

DRY WEATHER
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TODAY

Unib, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary wind is likely to occur at one or two places over Rangpur division 6:00pm today. Weather may remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country, Met Office said. Light fog may occur at places over Rangpur,	Rajshahi, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions during late night till morning.	Country's highest temperature 32.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and lowest 17.3 degrees at Srimangal.	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage		Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Day and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.	Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening
			31.5	20.1	61	58	32.0	21.0	83	81
			29.3	22.2	85	83	31.2	20.2	74	91
	The sun sets in the capital today at 5:19pm and rises tomorrow at 6:05am.		31.4	18.6	93	78	30.0	19.0	53	84
		27.2	20.6	91	88	Cox's Bazar	32.0	22.5	74	67

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brief

Youth's body recovered in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered the body of a youth from a pond in East Badda of the capital yesterday.

Md Jewel, 21, worked as a typist in a shop.

Badda police suspect that Jewel committed suicide as he left his house the night before following an altercation with his siblings, declaring that he will not come back.

The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College morgue for an autopsy.

RMG workers demonstrate for arrears

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

The workers of a garment factory at Ganakbari in Ashulia, on the outskirts of the capital, demonstrated for the second consecutive day yesterday demanding arrears.

Ashulia Industrial Police Senior Assistant Director Md Shahid Ullah said the workers of Intraco Sweaters Ltd brought out a procession on Dhaka-Tangail highway.

He said the factory authorities were yet to pay the workers' salary of September.

The factory Managing Director Muzibur Rahman said he assured the workers of paying their arrears by Monday.

DFID moves to British High Commission building on Nov 10

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The UK's Department for International Development will move its Bangladesh office to the new Shapla Building on the British High Commission premises in the capital's Baridhara on November 10.

DFID Bangladesh Country Representative Sarah Cooke said the cost-effective, environmentally friendly office in Baridhara will allow them to work more closely with their colleagues in the British High Commission as well as other international donors whilst delivering savings of over £500,000, that's over Tk 6 crore , each year in rent alone.

Dhrupad Communication wins foreign prize

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Dhrupad Communication (Media for Education and Development) proposal "Let there be Light" won the National Federation of Unesco Associations in Japan Prize under TV Proposal Division category on October 24.

The prize was given at the 40th Japan Prize International Contest for Educational Media held at NHK Broadcasting Center in Tokyo, said a foreign ministry press release.

KM Taj-Biul Hasan, media consultant of Dhrupad Communication, a Bangladeshi organisation, also won awards in 2007 and 2010 in the same category.

Youth's found in N'ganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N' ganj

Police recovered the body of an unidentified youth from kathpatti khelaghat area in narayanganj town yesterday morning.

Police said criminals killed him and dumped the body, tied with ropes, in the area sometime on Wednesday night. The body, bore several marks of injury, was sent to the hospital morgue for autopsy.

Violence against women deterrent to empowerment

Mahila Parishad national convention told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Violence against women and lack of recognition of women's contributions to the country's economy is a huge deterrent to the empowerment of women, said speakers at the twelfth national convention of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad yesterday.

Convening women from all over the country under the banner "Women's rights and contributions to the national economy must be recognised," the event was organised in the Institute of Engineers, Bangladesh in the capital.

"Violence against women and sexual abuse is pulling back the growth of women," said Professor Emeritus Anisuzzaman.

Garment worker Kohinoor Begum said women empowerment through RMG sector was being hampered by inadequate working conditions and sexual abuse at the workplace.


United Nationsbody UN Women representatives in Bangladesh said violence against women was one of the main challenges.

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Discussion

Swadesh Jagoron Parishad will hold a discussion on the responsibilities of democratic force; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 11:00am.



Condolence meeting

Jatiya Press Club, BFUJ, and DUJ will hold a condolence meeting on late journalist Gias Kamal Chowdhury; Venue: the press club premises; Time: 3:00pm.



BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Ismal Alamgir addresses a BNP-led 18-party opposition alliance rally at the capital's Suhrawardy Udyan yesterday protesting the deaths of the alliance activists in, what they say, police action and in the hands of ruling Awami League activists during the last opposition sponsored 60-hour countrywide shutdown.

PHOTO: STAR

Ctg BCL faction protests new city committee

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

More than a hundred activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League blocked one side of the road in front of Chittagong Press Club for about two hours protesting against the newly formed 24-member committee of Chittagong city unit BCL.

They called the new committee members "patrons of terrorists and muggers" and demanded its dissolution. The protesters, who were not inducted into the committee, also alleged violation of seniority and influence of money in awarding leadership posts.

The central BCL leaders announced the new

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Hasina 'okays' new AL Ctg city committee

Mohiuddin again president, Nasir general secretary likely

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Ctg

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina, also the prime minister, has approved a 71-member full-fledged committee of its Chittagong city unit.

AL presidium member and lawmaker Eng Mosharraf Hossain told The Daily Star that the party chief approved the committee a few days ago and it will be declared soon. But he said, "I will not say who are in the committee before it is published officially."

However, a high level source of AL said there is a high possibility of ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury to be the president again and AZM Nasir Uddin to be the general secretary of the city unit AL.

When contacted, both Mohiuddin and Nasir said they did not get any confirmation officially in this regard. But Mohiuddin said, "So far I remember, names of Altaf Hossain Bachchu and AZM Nasir Uddin were proposed for the post of general secretary [to the AL central committee]."

Bir Bahadur, AL lawmaker from Bandarban and central organising secretary, also entrusted for Chittagong division,

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Facebook post for BNP Nancy alleges police harassment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Singer Nazmun Munira Nancy yesterday alleged that she had been subjected to police harassment after expressing her support for the main opposition BNP in a Facebook post a few days ago, reported BBC Bangla Service.

"If I have to hear that I am a criminal and shelter miscreants after posting a status...should I assume that this is happening because of my comment?" she told a press conference.

"I do not think I did anything wrong by declaring my support for a particular political party and

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BOMB ATTACKS IN CAPITAL DURING HARTAL Gonojagoron Mancha to rally in protest Saturday

DU CORRESPONDENT

Gonojagoron Mancha yesterday announced programmes protesting the recent crude bomb attacks on the residences of a judge and prosecutors of war crimes trial.

The protestors will hold rally on November 2 and a Teacher-Students rally on November 9 at Shahbagh in the capital demanding arrest of the attackers.

The Shahbagh youths will also stage a sit-in on November 3 at the same venue following the war crimes verdict of "Al-Badr leaders" -- Chowdhury Moeen Uddin and Ashrafuzzaman Khan.

Announcing the programmes at a press conference at Shahbagh, Imran H Sarker, spokesperson of the mancha, urged all to make the programmes a success.

Imran alleged that activists of Jamaat-e-Islam in a desperate bid to foil the war crimes trial have been attacking persons involved in the on going trial.

Crude bombs were hurled at the residences of a judge and two prosecutors during the 60-hour hartal enforced by BNP-led 18-party alliance that ended Tuesday.

CASE AGAINST MAMUN 5 defence witnesses give statements before court

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Five defence witnesses yesterday gave their statement before a Dhaka court to prove Giasuddin Al Mamun, a close friend of Tarique Rahman, innocent who was earlier charged with a money laundering case.

BNP Senior Vice Chairman Tarique Rahman is also an accused in the case.

The witnesses are Ahmed Azam Khan, a tax adviser to Mamun; Nasir Uddin Miah and Enamul Haque, directors of One Composite Mills Ltd; Abed Hassan Mahmood, director of One Tex; and AHM

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(From left) Quazi Akhtar Hossain, secretary, the Ministry of Primary and Mass Education; Md Abul Kalam Azad, chief national commissioner, Bangladesh Scouts; Prof Nizamuddin Ahmed of architecture, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology; Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu; Md Habibul Alam, vice-president, Bangladesh Scouts; and Prof Nazrul Islam, a noted urban researcher, at the launching ceremony of a book, "Agenda for Urban Concern", in the national headquarters of Bangladesh Scouts in the capital's Kakrail yesterday. Bangladesh Scouts published the book and jointly organised the ceremony with The Daily Star.

PHOTO: STAR

Efficient management can make Dhaka livable

Speakers tell book launching

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka can still be a livable city if managed efficiently and if urban plans are implemented accordingly, speakers told a book launching ceremony yesterday.

Dhaka's biggest challenge is that it lacks a leader -- a single authority to deal with the problems of its urbanisation, said one of the speakers, Prof Nazrul Islam, a noted urban researcher.

There are different ways of looking at the world's ninth populous mega city, said Islam, adding that it

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Jishnu new envoy to Bhutan

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The government has decided to appoint Jishnu Roy Choudhury, currently serving as an additional secretary to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as the new ambassador of Bangladesh to Bhutan.

Jishnu Roy Choudhury, a career bureaucrat, belongs to 1984 batch of BCS (administration) cadre. In his career, he served in different levels of field administration and he served in the Budget Wing of Finance Division of Bangladesh Secretariat, according to a foreign ministry press release.

TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT FOR YOUTHS Govt not taking new project this year

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has not taken any new project this year for creating temporary job opportunity for unemployed youths due to some "controversies".

Talking to The Daily Star yesterday, Youth and Sports Ministry Secretary Nur Mohammad said the government did not take any new project for "some problems". He, however, did not specify the problems.

The National Service Programme was launched in 2009-2010 fiscal, under which a total of 63,156 unemployed youths of 10 districts have been engaged in 11 public service sectors for two years' temporary employment so far under two phases.

Calling the programme an appreciable idea, Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) Executive Director Dr Iftekharuzzaman said the ministry might have refrained from taking up a new project for possibly failing to get a proper assessment.

"...there are some questions like political consideration, anomalies and lack of good governance and accountability in implementing the programme," he told The Daily Star.

He recommended that the government should undertake some specific strategies to ensure accountability in the programme before taking up such projects in the future.

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MAY 5 MAYHEM Mufti Harun remanded in two cases

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Mufti Muhammad Harun Izhar, son of Hefajat-e-Islam Nayeab-e-Ameer Mufti Izharul Islam Chowdhury, yesterday was placed on a 15-day remand in three of the four cases filed over the May 5 mayhem in the capital.

The cases were filed for torching and vandalising vehicles, attacking police and preventing them from discharging duties in Paltan and Motijheel areas on May 5.

He was shown arrested on October 20 in the cases. He was detained on October 9.

A Dhaka court granted the remand after detectives produced Harun before it

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Wheat-laden vessel sinks near Ctg Port

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A lighter vessel with 1,800 tonnes of government-imported wheat capsized after an oil tanker hit it near Chittagong Port channel in the river Karnaphuli yesterday.

Thirteen crew of the sunken vessel, however, got down safely, said Capt Najmul Alam, deputy conservator of Chittagong Port Authority (CPA).

Wishing anonymity, a food department official in Chittagong said all the grain bought from Ukraine at US\$313

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