

DRY WEATHER LIKELY



Chances of light rain are likely at one or two places over Rajshahi, Rangpur, Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal and Sylhet divisions and the region of Comilla till 6:00pm today.

Weather may remain dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country, Met

Office said.

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

The sun sets in the capital today at 5:17pm and rises tomorrow at 6:38am.

Country's highest temperature 28.0 degree

Celsius was recorded yesterday at Cox's Bazar and Patuakhali and lowest 11.2 degree Celsius at Dinajpur.

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

Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage		Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening
Dhaka 24.4	16.8	94	78	Khulna 27.5	17.2	98	76
Chittagong 24.8	14.2	79	76	Barisal 27.0	16.0	93	87
Rajshahi 25.4	13.8	96	82	Sylhet 24.3	16.2	78	84
Rangpur 22.6	12.3	80	75	Cox's Bazar 28.0	15.7	71	75

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brief

Miscreants destroy DU Ghrina Stambha

DU CORRESPONDENT

Unidentified miscreants early yesterday destroyed the Ghrina Stambha, a pillar erected opposite Dhaka University's Ducus cafeteria expressing hatred towards collaborators of the Pakistan occupation force during the 1971 Liberation War.

Different student organisations have called protests against the vandalism today while the DU authorities have started its reinstallation. Acting proctor Amzad Ali said they were trying to trace the culprits.

Installed on December 16, 2007, the Ghrina Stambha was broken up in 2008 and recently erected marking Victory Day by Slogan 71, a campus-based pro-liberation organisation.

Banned Hijb-ut Tahrir distributes leaflets in Sylhet city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Six activists of Hijb-ut Tahrir distributed leaflets in Sylhet city after Juma prayers yesterday urging the people to end the rule of Awami League and BNP and called on the army to establish khilafat (Islamic state) under the leadership of the banned Islamist outfit.

They, however, escaped from in front of Bandarbar Jame Masjid before arrival of law enforcers, said witnesses. Police confirmed the incident.

Two found dead at Savar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Two unidentified persons were found dead at different places in Savar, on the outskirts of the capital, yesterday.

Savar police recovered the body of a woman, aged around 40, from a ditch beside the Dhaka-Aricha Highway in Boliarpur.

Meanwhile, a man, aged around 60, was found dead in a dry pond in Madhumoti Model Town.

None of the bodies bore any injury mark, said police, adding that they might have died a few days ago.

The bodies were sent to Dhaka Medical College morgue for autopsies. Separate cases were filed.

One held with 40kg marijuana in Gazipur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

An alleged drug trader was held with 40 kilogrammes of marijuana in his residence in North Auspara of Tongi in Gazipur early yesterday.

On information, officials of the Department of Narcotics Control held Meraj Mia, 25, of Kishoreganj district, while his cohort Kaoser managed to flee away.

A case was filed against the duo with Tongi Police Station under the Narcotics Control Act 1990.

Statistics important for analysing economic problems: Seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Statistical methods not only provide data for research but also enable policymakers to make informed choices, speakers recently said at a national seminar in the capital's Bureau of Statics office.

Addressing the daylong seminar, "Statistics for Humanity", Planning Minister AK Khandaker said statistics was required for analysing any sort of economic and social problems.

The bureau Director General Golam Mostafa Kamal, Director Shamsul Alam and Bangladesh Association of Statistics President M Mosleh Uddin also spoke.



Goods-laden trucks halt on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway in Nagar Jalpai area under Tangail sadar upazila fearing attacks during the BNP-led opposition's 83-hour countrywide blockade beginning 6:00am yesterday.

PHOTO: MIRZA SHAKIL

UNCONTESTED ELECTION OF 154 TO 10TH PARLIAMENT

It's BNP's fault

Hasina tells Victory Day discussion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday blamed the main opposition BNP's polls boycott for the 154 candidates' uncontested election to the 10th parliament.

"It is BNP's fault...If the party had joined the polls, candidates would not have been elected unopposed. Now BNP is crying slapping their foreheads to join the polls..."

"Of course we will score goals as the field is empty. There is no goalkeeper and thus we will go on scoring goals," she said. Of the 154, 127 are from the AL.

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Deferment of Jan 5 polls not possible

HT Imam tells BBC Bangladesh Sanglap

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

HT Imam, co-chairman of Awami League Election Conducting Committee, yesterday said that for the continuation of constitutional process, deferment of the 10th parliamentary election to reach consensus among political parties was not possible.

He was addressing the BBC Bangladesh Sanglap, a debate on contemporary affairs organised by BBC Media Action and BBC Bangla, in the capital's Biam auditorium.

Another panelist, BNP chairperson's Adviser Osman Faruk, said questions at home and abroad have already arisen over the election and proposals for discussions over the 11th election is "nothing but a joke".

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35 hand bombs recovered from Geneva Camp

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion yesterday recovered 35 hand bombs, five sharp weapons, about one kilogramme of gunpowder and a large amount of bomb-making materials, which were abandoned in Bihari-populated Geneva Camp in the capital's Mohammadpur.

The recovery came a day after Rab-2 seized 96 crude bombs and a huge amount of bomb-making materials from the same area and arrested two youths.

None was arrested in yesterday's drive, said Rab Media Wing Director Habibur Rahman. After

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US senator briefed about Bangladesh politics

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Ambassador to the USA Akramul Qader has apprised an influential senator of the current political situation of the country highlighting the government's efforts to bring the opposition BNP to the January 5 elections.

The diplomat met Senator John McCain III, an influential member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, in the Capitol in Washington DC Friday, said a press statement.

Akramul Qader detailed the prime minister's offer of dialogue to reach consensus

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Applications

Specifications

Length	1200 mm
Width	1000 mm
Height	160 mm
Long Side	A:260mm B:360mm
Short Side	A:260mm B:180mm
H (fork entry)	78 mm
Material	HDPE
Load Capacity (Maximum)	Floor static load 5,000 kg Rack static load 800 kg Dynamic load 1,000 kg
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- A: Length of fork entry window
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We are shocked and grieved at the sad demise of the Treasurer of the University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB)

Khaled Mahmood Khan

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