

DRY WEATHER
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TODAY

Unb. Dhaka

Weather may remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm today.		unchanged over the country.		Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sitakunda and lowest 15.6 degrees at Srimangal.		Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage		Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
Night temperature may rise slightly and day temperature may remain nearly		The sun sets in the capital today at 5:16pm and rises tomorrow at 6:09am, said Met Office.		Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:		Max: Min:		Morning Evening		Max: Min:		Morning Evening	
		Country's highest temperature 32.2 degree				Dhaka 31.0 19.4		64 61		Khulna 30.5 20.0		77 80	
						Chittagong 29.4 20.1		81 84		Barisal 30.0 18.7		81 89	
						Rajshahi 30.6 18.5		91 74		Sylhet 31.0 17.7		69 71	
						Rangpur 28.8 18.6		85 76		Cox's Bazar 31.6 20.0		66 70	

NEWSIN brief

Objection against BNF must be submitted in 7 days: EC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission (EC) will issue a public notice in different newspapers today, seeking objections or allegations, if any, over giving registration to the much talked-about political party Bangladesh Nationalist Front (BNF).

As per law, any objection or allegation must be submitted to the EC within seven working days after publishing the notice, said an EC official.

If any objection or allegation is submitted, then the EC will take the final decision about the party's registration after its disposal, he added.

Youth held with 13 crude bombs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested a youth with 13 crude bombs, locally called cocktails, in the capital's Kadamtali yesterday.

Aminul Islam Babul, 22, was arrested with the bombs in a bag in Alombagh area, some 1.5 km from Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's rally at Keraniganj around 3:30pm, said Rab-10 officials.

Babul in primary interrogation admitted that he only delivers such bombs to the buyers, they added.

The Rab officials, however, did not disclose the name of the supplier for whom Babul works.

Bicycle market at Banani today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BD Cyclists Group, an online platform of cycling enthusiasts, will organise a makeshift bicycle market today on Road No. 3 in Banani Manpower Ground of the capital.

People can buy and sell bicycles and related accessories at the market, which is sponsored by relabazaar.com, an online shopping site, said a press release.

People can find more information at www.facebook.com/events/227309594097050/.

Qulkhwani

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Qulkhwani of Ayesha Islam, wife of former finance director of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) Azizul Islam Bhuiyan, will be held in her East Nayatola residence in the capital's Moghbazar after Asr prayers today.

Relatives and well-wishers are requested to attend the programme, says a press release.

She passed away in Florida, USA on October 26 at the age of 69. Ayesha, mother of former hockey player of Abahani Krirachakra Nadim Bhuiyan Opu, author and journalist Anna Islam, and artist Atia Islam Anne, was buried in Banani graveyard on November 3.

She left behind another son and a daughter.

Chehlum

CITY DESK

Chehlum of Anwarul Huq, retired board member of BTTB, now known as BTCL, will be held today at house-10, road-4 and sector-7 in the capital's Uttara after Maghrib prayers.

He died of a heart attack on September 26 at the age of 75.

He left behind three sons, three grandsons and two grand daughters.

Relatives and well-wishers are requested to attend the milad and doa mahfil today.

USTC closed indefinitely after student unrest

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The University of Science and Technology Chittagong (USTC) yesterday was declared closed for an indefinite period after its students went berserk on the campus demanding appointment of its vice chancellor, pro-vice chancellor and treasurer.

Around 200 students damaged furniture and benches of students' auditorium and library and vandalised equipment at the anatomy department and at the biology lab around 2:00pm after the authorities failed to arrange a meeting between the students and the chairman of Janoseba Foundation, the sponsor

EU urges BNP to refrain

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"We renew our call for immediate dialogue between the two major parties. We are opposed to all political violence," Hanna said, adding, "We are concerned that there have been new attacks on minorities. We condemn all such attacks."

Briefing reporters, BNP Vice President Shamsher Mobin Chowdhury said the BNP chairperson condemned all sorts of violence including the attack on Hindus



PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

A bus devoid of windows plies in the capital's Bangla Motor area, raising questions on whether it does have a fitness certificate. But even if it did have the windows, it would run the risk of being vandalised in the recent hartal violence. Most buses in the capital have no fitness certificates and the violence is acting as a deterrent for the owners to get one.

59,517 absent on first day of JSC, JDC exams

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A total of 59,517 candidates were absent on the first day of Junior School Certificate (JSC) and Junior Dakhil Certificate (JDC) examinations while 54 students were expelled for resorting to unfair means.

Eight education boards and one madrasa education board are conducting the exams.

JSC candidates appeared in English First Paper while JDC examinees in Arabic Second Paper exam yesterday.

This year, more than 19 lakh examinees from 27,748 educational institutes registered for the exams across the country.

Madrasa board stood highest in terms of absentees as 20,810 students did not appear in the exams.

Sylhet board had the lowest number with 124 candidates. More than 15,000 examinees under Dhaka board were absent, according to the control room of the education ministry.

Today at 2:00pm, the JSC and JDC examinees will take Bangla First Paper and Quran Mazid and Tazbid, which were rescheduled due to hartal.

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UPCOMING CLIMATE CONFERENCE Bangladesh to seek help for displaced

Hasan Mahmud tells press conference

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh will demand compensation to rehabilitate people displaced due to climate change in the upcoming 19th session of the COP to the UNFCCC in Warsaw, Poland from November 11 to 22, stated Environment and Forests Minister Hasan Mahmud yesterday.

Addressing a press conference at the ministry, he said Bangladesh would also seek a change to the United Nations definition of "refugee" so as to incorporate the aforementioned people.

He, however, said the country's political situation might not permit him to attend the session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

The 2009 Copenhagen and 2011 Durban conferences had failed to get developed countries to sign a legally binding agreement on sharing responsibility for the climate change. The Warsaw conference aims to get the agreement signed in 2015.

Raising the "fast track fund" for the vulnerable countries from US\$ 30 billion to US\$ 100 billion by 2020 and launching relevant operations from next year will be another important issue, added the minister.

Other issues include finding financing and adaptation mechanisms for vulnerable countries, carbon mitigation, and development of green technology and a mechanism to transfer it to developing and least developed countries, he said.

Moreover capacity building for adaptation and developing a unified mechanism for determining loss and damage due to climate-induced natural disasters would also come up, he added. "Bangladesh has been playing a leading role to adapt to the changing climate. Its delegates would attend different important meetings as the country was made a member of five important committees," said the minister.

The Bangladesh government enlisted 148 participants to attend the conference, including 12 from the government for high level meetings, another 20 government officials, nine from the civil society, 72 NGO representatives and 35 journalists.

CTG ARMS HAUL CASES Babar's bail prayer to be heard later

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chittagong court hearing the Chittagong arms haul cases yesterday fixed "to hear later" a bail prayer of an accused, former state minister for home Lutfozzaman Babar.

A lawyer representing Babar argued that his name was not included in the first information report while over 30 witnesses who had initially testified also did not mention any

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JU students now demand VC's resignation

JU CORRESPONDENT

For the first time in 17 months since Prof Anwar Hossain took over as vice chancellor, students of Jahangirnagar University yesterday demanded his resignation.

The call came from a rally in front of the VC's official residence, which was joined over 500 teachers, students, officers and employees.

"Please leave the university and save us all [teachers-students]," said a student of urban and regional planning, blaming the VC for the unrest on the campus.

"How come you hold on to the post while nearly all faculties refuse to perform their duties under you," said

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KATABON BOMB BLAST Two arrested youths planned to attack Gonojagoron Mancha Claims DMP official

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The youth who was arrested on Wednesday in connection with the bomb explosion at Katabon in the capital told law enforcers that they had a plan to attack Gonojagoron Mancha at Shahbagh by blasting two bombs.

On November 3, one of the two bombs kept in the pocket of one Anwar Hossain was exploded at Katabon when he along with Shafiqul Islam Shafiq was heading towards Shahbagh, police said. Police later arrested Anwar with severe injuries from the

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TARIQUE'S LAUNDERING CASE Prosecution concludes arguments

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The prosecution yesterday concluded arguments in a money laundering case against BNP Senior Vice Chairman Tarique Rahman and his friend Giasuddin Al Mamun.

Public Prosecutor Mosharraf Hossain Kajol told the court that, from their side, they were able to prove the charges of laundering Tk 20.41 crore to Singapore against the two.

Kajol also appealed to

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JCD men set fire to bus for freeing Pintu

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activists set fire to a BRTC bus in the capital's Azimpur yesterday protesting life imprisonment given to BNP former lawmaker Nasiruddin Ahmed Pintu in the 2009 BDR carnage case.

A Dhaka court on Wednesday gave death penalty to 150 members of the erstwhile Bangladesh Rifles and two civilians

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