

## RAIN LIKELY



Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Khulna, Barisal, Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over 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 5:26pm and rises tomorrow at 6:00am.**

Country's highest temperature 31.7 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sayedpur and lowest 21.3 degrees at Dinajpur and Sayedpur. 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 28.0             | 23.3 | 79                     | 96      | Khulna 28.6            | 24.0 | 92                     | 93      |
| Chittagong 29.5        | 24.1 | 90                     | 92      | Barisal 27.0           | 24.0 | 96                     | 92      |
| Rajshahi 31.4          | 23.5 | 87                     | 87      | Sylhet 28.2            | 22.4 | 93                     | 89      |
| Rangpur 31.2           | 23.0 | 95                     | 83      | Cox's Bazar 29.0       | 24.5 | 95                     | 91      |

# ANTI-TERRORISM SURVEILLANCE

## US inks MoU to give technical help

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The US and Bangladesh yesterday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) yesterday under which the former will extend technical support to intensify surveillance at ports, borders and deep sea to fight terrorism.

The US will also help Bangladesh enhance its capabilities to act against money laundering and the financing of terrorism, in cyber security and to prevent weapons of mass destruction from being obtained by terrorist groups and others.

US Ambassador to Bangladesh Dan W Mozena and Senior Home Secretary CQK Mustaq Ahmed signed the MoU on behalf of their respective countries at the ministry.

Additional Home Secretary Mainuddin Khandaker told The Daily Star that terrorist gangs often escape security surveillance at deep sea and smuggle drugs, arms and gold into Bangladesh in guise of fishermen.

No American troops will be deployed in this regard, he added.

The two countries will also share experiences in managing the aftermath of terrorist incidents and best practices, including through training where appropriate, on counterterrorism.



**Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina speaks at a rally at Gor-e-Shaheed Boromaidan in Dinajpur town yesterday.**

PHOTO: BSS

## NEWSIN brief

### DoE fines six organisations

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Department of Environment (DoE) yesterday fined six organisations Tk 26 lakh for polluting the environment.

It fined three hospitals in the capital for not having any means of treating medical waste. The DoE also fined a steel mill in Dhaka and a particle board mill in Manikganj for sound and air pollution, said a DoE press release.

### Kidnapped DU student rescued

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Rapid Action Battalion rescued a student of Dhaka University from an under construction building in Babu Kha in Rangpur city early Monday, seven hours into his abduction.

Mahbub-e-Rabbani Biplob, 22, is a second year student of development studies and son of Osman Goni of Ashratpur in the city.

Biplob told The Daily Star that he had been abducted by some miscreants while going to meet his friends at Bananipara around 7:00pm.

### Girl drowns in city pond

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A child drowned in a pond near Shah Ali Shrine in the capital's Mirpur yesterday.

Ruma Akhter, 7, daughter of Babul Mia, drowned around 6:00am when she tried to wash her hands, family sources said.

### Bangladesh-Korea technical training centre opens in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Bangladesh-Korea Technical Training Centre, Chittagong was inaugurated at Nasirabad in the port city yesterday.

Lee Yun-young, Korean ambassador to Bangladesh, inaugurated the centre as chief guest.

The centre, technically and economically assisted by Korean International Cooperation Agency (Koica), was under the project of "Enhancing the Vocational Training Programme of TTC, Chittagong" at a cost of \$ 4.8 million.

### JAOP convention at SCBA Saturday

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jatiyatabadi Ainjibi Oikya Parishad (JAOP) will hold a convention of lawyers in Dhaka on Saturday morning demanding restoration of "nonpartisan and neutral government" and establishing rule of law in the country.

JAOP, a body of pro-BNP lawyers, will organise the event at the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) premises where BNP Chairperson and leader of the opposition Khaleda Zia will be present as chief guest. JAOP leader Barrister Rafiqul Islam Miah said this at a press conference at SCBA yesterday.

### Death anniversary

CITY DESK



The first death anniversary of Chompak Kishore Roy, a former BCS (admin) cadre official, will be observed tomorrow.

His friends, relatives and well-wishers are requested to pray for the salvation of the departed soul, says a press release.



### Drawing competition

Sheikh Russel Jatiya Shishu Kishore Parishad will arrange a drawing competition marking the birthday of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's youngest son Sheikh Russel; Venue: Bangabandhu International Conference Centre; Time: 10:00am.

### Report launching

Plan International Bangladesh will launch a report on the occasion of the International Day of the Girl and International Day for Disaster Reduction; Venue: Spectra Convention Centre; Time: 10:00am.

### CONSTRUCTION WORKERS IN CAPITAL

## 80pc face workplace hazards: Study

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around 80 percent of the capital's construction workers are exposed and prone to workplace hazards and accidents for, among others, a lack of safety equipment and exposure to heights, unstable structures, noisy environments and having to carry heavy loads.

This was stated in a study, "Impact of migration on poverty: Construction workers in Bangladesh", revealed in the capital's Brac Centre Inn yesterday in presence of researchers, academicians, labour market experts and trade union leaders.

Dhaka University-based Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit

(RMMRU) conducted the study among 150 construction workers in 11 areas of the capital from November to December in 2012.

Almost 49 percent of the country's construction workers are employed in the capital, states the study.

It mentioned that although at least 58 workers died in the capital in 2012 after falling from under-construction high-rises, the figure might be higher as all incidents are not reported.

Moreover, the victims' families did not get proper compensation as per labour laws, the existence of which is unknown to 95 percent of the workers questioned.

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**This photo shows 280 gold bars, worth around Tk 13 crore, recovered by Armed Police Battalion at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport yesterday. The bars weighing around 33kg were found in the waste basket of a toilet of an aircraft of 'flydubai'.**

PHOTO: STAR



### Govt opens cell to provide free legal aid to workers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A cell opened in the capital's Srama Bhaban yesterday with an aim to provide legal assistance to impoverished workers for free.

Besides providing legal advice, the cell will lodge cases on behalf of workers at the labour courts.

National Legal Aid Services Organisation with technical support from an UNDP project, Justice Sector Facility, will administer the cell titled "Sramik Ain Shahayata Cell".

"The rights of workers are violated when labour law is not implemented properly," said Law Minister Barrister Shafiqul Ahmed who inaugurated the cell.

"The cell will protect the legal rights of the poor and vulnerable workers like a safeguard," he said.

The government has established a Legal Aid Office at every district of the country to ensure that the underprivileged people get legal services,

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