

## RAIN LIKELY



Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over 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 5:49pm and rises tomorrow at 5:50am.

Country's highest temperature 35.6 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and lowest 23.0 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 33.5             | 26.0 | 76                     | 75      | Khulna 34.6            | 27.0 | 90                     | 97      |
| Chittagong 31.6        | 26.0 | 86                     | 93      | Barisal 33.5           | 26.2 | 75                     | 88      |
| Rajshahi 34.2          | 26.6 | 78                     | 98      | Sylhet 33.6            | 25.0 | 88                     | 76      |
| Rangpur 30.7           | 25.2 | 87                     | 77      | Cox's Bazar 32.2       | 25.5 | 80                     | 92      |



## Hasina's birthday today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 66th anniversary of birth of Prime Minister and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina. The eldest of five children of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, she was born on this day in 1947 at Tungipara in Gopalganj. For being out of the country, she along with her younger sister Sheikh Rehana escaped the blood-bath on August 15, 1975

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The long march protesting the proposed Rampal power plant, 14km off the Sundarbans, on Karbala road in Jessore district headquarters at 10:00am yesterday. The marchers started off from Dhaka on Tuesday and are due to reach Rampal in Bagerhat today. The march is organised by the National Committee to Protect Oil, Gas, Mineral Resources, Power and Ports.

PHOTO: STAR

## QUESTION PAPER LEAK Eleven indicted

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A Rangpur court on Thursday framed charges against 11 people, including six government staff and five locals, accused of leaking the question paper of the assistant teachers' recruitment test for government secondary schools three years ago.

Chief Judicial Magistrate Md Monsur Alam also discharged 173 out of the 184 people who were named in the charge sheet filed in September last year.

A group of staff of two government printing presses along with locals leaked the question paper and distributed its copies from a guest house, Bhinnu Jagat, at Ganjipur of Gangachhara upazila, Rangpur, on July 8, 2010. Police lodged a case the next day. Police had rounded up 167 persons, including job applicants from 38 districts, on the day of the leak and later arrested 18 more, totalling the number of the accused to 185. The investigator of Criminal Investigation Department (CID) dropped the name of a Public Service Commission officer, finally charging 184.

In the raid, police had seized a huge number of question papers, Tk 30.8 lakh in cash, and some photocopies.

The indicted are Khondkar Mohammad Ali, assistant director of Bangladesh Government (BG) Press; ATM Mostafa and Shahidul Islam, compositors of BG Press; Labony Akhtar and Abdul Jalil, binders of BG Press; Hamidul Islam, binder of Government Printing (GP) Press; Mahfuzar Rahman of Kishoreganj upazila, Nilphamari; and Atikur Rahman, Shafiur Rahman, Firozul Haque and Rafiqul Islam of Gangachhara upazila.

## Dipu Moni for connectivity in Asia

UNB, Dhaka

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni emphasised the importance of connectivity as one key instrument for achieving the ultimate goal of "Asian Community".

She was addressing the Annual Ministerial Breakfast Meeting of the Foreign Ministers of Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD), hosted by her Bahrainian counterpart Shaikh Khalid Bin Ahmed Bin Mohamed Al Khalifa, in New York.

It was on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly's 68th Session, said a ministry release yesterday.

Welcoming Turkey as a new ACD member, Dipu Moni appreciated the selection of the theme "Promoting Intra-Asian Tourism" for ACD's 12th Ministerial Meeting in Bahrain in November.

Dipu Moni, as chairperson of Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group (CMAG), also held a bilateral meeting with Commonwealth Secretary General Kamalesh Sharma to discuss the agenda of CMAG's 40th meeting, scheduled for today.

Attending the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Ministerial Committee meeting, she said Bangladesh never failed to stand by Palestinians and would continue to do so. It is Bangladesh's constitutional obligation to support oppressed peoples waging just struggles against foreign occupation throughout the world, she said.

Earlier in the 12th Commonwealth Foreign Ministers Meeting, Dipu Moni expressed happiness at the fact that the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting would be held in a South Asian country, Sri Lanka, this year after 30 years.

She also urged greater cooperation between the Group of Friends and ICAT in mobilising resources to support the capacity-building of law enforcement agencies and security forces, especially for investigation and prosecution of trafficking-related crimes and victim protection.

## RAMPAL POWER PLANT Govt ignoring own interest for India

Say environmentalists

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ignoring Bangladesh's interests to protect India's, the government is deceiving people with assurances that the Rampal power plant project in Bagerhat will do no harm to the Sundarbans, situated some 14 kilometres away, stated green activists yesterday.

Addressing a press conference the National Committee to Protect the Sundarbans organised in the capital's Dhaka Reporters Unity, they called upon the government to scrap the project, the foundation stone of which is scheduled to be laid next month.

A long march organised by the National Committee to Protect Oil, Gas, Mineral Resources, Power and Ports over the demand started off from Dhaka on Tuesday and is scheduled to reach Rampal today.

Eminent columnist Syed Abul Mokud said any contract going against the country's interest should not be implemented.

"If the project is implemented, the Sundarbans will lose its beauty and be renamed as ugly forest," he said. Sundarbans literally translates as "beautiful forest".

Shushashoner Janney Nagarik Secretary Badiul Alam Majumdar said the govern-

ment, adamant on implementing the project ignoring public demands, was acting like a monarchy.

"If the government claims itself democratic, it will certainly take a decision based on everybody's demand," he said.

Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers' Association Chief Executive Syeda Rizwana Hasan said an acceptable environment impact assessment (EIA) report should be prepared under the supervision and with the engagement of unbiased foreign experts.

Dhaka University Prof Asif Nazrul said the government was trying to hastily implement the project ahead of the next election to protect India's interests.

Reading out a keynote paper, Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon General Secretary MA Matin said the EIA report was flawed and forecasted that the project's implementation will lead to the destruction of the Sundarbans within the next 20 years.



## NEXT ELECTION Anarchists will be resisted in port city: Mohiuddin

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

In reference to BNP's threat of movement for restoring the caretaker government system and Jamaat-Shibir's violence over trial of their leaders for war crimes, Chittagong city Awami League President ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury yesterday vowed to resist those who would try to create chaos in the port city to foil the upcoming national election.

"We won't tolerate any sort of anarchy in Chittagong for the sake of the state and the nation," he told a press conference organised by Chittagong city unit AL at his residence in the city. Chittagong is the economic hub of Bangladesh, said the former Chittagong city mayor, adding, "We will by no means let the city be deadlocked and will save it from the anarchists at the cost of our lives if necessary."

Mohiuddin said those who wanted to resist the election did not believe in democracy. They want to go to the power "through the backdoor" in a bid to make the country "a Pakistan", he said. "We will by no means let it happen."

He alleged that BNP-Jamaat-Shibir had started subversive activities in a bid to save the war criminals. "They are killing police, common people and snatching arms from police...They have stood up against the state and the constitution today."

The AL leader said

that the election would be held in accordance with the constitution, and no foreign prescription was required in this regard. "We didn't accept any foreign prescription in 1971," he said. "A big superpower was against us in 1971, yet we defeated the Pakistani army in the Liberation War."

"We are now strong enough with strong army, navy, air force, border guard and police," he said, vowing to resist anarchists in Chittagong.



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Dance artists of Satyen Sen Shilphi Goshtthi perform on the Faculty of Fine Arts premises at Dhaka University on the occasion of Sarat Utsab (autumn festival) yesterday.

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## Question leak alleged in Rupali Bank exam

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A number of candidates allegedly received answers through text messages during the recruitment test for senior officers at Rupali Bank yesterday.

Many examinees alleged that they saw some test takers get SMSs (short messaging service) containing answers 15-20 minutes after the three-hour test began.

Some candidates took mobile phones in the exam hall despite a restriction on it, they added.

Beginning at 9:00am, the exam comprised multiple choice and essay-type questions worth 100 and 200 marks respectively. More than 62,000 out of 97,000 candidates sat the test in 57 centres in the capital.

"I saw the SMSs containing answers in one of my friends'

mobile phone, and many of those were correct," said a test taker at Eden College, preferring anonymity.

Managing Director of the state-run bank, M Farid Uddin, however, refuted the allegation, saying they neither found any evidence nor any complaints regarding the question leak.

He called these rumours. "Our vigilance team did not find such allegations. We also visited different centres and talked to the candidates but none came up with such complaints." He also dismissed the possibility of taking the allegation into consideration.

The exam coordinator, Farid Uddin Ahmed, dean of Social Sciences Faculty at Dhaka University, they seized eight phones from different centres but most of the answers were wrong.

