

## DRY WEATHER LIKELY



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

**The sun sets in the capital today at 5:52pm and rises tomorrow at 6:33am.**  
Country's highest temperature 29.8 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in

Sitakunda and Cox's Bazar and lowest 10.2 degrees in Syedpur.  
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	27.4	16.8	47	30	Khulna	27.5	16.0	60	49
Chittagong	28.0	21.4	93	50	Barisal	27.6	16.5	74	60
Rajshahi	26.4	11.3	74	46	Sylhet	27.8	15.0	66	49
Rangpur	25.0	11.4	75	41	Cox's Bazar	29.8	20.4	87	64

## SC wants concise statements on SQ Chy's appeal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday directed counsels for both the state and convicted war criminal Salauddin Quader Chowdhury to submit to it by February 26 the concise statements on the appeal filed by the BNP leader challenging the verdict against him.  
A concise statement contains the points on which the counsels place arguments on the appeal before the court.  
A five-member bench of Appellate Division of the SC passed the order, as the matter came up before it for hearing.  
On October 1 last year, the International Crimes



A little of the road is left for vehicles before the Shah Ali market at the capital's Mirpur-1, as vegetable sellers and makeshift grocery stores take up as much as its two-thirds. Such a situation keeps adding to the perennial traffic chaos on the busy street. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

## Tazreen Fashions fire: Plea against legality of chairman's bail accepted

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday accepted an appeal filed by the prosecution challenging the legality of granting bail to Tazreen Fashions Chairman Mahmuda Akhter in a case filed over the devastating fire in the garment factory that killed 112 workers.  
Dhaka District and Sessions Judge Md Abdul Majid fixed February 27 for hearing on the appeal seeking cancellation of the lower court bail order.

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## JnU students want dorm back from Haji Selim

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Students of Jagannath University demonstrated on the campus yesterday, demanding return of their dormitory that Awami League leader Haji Mohammad Selim has allegedly occupied.  
Tibet Hall is currently occupied by Haji Selim, also an independent lawmaker, said Shariful Islam, president of JnU Bangladesh Chhatra League.  
They demonstrated for about an hour till 1:30pm yesterday when the university was closed.  
Haji Selim, however, refuted the allegations. "Ask them to show me papers proving that this is their hall," he charged.  
Vice Chancellor Dr Mizanur Rahman said they were trying to reclaim the ownership.  
Today, the students will submit petitions to three ministries—home, land and education—as part of their campaign to recover their dormitory.  
"We will continue our struggle until we get the hall back,"

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## VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN 2 lakh cases filed in 11yrs, few cleared

Say organisers of One Billion Rising; announce demonstration for tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around 200,862 cases of violence against women were filed between 2002 and 2013 but few were adjudicated, organisers of the One Billion Rising movement said yesterday.  
Under the banner of "Uddome Uttorone Shotokoti", the global women's rights campaign will hold a demonstration on Valentine's Day with the theme, "Demanding justice".  
The protest will focus on the unsolved disappearance of Kalpana Chakma, the recent rape of two housewives in Jessore,

and the attack on female journalist Nadia Sharmeen by Hefajat-e-Islam, the organisers told a news conference at the capital's Jatiya Press Club.  
"Kalpana Chakma disappeared in 1996, but even the investigation report has not been submitted yet. Similarly, although the physical assault on Nadia Sharmeen is a punishable offence, no such steps are being taken. The rape of the two housewives showed how women are targeted because of issues they are unrelated to," said Farah Kabir, country director of ActionAid

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Eminent educationalist and Bishwo Shahitto Kendro founder Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed, third from right, receives a Tk 30 lakh donation from bKash for the kendro from Kamal Quadir, chief executive officer of the firm which provides money transfer services through cellphones, at the kendro in the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

## Govt out to engineer upazila polls: Rizvi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Joint Secretary General Rizvi Ahmed yesterday accused the government of hatching a conspiracy to manipulate the upcoming upazila elections to ensure the win of the pro-ruling party contenders.  
The government is trying to cause the defeat of the BNP-backed candidates and to secure the victory of pro-Awami League,

Jatiya Party, and Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal contestants, he told a press briefing at its headquarters in the capital's Nayapaltan.  
"To make this successful, the government has resorted to forced disappearance, killing, and arrest of the BNP-backed candidates," Rizvi alleged.  
In this connection, he referred to the detention of Abu Sayed, chairman of the

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## Obituary

CITY DESK



Prof Dr AHM Ahsanullah, renowned neurosurgeon of the country, passed away due to a hemorrhagic stroke on Tuesday.  
He left behind his wife, a son, a daughter, grandchildren and a host of relatives to mourn his death.  
He was the first neurosurgeon of Bangladesh and had served the Institute of Post Graduate and Medicine Research (IPGMR) since 1994, said a press release.  
He was also a founder-director and finance director of Green Life Medical

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## Books not hot commodity

Laments Prof Abu Sayeed at ceremony for bKash's Tk 30 lakh donation to Bishwo Shahitto Kendro

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eminent educationalist and Bishwo Shahitto Kendro founder Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed in a jocular manner yesterday said money can be available for anything but books.  
"But there are still people in society who believe in enlightenment of the soul. Such people are our inspiration to walk forward," he told a ceremony marking bKash's Tk 30-lakh donation to the kendro on the latter's premises.  
The donation will be used to purchase 34,000 copies of 76 books, including travelogues, biographies, poetries and novels by both local and foreign authors, for 460 schools as part of the kendro's nationwide school-based reading programme "Desh Bhittik Utkarsho Karjakram".  
These books are expected to be read by 45,000 students annually, said the kendro Director Sharif Mohammad Masud.

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## NEWSIN brief

### Laos PM congratulates Hasina

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister of Laos Thongsing Thammavong has congratulated Sheikh Hasina for assuming office as the prime minister of Bangladesh, said a foreign ministry press release yesterday.  
In a message, the Laos prime minister looked forward to strengthening the existing friendly relations between the two countries.

### 1,100kg of hilsa fry seized, seven traders fined in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mobile court yesterday seized around 1,100 kilogrammes of hilsa fry and fined seven fish traders a total of Tk 21,000 for selling those illegally in the capital's Karwan Bazar kitchen market.  
The fry came from different parts of the country, said the court officials. The drive was conducted as part of an eight-month government ban on catching hilsa fry that began last November.

### HRPB launches website

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh (HRPB) yesterday launched its website to extend their support to more people.  
Chief Justice Md Muzammel Hossain inaugurated the website, [www.hrbp.org.bd](http://www.hrbp.org.bd), in the Supreme Court Bar Auditorium.  
HRPB is an organisation working to establish human rights and provide legal aid to the poor.  
Advocate Manzil Murshid, HRPB president, presided over the programme. Judges from both the High Court and Appellate Division were also present.

### RMG worker 'kills herself' at work

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A garment worker allegedly committed suicide at the storeroom of her workplace at Sabujbagh in the capital yesterday.  
Mukuli Begum, 22, went into the room after receiving a phone call and was found hanging by her scarf from a ceiling fan around 11:00am, said police quoting her co-worker Sarna Begum.  
She separated from her husband two months ago.  
The body was sent to the Dhaka Medical College morgue for an autopsy.

### Workshop to promote citizen journalism concludes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A two-day workshop titled "Youth Video Reporting for Social Change and Good Governance" organised to promote citizen journalism concluded in the capital's Baridhara yesterday.  
In the workshop organised by Unitrend, and Society for Media and Suitable Human Communication Techniques (SoMaSHTe), 13 youths were trained on reporting and story telling through videos and also awarded for their videos, uploaded on social media, featuring news of rural areas.  
Jeffrey Ghannam, an advisor of the project, Mir Masrur Zaman, news editor of Channel i, and Mir Shahidul Alam, director of SoMaSHTe, conducted the training sessions.

**Seminar**  
World Radio Day 2014 National Celebration Committee will organise a seminar marking World Radio Day today; Venue: Jatiya Betar Bhavan; Time: 3:30pm.

**Discussion**  
Krishibid Institution, Bangladesh will organise a discussion marking Agriculturist Day 2014; Venue: its premises; Time: 4:00pm.

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