

COLD WAVE MAY CONTINUE



Weather may remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm today, said Met Office.

Moderate cold wave is sweeping over the regions of Sitakunda, Srimangal, Rajshahi, Pabna, Jessore and Chuadanga and mild cold wave is sweeping over

Rangpur and Barisal divisions and the regions of Tangail, Faridpur, Madaripur, Rangamati, Hatiya and Sathkira and it may continue.

Night and day temperature may rise slightly over the country.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5:29pm

and rises tomorrow at 6:44am.

Country's highest temperature 27.6 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Teknaf and lowest 06.1 degrees at Chuadanga.

Highest and lowest temperature 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 20.1	10.3	96	82	Khulna 22.6	10.5	80	84
Chittagong 23.9	13.8	72	63	Barisal 22.6	08.5	100	89
Rajshahi 21.7	07.0	96	77	Sylhet 23.9	09.8	94	77
Rangpur 20.8	09.4	100	87	Cox's Bazar 27.3	14.0	64	58

NEWSINbrief

BCL leader hacked in Rangpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Unidentified miscreants hacked a leader of pro-Awami League Bangladesh Chhatra League in Rangpur city's Dhap area Wednesday night.

Injured Rasel Iqbal Rayhan, 24, son of Iqbal Ahmed, is organising secretary of the district unit of BCL.

Police and witnesses said around 11:30pm three miscreants wearing masks rushed to the spot riding a motorbike and attacked Rasel with sharp weapons.

Md Shahabuddin Khalifa, officer-in-charge of Rangpur Kotwali Police Station, said they tried to arrest the culprits.

Boy found dead with rope tangled round neck in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A 10-year-old boy was found dead with a rope tangled round his neck in their shanty at Lalmati slum in the capital's Pallabi yesterday morning.

The deceased was Ajay Robi Das, 10, son of British Robi Das. Pallabi Police Station Officer-in-Charge Syed Ziauzzaman said, "Primary investigation reveals that the child accidentally strangled himself while playing with the rope."

Robi's younger found the body in a sitting position on the bed around 10:00am, said the family.

Library opens at Bangladesh embassy in Tashkent

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh embassy in Tashkent, in Uzbekistan opened a library at its office on Tuesday named after Acharya Sir Jagadish Chandra Bose and National Professor Kabir Chowdhury, said a press release yesterday.

Bangladeshi Ambassador to Uzbekistan Mosud Mannan, ndc and his wife Prof Nuzhat Amin Mannan of the English department at Dhaka University, along with ASM Waheeduzzaman, the counsellor and all officials of the Bangladesh embassy were present at the inauguration of the library.

7 robbers arrested in Gazipur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

A mob caught seven robbers in Falu Market area of Gazipur yesterday while they were planning for a robbery.

Asad Mia, Zakir Hossain, Sumon, Uzzal, Masud Rana, Sazzad Hossain and his brother Saddam Hossain were handed over to Sreepur police.

Seeing the seven strangers, inhabitants of Lohagas village questioned them and found seven machetes, two grille cutters and two spud-bars in their bags, said Sreepur police.

DHAKA
TODAY

Citizens' rally
Nagorik Sanghati will stage a citizens' rally demanding punishment for the attackers of the minority communities; Venue: In front of National Museum; Time: 11:00am.

Human chain
Bangladesh Jatiya Hindu Mohajote will form a human chain protesting the attacks on the Hindus; Venue: Before Jatiya Press Club; Time: 10:30am.

In Memoriam

Manzur Ur Rahman Ruskin
(01-12-1950–04-01-2014)

Lovingly remembered and sadly missed today and always, Naza, Rashna-Rafiq, Mohammed-Anindita, Abdullah, Guddi, Azzu & Family.

ATTACK ON HINDUS Gonojagoron Mancha starts road march to Jessore today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Gonojagoron Mancha will start road march at 7:30am today from Shahbagh in the capital to Jessore to visit the Hindus who were attacked allegedly by Jamaat-Shibir men at Malopara of Abhaynagar in the district on Sunday night.

The mancha will also hold street rallies at Jahangirnagar University at 10:00am, Manikganj at 11:00am, Modhukhali of Faridpur at 4:00pm and Magura at 5:00pm, spokesperson Imran H Sarkar told a press conference in its temporary tent in Shahbagh yesterday.

He said they would hold another rally at Faridpur's Janata Bank intersection at 3:00pm

ELECTION TO 8 SEATS EC to take tighter security measures

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission (EC) has planned to take extensive security measures for holding elections in eight constituencies smoothly on January 16.

The elections will be held at Dinaajpur-4, Kirigram-4, Gaibandha-1, 3, 4, Bogra-7, Jessore-5 and Laxmipur-1 constituencies as voting in 392 polling centres were postponed due to violence on the January 5 general poll.

The volume of law enforcers and army to be deployed during the elections will be finalised in a law and order meeting scheduled to be held tomorrow.

In the meeting, the EC will propose to deploy 25-member team of police and Ansar at every polling centre for four days, while 14 to 18 police and Ansar members were deployed

Tribunal mulled to try polls-time attackers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has decided to set up a special tribunal to deal with cases related to election violence, particularly the atrocities on minorities, State Minister for Home Shamsul Haque Tuku said yesterday.

The tribunal is a permanent measure to stop recurrence of such violence, he told The Daily Star by phone, but could not say when it will

ATTACK ON MINORITIES Punishment sought

CITY DESK

Different organisations and eminent citizens, including leaders of minority communities, yesterday demanded exemplary punishment for the perpetrators of the attacks on minority communities in different parts of the country in the wake of the January 5 national election.

At a press conference at Dhaka Reporters' Unity, the minority community leaders called for formation of a tribunal to try the perpetrators.

They also demanded rehabilitation of the victims who lost their homes, worship places and businesses and incurred losses.

The press conference was organised by Bangladesh Hindu-Buddhist-Christian Oikya Parishad and Bangladesh Puja Udjapan Parishad, reports our staff correspondent.

Advocate Rana Dasgupta, general secretary of Hindu-Buddhist-Christian Oikya Parishad, said since

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