Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm

Night temperature may rise slightly and day temperature may remain nearly unchanged

over the country, Met office said.

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The sun sets in the capital today at 5:12pm and rises tomorrow at 6:30am.

Country's highest temperature 30.3 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at

Sitakunda and lowest 13.3 degrees at Chuadanga.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

t		Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage			Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
		Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening		Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening
d d	Dhaka	28.8	18.0	63	63	Khulna	28.0	16.5	76	81
	Chittagong	26.8	19.5	87	76	Barisal	28.8	16.0	75	88
	Rajshahi	28.4	15.7	79	74	Sylhet	29.7	16.7	60	73
	Rangpur	27.6	16.6	70	76	Cox's Bazar	30.0	21.0	84	78





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#### President leaves for S Africa today to join Mandela's funeral

UNB, Dhaka

President Abdul Hamid leaves for South Africa today on a three-day visit to attend an emotional farewell to Nelson Mandela - a funeral that will draw an unprecedented gathering of world leaders and luminaries, reflecting the antiapartheid icon's transcendent influence.

"A special flight of Biman Bangladesh Airlines BG 1001 carrying the president and his entourage will leave the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport at 4:00pm," President's Press Secretary Ihsanul Karim told the news agency yesterday.

Hamid is scheduled to attend a programme to pay SEE PAGE 4 COL 6

# NEWS<sub>IN</sub> brief

Baridhara residence in the capital yesterday.

#### Col Ziaul Ahsan promoted to addl director general of Rab

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Col Ziaul Ahsan has been promoted to additional director general (operations) of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) on Saturday.

He had been serving as the director of the intelligence wing of Rab since August 27, 2009, said a Rab statement yesterday. Col Zia joined Rab-2 in March 2009.

For his contributions, Col Zia was awarded the Bangladesh Police Medal and President Police Medal. He was commissioned in Bangladesh Army on June 16, 1991.

#### Man found dead in Gazipur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

An unidentified man, aged around 38, was found dead beside the rail tracks of Shukundibagh area in Tongi yesterday.

On information, Tongi railway police recovered the body and sent it to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. The body bore several injuries in the head which

indicated that he had been hit by a train, said police.

#### Under construction building collapses in Savar, 15 hurt

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

A two-storey under construction building collapsed at Birulia in Savar, on the outskirts of the capital, yesterday, injuring at least 15 workers.

Witnesses said the building of Den Food, a factory, caved in suddenly at about 4:00pm when around 30 labourers were working.

Members of Fire Service and Civil Defense rescued the injured and sent them to local hospitals and clinics, said Sabbir Ahmed, station officer of DEPZ Fire Station. The factory authorities could not be contacted for comments.

#### Child loses legs after jumping off train

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A child lost both his legs after jumping right onto the tracks of a train he was riding in Chittagong Railway Station yesterday morning.

Victim, Abdus Sukkur, 8, son of pushcart driver Md Selim, is a resident of the slums of old Railway Station. Doctors at Chittagong Medical College Hospital had

to amputate his legs below the knees.

#### 3 houses robbed at Savar, 3 injured

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Masked robbers looted three houses at Genda of Savar, on the outskirts of the capital, within a span of one and a half hours early yesterday.

A victim, Abdul Latif, a local businessman, said some 15 robbers broke open the main door and looted gold jewellery, weighing 30 tolas, Tk 2 lakh, eight cellphones and 4,000 Saudi riyals around 2:30am. They attacked Latif's wife, son and nephew with knives and rods as they tried to resist them. The injured are undergoing treatment at Enam Medical College and Hospital.

Asadul Islam, an expatriate in Italy and tenant of Latif, said the gang also broke open their door and looted a cellphone and Tk 5,000 while holding him at gunpoint.

Then they broke into the house of Abul Kalam of a nearby house and looted valuables worth around Tk 15,000. Savar model police said they are trying to arrest the gang.



#### Token hunger strike

University Teachers Association of Bangladesh will stage a token hunger strike demanding restoration of the caretaker government system; Venue: Jatiya Press Club premises; Time: 11:00am.

#### Meeting

Shilpita will hold a meeting commemorating Nelson Mandela; Venue: Poet Sufia Kamal Auditorium, National Museum; Time: 11:00am.

### Khoka denied bail in arson case

Court also refuses to send him on remand

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Rakibuddin Ahmed, left, in the Election Commission Secretariat and Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad, right, at the latter's

A Dhaka court yesterday sent BNP Vice Chairman Sadeque Hossain Khoka to jail after refusing to send him on remand and rejecting his bail prayer in an arson case.

The case was filed with Tejgaon Police Station on October 26 against Khoka and 22 others for setting fire to a vehicle with petrol.

Metropolitan Magistrate Atiqur Rahman passed the order when the BNP leader was produced at the court on completion of his two-day remand in another arson case filed with Shahbagh Police Station for setting a bus on fire on November 28.

The magistrate, however, allowed police to interrogate Khoka at the jail gate within 10 days.

On November 28, a bus carrying 19 people was set on fire in Shahbagh. Of the victims, three died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Meanwhile, Khoka has been shown arrested in a case filed with Sutrapur Police Station for setting fire to a leguna in front of Victoria Park in the old part of the capital last month.

Police sought a 10-day remand in the case. The remand hearing will take place on December 11 in his presence.

#### House near Panchagarh border set alight 'by BSF'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) members allegedly vandalised and set fire to a newly built thatched room near Ghagra border in Panchagarh sadar upazila yesterday.

Locals said 14 to 15 members of the Indian Border Security Force of Tiapara Camp entered Bangladesh around 9:00am and damaged the room that was built in the morning. Later they set the room on fire.

The room belongs to Asaduzzaman of Tiapara village of the same upazila.

Following the incident a company commander-level flag meeting was held at the zero line on the border where the BSF denied the allegation.

But Border Guard Bangladesh officials visited the spot in the afternoon and found a cap usually worn by BSF men, said Lt Colonel Ariful Haque, commanding officer of 18 BGB battalion.

Construction was restricted within 150 yards from border under international border rules, and the BSF had asked villagers not to do so, said ariful.

The room was built within the restricted area, He added.

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