

# DRY WEATHER LIKELY



Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm today. Night temperature may fall by (1-2) degree Celsius and day temperature may

remain nearly unchanged over the country. **The sun sets in the capital today at 5:17pm and rises tomorrow at 6:08am.** Country's highest temperature 31.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at

Kutubdia and lowest 17.3 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 29.4	20.8	68	65	Khulna 30.5	21.2	82	74
Chittagong 29.0	20.6	83	80	Barisal 29.6	20.6	91	87
Rajshahi 28.6	19.8	95	79	Sylhet 29.9	19.0	73	81
Rangpur 27.8	19.5	76	77	Cox's Bazar 31.0	20.8	70	74

# Jubo Mohila League tries to attack BNP MPs on JS premises

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A group of Jubo Mohila League activists carrying sticks tried to attack a procession of 12 BNP lawmakers on the parliament compound in the capital yesterday. Journalists present there said Opposition Chief Whip Zainul Abdin Faroque was leading the procession near the South Plaza around 10:30am in favour of the opposition's 60-hour hartal. About half an hour later, some 40 activists of Jubo Mohila League, the youth wing (female) of the Awami League, led by its President Nazma Akhtar and General Secretary Prof Apu Ukil, gathered on Manik Mia Avenue. Some of them were carrying sticks. As the parliament is in session, Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) has already imposed a ban on carrying any kind of weapons, including sticks, on the Jatiya Sangsad Bhavan premises. But police, who were deployed at the entrance to the Manik Mia Avenue, did not stop them, witnesses said. Later, the Mohila League activists were locked into a scuffle with another team of police who barred them from going farther towards the procession. But in the meantime about three activists went close to the procession with sticks

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Some stick-wielding, belligerent Jubo Mohila League activists try to break through a police cordon to attack a procession of 12 BNP lawmakers, *inset*, near the south gate of the parliament complex in the capital on the second day of the opposition's 60-hour shutdown yesterday.

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# ISI behind BDR mutiny

Claims Qamrul Islam saying goal was to kill Hasina, overthrow govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

State Minister for Law Qamrul Islam yesterday said the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), spy agency of Pakistan, has been hatching a conspiracy to topple Sheikh Hasina-led government through BNP and Jamaat-e-Islam. The ISI started the conspiracy at first through the killing at BDR headquarters in 2009, and the prime target of the killing was to kill Sheikh Hasina, he said. Qamrul said this at a press briefing at the conference room of the Ministry of Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs, a law ministry press release said. The state minister said the ISI had instigated the incident of the killing at

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# UPCOMING ELECTION US congressman urges 2 parties to be peaceful

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Visiting US Congressman Steve Chabot yesterday said both the ruling and opposition parties in Bangladesh should spearhead their campaigns peacefully ahead of the election and speak the truth that "whoever wins, wins but absolutely no violence should occur". Steve arrived in Dhaka yesterday for a "couple of days" to discuss Bangladesh's role in the region and the bilateral relations. The congressman, who met opposition leader Khaleda Zia, Law Minister Shafique Ahmed, Foreign Minister Dipu Moni, and Jamaat-e-Islami leader Abdur Razzak, also looks forward to discussing the international war crimes tribunals. On the country's current political challenges, he said the US would not tell Bangladesh what to do. "It is not America but it's the people of Bangladesh who would decide what's best for them." Emerging from a meeting with Khaleda Zia last evening, Steve said, "We look to see a free, fair and transparent election in Bangladesh." The BNP chief informed Steve that her party was sincere

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# BDR MUTINY Govt helps families of slain army officers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The families of those army officers who were killed in the 2009 BDR mutiny have got over Tk 41 lakh each and a plot or flats in the last five years from the government and other sources. Each family received Tk 10 lakh from the prime minister's fund, Tk 5 lakh from the Army Welfare fund, and Tk 50,000 from Border Guard Bangladesh or BGB (previously Bangladesh Rifles or BDR) Welfare Fund, according to Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR). The Bangladesh Association of Bankers gave Tk 24 lakh to each family, while Trust Mutual Bank gave placement shares worth Tk 2 lakh to them. A total of 57 army officials were among 74 people killed in the February 25-26 mutiny that year. Apart from those monetary assistances, each family received funds and facilities from the family security project, DSOP Fund, grants from the Welfare Fund, and monthly pensions. The government gave employment to 32 members from the families, of whom three were given overseas jobs. In addition, 84 family members were admitted to different educational institutions to study free. Ten children of the deceased's families entered different cadet colleges. To ensure permanent accommodations, families of 37 officers were allotted plots at Mirpur DOHS where 10 other families got two apartments each. Earlier, 11 officers had got plots in different DOHSs or under Rajuk projects. Temporarily, 43 families were provided accommodation in Dhaka Cantonment.

# BNF set to get EC registration

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission (EC) had decided in principle to give registration to the much-talked-about political party Bangladesh Nationalist Front (BNF), said Election Commissioner Zayed Ali. "We will issue a public notice soon seeking objections or allegations, if any, before giving registration to the party. We will take final decision after disposal of the objections and allegations," he told newsmen at his office in the EC Secretariat yesterday. The BNF applied to the commission for registration in October last year. The party was back in the spotlight after it sought "sheaf of wheat" as the party symbol early this year. The main opposition BNP had urged the EC several times not to give registration to the BNF as the latter used the photograph of BNP founder and late president Ziaur Rahman, and picked up "sheaf of wheat" as its electoral symbol, almost similar to BNP's "sheaf of paddy" symbol. BNF Chief Coordinator Abul Kalam Azad said they had also wanted 'paddy tree' as its party symbol. The party, however, backtracked on its previous stance in the last month and sought 'television' as its party symbol. A new party would not get the symbol akin to the symbol

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# Star's Pinaki Roy gets DRU-GP reporting award

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Twenty reporters, including Pinaki Roy of The Daily Star, received the DRU-Grameenphone Reporting -2013 Award for their reports on 20 different issues this year. The other award winners from print media are: Abu Saleh Roni of the daily Samakal, Rajib Ahmed of the daily Kaler Kantha, Shamim Chowdhury of the daily Inqilab, Rajan Bhattacharya, M Shahjahan

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