

Temperature drop likely



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

Moderately heavy to heavy rainfalls are also likely at places over southern part of the country, Met Office said. Day and night temperatures may fall by 1-2 degree Celsius over the country.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5:35pm and rises tomorrow at 5:56am.

Country's highest temperature 35.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Dhaka and Tangail and lowest 22.5 degree Celsius at Sreemangal.

The highest and lowest temperatures 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 35.2	25.4	69	92	Khulna 32.3	26.5	78	95
Chittagong 32.0	26.2	75	87	Barisal 32.0	26.2	73	83
Rajshahi 34.8	24.2	86	70	Sylhet 33.2	22.7	63	64
Rangpur 32.6	24.0	79	73	Cox's Bazar 33.0	25.5	64	80

PM's visit creates traffic mess in Ctg city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The presence of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in Chittagong city, where she inaugurated different projects yesterday, caused severe traffic congestion and sufferings for passengers stuck in vehicles.

While she was inaugurating the Bahaddarhat flyover around 10:30am, the Muradpur-Bahaddarhat road, one of the city's busiest roads connected to the flyover, was closed off for around an hour.

This left hundreds of vehicles stranded on the adjoining Oxygen, Chawk Bazar, Badurtala and Number-2 Gate roads.

Afterwards, the prime minister addressed a rally on Jamiatul Falah Mosque premises for an hour from 11:30am and subsequently another adjoining major thoroughfare, from Lal Khan Bazar area to GEC intersection, was made off-limits to vehicles.

This created long tailbacks on the adjacent College, Momin, Sirajudollah, Bagmoniram, and Prabartak roads.

Businessman Md Aminul Haque told The Daily Star that he had barely passed one-third the distance from Lal Khan Bazar area to Agrabad on a vehicle when he got stuck at Ispahani intersection for over 50 minutes.

Another commuter, Md Said, a student, said, "Being stuck at Tiger Pass intersection, I walked for 45 minutes to reach Number-2 Gate."

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Buses headed towards Mohakhali clog the ramp of Mohakhali flyover at Banani end during rush hours every day, obstructing the vehicles intending to take the flyover and killing valuable time of commuters, particularly office-goers. To add to the chaos, the unruly drivers even pick passengers at the very point, inset. The photos were taken around 10:30am yesterday.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN



ANTI-GOVERNMENT MOVEMENT

Pro-BNP professionals plan rallies after Eid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three pro-BNP platforms of professionals will join the final stage of the opposition's anti-government agitation by holding rallies in the capital shortly after Eid-ul-Azha.

They have also planned to observe strike at workplaces and stage sit-ins to reinforce BNP's demand for restoration of the caretaker government system, said leaders of the organisations.

Bangladesh Sammilito Peshajibi Parishad, Shikhhak Karmachari Oikya Jote, and Jatiyatabadi Ainjibi Forum will hold the rallies respectively on

October 20, October 24 and October 26 where BNP chief Khaleda Zia will speak as chief guest, they told The Daily Star.

In the last month, Khaleda held several meetings with the professionals' bodies of different sectors to ensure their participation in the agitation.

BNP insiders said they believed that if the pro-BNP professionals joined the movement, it would help them win the public support.

A tension was created among the people with ruling Awami League leaders now saying parliament will continue to function after October 24 when it

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MOHAKHALI FLYOVER

Unruly drivers obstruct traffic

TAWFIQUE ALI

It is an everyday phenomenon at the Banani end of Mohakhali flyover that hundreds of vehicles remain stranded during peak office hours, as unruly drivers intending to go straight to Mohakhali intersection from Kakoli take the right lane, blocking the flyover's up ramp.

Moreover, the bus drivers pick and drop passengers at the ramp in the very presence of traffic police. This foils the flyover's sole purpose of helping smooth flow of traffic.

"It is ridiculous that the flyover facility created with public money is rendered useless when it is needed most due to the whims of rowdy motorists," said Iftekhar-uz-Zaman, a Banani resident and a daily user of the flyover.

The outrageous fact is that it all happens in the presence of traffic police, he said.

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Supriya Bari passes away

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Supriya Bari, a writer, teacher and singer, passed away yesterday.

She will be buried at Banani Graveyard in the capital at 9:00am today.

She left behind her husband Shamsul Bari, two daughters and four grandchildren to mourn her death.

Supriya was born in Barisal district of the then undivided India, grew up in Kolkata and moved to the US in the mid 1960s.

She had taught at the University of Minnesota in the US.

Supriya was known for her singing and fearless voice against the US support for Pakistan in 1971.

Death anniversary

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Today is the 47th death anniversary of Justice Mohammed Ibrahim.

On this occasion, a milad mahfil will be held in the morning, food will be distributed among the destitute and wreaths will be placed at his grave in Azimpur graveyard in the capital.



PHOTO: BSS

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina unveils a plaque to inaugurate the long-awaited 1.4-kilometre Bahaddarhat flyover in Chittagong city yesterday.

Road crashes kill six

CITY DESK

Six people were killed and another was injured in road accidents across the country yesterday and Friday.

Our correspondent Pabna reports, a motorcyclist was killed and his co-rider injured when a covered van hit the vehicle at Tetultola on Pabna-Ishwardi road on Friday.

The deceased was Moslem Uddin, 35, of Bharuimari village. Haidur Rahman is undergoing treatment at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.

Meanwhile, Rabiul Islam, 40, of Ishwardi, died after two locally-made three-wheelers collided head-on at

Dhuli.

Our Faridpur correspondent adds, two persons died after a bus hit their motorbike near Tetultola area of Kanaipur in Faridpur yesterday.

Aminur Rahman and Sushmoy Saha, both aged 18 and hailed from Boakmari upazila.

Our Moulvibazar correspondent reports, Kulsum Begum, 60, died after a motorcycle hit her at Timirpur in Nabiganj upazila of Habiganj yesterday.

On Friday night, Hormoj Ali, 66, died after being hit by a motorcycle in Somsernaagar town of Kamalganj upazila.



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