

RAIN LIKELY



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 Rajshahi and Rangpur divisions till 6:00pm today.

Day and night temperature may fall by 2 to 3 degrees over the country, met office said.
The sun sets in the capital today at 5:24pm and rises tomorrow at 6:02am.
Country's highest temperature 30.5 degree

Celsius was recorded yesterday at Khulna and lowest 21.8 degrees at Srimangal 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	26.1	22.4	91	93	Khulna	30.5	24.5	93	93
Chittagong	28.0	25.5	88	91	Barisal	27.4	25.0	92	91
Rajshahi	24.6	22.8	100	96	Sylhet	30.0	22.5	77	91
Rangpur	26.5	22.6	86	94	Cox's Bazar	28.0	24.0	95	89

NEWSIN brief

Hajji held with 1.16kg of gold at Shahjalal airport

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police arrested a hajji with 1.16kg of gold worth approximately Tk 50,000 at Shahjalal International Airport yesterday afternoon.
The arrestee, Mohammad Suruzzaman, 52, who returned after performing Hajj, was carrying 10 gold biscuits in his wallet, passport handbag and briefcase, said Alamgir Hossain Shimul, senior assistant superintendent of police of Airport Armed Police.
Suruzzaman, owner of Elegant Aviation and a Hajj agency named Zohir Air International, was held at the green channel area of the airport around 4:15pm, he added.

BSF picks up cattle trader

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) picked up a Bangladeshi cattle trader from near Dharmagarh border in Ranishankoil upazila of Thakurgaon early yesterday.
The detainee is Arif Hossain, 22, son of Alam Mahmud of Mujahidabad village in the upazila.
Lt Col Kazi Alamgir Hossain, an acting commanding officer of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB), told The Daily Star that BSF personnel caught Arif at Dharmagarh border around 1:00am for illegally entering Indian territory.

Body of boy found in Moulvibazar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Police recovered the body of a boy in Loyarkul village of Sreemangal upazila in Moulvibazar yesterday.
The deceased, Abdul, 10, is son of Akbor Ali of the village.
Police said criminals hacked Abdul to death on Thursday night and left his body in front of Akbor's house.
One Abdul Malek, 45, of the village, was arrested in this connection.
The body was sent for an autopsy.

BRDB office torched in Bogra

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Two rooms of Bangladesh Rural Development Board's (BRDB) Nandigram upazila unit in Bogra were torched by unidentified miscreants early yesterday.
Police doused the fire around 5:00am and estimate the damage at Tk 1 lakh. The upazila BRDB officer filed a general diary with police.

Tea garden workers call off strike

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Workers of two government tea gardens in Manu valley in Moulvibazar called off their indefinite strike hours after they enforced it yesterday as management assured them of meeting their demands.
About 3,000 workers of Kurma and Champarai tea gardens enforced the strike at 8:00am to press home their 2-point demand including increasing their daily pay from Tk 69 to Tk 120.
The president of Bangladesh Tea Workers Union had called the strike.

Awarding ceremony

Unesco Bangladesh and Bangladesh Centre for Development, Journalism and Communication will jointly organise the awarding ceremony of "Unesco Bangladesh Journalism Award 2013"; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 10:30am.

Discussion

Satyanweshan will hold a discussion on, "A unified people of all sects in Bangladesh and public attention to Chittagong Hill Tracts"; Venue: Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban, Dhaka University; Time: 10:30am.

Discussion

Chintar Chash will organise a discussion, "Labour rights and Bangladesh's garment industry in context to globalisation"; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 10:00am.



Parked rickshaws occupy city roads

ZYMA ISLAM
Many pedestrian walkways in the capital have been permanently turned into makeshift rickshaw garages, leaving barely enough space to fit feet.
The people managing these garages are neither hesitant to encroach upon the road itself, taking up to one lane with illegally parked rickshaws.
Busy streets like Green Road and the Paribagh road, which empties out onto Shahbagh road near Aziz Supermarket, are two such examples.
The four-lane Green Road is half occupied by rickshaws parked nose-to-nose day in and out almost all the way from Panthapath traffic signal to Farmgate bus stop on both sides.
The parked vehicles spill out onto the street in such a way that a sliver of the road is all that is left for vehicles headed out to the Panthapath signal.
The stretch of Green Road is broken up into two or three different "garages" controlled by a manager each, who guards the rickshaws, according to rickshaw-pullers in the area.
On the footpaths, pedestrians would be barely seen braving to walk through the tangle of steel. They choose to jaywalk instead.
Tahia Jahan, a student of a coaching institution nearby, told The Daily Star that she hated using this road.
"When I walk by, the rickshaw-pullers stationed on the sides leer at me. Sometimes they pass comments as well. It is extremely discomfiting," she said.

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One seriously hurt in NAM flat fire

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A woman suffered 65 percent burns to her body after a fire broke out in her apartment at a NAM building in the capital's Banani yesterday.
Shahana Khanam, wife of Nilsagor Group Chairman Ahsan Habib Lelin, lies in the burn unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital struggling for life.
Two of her domestic helps, Romana Akhter and Habibur Rahman, suffered minor injuries in the fire, which started from a gas stove around 11:12am and lasted about 15 minutes, damaging the kitchen and the adjoining dining room, said fire officials.
Family sources said the fire erupted after the three heard a sound of an explosion from the refrigerator, which they were cleaning out.
Shahana and the other two were rushed to DMCH by her husband Lelin, also managing editor of online news portal,

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Kathin Chibar Dan celebrated in Bandarban

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

Kathin Chibar Dan, one of the largest annual religious festivals of the Buddhist community in Chittagong Hill Tracts, was celebrated at a temple, Ajita Mahathero Dhyani Bihar, of Bandarban district yesterday.
Thousands of devotees from Bandarban, Rangamati and Khagrachhari arrived at the temple where its chief and most venerable monk Bhadanto Ajita Mahathero, known as Dhyani Shadhok Bhante, read out from the Holy Tripitaka.
The festival's Convener Proshonno Kanti Tanchyanga also read out special prayers seeking peace and religious harmony.
The temple's monks were also offered or "Dan" robes or "Chibar" which are made of cotton and weaved by devotees overnight, hence the word "Kathin" or difficult is associated with it.
Bishakha, a nurse of Goutama Buddha, introduced the festival about 2,500 years ago.
It marks the conclusion of a three-month seclusion of monks who meditate inside their monasteries for self-edification and atonement for mankind and is preceded by another festival, Probarona Purnima, characterised by the release of sky lanterns.

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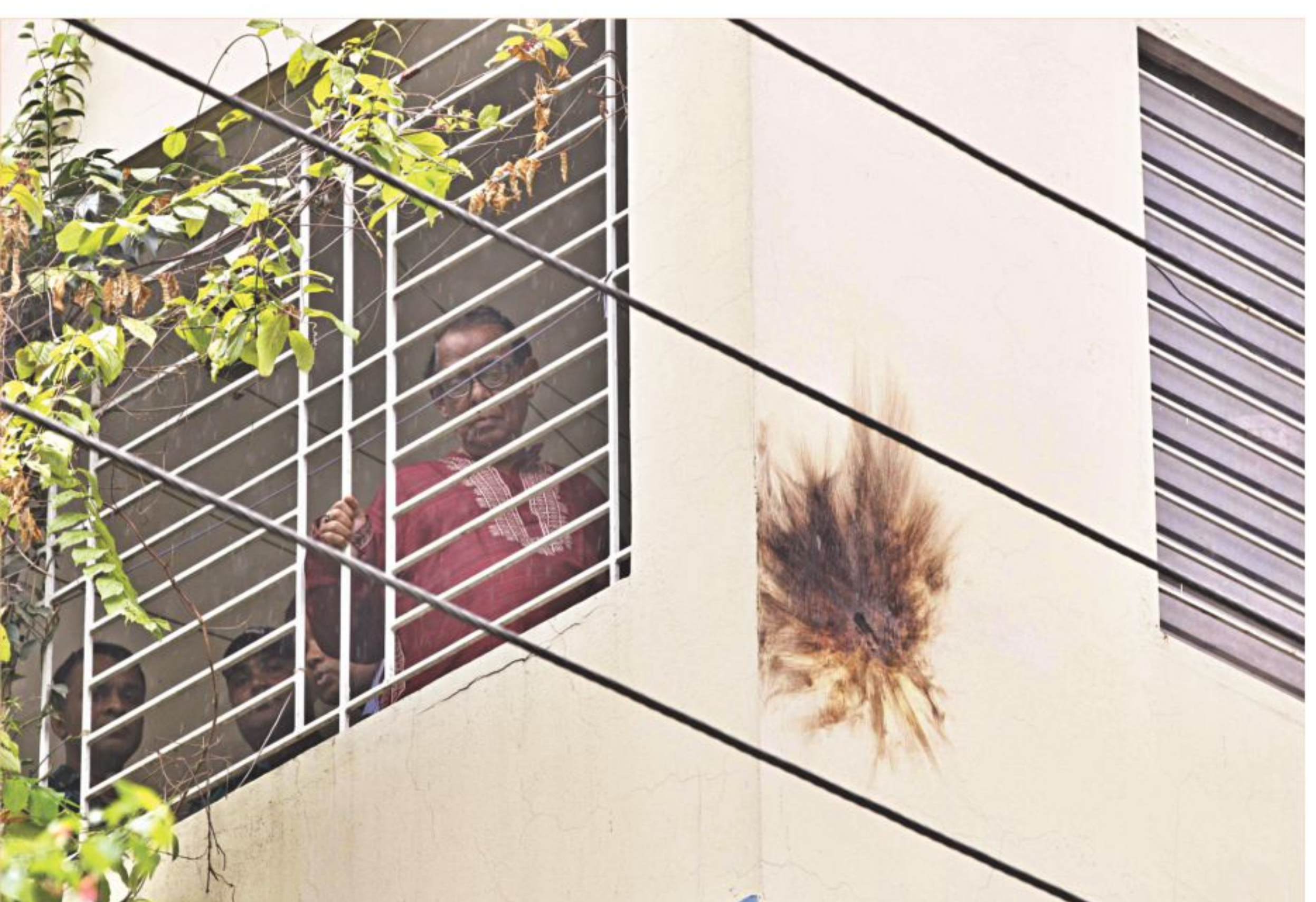


PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Soot and burn marks pinpoint the spot where unidentified miscreants hurled a cocktail at the Jigatola residence of minister without portfolio Suranjit Sengupta, standing by the third-floor window, in the capital early yesterday.