

DRY WEATHER LIKELY

Weather may remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm today. Night and day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5:14pm and rises tomorrow at 6:11am. Country's highest temperature 32.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at

Sitakunda and lowest 13.5 degrees at Dinajpur. 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	31.5	19.5	70	64	Khulna	31.5	18.5	68	74
Chittagong	29.0	19.3	84	80	Barisal	31.0	18.2	81	87
Rajshahi	29.8	17.5	73	70	Sylhet	31.8	18.5	70	74
Rangpur	29.2	17.5	63	71	Cox's Bazar	32.0	20.5	73	74

NEWS IN brief

NU examinations postponed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur
The National University authorities have postponed all examinations scheduled for Wednesday due to unavoidable circumstances, said a press release. According to the new schedule honours fourth year examination will be held on Thursday, BBA second year fourth semester examination on Friday and honours first year examination on Saturday. More information can be found at www.nubd.info.

20 houses gutted in N'ganj fire

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj
At least 20 tin-shed houses were gutted in a fire at Ruppaganj upazila of Narayanganj yesterday morning. Ten local people were also injured as they tried to douse the blaze. The fire, believed to have originated from an electric short circuit, broke out in one of the houses in Hatipara around 11:00am, said Miron Mian, station master of Demra Fire Service Station.

Prothom-alojobs, AUW career fair on November 23 in Ctg

CU CORRESPONDENT
Prothom-alojobs, a leading jobsite in Bangladesh, and Asian University for Women (AUW) will organise a career fair in AUW Auditorium on the campus in Chittagong city on November 23. The first ever career fair titled "AUW Career Fair-2013" of the university will be participated by various organisations including Airtel, Aamra, BITA, CARE, Caritas Bangladesh, Chittagong Skills Development Centre, The Daily Star, Democracy International, H&M, NKSoft, PHP, Standard Chartered Bank, SGS, Teach for Bangladesh, and Unite Theatre for Social Action, said a press release yesterday. Students of East Delta University will also participate in the fair.

NIZAMI'S WAR CRIMES TRIAL
Defence has to carry burden of absence during hartal days
Says tribunal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday said the defence counsel of war crimes accused Motiur Rahman Nizami has to carry the burden of being absent in the court during hartal days, and gave them two more days to complete their argument. As before, defence counsels skipped the case proceedings yesterday too. Asad Uddin, a junior defence counsel, filed an adjournment petition yesterday and told the tribunal that defence counsels -- Abdur Razzaq, Mizanul Islam, Manjur Ahmed Ansari and Tajul Islam -- could not come due to personal difficulties during hartal. He sought adjournment for one week. The three-member tribunal led by Justice ATM Fazle Kabir said hartal is not a concern of the tribunal as it is a political matter and gave the defence two days to complete their argument. Nizami, facing 16 war crimes charges for his alleged involvement in the crimes against humanity during the Liberation War, was produced before the tribunal yesterday.

DHAKA TODAY

Rally
Dhaka Reporters Unity will stage a rally demanding trial of the killers of journalist couple Sagar Sarowar and Meherun Runi; Venue: In front of Jatiya Press Club; Time: 11:00am.

Discussion
Shilpita will hold a discussion marking the birthday of late novelist Humayun Ahmed; Venue: Poet Sufia Kamal Auditorium, National Museum; Time: 11:00am.

117th birth anniversary of Ranadaprasad on Wednesday

CITY DESK
The 117th birth anniversary of Danbir (great philanthropist) Ranadaprasad Saha will be celebrated on Wednesday, says a press release. An elaborate programme, including paying tribute to Ranada and a musical event, has been taken to celebrate the day at Ranada's home village Mirzapur in Tangail. All service centres and educational institutions funded by Ranada's Kumudini Welfare Trust will also celebrate the day. On the occasion, people of Mirzapur will bring out a procession at 7:00am. A memorial meeting will be
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PHOTO: STAR
Wreaths laid in loving memory by political parties and other organisations adorn the capital's Zero Point, also known as Noor Hossain Square, yesterday. The day signifies the sacrifice of Noor Hossain, a pro-democracy martyr who boldly stood up against the autocratic regime of HM Ershad, who seized power as a chief martial law administrator through a bloodless coup in 1982. Noor Hossain, bearing the slogan "Down with autocracy, free democracy" inscribed in white paint on his chest and back, took a bullet to the chest on the day in 1987 when police fired at him and others in a procession aimed at rallying support to oust Ershad's autocratic regime. The regime was ultimately overthrown by a mass upsurge in 1990 while the defence forces opted to withdraw their support for Ershad.

RAMNA BATAMUL KILLING CASE
Huji men claim innocence

COURT CORRESPONDENT
Harkatul Jihad al Islami (Huji) chief Mufti Abdul Hannan and seven other leaders and activists of the banned militant group yesterday claimed they are innocent of the charges a Dhaka court read out to them in connection with the Ramna Batamul murder case. The court read out the charges citing statements of 67 prosecution witnesses out of the total 84. Judge Ruhul Amin of the Second Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court of Dhaka also fixed November 20 for recording statements of defence witnesses. The other accused are Moulana Shawkat Osman alias Sheikh Farid, Moulana Abdul Hannan Sabbir, Arif Hasan Suman, Moulana Abu Taher, Moulana Abdur Rouf,
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With a right eye rendered useless and incapable of capturing history through the lens, a bewildered Mosharrif Hossain, a photojournalist of Focus Bangla, lies at Agargaon's National Institute of Eye Science and Hospital in the capital yesterday. He told the Prothom Alo that he was hit by a shotgun pellet fired by police on the eve of the BNP-led opposition's 84-hour hartal on Saturday. Police denied the claim. PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

MIGRANT WORKERS WHO MISSED AMNESTY DEADLINE
Visa extension possible thru fines: Saudi govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Illegal expatriate workers who missed the November 3 general amnesty deadline in Saudi Arabia can extend their visas by paying fines, announced the Saudi labour ministry on Saturday. The announcement came amidst an ongoing crackdown on the illegal foreigners, resulting in hundreds of arrests and suspension of operations by many companies to avoid raids, reported Arab News yesterday. The amnesty, declared in early May initially with July 4 as the deadline, allowed the illegal expatriates to legalise their visa status, transfer their jobs or return home without facing any penalty. Of the 56 Bangladeshis detained in a week since November 4, 53 were freed after their valid documents had been shown, Bangladesh Ambassador in Riyadh Shahidul Islam told

The Daily Star over phone yesterday. "We are happy that the majority of Bangladeshis took advantage of the amnesty and very few of them will face detention and deportation," he added. He said any Bangladeshi who could not avail the amnesty's advantages would be able to get visa extensions or return home without facing any punishment. "Around 250 Bangladeshis having no legal documents approached us and we are working to deport them. We have set up help desks in Riyadh, Jeddah, Makkah, Madina and some other places," he added. Meanwhile, different Saudi and international newspapers reported that hundreds of illegal migrants turned themselves in after security forces besieged a Riyadh neighbourhood where riots left two people dead.
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ATTACK ON PABNA HINDUS
CPB, BSD demand action against Tuku

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Accusing State Minister for Home Shamsul Hoque Tuku of harbouring miscreants who recently attacked Hindus in Pabna, Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) and Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal (BSD) leaders yesterday demanded action against him. The fear in the victims multiplied as some of the perpetrators were seen accompanying Tuku, a lawmaker from Pabna, during his visit to the crime scene, they told a press conference in the capital's CPB office. The Daily Star took photos of two men, whom the victims identified as the attackers, welcoming Tuku and two lawmakers during the visit. "Instead of feeling assured on seeing the state minister, the local people are in panic and still remain silent," said BSD Central Committee Member Rajekuzzaman Ratan. A judicial probe committee should be formed to which the victims, without being intimidated, can describe what happened, he read out from a statement. Had the law enforcers been active, the around three-hour-long rampage could have been averted, he added.



An onion wholesaler at Karwan Bazar kitchen market in the capital sleeps as there are no customers at his shop due to the 84-hour long hartal enforced by the BNP-led opposition alliance yesterday. PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

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