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The sun sets in the capital today at 5:36pm and rises tomorrow at 6:43am.

Country's highest temperature 29.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in

Rangamati and lowest 11.0 degrees in Sitakunda.

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	27.2	13.6	75	58	Khulna	27.5	13.4	85	63
Chittagong	25.2	14.5	83	70	Barisal	27.7	12.5	85	80
Rajshahi	26.9	14.0	78	62	Sylhet	27.3	16.4	74	61
Rangpur	28.2	15.5	67	54	Cox's Bazar	28.0	17.5	66	67

NEWS IN brief

13 Jamaat-Shibir men held in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police early yesterday arrested 13 Jamaat-Shibir men in Lohagara and Sitakunda of Chittagong in several cases filed over political violence.

Of them, Shah Alam, general secretary of Charamba union unit of Jamaat, and Jaina Abedin, a Jamaat member, were held in their residences, said Lohagara police Assistant Sub-inspector Md Alauddin.

In Sitakunda, police arrested three Jamaat-Shibir men over hacking a Bangladeshi Chhatra League leader Saturday. The arrestees are Abdus Salam, 35, of Jamaat-e-Islami; and Md Muhib, 21, and Sirajul Islam, 18, of Islami Chhatra Shibir, said Sitakunda police Assistant Sub-inspector Sharif Mofizur Rahman.

Md Azam, 22, president of ward-4 of BCL Sonaichhari union unit, was hacked in his shop Saturday.

3 burnt at Ctg ship-breaking yard

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Three workers sustained injuries when a fire broke out at Kabir Steel Ship-Breaking Yard in Sitakunda upazila of Chittagong yesterday.

Md Lalu, of Bogra district, is being treated at Chittagong Medical College Hospital for 38 percent burn injuries while Tapan Jaladas, of Sitakunda upazila, for 16 percent burns and Md Riyad, of Satkania upazila, only needed first-aid.

The fire originated around 9:30am from gas trapped inside an iron pipe that the workers were cutting at the yard in Baro Aulia area, said Md Imran Uddin, supervisor of the yard.

Man shot in Gazipur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Unidentified miscreants shot a man at a restaurant opposite the office of the superintendent of police of Gazipur on Saturday night.

Critically injured Sagar, 28, has been admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Munna, owner of the restaurant, said Sagar along with some friends was eating in his restaurant. Suddenly some miscreants donning masks entered the shop, fired thrice at Sagar, and fled the spot.

2 arrested with arms

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Police arrested two youths with a pistol, four rounds of bullets and four magazines in Hijaltoli Paikpara area of Kaliakoir upazila in Gazipur Saturday night.

The arrested are Firoz Hossain, 30, of Paikpara; and Rashid, 32, of Cheranga in Sadullahpur upazila of Gaibandha.

Kaliakoir Police Station Sub-inspector Atikur Rahman, said they held them in a house of one Anisur Rahman.

CVASU admission test tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Admission test for the bachelor degree programmes at Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University under 2013-2014 academic session will be held on its campus in the city tomorrow.

The results of the test will be published in the afternoon the same day.

A total of 2,599 students applied against 210 seats under three faculties this year, said a press release of the university yesterday.

The details are available on the university's website: www.cvasu.ac.bd

DHAKA TODAY

Discussion

Liberation War Museum will hold a discussion marking the mass upsurge of 1969; Venue: The museum premises; Time: 4:00pm.

Discussion

Bangabandhu Academy will hold a discussion on the current politics; Time: 11:00am.

Venue: The Institute of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh; Time: 11:00am.

Memorial meeting

Shilpita will arrange a memorial meeting on actress Sushmita Sen; Venue: Sufia Kamal Auditorium, National Museum; Time: 11:00am.

Thai PM greets Hasina

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra yesterday congratulated Sheikh Hasina on her becoming the prime minister of Bangladesh for a third time.

The premier of the Kingdom of Thailand urged that the continued leadership and relations between the two countries would be further broadened and strengthened in the future.

She also expressed her determination to work closely for the mutual benefits of the two nations.

Earlier, India, Russia, China, Myanmar and Cambodia, among others, had congratulated Hasina.

Keep foreign friends' request, ditch Jamaat

Hasan Mahmud urges BNP, reveals AL-led govt's aim to turn Bangladesh into a middle income country within the present five-year tenure

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League (AL) Publicity Affairs Secretary Hasan Mahmud yesterday said in line with the request of BNP's "foreign friends" and the AL's view, the leading component of the 18-party alliance should cut ties with Jamaat-e-Islami.

He also stressed that the present AL-led government, as per the constitution, will stay for five years and turn Bangladesh into a middle-income country within this tenure.

"You may not keep our request, but you can keep the request of your foreign friends," he said, adding that BNP had been seeking assistance from the friends for the last two and a half years.

Hasan was addressing a discussion, "Contemporary Politics", organised by Thikana Bangladesh, a social organisation, in the capital's Jatiya Press Club.

Referring to the birth anniversary of BNP founder Ziaur Rahman which was observed yesterday, he said BNP's vow for the day should have been to quit the "politics of anarchy".

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A drug addict injects himself with an unknown substance in broad daylight right before the eyes of law enforcers, not in picture, on the second Buriganga bridge in the capital recently. This raises the question whether numerous government and non-government organisations concerned with curbing drug abuse are really playing their part in helping to bring such people back to normal lives or only organising seminars and processions as eyewash.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN



CITY



BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia places a wreath at the grave of her husband and late president Ziaur Rahman, also the party's founder, at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar in the capital yesterday marking his 78th birth anniversary while the party leaders elbow each other to be seen with her. Inset, Khaleda's motorcade arrives at the venue received by a crowd of activists and leaders.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

JANUARY 5 ELECTION

First power transfer between democratically elected govts in country

Claims Hasina while meeting aspirants for reserved seats for women in parliament

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

dicts the fact that the February 15, 1996 elections under the then BNP-led government had also seen the same phenomenon.

She also thanked women who had defied threats and intimidation to vote in the elections, which were boycotted by the BNP-led 18-party alliance and followed by country-wide violence by the opposition men.

She was addressing at her official residence, Gono Bhaban, a programme to

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By-election in Rangpur 6 Feb 20

SC allows repolling in two Kurigram 4 centres

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The by-election to the Rangpur 6 parliamentary constituency will be held on February 20, decided the Election Commission at a meeting yesterday.

Meanwhile, a chamber judge of the Supreme Court Appellate Division vacated a High Court order, clearing the way for repolling to two centres in the Kurigram 4 constituency.

The Rangpur 6 constituency fell vacant when Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, also elected from the Gopalganj 3 constituency, relinquished the seat on January 8, three days after the parliamentary election.

The last date for submission and withdrawal of nomination papers is January 27 and February 3 respectively while the papers will be scrutinised on January 28.

Repolling to the two centres in the Kurigram 4 constituency was scheduled

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Mintoo gets bail, Khokon doesn't

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday granted bail to BNP chairperson's adviser Abdul Awal Mintoo in a case filed over the May 5, 2013 Hefajat mayhem while another court rejected bail to BNP lawmaker Mahbub Uddin Khokon in the same case.

The court granted bail to Mintoo on grounds that he was abroad during the Hefajat mayhem and had been suffering from various ailments. But he could not get out of jail as the bail petitions of two other cases are now pending with the High Court.

Another court rejected the bail to Khokon, also secretary of Bangladesh Supreme Court Bar Association, on grounds that police made him accused in the case as they found his involvement in "instigating" the Hefajat men.

The case was filed with Motijheel Police Station for killing sub-inspector Md Shahjahan in a clash between police and Hefajat-e Islam men in the capital's Motijheel.

The court also granted bail to Mintoo in another case filed with Motijheel Police Station for torching vehicles, assaulting police and preventing them from discharging their duties the same day. Earlier on January 16, Mintoo also got bail in another case filed over the same charge.

The judge also rejected bails of Khokon in the cases-- one filed with Ramna Police Station for the December 24 Bangla Motor arson attack that left police constable Ferdous Khalil dead and another with Motijheel Police Station for attempting to kill police personnel in front of Ideal School and College last November 5.

Mintoo was arrested on November 8 last year while Khokon on December 26.

Asked about the order, senior lawyer Shahjahan Miah, told The Daily Star that any court has a discretionary power

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