

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 temperature may fall by 1-2 degree Celsius and day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.		degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Cox's Bazar and lowest 10.6 degree Celsius at Ishwardi.		Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage		Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage			
					Max: 26.4 Min: 15.1		Morningz 74 Evening 67		Max: 26.7 Min: 14.0		Morning 94 Evening 74			
Light to moderate fog may occur over northern part of the country during late night till morning, Met Office said.	The sun sets in the capital today at 5:14pm and rises tomorrow at 6:34am. Country's highest temperature 29.5		Dhaka		25.2	14.8	98	72	Khulna	26.8	12.8	90	82	
			Chittagong		26.5	11.5	96	68	Barisal	25.0	67	83	67	
			Rajshahi						Sylhet					
			Rangpur		24.0	14.0	94	85	Cox's Bazar	29.5	14.8	70	54	

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brief

Man stabbed to death by brother

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

A man was stabbed to death allegedly by his younger brother over a family feud in Nagerbagh area under Rupganj upazila of Narayanganj yesterday.

The victim was Russell Mia, 22, a textile mill worker. Police said Russell and his mother had been arguing when his brother Mafijul Islam, out of anger, stabbed Russell in the neck leaving him dead on the spot.

Police detained Mafijul along with the knife. The body was sent for an autopsy.

Qayyum Khan's memoirs launch today to be delayed by one hour

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today's publication ceremony of A Qayyum Khan's memoirs on the Liberation War, "Bittersweet Victory: A Freedom Fighter's Tale", will be delayed by one hour for hartal and begin at 5:30pm in the capital's Bangla Academy.

Most employers unwilling

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While it is a popular belief that children work because of poverty, the truth is that many of the parents who send their children to middle class households in the capital do this because they hope that the children will have a better future there, she said.

The rights activists present there expressed disappointment as the labour ministry has not taken any measure to implement the draft "Domestic Worker Protection and Welfare Policy 2010", which some rights bodies had submitted with recommendations about work hour, wages, and holidays, among others.

According to unofficial estimates, there are 20 lakh child domestic workers in the country, while the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics puts the figure at only 1.20 lakh.

Other speakers include Salma Ali, executive director, Bangladesh National Women Lawyers' Association; Hasina Begum, representative, International Labour Organization; Anwar Hossain Shikder, deputy regional director, Plan International; and Lutfun Nahar, project coordinator, Nari Maitree.

Representation in JS a must

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a change in the discriminatory mindset of families and the society as a whole, an inclusive society is not possible.

According to World Health Organisation, 10 percent of Bangladesh's total population is disabled. Of them, one third are physically challenged, one third blind and the rest are either

deaf or have mental or speech disability.

AHM Nouman, founder, Development Organisation of the Rural Poor; former election commissioner Brig Gen M Sakhawat Hussain, and Prof Syed Anwar Hosain of Dhaka University's history department spoke at the discussion moderated by ADD International Project Manager Noorunnobi.



PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

Activists of Jamaat-e-Islami and pro-Jamaat student organisation Islami Chhatra Shibir did not spare truck helper Md Selim even on a day with no pre-declared political programme. He lies at Chittagong Medical College Hospital yesterday with 15 percent burns sustained in a Molotov cocktail attack on the vehicle he was riding on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway in Mohipal area of Feni district on Friday night.

WAR CRIMES VERDICTS

Families of martyred intellectuals want immediate execution

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Paying tribute to their loved ones on Martyred Intellectuals' Day, families of the illustrious citizens yesterday called for immediate execution of verdicts passed by the International Crimes Tribunals.

Martyred intellectual Dr Alim Chowdhury's daughter Dr Nuzhat Chowdhury said Thursday's execution of a war criminal for the first time in Bangladesh proved that the sacrifice had not gone to waste.

"Today is not only a day of mourning but of resilience. People, especially the young generation, made it possible," she told a discussion Bangladesh National Museum organised on its premises in the capital.

Prof Emeritus Anisuzzaman, as chief guest, said the stigma has been ameliorated

somewhat through the execution.

"But there is still a long way to go to achieve the Liberation War's promise of a golden Bangladesh. We have to unite for this," he said.

Actress Shomi Kaiser, daughter of writer-novelist Shahidullah Kaiser, at Rayerbazar Martyred Intellectuals' Graveyard, said the pre-planned killing of intellectuals aimed at destroying the nation before its birth.

Journalist Zahid Reza Noor, son of martyred journalist Serajuddin Hossain, said the execution of Abdul Quader Mollah had opened a new era.

Meanwhile, socio-cultural and political organisations paid their respects at the Rayer Bazar graveyard and Martyred Intellectuals' Memorial at Mirpur with

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Bring 14 stranded migrant workers back from Iraq

Demand family members, former co-workers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former co-workers and family members yesterday demanded immediate rescue of the 14 Bangladeshi migrants who have been confined to an Iraqi labour accommodation facility for the last 10 months without jobs and adequate food.

They also urged the government to arrange appropriate compensation and cancel the registration of the recruiting agencies that sent the construction workers to Iraq in February and March this year for a monthly salary of \$350.

The demands came at a press conference organised by Anirban Survivors' Voice, a platform of returnees, with Shikkha Shasthya Unnayan Karzakram (Shishuk) at the capital's Jatiya Press Club.

"The condition of 14 of our fellow brothers in the Iraqi camp is terrible. We want the government to rescue them immediately to save their lives," said Zakir Hossain, one of the 11 migrants who returned home from the same Iraqi

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Bombs stashed in 'JCD mess' explode

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

About a dozen crude bombs stashed in an empty students' mess in the capital's East Razabazar went off last night, injuring a woman in an adjacent building five or six feet away.

A group of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal leaders and activists of Tejgaon College reside in the second-floor apartment of a five-storey building, said Deputy Commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (Tejgaon Division) Biplob Kumar Sarker.

Witnesses said they heard a bang around 8:00pm and after a short while, the apartment was spewing black smoke. When locals rushed in, they found the door locked, they added.

Brother of the injured Fatema Begum, 20, a garment worker, who lives in the second-floor flat, said, "She was walking in the house. Suddenly, there was a loud noise and some shards of glass flew to her head and neck through the window." She was treated in a nearby hospital, he said.

Chhatra Dal activists might have piled up the bombs to use those during anti-government protests, said the police official, adding that they seized some explosives from the scene.

Body recovered in N'ganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Police recovered the body of a land broker from Al Amin nagar area in Narayanganj town yesterday, four days after he had been abducted.

The victim is Abdul Jalil, 40, a resident of Dewbogh area. Jalil's wife, Shima Begum, said her husband had a feud with some locals over land. Jalil had filed a case in this connection on December 9. The following day some unidentified criminals abducted him from his home, she added.

Police found the body in a sack and sent it for an autopsy.



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