

RAIN LIKELY

WEATHER TODAY

Unb, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at a few places over Rajshahi, Rangpur, 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 5:52pm and rises tomorrow at 5:49am.**

Country's highest temperature 37.9

degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rajshahi and lowest 23.7 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	35.0	28.4	81	81	Khulna	34.8	27.4	67	77
Chittagong	33.2	25.1	73	79	Barisal	33.5	27.3	77	92
Rajshahi	37.9	27.4	81	72	Sylhet	32.1	25.7	95	83
Rangpur	35.5	27.6	72	67	Cox's Bazar	33.0	27.0	72	84

## German envoy stresses political dialogue

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

German Ambassador in Dhaka Albrecht Conze yesterday stressed political dialogue sooner than later for a free, peaceful and just election in Bangladesh.

"Germany joins the UN secretary general and other international efforts in expressing the deep desire for a free, fair, peaceful and just election in the next few months," he told a select group of journalists at the German embassy.

Laying importance on a participatory election, the envoy said, "Elections in which not everybody participates are never of the same quality as fully participatory elections."

Replying to a question about the bleak prospect of dialogue between the two major parties, Albrecht said, "I am told that miracle always happens in Bangladesh."

SEE PAGE 4 COL 2



HSBC Bangladesh Chief Executive Officer Andrew Tilke addresses the launch of the fourth installment of HSBC-The Daily Star Climate Awards at a press conference at Sonargaon hotel in the capital yesterday. On his left are The Daily Star Editor and Publisher Mahfuz Anam, and Country Head of Communications for HSBC Talukdar Noman Anwar. On his right is Waste Concern Executive Director AHM Maqsood Sinha.

PHOTO: STAR

## Comments on War Trial at TV Talk Show

# Plea filed seeking contempt rule

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The prosecution yesterday filed a petition with the International Crimes Tribunal seeking contempt proceedings against eight people, including five officials of private television station Channel 24 and the anchor and two guests of a talk show, for commenting on the war crimes case against BNP leader Salauddin Quader Chowdhury.

Contempt proceedings were sought against the managing director, chief executive officer, executive director, head of programme, and producer of "Muktobaak", a talk show programme, of Channel 24; anchor of the show and convener of Nagorik Okiya Mahmudur Rahman Manna; and guests Zafrullah Chowdhury, trustee of Gonoshasthya Kendra, and Mahfuz Ullah, secretary general of the Centre for Sustainable Development.

In the petition, the prosecution said that in the chat show aired on September 18, both Zafrullah and Mahfuz claimed that the rights of war crimes accused Salauddin was violated as the tribunal did not allow the accused to produce defence witnesses.

Through their comments, they tried to create doubts about all the proceedings of the tribunal, the petition said.

According to the relevant sections of the International Crimes (Tribunals) Act 1973 and other rules, if found guilty, the eight may get simple imprisonment up to one year or be fined up to Tk 5,000, or be punished with both.

The prosecution filed the petition with the registrar office of the tribunal.

## BB governor faces contempt charges

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a contempt of court rule against Bangladesh Bank Governor Prof Atiur Rahman and its General Manager KM Abdul Wadud for not complying with its order.

In response to a contempt of court petition, the court also asked them to explain in two weeks why contempt of court proceedings should not be brought against them.

Petitioner's lawyer Md Hasan Rajib Prodhon told The Daily Star that the Power Development Board of Chittagong had given Tk 32.6 lakh through six cheques to International Designer and Contractor Ltd, a contract organisation, for a work in 1995.

SEE PAGE 4 COL 1

## US congressman disapproves of CG

UNB, New York

Influential US congressman Peter King yesterday disapproved of the opposition's demand in Bangladesh for restoring the caretaker government system for holding the upcoming polls.

"The caretaker government system is not an issue for Bangladesh now," the Long Island Republican congressman said when he called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her hotel suite at Grand Hyatt in New York.

He also hoped that the problem relating to the suspension of the Generalised System of Preferences (GSP) facility to Bangladesh would be resolved as this suspension would put Bangladesh's RMG sector at stake.

PM's Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad briefed reporters after the meeting.

The prime minister is now on an eight-day official visit to the USA to attend the 68th session of the United Nations General Assembly.

Peter King, one of the influential candidates from the Republican Party for the 2016 US presidential election, highly praised the role of the prime minister in the region and in maintaining the country's good economic progress.

## JCD men run amok

In protest against charges against leaders including its president in a case filed for attack on Inu's house; damage 4 buses in Savar; clash with cops in Rajshahi

CITY DESK

The activists of pro-BNP Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal went on rampage and brought out processions in Dhaka, Rajshahi, Chittagong, and Mymensingh yesterday protesting submission of a charge-sheet against five JCD men over the bomb attack on Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu's Mirpur house in the capital on June 9.

Our Savar correspondent reports, at least 40 JCD activists of Jahangirnagar University unit torched a bus and vandalised three other vehicles on Dhaka-Aricha highway in Savar on the outskirts of the capital.

Earlier, they brought out a procession around 10:30am in Dairy Farm Gate area.

Police detained three JCD men - Ahsan Habib, Moniruzzaman Sagar and Faruk Hossain - over the vandalism on the spot.

Denying the allegation, JCD JU unit Joint Secretary Md Sohel Rana said the Bangladesh Chhatra League activists carried out the vandalism.

However, BCL JU unit President Mahamudur Rahman Jony said it was the JCD activists who were involved in it.

Detective police Sunday pressed charges against five JCD leaders and activists in a case filed over the bomb attack on Inu's house.

The charge-sheeted accused include Abdul Kader Bhuiyan Jewel, 35, president of JCD; and Sharifuddin Jewel, 35.

Our staff correspondent from Rajshahi adds, some 50 JCD activists of the district unit clashed with police near Rajshahi Government College in the city in the afternoon, injuring 10 JCD men.

The clash erupted around 3:30pm as the activists ransacked the building of Regional Education Directorate blocking the college road, said Ziaur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Boalia Police Station.

SEE PAGE 4 COL 4

## 32 journos get Meena Award

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Unicef yesterday awarded the Meena Media Award to 32 journalists from print and electronic media for their outstanding work in promoting child rights during the last one year.

In "reporting category" of print media, Rabaya Borshe Onita of Dainik Satta Sangbad won the first prize among the under-18 contestants while Rita Bhowmik of Jugantor topped among over-18 contestants.

In "creative category", Sumaiya Barkatullah of Jugantor and Rokeya Khatun Rubee of Kishore magazine won first prizes.

Shadman Karim and Rifayet Daiyan of Channel i, Sumona Siddique of Desh TV, Sushmita Sen of ETV, Ahad Hossain of SA TV, Golam Kibria Sarkar and Shahnaz Sharmeen of ABC Radio are among those awarded from broadcast media.

The first, second, and third award recipients of each category and age-group received Tk 50,000, Tk 25,000 and Tk 15,000 respectively along with a crest.

Hasanul Haq Inu, information minister; and Pascal Villeneuve, Unicef country representative, among others, spoke at the awarding ceremony held at Ruposhi Bangla Hotel in the capital.

Panel judges of the award are Selina Hossain, Farid Hossain, Robaet Ferdous, Fahmidul Haque, Zakir Hossain Razu, Samia Zaman, Ratan Paul and Qadir Kollol.

## Changes to ACC Act

# Bill may be passed in current JS session

Says Shafique Ahmed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law Minister Shafique Ahmed yesterday said a bill on the amendment to the Anti-Corruption Commission Act, 2004 may be passed in the current session of parliament.

He was talking to reporters after inaugurating a two-day workshop on "investigative reporting" at Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB). PIB Director General Md Shah Alamgir chaired the function where ACC Chairman Mohammad Badiuzzaman also spoke.

The law minister said the ACC can work independently, if it properly follows the existing law.

## EC to raise electoral costs

PANKAJ KARMAKAR

The Election Commission (EC) has moved to increase its expenditure by 33 to over 400 percent in different areas for conducting the next parliamentary poll compared to that of the last election.

These areas include allowances of electoral officials and law enforcers, costs for preparing polling centres and booths, and procurement of electoral materials.

Meanwhile, the EC will start distributing the new National Identity (NID) cards from door to door today in Dhaka, Gazipur and Manikganj. The EC plans to complete the distribution across the country by October.

For increasing the electoral expenses, the EC Secretariat has drafted a proposal, which may get approval at the commission's meeting today, said EC officials.

As per the proposal, a presiding officer will get Tk 3,000 instead of Tk 1,000; an assistant presiding officer will get Tk 2,000 instead of Tk 700; and a polling officer will get Tk 1,500 instead of Tk 600.

In terms of percentage, the minimum 33 percent rise will happen in procuring paper, pens, glue and other accessories from Tk 300 to 400 for per polling centre.

The maximum rise, over 400 percent, will occur in transporting electoral materials back from the polling centres to the office of returning officers in remote, coastal and hilly areas from Tk 1,200 to 5,000 for each polling centres.

While Tk 94 crore was spent for deploying law enforcement agencies in the last parliamentary election, it may go up to around Tk 188 crore in the next election, said EC officials.

"The allowances for electoral officials are very low, which seems to be an injustice. That's why, we've decided to increase these," EC Secretary Muhammed Sadique told The Daily Star last night.

Moreover, the sharp rise in the prices of commodities, transportation costs, and other electoral materials has also been considered, he added.

The EC spent around Tk 230 for holding the last national election in 2008, while the EC has got a block allocation of Tk 500 crore for the next election, officials said.

The number of polling centres will increase to around 40,000 this time from around 35,000 in last the election.

SEE PAGE 4 COL 1



Three children of Gulshan's Korail slum dress up as characters from the cartoon Meena in a programme organised by Unicef, Enabling Environment for Child Rights and the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs on BTCL college grounds in Banani in the capital yesterday to observe Meena Day 2013. This year's theme is "Child Marriage and Child Labour Can be Prevented if Quality Education is Ensured".

PHOTO: STAR



Desmond Quiah, country manager of DHL Express, and Nooruddin Chowdhury, country manager of DHL Global Forwarding, inaugurating the art classroom sound system for the visually impaired students of Baptist Mission Integrated School recently.

**GLOBAL VOLUNTEER DAY**

Delivering the promise of a better future by donating a state of the art Classroom Sound System For the students & staffs of Baptist Mission Integrated School

November 15, 2013

DHL


## 3 to die for raping indigenous woman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chittagong court yesterday gave death sentence to three persons for raping an 18-year-old indigenous woman.

The convicts - Kamal Uddin alias Jewel, 22, Md Iqbal Hossain, 20, and Suman Rabi Das, 18 - hail from Rangunia.

According to the prosecution, on November 8, 2011, the convicts took the woman to Sholoshahar area in the city from Kaukhali of Rangamati with a promise to provide her a job. Confining her to a house, they violated the woman. Later, police rescued her.



### ASA UNIVERSITY BANGLADESH (ASAUB)

## Admission for Fall Semester 2013

Faculty of Arts & Social Science

# Department of English

BA (Hons) in English

MA in Applied Linguistics and ELT (1 Year)

MA in English Literature (1 Year)

**Other Programs: BBA, MBA, LLB(Hons), LLM, B.Pharm, MPH, BSS in Applied Sociology**

ASA Tower, 23/3 Bir Uttam A.N.M Nuruzzaman Sarak, Shyamoli, Mohammadpur, Dhaka-1207

Tel: 8130238, 8130283, 8122555, 01713-148578, 01678-013160

01678-013170, Email: info@asaub.edu.bd, web: www.asaub.edu.bd

Establishment of a modern and large permanent campus adjacent to Uttara (Third Phase) is going on