LIGHT RAIN LIKELY

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over the country, having chances of light rain or drizzle at one or two places over Rajshahi, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions and the regions of Jessore, Kushtia and Comilla till 6:00pm today.

Moderate to thick fog may occur over the country during early night till morning, Met

Office said. Mild cold wave is sweeping over Sayedpur, Srimangal and Rangamati and it may continue. Night temperature may fall slightly and day temperature may rise slightly over the country.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:26pm today

and rises at 6:43 am tomorrow.

lowest 8.5 degrees at Srimangal. Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

Celsius was recorded yesterday at Cox's Bazar and

Country's highest temperature 27.2 degree

	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage			Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentag	
	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening		Max:	Min:	Morning	Evenir
Dhaka	20.4	13.6	74	85	Khulna	23.5	13.0	87	79
Chittagong	24.0	13.2	82	54	Barisal	25.5	11.6	94	79
Rajshahi	21.0	12.1	92	82	Sylhet	22.9	13.2	99	89
Rangpur	22.0	10.4	97	84	Cox's Baza	r 27.2	15.0	73	66

ATTACK ON JESSORE HINDUS Mahila Parishad condemns terror

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad yesterday in a statement con-: demned the attack on Hindu communities in Abhaynagar ' of Jessore, and subversive activities carried out at schools all · over the country centring on the national poll.

Hours after Sunday's voting ended, BNP-Jamaat men unleashed terror on a Hindu village in Abhaynagar and · vandalised 130 houses of the minority community.

They also torched 10 houses in Malopara village of the : upazila because the villagers had cast their votes.

The opposition men also set fire to at least 100 schools : (polling centres) all over the country on Friday and : Saturday.

What happened in Abhaynagar and at the schools cannot be accepted in a democratic country, where casting vote: is the constitutional right to all, read the statement.

The parishad demanded exemplary punishment for the · culprits behind such activities.

NEWSIN

Ex-UP member killed in road crash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

A man was killed in a road accident in Bakshiganj upazila of Jamalpur yesterday evening.

Deceased Mir Mosharaf Hossain, 65, of village Battajor, was a former member of Battajor Union Parishad.

Police said the accident occurred when Mosharaf's motorbike collided head-on with a CNGrun auto-rickshaw on Bakshiganj-Jamalpur road in Dhanua-Kamalpur area.

The auto-rickshaw driver managed to flee the

RU dormitories reopen today

RU CORRESPONDENT

After a 10-day winter vacation, sixteen dormitories of Rajshahi University will reopen today amid tight security, said a press release yesterday.

The regular classes, examination and academic activities will resume on Saturday instead of Thursday. The students have beem asked to carry their identity cards inside the campus, it added.

Adequate number of patrol teams of law enforcers have been deployed at different spots on the campus to avert any untoward situation, said RU Proctor Prof Tarikul Hasan.

Kabir joins Bangladesh Employees Welfare Board as director

CITY DESK

ASM Kabir has joined Bangladesh Employees Welfare Board, under the public administration ministry, as its

Kabir is the grandson of Hazrat Shah Sufi Syed Rojab Ali and fourth son of Pirzada Shah Sufi Syed Md Shamsul Huq of Shakra Darbar Sharif village in Comilla. His wife Romina Dewan is a freelance writer of The Daily Star.

11 held in Sylhet for various crimes

BSS, Sylhet

Police arrested 11 persons in criminal cases in different areas of Sylhet between Sunday night and yesterday

The Detective Branch of Sylhet Metropolitan Police arrested Shimu in his Sitaura residence of Moulvibazar and recovered two stolen motorbikes from his house yesterday morning.

Besides, police arrested three in Kotwali, two in Jalalabad, two in Dakkhin Surma, one in Shahparan, one in airport, and one in Muglabazar areas.



With severe burns in face and hand, Saidur Rahman, a college lecturer and presiding officer in Gobindaganj upazila of Gaibandha, suffers at Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College, Bogra yesterday. He, along with a policeman, was burnt when some teenage boys hurled a bottle full of flammable on a vehicle carrying him and others with ballot boxes after Sunday's polling. PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

Int'l media slam 'bloody', 'shunned' elections

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Leading international newspapers and media bitterly criticised the January 5 parliamentary elections in Bangladesh and termed it one of the most violent elections in the country's history in which low turnout and a boycott by the opposition made the results a foregone conclusion.

The newspapers also blasted the political parties, especially the ruling Awami League for holding the one-sided election despite requests from the international community, including the United Nations for reaching consensus.

The media reports say the uncertainty has already cast a cloud over the sky of might face challenges from the international community, which has long been calling for an inclusive election.

The chaos surrounding Sunday's election . plunges Bangladesh deeper into turmoil: lion, says one of the newspapers.

The foreign media largely highlighted : the ongoing widespread intimidation and violence, especially on the voting day

ATTACK IN GAIBANDHA DURING POLL Burnt policeman shifted to DMCH

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh and apprehend that the country : A police constable, who was burnt in an arson attack · parties. while taking ballot boxes to Gobindaganj upazila headquarters in Gaibandha from a polling centre, was shifted: : to Dhaka from a local hospital yesterday, as his condi- · sensus about a polls-time tion deteriorated.

Abul Kalam Azad, 44, the injured constable of : ment issued by Mujahidul and economic stagnation, and could lead to : Gobindaganj Police Station, patrolled Pontai Government more violence in the country of 160 mil- : Primary School centre during the 10th general election ·

Miscreants hurled bottles full of flammable liquid at the : vehicle, in which he was carrying ballot boxes near Gobindaganj Degree College around 5:30pm, leaving

2 arrested with bombs while manufacturing : STAFF CORRESPONDENT

: Rapid Action Battalion : (Rab) arrested two persons · and seized 65 petrol : bombs, nine crude bombs and bomb-making materi-· als in separate drives in the capital yesterday. A team of Rab arrested

ing bombs in the ground · floor of a three-storey : building at Mansurabad in : Adabar around 8:30pm, · Rab-2 told a press briefing at its headquarters in : Agargaon. Rab personnel also

· recovered four bombs, : three litres of petrol and · bomb-making materials from the spot.

Rab suspects that the SEE PAGE 4 COL 4

CPB demands govt ban : Jamaat-Shibir

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

 Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) yester-· day demanded that the · government ban Jamaat-: Shibir and destroy the · organisations' properties and networks. CPB also urged the

· government to hold a free and fair national election with participation of all The parties must hold

dialogues to reach a con-: government, said a state-Islam Selim and Syed Abu Zafar Ahmed, CPB presi-: dent and general secretary respectively.

Rigging, attacks and low ; participation marked the

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MAY 5 HEFAJAT VIOLENCE, KILLING Moudud, five other BNP leaders shown arrested

COURT CORRESPONDENT

BNP leader barrister Moudud Ahmed and five other leaders have been shown arrested in three cases, including one for killing a policeman.

Their names were not in the first information report of the cases, but police implicated them for "instigating" party men in the killing. Of the three cases, one was filed for killing sub-inspector

Md Shahjahan during a clash between law enforcers and Hefajat men in the capital on May 5 last year. The two others cases were lodged for vandalising and

torching public properties and vehicles and attacking police on that day. Defence lawyer Taherul Islam Towhid told The Daily Star yesterday that the cases were filed eight months ago but the

implication was to keep his clients in jail illegally. Hefajat-e Islam Secretary General Junaid Babunagari was arrested on May 6 in the cases and he confessed to his guilt

before a magistrate. But he got bail on May 29. The other accused are BNP leaders MK Anwar, barristers

Rafigul Islam Miah, Mahbubuddin Khokon, BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia's adviser Abdul Awal Mintoo and SEE PAGE 4 COL 1



Police frisk two motorcycle riders at the capital's Nightingale intersection yesterday as part of widespread security checks to prevent subversive acts amid mounting violence by the BNP-led opposition activists during ongoing hartal and blockade. PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

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