar Bepari, 42, a resident of the capital's Shyampur and hailing



from Jajira upazila of Shariatpur district, suffered 52 percent burns and passed away around 10:00am.

Islam, inset, at DMCH.

Hartal supporters had set fire to his truck in Chouddagram upazila of Comilla on Wednesday around 9:30pm.

Police filed a case with Chauddagram Police Station in this connection against 59 Jamaat-Shibir men and 45 unknown persons on Thursday.

Shamsul Islam had suffered 95 percent burns when pro-hartal activists threw a petrol bomb at his truck at Doshmail on Dhaka-Bogra Highway in Bogra's Sherpur upazila on Wednesday morning.

By the author of the Orange Prize-shortlisted Burnt Shadows

KAMILA SHAMSIE

NEW ARRIVALS

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lakh seized, 10 fined STAFF CORRESPONDENT A mobile court of Rapid

Fake drugs

worth Tk 10

Action Battalion (Rab)-3 yesterday recovered a huge amount of fake medicines and fined a total of Tk 10 lakh to 10 persons who used to sell those on footpath in the capital's Gulistan. The medicines are worth

around Tk 10 lakh, said Rab sources.

Six of those who were fined were each sentenced to a 10-day jail term.

However, the elite force is yet to find the storage of the drugs, most of those being herbal, he further said.

The medicines, which had been produced without any permission from the drug authorities, are detrimental to kidney, said Muhit Islam, superintendent of drugs, Drug Administration.

WAR CRIMES SUSPECT QAISAR Prosecution asked

to file charges

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday stayed for three months the The International Crimes Tribunal-2 yesterday directed the prosecution to process of recruiting 5,209 file formal charges on October 24, if it people selected for differfinds any, against war crimes suspect ent posts at two director-Syed Mohammad Qaisar, a former stateates under the health minminister of HM Ershad's government. The three-member tribunal led by The order came follow-

Justice Obaidul Hassan with members Justice Md Mozibur Rahman Miah and Justice Md Shahinur Islam fixed the date following a time petition of the prosecution.

Yesterday was fixed for submitting a progress report on the investigation into the alleged involvement of Qaisar in war-time offences committed during the Liberation War. Prosecutor Rana Dasgupta told the court that they had

received the probe report and relevant documents from the

investigation agency but needed some time to prepare the formal charges. The investigation agency designated to probe war crimes

handed over the probe report to the prosecution on Sunday, saying it had found "horrifying evidence" that Qaisar was "involved" in crimes against humanity and genocide committed during the nine-month-long war. According to the agency, Qaisar founded and led the

"Qaisar Force", an associate organisation of the Pakistani army, in Habiganj and Brahmanbaria in 1971, and he was 'involved" in at least 16 incidents of war crimes including genocide, abduction, murder, confinement, torture, arson and other crimes against humanity.

According to the relevant laws, the prosecution prepares formal charges scrutinising the probe report and other documents and submits those charges to the court for initiating the trial. Qaisar was arrested in the capital on May 21 following an arrest order of the tribunal. He, however, got bail on August 5 for his poor health condition.

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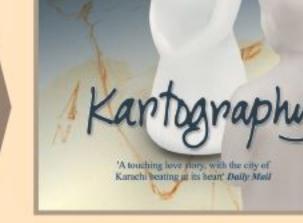
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