


Dry weather likely



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.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5:11pm and rises tomorrow at 6:27am.  
Country's highest temperature 31.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at

Sandwip and lowest 13.3 degrees at Chuadanga.  
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 29.0	17.6	76	68
Chittagong 27.6	19.4	85	76
Rajshahi 29.3	14.4	77	77
Rangpur 28.4	16.8	82	75

Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening
Khulna 29.3	16.5	70	86
Barisal 29.0	15.5	86	89
Sylhet 30.0	17.5	66	67
Cox's Bazar 29.8	20.0	76	78

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brief

US, Bangladesh sign deal on narcotics control

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The United States Drug Enforcement Administration and the Ministry of Home Affairs of Bangladesh yesterday signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) to control narcotics.

The agreement is aimed at combating organised criminal groups with national, regional, and international connections; illicit drug and precursor chemical trafficking and prevention of drug smuggling across international borders, said a US embassy press release.

Regional Attaché Michael Brown represented the administration and Kamal Uddin Ahmed, additional secretary (political), signed on behalf of the ministry.

Youth hacked to death in N'ganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

A youth was hacked to death on Monday night few hours after he was abducted from near his Dapa Indrakpur house in Sadar upazila of Narayanganj.

Quoting locals, police said miscreants abducted Alkas Mian, 35, at gunpoint around 11:40pm.

Alkas had an argument with his rivals around 11:30pm over establishing supremacy in the area, said police, adding that they might be involved in the killing.

The body, with its tendons of legs and hands slashed, was found beside a road. Police sent the body to Narayanganj General Hospital morgue for an autopsy.

Man murdered in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man, hacked by local goons at the capital's Merul Badda Monday, died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital early yesterday.

The deceased, indentified as Mohammad Farouq, 28, was a construction subcontractor.

Victim's brother Nurnabi Sheikh said some goons, including two named Alamgir and Jahangir, hacked him Monday afternoon while he was going to Aftab Nagar Project area on a motorcycle.

Iqbal Hossain, officer-in-charge of Badda Police Station, confirmed the incident.

338 women victims of violence in last month: Mahila Parishad

DU CORRESPONDENT

At least 338 women fell victims to different forms of violence across the country last month, said Bangladesh Mahila Parishad (BMP) in press release yesterday.

The organisation revealed a report, based on data published in 14 dailies, which says around 54 women were killed, 55 were raped, 30 were tortured for dowry while three were burnt in acid attacks.

Besides, 30 women committed suicide because they were victims of different forms of violence, it added.



DHAKA TODAY

Views exchange meeting

Bangladesh Gonotantrik Ainjibi Samity will hold a views exchange meeting against corruption and politicisation; Venue: Hall No 2, Supreme Court Ainjibi Samity Bhaban; Time: 12:00 noon.

Rally

Bangladesh Sammilita Peshajibi Parishad will stage a rally demanding restoration of the caretaker government system; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 11:00am.



Several hundred day labourers under the banner of "Khet Khawa Manush" on their way to Kheda Zia's residence in the capital yesterday with the demand that the BNP chief abandon the tactic of blockades and hartal as a form of protest. Police intercepted the labourers at Gulshan-2 intersection preventing them from reaching Kheda's house.

PHOTO: STAR

Day labourers urge BNP chief to give up blockade

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With the opposition's ongoing movement hitting hard the lives and livelihoods of the low income people, several hundred day labourers yesterday tried to stage demonstrations in front of BNP Chairperson Kheda Zia's residence in the capital.

Law enforcers, however, foiled the bid of the protesters who demand that the BNP chief abandon the tactic of blockades and hartals as a form of protest.

A day ago, police foiled a procession of transport workers who tried to stage dem-

onstrations in front of her residence in Gulshan, protesting attacks on drivers and their vehicles during blockades.

Gulshan police said several hundred workers, mainly rickshaw-pullers, auto-rickshaw drivers and day labourers, under the banner of "Khet Khawa Manush" thronged the Gulshan-2 intersection in the morning but were prevented from heading towards Kheda's house nearby.

Carrying baskets, axes and other work tools, the protesters chanted slogans against

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Dhaka div commissioner, Khulna DC transferred on EC's instruction

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The public administration ministry yesterday transferred divisional commissioner of Dhaka AN Shamsuddin Azad Chowdhury and deputy commissioner of Khulna Mesbahuddin in line with the instruction of the Election Commission (EC).

Additional secretary of the health ministry Md Zillar Rahman has been made divisional commissioner of Dhaka while deputy project director of Identification System for Enhancing Access to Services Project Anis Ahmed appointed DC of Khulna, according to separate gazette notifications. Shamsuddin and Mesbahuddin replaced Zillar and Anis respectively.

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Kheda, Hasina responsible for loss of lives

Says citizens' group

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chiefs of both the ruling and opposition parties must take the blame for the innocent lives lost in bomb attacks on the streets, said a citizens' platform yesterday.

None of them have the right to burn people alive because of their unscrupulous greed for power, they added.

At a protest rally before the capital's National Museum, writers, journalists, cultural activists, students and people from different walks of life, under the banner of "Shahingshata Protirodhe Janata", stated that no

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CJ's intervention sought to stop 'torture' on journos

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Factions of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists and Dhaka Union of Journalists yesterday submitted a memorandum to Chief Justice Md Muzammel Hossain seeking his steps to stop "harassment and torture on media and journalists."

Leaders of the BFUJ and DUJ placed it through Supreme Court Registrar AKM Shamsul Islam.

Contacted, the registrar said the chief justice has nothing to do in this regard as he is not an executive official.

Arrest of Amar Desh

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Freedom fighters at Central Shaheed Minar in the capital yesterday on the second day of their three-day hunger strike that began on Monday seeking peace in the country as political violence is going on ahead of the parliamentary elections.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

Freedom fighters observe hunger strike for peace

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A group of freedom fighters started a three-day hunger strike at the capital's Central Shaheed Minar on Monday, demanding peace in the country.

"We are very much disturbed by the present situation when crude bombs are being blasted frequently and police are opening fire without magistrate's orders," said Zafrullah Chowdhury, one of the more than fifty participants yesterday.

"Bangladesh is undergoing a politics of terrorism and looting at present. It will stop only when people take to the street," said another participant Maj (retd) Syed Munibur Rahman.

Talking to The Daily Star, spokesperson of the demonstrators Ali Ahmed Ziauddin said, "We want a real democratic state. People are falling victim for the election system stated in the present constitution. For this, we want a new constitution to be formulated."





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