


CHANGE IN TEMPERATURE UNLIKELY

WEATHER TODAY

Unb, Dhaka

Weather is likely to 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.

Office said.  
**The sun sets in the capital today at 5:12pm and rises tomorrow at 6:17am.**  
Country's highest temperature 32.8 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sandiwp and lowest 12.7 degrees at Dinajpur.  
Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	31.6	18.2	63	56
Chittagong	29.2	21.4	88	77
Rajshahi	29.6	17.2	72	66
Rangpur	30.0	15.2	74	68

	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening
Khulna	30.7	17.5	58	65
Barisal	30.6	16.5	75	84
Sylhet	31.5	17.8	67	65
Cox's Bazar	32.5	23.0	65	75

# Parts of opposition may contest election

## Suranjit tells JS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League advisory council member Suranjit Sengupta yesterday in parliament said some parties of the BNP-led 18-party opposition alliance may contest in the upcoming general election.

The all-party poll-time government is a new phenomenon in the history of parliamentary democracy. "The opposition should join it for the sake of a smooth transfer of state power through a credible election," he said.

"We hope the opposition leader will give a list and mention the ministries she wants," the treasury bench lawmaker said on taking the floor on a point of order.

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# RESIGNED MINISTERS' HOLDING OFFICES

## Hearing on writ pleas starts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday started hearing three separate writ petitions filed challenging the legality of ministers and state ministers, who recently submitted their resignation letters, holding offices.

The HC bench of Justice Mirza Hussain Haider and Justice Muhammad Khurshid Alam Sarkar fixed today for resuming the hearing.

Supreme Court lawyers Tuhin Malik, Abdullah-Al Baki, and Eunus Ali Akond filed the petitions.

They said in the petitions that the offices of the ministers are vacant as per article 58 (1) of the constitution, as they (ministers) handed over their resignation letters to the prime minister on November 10 for submitting those to the president.



1) Six lawmakers of different political parties, except the main opposition BNP, being sworn in as ministers of an election-time government by President Abdul Hamid at Bangabhaban yesterday. 2) Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina looks on as the event progresses. 3) Two state ministers of the new cabinet take the oath. 4) Ministers and politicians, including Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad, prior to the ceremony.

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# Country terribly short of burn care centres

## 40 plastic surgeons available against a demand for 400

SHAHEEN MOLLAH

When the first six hours of suffering burns is called the golden time for survival and wound healing, 12 years is indeed a long time to see a doctor. But this was what happened to Hafiza Begum who was burnt only 40 days after her birth. Why this much delay?

After the fire, the infant had been taken to the local health complex in Natore where graduate doctors are a scarcity never mind a burn specialist. So, little by little, her body contorted as she grew up to a 12-year-old today. Her poor family managed to

afford a visit to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, which has the capital's lone burn unit, only a few days ago, by when the damage was already done.

Hafiza's is not an isolated case. Such a fate befalls thousands of others around the country, which is awfully short of burn care centres as well as burn specialists. So, for around 50,000 people who suffer burns annually in Bangladesh and need hospital admission, the 100-bed burn unit at DMCH and 24-bed burn unit at Chittagong Medical College Hospital are the only hope.

"Only one burn unit in the capital can never be enough to treat a huge number of patients," said DMCH burn specialist Prof Samanta Lal Sen. "Instead, we need a full-fledged burn institute, not just for treating patients but for producing new burn specialists and plastic surgeons so that they can be dispatched to the district hospitals outside Dhaka," he said.

"This is because the first six hours into suffering burns is called the golden hours for saving lives and

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# NEW BRIDGES ON DHAKA-CTG ROAD

## Tk 359cr design deal inked

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday inked a Tk 359 crore contract with five foreign firms to prepare designs for three new bridges to be constructed in parallel with the Kanchpur, Meghna and Meghna-Gumti bridges on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway.

Under the eight-year job, the firms, four Japanese and one Australian, will also provide construction consultancy, renovate the existing bridges, which are in bad shape, and supervise the maintenance of the six till 2021.

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# NEWSIN

## brief

### Four promoted to secretary post

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday promoted four acting secretaries to the rank of secretary, states a gazette of the public administration ministry.

The four are Abul Kalam Azad of the railways ministry, Mortuza Ahmed of the information ministry, SM Nazmul Islam of the agriculture ministry and Faizur Rahman Chowdhury of Anti-Corruption Commission Secretariat.

### Ershad's assurance of meeting Hefajat's demands condemned

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Women for Women, a research and study group, yesterday protested Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad's declaration that his party would try to meet the 13-point demand of Hefajat-e Islam, if voted to power in the next general election.

In a press statement, the group also said the authorities must properly investigate any claim that undermines the advancement of women.

Hefajat's demands include scrapping of women development and education policies, added the statement.

Seeking blessing from Hefajat-e Islam Ameer Shah Ahmad Shafi on Sunday, Ershad made the declaration.

### Protection of trucks, vans from political violence demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The owners of trucks and covered vans yesterday demanded protection of their vehicles from political violence when these frequently fall prey to vandalism and torching.

Thousands of such goods vehicles ply the busy Dhaka-Chittagong highway, keeping the country's import and export activities on track, they said.

The owners said they did not get any remedy after complaining to the administration; rather, the attack on vehicles had increased. "If the government doesn't take proper initiatives to save our vehicles from violence, we will have no choice but to keep these off the road," said a press release quoting President of Bangladesh Truck-Covered Van Malik Samity Md Tofazzal Hossain Majumdar.

### DU Ga unit admission test results published

DU CORRESPONDENT

The results of "Ga" (Business) unit admission test of Dhaka University under the session 2013-14 were published yesterday.

A total of 3,813 students passed out of 45,883 aspirants who attended the exam on Friday, says a DU press release.

The results will be available on www.admission.eis.du.ac.bd, while applicants can get the results through sending SMS to 16321 by typing du Ga roll number. Date for interview of the selected applicants will be published later in newspapers.

### AL office set on fire in Gazipur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

The Awami League office in Kapasia upazila of Gazipur was set ablaze on Sunday night.

Furniture and valuable documents in the office were burnt in the incident around 11:00pm.

Muhammad Shahidullah, president of AL Kapasia upazila unit and former lawmaker, blamed local BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami leaders for the arson attack.

Hearing screams of the night guards, locals, AL activists and police rushed to the spot and doused the blaze, said Kapasia police.

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# BNP leaders' bail plea hearing Nov 21

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court fixed November 21 to hear bail petitions five BNP leaders, including MK Anwar, Moudud Ahmed and Rafiqul Islam Miah, filed yesterday challenging the legality of a lower court's bail rejection order in two cases.

The cases were filed with Motijheel Police Station for "attempted murder of cops and creating violence in the capital" on September 24 and November 6 respectively.

BNP standing committee members Anwar, Moudud and

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# CID officer's wife held over house help death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police detained a CID officer's wife and brother-in-law yesterday after agitating locals surrounded their Purbo Shewrapara residence in the capital claiming that they had pushed their house help to her death off the roof.

Police recovered the body of the domestic help, Rita, 20, of Sunamganj, from before the residence around 8:30am.

Some 10 people, including five cops, were injured when police charged baton and fired rubber bullets and tear gas canisters to disperse the agitators throwing brick chips at a

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