

DRY WEATHER  
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TODAY

Unh. Dhaka

Weather is likely to remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm today.

Night temperature may fall slightly and day temperature may remain nearly

unchanged over the country, Met Office said.

**The sun sets in the capital today at 5:37 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:42am.**

Country's highest temperature 28.9 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in

Sylhet and lowest 10.2 degree Celsius in Sreemangal.

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	22.4	13.2	97	78	Khulna	18.4	13.0	100	89
Chittagong	25.0	15.0	81	77	Barisal	22.6	13.2	92	84
Rajshahi	20.5	12.6	98	89	Sylhet	28.9	13.1	68	60
Rangpur	23.3	13.0	95	80	Cox's Bazar	27.5	17.5	60	81

# BNP lambasts PM for her remarks about Khaleda

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP yesterday lambasted Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for her remark that Khaleda Zia would pay for her mistake of not participating in the January 5 general polls.

The party said it was not the BNP, but the ruling Awami League that had to pay in the future for holding a farcical election.

"People did not go to the polling centres to cast their votes in the January 5 polls. As the people did not cast their votes, the government which was formed through this election cannot be a people's government," said Asaduzzaman Ripon, international affairs secretary of BNP, in a press briefing at the party's Nayapaltan office.

The prime minister made the remark during her speech at a rally in Satkhira on Monday.

Criticising Sheikh Hasina's comments, the BNP leader said when a demand was made for holding a credible election through dialogue, the prime minister avoided it and now she makes a comment like this proving that she prefers to hold office with "unelected persons".

He also criticised the role of the Anti-Corruption

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## ATTACKS ON HINDUS Recurrence for state-sponsored Islamisation

Sultana Kamal tells Samajik Protirodh Committee rally

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rights activist Sultana Kamal yesterday alleged that the recent attacks on minority communities, especially Hindus, were continuing due to "state-sponsored Islamisation".

"Since the annulment of the clause of secularism from the constitution and inclusion of Islam as state religion by former military rulers, the Liberation War's spirit has weakened and the attacks started," she observed.

The executive director of Ain o Salish Kendra also alleged that spoiling of communal harmony began due to patronisation of communalism in mainstream politics.

She was chairing a rally organised by Samajik Protirodh Committee, a platform of 67 women and human rights organisations, protesting the attacks on the capital's Central Shaheed Minar premises.

Sultana, also a former adviser to a caretaker government, also blamed failures of successive governments and administrations for the attacks' continuation.

She said it was the administrations' duty to protect the minorities and the state must be strict in holding the administrations accountable.

Terming the attacks "threats to the country's existence", she said if the state failed to protect the minorities' rights, Bangladesh would no longer be as it was.

Shushashoner Jannoy Nagorik Secretary Prof Badiul Alam Majumdar said the Election Commission (EC) and administrations had failed to protect the minorities during and after the January 5 elections although they were bound to do so.

"I am worried and fear that the attacks occurring at different parts of the country in the last couple of weeks amidst the existing

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## HC scraps Khandker Mahbub Hossain's two-day remand

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday declared illegal and scrapped a two-day remand of the BNP chairperson's adviser, Khandker Mahbub Hossain, granted by a metropolitan magistrate in an attempted murder case.

Although the full text of the HC verdict was not available, Khandker's lawyer said the verdict of Justice Naima Haider and Justice Zafar Ahmed was based on a petition Khandker filed challenging the remand order's legality.

The lawyer, Masud Rana, told The Daily Star that the petition pointed out that neither were there specific allegations against Khandker nor was his name mentioned in the case's first information report.

The magistrate had not ensured compliance to a decade old Supreme Court order, which states that interrogations must be held in a room with one side made of glass or grille and in presence of lawyer or relatives of the accused, he said.

The SC order also states that reasons for the interrogation should be specifically mentioned, he added.

On January 8, Metropolitan Magistrate Aminul Haque granted the remand over the case police filed on January 5 after miscreants hurled several crude bombs at the New Circular Road office of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (Ramna)

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## Qulkhwani of Sultan uz-Zaman Khan today

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The qulkhwani of Sultan uz-Zaman Khan will be held at the capital's Gulshan Azad mosque after Maghrib prayers today.

He passed away on January 19 at the age of 83.

His family has requested all well-wishers to attend the qulkhwani.

Sultan uz-Zaman Khan was the first chairman of

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## Sri Lanka, S'pore, Saarc congratulate Hasina on re-election

British govt reiterates call to act in line with people's interests

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The Sri Lankan president, Singaporean prime minister and Saarc secretary general, through separate letters, congratulated Sheikh Hasina on her assumption of office as Bangladesh's prime minister.

Meanwhile, the British government reiterated its call to the new government and all political parties to act in line with the interests of Bangladesh's people.

Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapaksa evinced keen interest for continued engagement to further strengthen bilateral relations.

Singaporean Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong appreciated Bangladesh's steady progress in achieving Millennium Development Goals, and for her impressive economic performance despite numerous global challenges.

South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation

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### ৩০ টিরও বেশি নিউট্রিয়েন্টস সমৃদ্ধ সেরা দুধে বেড়ে উঠুক আপনার সন্তান

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