


DRY WEATHER LIKELY



WEATHER TODAY

Unb, Dhaka

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

Night temperature may rise slightly and day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5:40pm and rises tomorrow at 6:42am.

Country's highest temperature 29.7 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Sitakunda and lowest 11.3 degree Celsius in Chuadanga.

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	26.7	16.3	74	57	Khulna	26.5	12.6	93	76
Chittagong	29.0	15.4	78	73	Barisal	27.6	13.4	87	72
Rajshahi	26.4	12.3	97	65	Sylhet	28.8	14.7	68	57
Rangpur	22.6	13.8	98	86	Cox's Bazar	29.0	16.2	71	63

Buffalo genome made public

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Lal Teer Livestock Limited, a Bangladeshi private company, and Beijing Genomics Institute (BGI) have made public the complete genome of the riverine buffalo yesterday.

Three years into the successful genome sequencing of the riverine buffalo, Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed, CEO of Multimode Group of Companies Abdul Awal Minto, and renowned scientist and BGI Chairman Jian Wang unravelled the buffalo genome sequencing at a hotel in the capital.

The complete genome of the water buffalo creates opportunities to develop better breeds of the animal vital to meet country's nutritional needs and food security.

Tabith Awal, board of director of Lal Teer, told The Daily Star that as they were now aware of the genome sequence, they would concentrate on increasing the buffalo's milk production capacity.

Genome sequencing allows scientists to identify and understand how genes work together for a plant's or animal's growth, development and maintenance. This also enables them to manipulate the genes and enhance, add or reduce certain features of the plant or the animal.

Molecular scientist Md Moniruzzaman, who led Lal Teer's buffalo genome project, pointed out that buffaloes constitute 30 percent of the cattle population and contribute more than 60 percent of the total milk yield in India and Pakistan, whereas its contribution to dairy field in Bangladesh is very negligible now.

He said buffalo milk contained eight percent fat whereas cow milk contains 1-3 percent fat, which means one litre

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Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed, centre, Chinese Ambassador Li Jun, to his right, and Prime Minister's Adviser Gowher Rizvi, far right, at a ceremony that made public the complete genome of the riverine buffalo yesterday in Hotel Radisson in the capital.

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JU suspends BCL leader for assaulting teacher

Case filed, show cause notice issued

JU CORRESPONDENT

The Jahangirnagar University (JU) authorities yesterday suspended a Bangladesh Chhatra League leader, filed a case against him and decided to issue a show cause notice on him for explanation in 48 hours why he should not be expelled for assaulting his department's chairman on Thursday.

A JU disciplinary body meeting chaired by acting vice-chancellor Prof MA Matin on Thursday night found JU unit BCL Publication Secretary Md Mamun Khan guilty of punching and shoving Associate Prof Golam Moinuddin of urban and regional planning.

It also found him guilty of hurling abuses and issuing death threats to two teachers who had come to the chairman's assistance at the social science building.

JU unit BCL President Mahmudur Rahman said steps would be taken as per recommendations of the BCL central committee.

Mamun, through a press release yesterday, alleged that he had retaliated after being assaulted by the chairman.

Divisional round of Bangladesh Astro Olympiad 2014 starts

CITY DESK

Thirty students from Rangpur were selected for the ninth Bangladesh Astro Olympiad 2014 in the divisional round held at Begum Rokeya University Rangpur (BRUR) yesterday, reports our Rangpur correspondent.

The competition was organised by Bangladesh Astronomical Association in association with The Daily Star-Heritage School and the district unit of "Biggan Andolon Moncho" in Rangpur.

A total of 585 students from eight districts participated in the written test on astronomy and space science under two groups, one comprised of candidates between 14 and 16 years and another of between 17 and 19.

Dr Abu Kalam Md Farid Ul Islam, dean

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THE DAILY STAR-ROBI EIS PROGRAMME Teachers' Orientation symposium held in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Aiming to make learning of English language more exciting and accessible for students, a daylong Teachers' Orientation programme was held in the port city yesterday.

Starting from 10:00am, participatory and interactive in nature, the symposium was held at Brac Learning Centre at Kazir Dewri, jointly organised by The Daily Star and mobile operator Robi as part of the English in School Programme-2014.

A total of 40 head teachers and English teachers from 25 secondary schools in the city participated in the symposium and exchanged their views on how the process of learning English would be more effective and students can be encouraged to improve

their language proficiencies.

The Daily Star Managing Editor Dr Salehuddin Ahmed, Vice-President CSR & Sponsorship Mohiuddin Babar of Corporate and Regulatory Affairs of Robi Axiata Ltd, District Education Officer Hosne Ara Begum, and Training Consultant Md Mahfuzul Bari Chowdhury of English in School spoke among others.

At the programme, Babar said English was the vehicle for both social and economical development.

Earlier the English in School Programme only had focused on students but from now on it will also focus on teachers, said Babar, adding that as part of social responsibility, Robi organised the collaborative

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Justice Habibur Rahman remembered in Moulvibazar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

People from all walks of life yesterday commemorated Muhammad Habibur Rahman, former chief justice and chief adviser to the country's first caretaker government, at a programme in South Churamara temple in Kamalganj upazila of Moulvibazar.

Bangladesh Monipuri Adivasi Forum organised the commemorative programme.

Civil society, lawyers, government representatives, politicians, rights

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A portion of 40 maunds of Hilsa fry kept in a Barisal city fish market yesterday after being seized by a mobile court, led by an administrative magistrate and comprising the Department of Fisheries officials, from fishing vessels in the Kirtankhola river. An eight-month government ban on catching Hilsa fry beginning from November is currently in force. The district unit fisheries department refuted the local fishermen's association's allegation that the former in the pretext of drives often seize and misappropriate nets and whatever fish they find.



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Doctors should emulate Prof Nurul Islam

Memorial meeting told

DU CORRESPONDENT

The next generation of doctors should follow the footsteps of late National Professor Dr Nurul Islam for his punctuality and professional commitment, speakers told a discussion yesterday.

The University of Science and Technology, Chittagong (USTC) and Janaseba Foundation jointly organised the programme marking Nurul Islam's first death anniversary in the capital's Cirdap auditorium.

WA Sarath K Weragoda, Sri Lankan high commissioner to Bangladesh, acknowledged Nurul Islam for establishing USTC, saying that many Sri Lankan students had been performing well in the country after taking quality education from USTC.

Dr Zafar Ullah Chowdhury, founder of Gonoswasthya Kendra said Nurul always tried to prescribe as less medicine as possible for his patients.

Nurul was one of the core persons in formulating the National Drug Policy that resulted in development of Bangladesh's medicine industry, he added.

Mahbubul Alam, an adviser to a past caretaker government, said Nurul was a key figure in the anti-tobacco campaign.

Bangladesh Medical Association President Prof Dr Mahmud Hasan said Nurul developed the post graduate medical education in the country.

National professors Anisuzzaman and Dr MR Khan, and Dr AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury, among others, also spoke.

6 drug peddlers arrested with cocaine in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detectives arrested six drug peddlers with six pounds of cocaine in the capital's Khilkhet area on Thursday night.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of Detective Branch (DB) of police raided Seema Pharmacy in Nikunja-2 where they were holding a meeting, said said Monirul Islam, joint commissioner of DB police at a press briefing at DMP media centre.

The arrestees are Quamrul Alam, 40, Taher Mandal alias Joba, 30, the pharmacy's owner Mosharraf Hussain Bhuiyan, 46, Quazi Kholilullah Mahmud, 40, Mamun Halder, 34 and Mosharraf Hussain Rana, 44.

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