

The mild cold wave that is sweeping Pabna, Rajshahi, Madaripur and Jessore may spread and continue, said Met Office.

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

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The sun sets in the capital today at 5:20pm and rises tomorrow at 6:40am.

Country's highest temperature 24.8 degree

Celsius was recorded yesterday at Cox's Bazar and Teknaf and lowest 8.6 degrees at Chuadanga.

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

1	emperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage			Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percenta	
	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening		Max:	Min:	Morning	Eveni
Dhaka	21.6	13.8	75	69	Khulna	22.7	11.8	92	70
Chittagong	24.2	14.3	95	72	Barisal	23.0	11.4	95	86
Rajshahi	21.2	10.3	94	85	Sylhet	20.0	13.8	97	89
Rangpur	21.8	12.8	91	73	Cox's Bazar	24.8	15.2	85	67

NEWS_{IN} brief

Daily Star photojournalist wins international award

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg



Anurup Kanti Das, a staff photographer of The Daily Star, has won the 74th International Photographic Salon of Japan for his photos under the title "Hatred Untold and Unseen-Searching" captured from last year's Ramu violence incident.

He is one of the 130 winners from among 8,805 contestants from around the world who took part in this internationally acclaimed annual competition, organised by All-Japan Association of Photographic Societies (AJAPS). The winners will be awarded at a ceremony to be held in Tokyo, Japan on April 22, 2014.

Anurup also won the China International Press Photo Contest (CHIPP) this year for his photography on Rohingya exodus from Myanmar.

Boy dies being crushed between two launches

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A fourteen-year-old boy died after being crushed between two launches at Sadarghat terminal in the capital yesterday.

The deceased, Shamsuddin Chowdhury, was a class VIII student. The incident occurred around 4:00pm when he along with his five family members tried to get down on a boat from one of the launches, MV Baghdadia, said Sadarghat police Officer-in-Charge Abdul Aziz.

The five family members escaped the accident as they could get down on the boat.

Bullet-hit body of listed criminal found

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayangan

The bullet-hit body of a listed criminal was found at Darigutabo beside Kanchan-Kuril road in Rupganj upazila of Narayanganj yesterday morning.

Igbal Raj, 31, of Bir Hatab of the upazila, was wanted in 25 cases for murder, robbery and kidnapping, said

Salam Raj, elder brother of the deceased, said Iqbal went missing since Wednesday morning.

Police recovered the body yesterday morning. Officer-in-Charge Md Asaduzzaman of Rupganj Police Station suspects that a rival group killed Iqbal over past enmity while another reason might be a dispute with his step-brothers over land.

Rotary joint meeting held in Dhaka

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A joint meeting between Rotary Bangladesh and Rotary Nepal was held in Dhaka on Wednesday.

From Bangladesh side, Rotary Governor Ghulam Mustafa, Governor-elect Safina Rahman, Governornominee SAM Sawkat Hossain, district secretary-elect Ibrahim Al Zayed Pinak, former governors and officials

were present, says a press release. Governors-elect Rabindra Piya, Nughal Anada Vaidya, Gopal Chandra Lal Kakshypati and Kiran Lal Shrestha were present from Nepal side.



CASES AGAINST BNP LEADERS

HC order on bail Dec 29

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday fixed December 29 for passing orders on the bail petitions filed by five arrested BNP leaders in connection with two cases for "attempted murder of cops and creating violence in the capital." The leaders are-- BNP standing committee members MK

Anwar, Moudud Ahmed, Rafiqul Islam Mia, adviser to BNP

chairperson Abdul Awal Mintoo, and special assistant to · Khaleda Zia Shimul Biswas. On November 6, according to the case, opposition lead- : contain the ongoing opposition movement ers blocked a road at Kamalapur Bazar in the capital and · against the polls, he told a press conference

hartal on November 5. On September 24, according to another case, BNP men . from a procession vandalised and torched a car and blasted : Bar Association, Jatiya Press Club, several cocktails before Motijheel Ideal School and College : Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists in the capital.

But the names of the five leaders were not mentioned in : (DUJ) jointly organised the event on the the cases.

Moudud, Anwar and Rafiqul were detained in front of Hotel Sonargaon in the capital on November 8, while the two others near Khaleda's Gulshan residence on November 9. They were shown arrested on November 9 in the two cases filed by Motijheel police on September 24 and November 6.

This month, the BNP leaders filed separate petitions with the HC seeking bail in the cases, AKM Ehsanur Rahman, form a probe committee with unbiased one of the lawyers for the petitioners, told The Daily Star . journalists, human rights activists and civil . formed to maintain liaison between yesterday.

since announcement of poll schedule

Claims Khandaker Mahbub Hossain STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Bar Council Vice Chairman Khandaker Mahbub Hossain yesterday claimed that at least 115 opposition men had been killed across the country after announcement of the schedule of the "one-sided election".

Targeted killings are going on in the name of the joint force's operations to blasted crude bombs targeting law enforcers during the ; and views exchange meeting at the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA). Pro-BNP factions of SCBA, Bangladesh

> · (BFUJ), and Dhaka Union of Journalists current political and human rights situation.

> The schedule of the 10th parliamentary election was announced on November 25.

In a written statement, Khandaker Mahbub, also an adviser of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, said they would

115 opposition men killed AL urges EC action against Khaleda

: Says she, her followers aim to resist election by Dhaka March violating electoral laws

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The ruling Awami League yesterday · requested the Election Commission to take legal action against BNP : Chairperson Khaleda Zia and her · followers alleging that they had violated electoral laws by announcing the Dhaka March aiming to resist the 10th parliamentary elec-tion.

"We think the so-called Dhaka March programme on December 29 · of Begum Khaleda Zia and her peo-: ple goes against electoral laws as it aims to resist the polls. Resisting elections is an offence. So, we have requested the election commission to take legal action against those · who want to resist polls," said for-: mer home minister MK Alamgir.

Alamgir, also convener of AL subcommittee on EC affairs, which is SEE PAGE 4 COL 8: the EC and the party, said this after a

meeting with Election Commissioner Abdul Mobarak at the latter's office.

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Amid a boycott by the BNP-led opposition, the voting will take place in 146 out of 300 parliamentary constituencies, as 154 candidates have been elected unopposed.

Khaleda Zia on Tuesday urged the people from every corner of the country to march towards the capital on Sunday to force the government to postpone the January 5

"It is the responsibility of the Election Commission to organise the polls and that is why we told the commission that not only the government, but also the commission should unequivocally announce that resisting the polls is an offence punishable by law," Alamgir said.

The EC should also announce

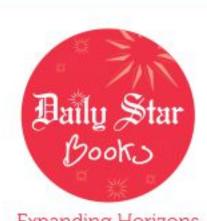
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Gutted remains of clothes at Bangla Japan Trading Ltd garment factory in Ashulia on the capital's outskirts. A fire suspected to have originated from an electric short circuit around 7:45am yesterday swept across the floor, destroying 30,000 finished sweaters, said the factory

PHOTO: RASHAD AHAMAD

officials.





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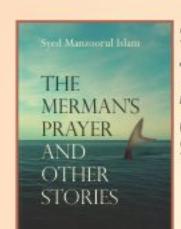
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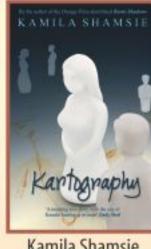
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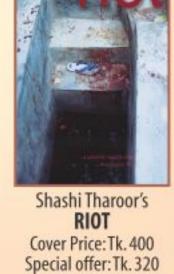
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POLL-TIME SECURITY Govt now asks gun owners not to display firearms

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday suspended its earlier circular ordering people to deposit their licensed firearms at their respective police stations or legal dealers by December 27 to ensure security for the 10th national elections on January 5. Instead it issued a fresh

circular, ordering the owners not to carry or show the firearms between December 27 and January 7 in areas where polling centres will be situated. The district magistrates, however, can order for the deposit at any time, said the circular.

