

DRY WEATHER LIKELY

Weather may remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm today. Night and day temperatures may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met

Officesaid. **The sun sets in the capital today at 5:45pm and rises tomorrow at 6:39am.** Country's highest temperature 31.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in

Sylhet and lowest 09.5 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	25.0	13.8	94	58	Khulna	24.8	13.0	94	73
Chittagong	25.0	17.0	77	71	Barisal	24.7	10.3	100	79
Rajshahi	24.5	10.3	100	70	Sylhet	31.0	13.3	60	63
Rangpur	24.2	12.0	99	75	Cox's Bazar	28.2	17.5	75	74

15 injured as supporters of two pro-AL ward councillors clash in N'ganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj
At least 15 people were injured as the supporters of two pro-Awami League ward councillors clashed over widening a road in Chowdhurypara area of Siddhirganj in Narayanganj city yesterday. Witnesses and police said the city corporation had started widening the Chowdhurypara-Mouchak road and instructed the residents to remove their establishments from both sides of the street. As one Mobarak refused to remove his house as per the instructions, councillor of ward-2 Nazrul Islam beat him up, said police. Later, the supporters of councillor of ward-4 Nur Hossain, a relative of Mobarak, attacked the loyalists of Nazrul following a rumour that Mobarak had died. During the conflict, at least 20 shops were vandalised and looted, said locals. The violence ended after police's intervention. Mobarak is being treated in a local hospital, said family members.



Youth Coalition for Climate Justice forms a human chain before Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday demanding that the government immediately stop preparations to build the coal-fired power plant in Rampal, near the Sundarbans, to protect the world's largest mangrove forest, also home to the Bengal tiger.

US official for Myanmar Judith Cefkin due today

Scheduled to discuss Rohingya issue

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

US Senior Adviser for Burma Judith Beth Cefkin will arrive in Dhaka today on a two-day visit to Bangladesh as part of a three-nation tour to consult with international partners on Rohingya issues and other developments in neighbouring Myanmar.



She will particularly talk to senior government officials, ministers and civil society groups about US policies, the peace process, human rights, and international support to local efforts that advance reform in the Southeast Asian nation, once considered a pariah.

This will be her first visit to Bangladesh since she assumed the current role in the US State Department in September 2013, according to a media note.

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'Jamaat-Shibir' attack Chittagong AL MP

21 injured, three cop vehicles vandalised, 21 arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police yesterday arrested 21 alleged Jamaat-Shibir men over an attack on an Awami League lawmaker at a programme of Islamic sermons and a subsequent clash in Chittagong's Lohagara upazila on Friday night that left 21, including six law enforcers, injured and three cop vehicles vandalised. The injured were admitted to Lohagara Upazila Health Complex. Four of the five persons, including Sub-inspector Jasim Uddin, who were later shifted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital have fled. The arrestees include the 11 now undergoing treatment at the health complex and those apprehended on the spot and in overnight drives in the area, said Lohagara Police Station Officer-in-Charge (OC) Md Shahjahan. A case was filed around 11:00am accusing 150 Jamaat-Shibir activists by name and 2,500-3,000 others unnamed. Eyewitnesses and police said Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Chhatra Shibir activists raised an outcry when Chittagong-15 constituency (Satkania-Lohagara) lawmaker Abu Reza

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Stop lining up students to greet anyone: Nahid

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday categorically said students of any level should not be lined up to greet any person except the president and prime minister, the heads of the state and government. There is a clear instruction from the ministry against this, and it was followed in the last five years but recently some over-enthusiasts have re-introduced the practice violating the directives, he said. In order to stop it, the minister sought help of all concerned. In 2009, the education ministry prohibited the use of students in greeting anyone. But recently, students of BM College in Barisal were forced to queue up to welcome Industries Minister Amir Hossain Amu. Nahid said if any lawmaker, minister or distinguished guest visited any place or institution, they would be greeted by the authorities not students.

The minister reiterated the directives at the inaugural ceremony of the 43rd National Winter Sports and Athletics Competition 2014 at Shaheed Abdur Rob Serniabat Stadium in Barisal. Nahid said infrastructural development in the education sector was not the main goal of the government; it wanted to develop a global standard education system. "So, we should not be satisfied by the achievements of the education sector in the last five years until achieving that standard," he said. Replying to a question about resuming the screening of Indian version of the cartoon series, Doraemon, after a short recess and its negative impacts on the psychology of the children, the education minister said he would talk about this with the information minister. Prof Fahima Khatun, director general,

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Translate best creations of Bangla into foreign languages

PM asks all concerned at Ekushey Boi Mela inauguration

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged all concerned to present the best creations of Bangla language to the world through their translation into foreign languages. She said her government was trying to get Bangla enlisted as one of the official languages of the United Nations. "For this, we need your all-out support," she told the audience at the capital's Bangla Academy ground where she inaugurated the Amar Ekushey Boi Mela. The month-long book fair marking the 1952 Language Movement is taking place on the academy premises and on a part of the Suhrawardy Udyan to accommodate more stalls this year. Hasina said that following the path shown by Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, she gave her speech in Bangla in the UN General Assembly every time. For the welfare of the writers and publishers and making

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RU suspends fee hike, keeps evening master's

Students declare to continue boycotting classes, exams

RU CORRESPONDENT

Amidst students' demonstrations since January 16, the Rajshahi University (RU) authorities yesterday suspended a fee hike but declared to continue evening master's programmes introduced at seven departments of the social science faculty last month. Rejecting the announcement, over 1,000 demonstrators kept the administrative building locked up for around seven hours till 2:00pm and declared to continue their boycott of

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Guests, accompanied by students, release balloons at the start of the last divisional round of Mathematics Festival in Dhaka Residential Model College in the capital yesterday. A total of 164 students were selected yesterday to compete in the two-day National Mathematics Festival-2014 and 12th Bangladesh Mathematical Olympiad scheduled to be held in St Joseph Higher Secondary School on February 14 and 15.

PHOTO: STAR

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আম্বার স্থপতি ১৯৯৩ থেকে

Sonali Bank Robbery Tk 2.5 lakh more recovered in capital

Yusuf's 2nd wife detained

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday recovered Tk 2.5 lakh more of the looted Sonali Bank money from another rented house of Yusuf Munshi in the capital's Kotedumtoli area and detained Yusuf's second wife for quizzing. The money was on the sixth floor of a six-storey building near Madina Mosque, said Abdul Malek, officer-in-charge of Kishoreganj Sadar Police Station. Police suspect that Yusuf rented the house after the heist to transfer the five

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Dhaka Divisional Mathematics Festival held

164 students selected for National Mathematics Festival-2014, 12th Bangladesh Mathematical Olympiad

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A total of 164 students were selected yesterday in the last divisional round of Mathematics Festival to compete in the two-day National Mathematics Festival-2014 and 12th Bangladesh Mathematical Olympiad to be held on February 14 and 15 at the capital's St Joseph Higher Secondary School. As many as 2,218 students from 184 institutions of Dhaka, Gazipur and Manikganj districts participated in the event organised by Bangladesh Mathematical Olympiad Committee (BMO) in collaboration with the Dutch-Bangla Bank Limited (DBBL) and the Bangla daily Prothom Alo at Dhaka Residential Model College yesterday. With the Dhaka candidates, around 1,200 students have been selected from

across the country under four groups -- Primary (class III-V), Junior (class VI-VIII), Secondary (class IX-X and SSC examinees) and Higher Secondary (class XI-XII and HSC examinees) -- for the February 14 and 15 gala festivals. Those who will perform best in the gala festivals will get the opportunity to compete in the 55th International Mathematical Olympiad in Cape Town, South Africa this July, with an aim to win gold as Bangladesh has already bagged silver and bronze medals before. Vice Principal of Residential Model College Sultan Uddin Ahmed inaugurated the festival by hoisting the national flag while BMO President Jamilur Reza Choudhury hoisted the flag of the Bangladesh Mathematical Olympiad.

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