

## DRY WEATHER LIKELY

Weather may remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm today. Mild cold wave is sweeping over the regions of Rajshahi, Pabna and Jessor and it may continue, Met Office said.

WEATHER  
TODAY

Unb. Dhaka

Night and day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:42pm and rises tomorrow at 6:41am. Country's highest temperature 26.5 degree

Celsius was recorded yesterday in Teknaf and lowest 08.2 degree Celsius in Ishwardi. 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	22.5	13.0	81	61	Khulna	20.0	12.2	88
Chittagong	22.4	14.3	73	66	Barisal	20.7	11.5	86
Rajshahi	22.4	8.6	95	74	Sylhet	24.3	13.6	97
Rangpur	18.0	12.2	88	86	Cox's Bazar	25.5	16.0	76

NEWS IN  
brief

## PM meets president

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday called on President Abdul Hamid at Bangabhaban ahead of the first session of the 10th Jatiya Sangsad.

Hasina discussed with him different issues related to the JS session beginning today.

This was her first meeting with the president after Hasina became the prime minister for the third time.

Hamid congratulated her on her assumption of office of the prime minister.

Later, Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury paid a courtesy call on the president.

## Supreme Court website hacked

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The website of the Supreme Court was hacked last night. The SC registrar AKM Shamsul Islam told The Daily Star that the incident occurred around 9:00pm.

He, however, could not say about the reason behind the hacking.

He added that IT experts were engaged to restore the website: <http://www.supremecourt.gov.bd/>

The registrar hoped that it would become functional by this morning.

## Employer held for assaulting domestic help in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police detained an employer in his Badda residence in the capital yesterday over assaulting his minor domestic help.

The detainee is Tofazzal Hossain, a businessman.

Police rescued the eleven-year-old girl, Halima Akhter, who was confined to a room of the house no-35 in DIT project area.

Halima, hailing from Barisal, bore several injury marks of torture, claimed MA Jalil, officer-in-charge of Badda police.

Tofazzal said his daughter slapped Halima in the morning on allegation of stealing some money, he added.

## 5 Jamaat, Shibir men held in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police yesterday held five Jamaat-Shibir men in Lohagara and Sitakunda upazilas of Chittagong in connection with subversive activities.

In an overnight drive in Lohagara upazila, police arrested Jamaat-e-Islami activists Md Belal, 30, and Azizul Haque, 53, and Islami Chhatra Shibir activist Md Shahjahan, 18, said Khondokar Babul, sub-inspector of Lohagara Police Station.

While, Jamaat activist Nazir Ahmed, 35, and Shibir activist Ziaur Rahman, 28 were held in Sitakunda upazila, said police.

The five arrestees are accused in different cases filed over vandalism, arson attacks and attacks on police personnel in the upazilas.

## 15 including 6 JCD men sued for Sohan murder

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Fifteen people, including six pro-BNP Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activists, have been sued in connection with the murder of college student Sohan Islam.

Vice-president of Sylhet city unit of pro-BNP Jatiyatabadi Mohila Dal and member of its central committee Shahan Ara Begum Shantu filed the case on Monday midnight with Sylhet Kotwali Police Station for killing her son.

Sohan was stabbed to death at Kuarpar of Sylhet city on Sunday afternoon.

The accused include JCD activists--Shakil, Tipu, Jamal alias Tiger Jamal, Amir, Shakib, Riaz--and one Riton, Jamal Ahmed, Gulzar, Kamrul.

## Youth arrested with Phensedyl

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Police arrested a youth with 40 bottles of Phensedyl on the Dhaka-Tangail road in Kaliakoir upazila of Gazipur early yesterday.

On a tip-off, Chandra outpost police checked a Dhaka-bound bus of Insaaf Paribahan at Chandra crossing and recovered the bottles from the luggage of Sagor Mondal, 25, of Dinajpur.

A case was filed in this regard.

## JU admission tests begin Feb 16

JU CORRESPONDENT

Admission tests for the first year honours programme at Jahangirnagar University (JU) under the 2013-14 session will begin on February 16.

Central Admission Test Committee, chaired by Acting Vice-Chancellor Prof MA Matin, took the decision, said a press release, adding that schedules for the exams and further information will be published soon.

## Maximus Tarunkanthho from today on Channel-i

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Channel-i in collaboration with Maximus will air a TV show over involvement of the youths in politics.

Titled "Maximus Tarunkanthho", the programme will be broadcast on the TV at 11:30pm every Wednesday from today, says a press release.

On the occasion, a press conference was held in Channel-i Bhawan recently where Faridur Reza Sagor, Channel-i managing director; and Mezbahuddin, director of operations of Maximus mobile company, spoke.

The programme, directed by AKA Reza Ghalib, will be hosted by Shaeikh Imtiaz.



These two little girls, Khadija and Purnima, are supposed to carry books and go to school, but life has forced them to carry rubbish for their survival. They collect papers, cans, plastics and other such items from dumpsites and sell those for a meagre amount of money. The photo was taken in the capital's Mohammadpur area recently.

PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

## 54 shops, factory gutted in fire incidents in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A factory, a warehouse, 54 shops and two houses were gutted in separate fire incidents in Fatikchhari, Hathazari and Raozan upazilas of Chittagong yesterday.

In Hathazari upazila, a fire, originating at a handicraft factory, burned down the factory, its warehouse and a nearby tea stall in Paschim Dewan Bazar area, said Sarwar Jahan, officer of Fire Service and Civil Defence Office, Chittagong.

Two units from Hathazari Fire Station doused the fire, he said, adding that valuables worth Tk 20 lakh were damaged in the fire.

In Fatikchhari upazila, a fire gutted 54 tin-shed and mud shops in Bibirhat Bazar, said Jashim Uddin, deputy assistant director of Fire Service and Civil Defence Office, Chittagong.

The damage caused by the fire was estimated at Tk 20 lakh, Jashim Uddin said, adding that two units from Hathazari and Nazirhat Fire Stations doused the fire.

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The body of a class VIII student was found floating in a pond in Beraider Chala village under Sreepur upazila of Gazipur yesterday, six days after she had gone missing.

The victim, Masuma Akter Moni, was a student of Abed Ali Girls High School of the area.

The body was sent for an autopsy.

Amir Hossain, officer-in-charge of Sreepur Police Station, said Moni did not come home from school on January 22. The next day her father, Md Matlab Hossain, filed a general inquiry, he added.

Bilkis Akter, the victim's mother, claimed on January 24 she received a phone call from one Nayem of Shirir Chala village where he threatened to harm their daughter if they did not stop investigating the issue.

Following the call, the victim's family filed a case accusing Nayem and his friend and neighbour Selim. Afterwards, Nayem and his family went into hiding.

## MANUFACTURING, MARKETING ADULTERATED MEDICINES

## Why govt should not be directed to form monitoring cell

HC issues rule

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a rule upon the government to explain in two weeks why it should not be directed to form a monitoring cell to stop the manufacturing and marketing of adulterated drugs.

In the rule, the government was also asked why it should not be directed to make a price list of medi-

cines manufactured by different companies, and to publish the list of drugs, which are supplied to different government hospitals, in the daily newspapers.

Secretaries to the ministries of law and health, director general of drug administration and director general of the Directorate General of Health Services have been made respondents to the rule.

The rule was made following a writ petition filed by Supreme Court lawyer JR Khan Rabin on December 17 last year.

Citing newspaper reports, Rabin said in the petition that adulterated drugs, which are harmful to the human health, are being sold rampantly across the country.

There is no control on the drug prices and adulteration of medicines, the SC lawyer said.



People under the banner of "Rana Plaza Garment Workers' Union" bring out a procession on Dhaka-Aricha highway in Savar yesterday demanding that the government launch another recovery operation for skeletal remains in the ruins of nine-storey Rana Plaza that collapsed on last April 24, leaving, as per official figures, 1,135 people dead. They also demanded compensation for the affected families and information about the donations collected and distributed from the premier's fund.

PHOTO: STAR

## Road crashes kill 11

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Eleven people were killed and nine others injured in road accidents in the country yesterday and Monday.

A Comilla correspondent reports, three persons were killed when a truck hit a motorbike carrying them at Kotbari on the Dhaka-Chittagong Highway in Sadar upazila yesterday.

The dead were Mainuddin, 24, Jibon, 22, and Rassel, 20, of Tomsom Bridge area.

In another accident, two of a family were killed and three other passengers injured when a covered van hit a truck carrying them at Nayabazar in Chaudhogram upazila yesterday.

The dead were Halima Begum, 60, and her son Md Mostafa, 35, of Mymensingh.

Our Rangpur correspondent adds, a woman was killed and her four-year-old son injured when a bus rammed the auto-rickshaw carrying them at Bakchi in Rangpur city.

The dead is Hulli Begum, 27, of Pirkacha upazila.

Meanwhile, an unidentified youth was killed when a truck ran him over on Rangpur-Bardaganj road at the city's Rangpur Central Bus Terminal area.

Our Thakurgaon correspondent reports, a woman was killed and her husband injured when a truck hit their bicycle from behind in Boda Bus Stand area in Panchagarh yesterday.

The deceased was Aysha Khatun, 60, wife of Md Nuru.

Our Jhenaidah correspondent adds, a farmer, Tofazzel Hossain, 58, of Bandekhali village, was killed when a motorbike collided head-on with his bicycle at Langabandha in Saitkupa upazila yesterday.

Our Moulvibazar correspondent adds, one person was killed while four others were injured when a truck carrying them hit a roadside tree at Dhulikhel in Habiganj Sadar upazila yesterday.

The deceased was Abdul Khalik, 28, of Habiganj.

Meanwhile, Rekha Begum, 50, of Gulapganj upazila, died when a bus hit her at Bhanudeb village in Nabiganj upazila of Habiganj.

## FIVE-MURDER IN BARISAL

## Two siblings to walk gallows, three get life term

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A Barisal court yesterday sentenced two brothers to death for killing their sister and four nieces. Three other associates of the murderers got life term imprisonment.

The condemned convicts are Shahidul Islam Shahed Boiragi and his brother Shahjahan Boiragi, a suspended policeman.

Sultan Khan, Kayum Khan and Abul Bashir were also fined Tk 5,000 each in default to serve six months more in jail.

Five other accused were acquitted in the sensational murder case.

Judge Md Motiar Rahman passed the verdict after examining the statements of 42 out of 54 witnesses.

According to the prosecution, the five convicts hacked and slit the throats of Tanjila Begum, 38, her daughters Ferdausi Begum, 6, Jannat Begum, 10, Sathi Begum, 14, and Anjuman, 17.

The bodies were recovered from the

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## HC grants BNP's Milan bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday granted anticipatory bail to former BNP state minister ANM Ehsanul Hoque Milan for six weeks in two separate cases.

One of the cases was filed on November