


RAIN LIKELY



WEATHER TODAY

Unb, Dhaka

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

Moderately heavy to 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 5:40pm and rises tomorrow at 5:53am.**

Country's highest temperature 32.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Khepupara and lowest 23.1 degrees at Tangail.

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	29.0	24.7	92	92	Khulna	28.5	100	92
Chittagong	27.2	24.4	96	96	Barisal	29.8	96	83
Rajshahi	30.0	23.8	97	97	Sylhet	24.7	98	98
Rangpur	29.5	24.3	93	70	Cox's Bazar	27.5	88	92

### GRAFT CASES

## Hearing on charge framing against Khaleda deferred again

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday deferred until October 27 the hearing on charge framing against BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia and eight others in two graft cases.

Judge Md Motahar Hossain of the Special Judge Court-3 passed the order after Khaleda's lawyer Taherul Islam Towhid submitted two separate petitions seeking adjournment of the hearing.

In the petitions, Towhid said Khaleda could not appear before it as the parliament session was going on and also that she was busy with political activities as the opposition chief.

So he prayed for an adjournment of the hearing, Towhid said.

**ZIA ORPHANAGE GRAFT CASE**

The Anti-Corruption Commission on July 3 in 2009 filed the case against

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## 10 additional HC judges regularised

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

President Abdul Hamid has confirmed the services of 10 additional High Court judges who were appointed two years ago.

Law ministry yesterday issued a gazette notification to this effect, said a press release.

The confirmations will be effective from the day the judges take oath.

The judges are Justice SH Md Nurul Huda Jaigirdar, Justice KM Kamrul Kader, Justice Md Mozibur Rahman Miah, Justice Mustafa Zaman Islam, Justice Mohammad Ullah, Justice Muhammad Khurshid Alam Sarkar, Justice AKM Shahidul Huq, Justice Shahidul Karim, Justice Md Jahangir Hossain and Justice Abu Taher Md Saifur Rahman.



Dargah Gate area in Sylhet gets waterlogged after the city experienced this year's highest rainfall till date with over 247mm of rain yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

## TRYING JAMAAT AT ICT

### Maududi's son vows to give publications

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Farooq Maududi, son of the man who founded Jamaat-e-Islami in India in 1941, yesterday promised to provide the International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) books and publications in his library to help build a case against the party's Bangladeshi counterpart.

The case is for the genocide and crimes against humanity Jamaat-e-Islami perpetrated during the 1971 Liberation War while opposing Bangladesh's birth, eminent war crimes researcher Shahriar Kabir told The Daily Star.

The library's collection comprises essays of Farooq's father, Syed Abul A'la Maududi, and other publications of Jamaat-e-Islami, added Shahriar, also the executive president of Ekatturer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee.

He said Farooq made the commitment in a meeting with the committee at their central office in the capital's Mohakhali.

"In fact, we had collected the book on the history of Al-Badr (a paramilitary force created in 1971 to commit murder and genocide in Bangladesh) from his library and gave it to the tribunal two years back for use as reference," he said.

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## Khaleda wants to stop war crimes trial: PM

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said none except she herself dared to try the war criminals and that is why, to save them, BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia was now urging for a Hasina-free Bangladesh.

"She (Khaleda) does not want me as I have started the war crimes trial after coming to power," said the premier, referring to statements Khaleda made at a Sylhet rally on Saturday.

"She knows very well that if I do not exist, she will stop the trial and make them law-makers and ministers," said Hasina.

The Awami League (AL) president was addressing a views-exchange meeting with her party's grassroots leaders of Narail, Bhramanbaria, Madaripur, Meherpur, Jhalakhati and Joypurhat districts at her Gono Bhaban residence.

Hasina said, "She also knows very well that nobody, amidst huge obstacles and a risk to life, would have dared to try the war criminals so many years after the independence.

"Only Sheikh Hasina will take the risk and Sheikh Hasina will implement it. She knows it very well."

By resorting to grenade attacks and observing her birthday on August 15, the opposition leader made it clear much earlier that she does not want the daughter of the father of the nation in power, said Hasina.

Allah, the one who gives life and takes life, will judge, she said.

Reaffirming that she would follow the path of law and principle, Hasina firmly stated that the verdicts of the war crimes trials would be implemented.

Terming the next national election "most important for the nation", she sought votes for her party to execute the verdicts of the war crimes trials and continue the development activities in the country.

"I want another chance to serve the nation," she said, assuring that the election would be held in a free and fair manner like the local, city corporations' and by-elections held by the present government.

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## NEWS IN brief

### 5 hurt as Jamaat men clash with cops

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

Five people were injured during a clash between Jamaat-Shibir activists and police in DIT Commercial area in Narayanganj town yesterday.

Narayanganj police said activists of Jamaat-e-Islami and Jamaat backed Islami Chhatra Shibir brought out a brisk procession around 12:00noon and poured petrol on the road and set fire to it. After a chase and counter chase, police fired 50 bullets to disperse the activists.

Police detained a Shibir activist, Matin, with bullet injuries on the spot.

### Full-fledged BTV station in Rajshahi this year: DG

BSS, Rajshahi

A full-fledged station of Bangladesh Television (BTV) is likely to start broadcasting in Rajshahi by the end of this year.

Director General of BTV M Hamid said this at a meeting with RCC Mayor Mosaddek Hossain Bulbul at Bhaban Office in the district. For now, BTV will rent two floors measuring 14,000 square feet at the under-construction Swapnachura Building of RCC, he added.

### BMP concern over raping girl in police custody in Gaibandha

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad (BMP) yesterday expressed their grave concerns over a girl being raped in Gaibandha allegedly by three policemen in police custody.

The girl, who got lost on her way home, came to Gobindaganj upazila and to ensure her safety the public hand her over to Gobindaganj police on September 28. She was raped for three consecutive days by the policemen, said a BMP press release quoting a report published in a Bangla daily yesterday.

The BMP demanded proper investigation and exemplary punishment for the policemen.

### Danish teacher meets DU VC

UNB, Dhaka

Dr Par-Ola Zander, associate professor of Aalborg University of Denmark, met Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique at the latter's office on the campus yesterday.

DU Treasurer Prof Md Kamal Uddin and Prof Sikder Monoare Murshed of the Department of Linguistics were present on the occasion.

### Non-govt high school teachers want 30pc dearness allowance

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Shikshak Samity yesterday formed a human chain before Jatiya Press Club in the capital to realise a five-point demand including 30 percent of the basic salary as dearness allowance for non-government high school teachers and employees.

The demands include: increasing the retirement age of the teachers and employees to 65 years, including them in the proposed national pay scale and including librarians of non-government educational institutions in the monthly pay order facility, said a press release.



Candidates who were selected for the post of teachers of primary schools, which have been recently nationalised, are on a hunger strike at the capital's Central Shaheed Minar yesterday demanding their immediate recruitment.

PHOTO: STAR

## RAILWAYGATE SCANDAL

### Arrest warrant issued against Mridha

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chittagong court yesterday issued an arrest warrant against the suspended Bangladesh Railway (East Zone) general manager Yusuf Ali Mridha and three others in a case filed over irregularities in recruiting manpower to BR.

The court also ordered to attach their wealth if they cannot be arrested, court sources said.

Metropolitan Senior Special Judge SM Mujibur Rahman passed the order as the charge sheet was accepted by the court.

The other three are Golam Kibria, suspended senior welfare officer and also member secretary of the recruitment committee of BR; and Shahida Akhter and Najim Uddin, who were recruited to BR in an alleged illegal way.

Meanwhile, two other recruited men, Md Ismail Hossain and Sohel Rana, are on bail from the High Court, the sources added.

Anti-Corruption Commission on February 10 filed the corruption case with Kotwali Police Station accusing the six for their alleged involvement in the irregularities.

Mridha and Kibria were suspended over the scandal in connection with Tk 70 lakh, reportedly collected from job seekers in the BR, which was found in the vehicle of former railways minister Suranjit Sengupta's assistant personal secretary Omar Faruq Talukder on April 9 last year.

## Journo injured in muggers' attack

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

A photojournalist and his friend were injured critically in an attack by a gang of muggers on Dhaka-Narayanganj link road in Lamapara of Sadar upazila in Narayanganj Saturday night.

The injured, Mahmud Hasan Kochi, 37, of a local daily the Muktobani and vice-president of Bangladesh Photo Journalists Association, Narayanganj; and his friend Masud, were rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

The gang halted them around 11:30pm while they were coming to Chasara in the city from Signboard area in Siddhirganj by riding a motorcycle.

As they tried to resist the muggers, the culprits started hacking them indiscriminately and snatched a cellphone, a laptop, a camera and other valuables from them.

## World curious about Bangladesh's dev

### Says Dipu Moni

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni yesterday said the world wants to hear about the unique development that Bangladesh managed to achieve despite having environmental challenges and a narrow economic base.

"This has been possible due to our strong political commitment and close partnership that we forged with our NGOs, civil society, academics, media and development partners," he added.

Addressing the certificate giving ceremony of Brainwiz Model UN Conference (MUN) at Dhaka University, she said some

Bangladesh's development models are being replicated in other comparable settings. Brainwiz is a students' organisation to develop mainly academic and interpersonal skills.

Dipu Moni mentioned that the "People's Empowerment and Development" model of the prime minister which was adopted by the UN last year as a viable proposition for international peace and development.

She said Bangladesh's role in various fields, including the UN peace-keeping missions, disarmament, countering terrorism, combating trafficking and addressing climate change, are recognised globally.



Bangladesh Bank Governor Dr Atiur Rahman, third from right, inaugurates the Tk 70 lakh-worth renovation works of Kendriya Kochi-Kanchar Mela's building, funded by Dutch-Bangla Bank, in the capital's Segunbagicha on Saturday.

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