

rary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at one or two places over Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions till 6:00pm today.

Weather may remain mainly dry over the country, Met office said.

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Night temperature may rise slightly and day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5:11pm and rises tomorrow at 6:19am.

Country's highest temperature 30.7 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Teknaf and lowest 12.0 degree Celsius at Rajshahi.

The highest and lowest temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

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	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening		Max:	Min:	Morning	Eveni
)haka	28.7	16.6	69	66	Khulna	29.4	16.2	68	72
hittagong	26.6	17.6	94	84	Barisal	29.0	15.7	95	88
Rajshahi	29.0	12.0	82	72	Sylhet	29.4	16.8	62	67
langpur	28.0	14.8	74	73	Cox's Bazar	30.0	18.5	77	70

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Demra Wednesday night.

Khorshed Alam.

the house, he added.

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morgue for an autopsy.

Ex-army man held with crude bombs

Detective Branch of police arrested former army man and

his son as the law enforcers found 32 crude bombs under

the staircase of their house at Boxnagar in the capital's

The arrested, Subedar Maj (retd) MA Matin, 70, and

his son Mohammad Shaheen, 40, are the activists of

Jamaat-e-Islami, said DB Assistant Commissioner

A large number of jihadi books were also recovered from

Man's body recovered from Buriganga

Police yesterday recovered the body of a man from the

Basila, said Assistant Sub-inspector Farid Hossain.

Fire guts four shanties in capital

Police sent the body to Sir Salimullah Medical College

Architect of Int'l Mother Language Day passes away

BSS, Dhaka

Rafiqul Islam, one of the architects of International Mother Language Day, died on Wednesday at Vancouver General Hospital in Canada. He was 63.

Rafiqul's family members said he had been suffering from leukaemia for over two years. He was admitted to the hospital the day after Eid-ul Azha, as his condition deteriorated.

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HARTAL VIOLENCE Hearing on five BNP leaders' bail Nov 28

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court will hear on November 28 the bail petitions of five BNP leaders, including MK Anwar, Moudud Ahmed and Rafigul Islam Miah, in two hartal violence cases. After being informed

quiz the leaders at the jail gate on November 24, Metropolitan Sessions Judge Md Zahirul Haque fixed the date and asked for reports of their interrogation.

that the investigators will

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Two agencies' licences revoked

SWINDLING HAJJ PILGRIMS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government cancelled licences of two Hajj agencies, filed criminal cases, fined them Tk 70 lakh and confiscated their Tk 30 lakh deposit with the religious affairs ministry for swindling 158 prospective Hajj pilgrims.

The two, Saudi Hajj Agency and Rafique Travels, which cheated 143 and 15 people respectively, were fined Tk 50 lakh and Tk 20 lakh and their deposits of Tk 20 lakh and Tk 10 lakh were confiscated.

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TEESTA, LAND BOUNDARY ISSUES

about settlement

Bids farewell to foreign ministry DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Outgoing Foreign Minister Dipu Moni yesterday hoped that the Teesta water sharing deal and ratification of the Land Boundary Agreement (LBA), among other long-standing issues with India, would be settled soon.

"Teesta and LBA will happen...today, next month or in three months, it will happen. There's no reason to disagree with that," she told reporters after her farewell meeting at the foreign ministry where, she said, she had completed her five-year tenure with "mixed feelings".

Dipu Moni said the issues would be resolved because of the government's move and its good relations with India. SEE PAGE 4 COL 5

ARSON ATTACK ON BARISAL HINDUS

Dipu Moni upbeat Put a stop to culture of impunity

Eminent citizens urge government

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Condemning the recent arson attack on the Hindu locality in Barisal, eminent citizens yesterday said the state needs to put a stop to the culture of impunity.

Such attacks on minority communities are occurring every now and then but the culprits remain out of the purview of the law, they told a press conference an eightmember team organised in the capital's Liberation War Museum.

The team on November 19 visited the locality, Nomopara, in Char Kawa village, about six kilometres east of Barisal city, and the house of a murdered college student, Parvez Gazi, 20, in neighbouring Char Aicha village.

Over 1,000 Char Aicha residents, incensed at the murder of Parvez and wounding of three others in a clash over a badminton game at Nomopara on the evening of November 14, attacked and torched Nomopara the next morning.

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JS bodies can play vital role in law-making

President Abdul

team as it hands over study report to him CITY DESK Parliamentary standing

role in the process of governance and legislation by analysing and making their recommendations on the bills placed in parliament, President Abdul Hamid said yesterday. Talking to a delegation

of the Management and Resources Development Initiative (MRDI) at he viewed that a better

process

committees can play a vital

Women should be inspired by Sufia Kamal

Naher, senior programme officer, MRDI, are also seen.

Say rights activists at discussion marking the poet's 14th death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Women should be inspired by the works and life of veteran poet Sufia Kamal and contribute to establishing democracy in the society, said speakers at a discussion yesterday.

Women should follow the example of personalities like Sufia Kamal who never self-interests, they added.

They were addressing the discussion titled "Muktijuddher Bangladesh O Sufia Kamal" organised by Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK) in the capital's Chhayanaut Sangskriti Bhaban to mark the 14th death anniversary of the poet.

Executive Director of MRDI Hasibur Rahman hands over the study report "JS Bodies Under Media Scanner" to

Sarker and Md Shahid Hossain, advisers, MRDI; Ashish Saikat, managing editor, the daily Ittefaq; and Aktarun

President Md Abdul Hamid at Bangabhaban last evening. Farid Hossain, CEO, Infocus, MRDI; Nepal Chandra

Sultana Kamal, executive director of ASK and also daughter of Sufia Kamal, said the compromised with any group of people for nation is going through a tough time due to SEE PAGE 4 COL 6

HC declares Abdus Salam's JS membership illegal

PHOTO: COURTESY

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SAYEDEE'S APPEAL

hearing for

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

the 16th day the appeal

Sayedee challenging the

to death for crimes com-

SM Shahjahan, a counsel

nayeb-e-ameer, read state-

for the Jamaat-e-Islami

ments the investigation

officer made before the

The five-member SC

Hossain also fixed Sunday

On February 28, the ICT-

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bench headed by Chief

Justice Md Muzammel

1 sentenced Sayedee to

death on two charges

for further hearing.

International Crimes

Tribunal-1.

mitted during the

Liberation War.

filed by Delawar Hossain

the 16th day

The High Court yesterday declared illegal the parliament membership of Maj Gen (retd) Abdus Salam, who was elected from Mymensingh-9 on Awami League nomination.

The court came up with the verdict upon hearing a writ petition that challenges the legality of Salam's holding office as a member of the Jatiya Sangsad.

In February, AL leader of Mymensingh-9 constituency Jamal Uddin filed the petition, saying Salam had participated in the December 29, 2008 election as a loan defaulter.

The Election Commission had cancelled his application of candidacy for defaulting on loans but let him contest the poll upon an HC order.

Talking to The Daily Star, Salam's lawyer Syed Mamun Mahbub said the EC could not cancel his client's parliament membership till release of the full verdict. Moreover, there is not enough time now to hold a by-election to Mymensingh-9, he added.

The grounds on which the HC bench of Justice Mirza Hussain Haider and Justice Muhammad Khurshid Alam Sarkar came up with the order was not immediately known as the court did not release the full verdict.

Advocate Quamrul Hauge Siddique appeared for the petitioner, while Deputy Attorney General Al Amin Sarkar represented the government.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT Twenty-four rooms of four slum houses were gutted by a fire at Munshibari in the capital's Jurain yesterday morning. No casualty was reported. The remaining 26 rooms of the houses escaped damage. The fire, which originated from a stove in one of the shanties, was doused by fire fighters after an hour-long effort at 10:15am, said fire service officials.

BU admission test on Thursday

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

The admission test of the third batch of Barisal University (BU) for 2013-14 academic session will be held on Thursday.

The 120-mark exam in MCQ system will be held in three shifts at 11 centres in and outside the campus.

A total of 29,690 admission seekers got registered under four units - Ka, Kha, Ga, and Gha - against 1,160 seats in 16 departments of six faculties, said Shafiul Alam, technical committee chief of the admission committee.

Man drowns in Hatirjheel lake

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man drowned in the capital's Hatirjheel lake yesterday afternoon while trying to swim across the water body. The deceased was Ekram Hosen Mondol, 32, of

Ishwardy in Pabna. He started working in a nearby tower as an electrician Wednesday, said his co-worker Moharram Hosen.

Ekram drowned as he could not continue swimming in the middle of the lake, he said.

He was declared dead at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

23rd South Asian Teaching Session on **Int'l Humanitarian Law tomorrow**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The inaugural session of the 23rd South Asian Teaching Session (SATS) on International Humanitarian Law (IHL) will be held tomorrow at the Ballroom of Ruposhi Bangla Hotel in the capital.

The foreign ministry, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Dhaka and the ICRC regional delegation in New Delhi have jointly organised the event that will start at 5:30pm, said a foreign ministry press release.

About 40 officials from nine countries will participate in the event.

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भवाव छ्ल्(त्र সবসময়,

Buriganga at Kamrangirchar in Dhaka two days after he had gone missing following a trawler capsize in the river. The deceased, Saieeb Hasan Bulu, resided at Basila, said Hazaribagh police. On Tuesday evening, the trawler carrying its staff and Sajeeb sank as another sand-laden big trawler hit it at

Hamid tells MRDI

Bangabhaban last evening, coordination between the SEE PAGE 4 COL 3