

DRY WEATHER LIKELY

WEATHER TODAY

Unb., Dhaka

Weather may remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country having chances of light rain or thundershowers at one or two places over Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions till 6:00pm today.

Night temperature may fall slightly over northern

part of the country and it may remain nearly unchanged elsewhere over the country, said Met Office.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

**The sun sets in the capital today at 5:51 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:34 am.**

Country's highest temperature 30.1 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rangamati and lowest 13.5 degrees in Ishwardi.

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	28.0	17.5	49	38	Khulna	30.0	17.5	59	54
Chittagong	28.6	21.0	94	81	Barisal	28.0	21.0	88	65
Rajshahi	26.0	14.0	59	63	Sylhet	26.2	16.2	94	49
Rangpur	25.4	14.0	78	52	Cox's Bazar	29.7	20.5	92	86

# DHAKA CITY BNP

## Khaleda lambasts leaders for failing to wage movement

### Committee to be dissolved for reconstitution

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Admonishing Dhaka city leaders for their failure to wage a movement in the last three years, BNP Chairperson Khaleda last night decided to dissolve the city's current committee and form a special body soon to reconstitute all 90 ward and 43 thana committees through councils within a month.

The special committee might be formed in a day or two, said MA Salam, member secretary of Dhaka city committee after the unit leaders' meeting with the chairperson at her Gulshan residence. The new thana and ward committees will elect new president and general secretary of Dhaka city unit.

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## NEWSINbrief

### Sudan congratulates Hasina

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

President of Sudan Omar Hassan al-Bashir has congratulated Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on her assumption of office.

In a message yesterday, Bashir expressed his desire to maintain and further strengthen the existing cordial and friendly relations between the two countries.

He wished the prime minister success in her office and continuous progress and prosperity of the brotherly people of Bangladesh, said a foreign ministry release.

### Mohammad Ziauddin re-appointed as ambassador-at-large

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Retired ambassador Mohammad Ziauddin has been appointed as the ambassador-at-large again with the status of state minister.

The cabinet division yesterday issued a circular about his re-appointment.

"He will get salary, benefits and other facilities of a state minister for this post," said the circular.

Ziauddin was an ambassador-at-large during the Awami League government's immediate past regime.

### 11 'robbers' arrested in Ashulia

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Rapid Action Battalion arrested 11 alleged robbers with seven cleavers at a house in Gazirchat of Ashulia, on the outskirts of the capital, early yesterday.

They are Sohel Mahmud, Hafizur Rahman, Rasel Fakir, Antor Bepari, Mukhlesur Rahman, Faruk Hosen, Ranju Khan, Faraj Ali, Abdur Razzaque, Shirajul Islam and Tafazzol Hossain. A case was filed with Ashulia police.

### Doa mahfil

CITY DESK

A doa mahfil for AW Shamsul Alam, a career diplomat of the erstwhile Pakistan foreign service, will be held today after Maghrib prayers at the capital's Gulshan Azad mosque.

He died at Square Hospital on February 7 and was buried at Banani graveyard. He left behind his wife and two daughters. All relatives and friends are requested to participate. For any inquiry, call: 01711595365.



# Youths urged to help fight repression of women

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Government officials and celebrities yesterday called upon the youth to come forward to prevent violence against women and child marriage.

The call came from the awarding ceremony of the Online Photo Contest 2013, a UNFPA programme to raise awareness among the youth over repression of women.

According to the Bangladesh Demographic and Health Survey, 87 percent of the country's women and girls experience gender-based violence in their lifetime, while 64 percent of girls are married off before the age of 18.

Among the 400 participants, 10 won the contest. Their photos reflect the status of women in society.

Tariq-Ul-Islam, secretary to the women and children affairs ministry, underscored the need of everyone's involvement, apart from government's measures, to stop the vices.

If everyone co-operates, violence against women and child marriage will be stopped, said actress Bidya Sinha Mim.

Everest conqueror Nishat Majumdar and supermodel Adil Hossain Nobel observed that alongside other problems, these two issues should be taken as a challenge.

The 10 winners are Plaban Gangopadhyay, Saiful Aziz Shamser, Farid Alam Khan, Huzzatul Mursalin, Abu Rasel, Turhan Al Nahian, Fariha Afroz, Sumon Yusuf, Mohammad Khaled Rayhan Shaon, and Pinu Rahman.

Argentina Piccin, representative of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), presided over the award ceremony at the capital's Ruposhi Bangla Hotel.

# ATTACK ON RU STUDENTS

## Four parties demand trial of BCL men

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Four political parties yesterday demanded immediate arrest and trial of those who attacked Rajshahi University (RU) students on February 2 and urged the authorities concerned to withdraw cases filed against the students.

Activists of the pro-Awami League student organisation Bangladesh Chhatra League, backed by police, attacked the students who were protesting evening master's programmes and hike in some fees.

The leaders of the Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB), Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal (BSD), Gonoforum and Nagorik Oikya were addressing a human chain before the capital's Jatiya Press Club.

"People in the RU administration, including the proctor, who directed the cops and Chhatra League cadres to attack the students should also face trial," said BSD General Secretary Khalequzzaman.

CPB General Secretary Abu Zafar Ahmed said the gradual

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# Khaleda to meet Mozena today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia is scheduled to hold a meeting with US Ambassador Dan W Mozena, the second time after the January 5 parliamentary election, at her Gulshan office in the capital today.

Current issues, including the post-polls political situation and Sheikh Hasina's assumption of office through the "one-sided election", are likely to come up, said party insiders.



Shampur Kadamtoli Shilpa Malik Samity demonstrates in the capital's Shyampur-Kadamtali area yesterday demanding installation of a centralised effluent treatment plant for the industrial areas in line with a High Court order on Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority to take steps for the removal of industrial waste from there.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

# Man held for masquerading as Joy's cousin

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Detective Branch of police on Sunday evening detained a man on charge of deceiving people by pretending to be a cousin of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's son Sajeeb Wazed Joy.

The arrestee is Faruq Azam alias Abdus Sobhan, 35, of Kurigram, a former army soldier.

Six months back, Jobayer Hossain Chowdhury, a doctor of Central Police Hospital, gave Faruq a bribe of Tk 1.75 lakh for a promotion.

Jobayer later realised that he had been cheated and told the matter to police two weeks back.

Police detained Faruq in the capital's Bangla Motor area.

During primary interrogation, he confessed to taking money from people for purposes such as sending

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# 17 more schools participate

STAR REPORT

The first round of The Daily Star Spelling Bee's third season continued yesterday with the participation of 10 schools in Tangail, three in Dhaka and two each in Chittagong and Sylhet.

Some 250 students took part in the spelling contest at Bindubasini Government Boys' High School, reports our Tangail correspondent.

The participating schools include the aforementioned one and Bindubasini Government Girls' High School, Sristy Academy School, Sristy International School, Sristy Residential School, Daffodil International High School, Shibnath High School, Shahin School, Basail Government High School and Basail Pilot High School.

From the participating schools in Dhaka, three students were selected from each of Don Bosco School & College and Lalmatia Housing Society School & College while two from

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# Woman held for killing blackmailer

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A woman who allegedly killed her boyfriend for blackmailing her through their sex videos was arrested at her residence in the capital's Khilgaon Sunday night.

Fahrina Misti told the Detective Branch of police, who made the arrest, that she killed Sardar Rafiq-uz-Zaman, a security firm accounts officer, by stabbing him.

The man was found dead with his throat slit at his Kafurl house on December 31.

DB Joint Commissioner Monirul Islam told

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