

## DRY WEATHER LIKELY



Weather is likely to remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm today.  
Night temperature may fall and day temperature may rise by 1-2 degree Celsius over the

country, said Met Office.  
**The sun sets in the capital today at 5:57pm and rises tomorrow at 6:27am.**  
Country's highest temperature 30.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in

Cox's Bazar and lowest 9.4 degrees in Srimangal.  
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      | 27.8                   | 16.6 | 63                     | 43      | Khulna      | 27.0                   | 13.0 | 74                     | 54      |
| Chittagong | 28.6                   | 15.5 | 75                     | 51      | Barisal     | 27.6                   | 13.0 | 81                     | 72      |
| Rajshahi   | 27.3                   | 12.0 | 85                     | 62      | Sylhet      | 29.6                   | 12.2 | 70                     | 47      |
| Rangpur    | 26.8                   | 13.0 | 84                     | 55      | Cox's Bazar | 30.4                   | 15.0 | 80                     | 48      |

Clockwise from left, people from all walks of life converge at the capital's Central Shaheed Minar to pay their tributes to the Language Movement martyrs of 1952 early today. President Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina stand in solemn silence after laying wreaths. New opposition leader Raushan Ershad follows suit.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HUQ



## NEWS IN brief

### RMC principal, vice principal made OSD as ward boy 'performs surgery'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
The principal and vice principal of Rajshahi Medical College (RMC) have been made officers on special duty (OSD) following an allegation that a ward boy of its hospital carried out an operation in absence of surgeons. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare issued the OSD order yesterday for Principal Prof Dr Syed Golam Kibria and Vice Principal Dr Md Sayem Uddin. The principal and vice principal have been now attached to Chittagong Medical College and Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College respectively.

### Woman found dead in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
A woman was found dead in her Purba Nakhalpara residence of the capital yesterday morning. Farida Begum, 27, was wife of rickshaw-van puller Emdad Ali. Police detained her husband for interrogation. The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College morgue for an autopsy.

### Air chief meets president

UNB, Dhaka  
Chief of Air Staff Air Marshal M Enamul Bari yesterday met with President Abdul Hamid at Bangabhaban. During the meeting, the air chief apprised Hamid of his recent visits to Singapore and Myanmar. Enamul Bari visited Singapore from February 10 to 15 to attend the "Fourth Singapore Air Show 2014" and 45th anniversary programme of Singapore Air Force. He also visited Myanmar and held meetings with high air force officials of the country.



**Discussion**  
Tamuddin Majlis will hold a discussion on Language Movement; Venue: Mother Language Day; Time: 4:00pm.

**Programme**  
Eden Women's College will arrange a programme to celebrate International Mother Language Day; Venue: The college premises; Time: 10:00am.

### 23kg of gold seized at Dhaka airport, 3 held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
Customs and Customs Intelligence officials in separate drives seized 123 gold bars weighing around 23 kilograms and detained three persons at the capital's Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport yesterday. The officials recovered 100 gold bars weighing around 11.7kg from an Emirates Airways flight around 7:45pm, said Kamrul Hasan, assistant commissioner of Customs. The gold bars worth around Tk 4 crore were lying abandoned in a black packet, he added.

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### Air hostess 'commits suicide' in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
An air hostess allegedly killed herself in her rented flat in the capital's Uttara on Wednesday. Afroza Islam Suchi, 23, was an air hostess of Bangladesh Biman and also a BBA student of a private university. Suchi and her brother's wife Sumi lived in a flat at Sector 5. After entering the flat from outside around 1:30pm, Sumi found Suchi hanging from the ceiling fan in her room, said deceased's father Shafiqul Islam quoting Sumi. Police said on

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## Detractors of Ekushey are enemies: Hasina

She confers Ekushey Padak on 15 personalities

UNB, Dhaka  
Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said those who disregard the spirit of the Language Movement and the four pillars of the country's independence are the enemies of both the Amar Ekushey and the independence. "Those who disregard the spirit of Ekushey and the four pillars of the country's independence are the enemies of the Ekushey and the independence. We'll have to spread the ethos of the Ekushey among the new generation to face these elements," she told the Ekushey Padak 2014 distribution ceremony. The prime minister handed over the Ekushey Padak 2014 to fifteen eminent personalities at the ceremony at Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the capital. The recipients are Shamsul Huda and Dr

On the eighth day of their non-stop movement, students of Jagannath University burn tyres and block the main gate of the administrative building where the vice chancellor's office is located yesterday, demanding recovery of their 10 dormitories from illegal possession. During the two-hour demonstration, they shouted slogans in favour of the demand. The movement started on February 12, with the demand for the return of Tibet Hall, allegedly grabbed by Awami League leader Haji Mohammad Selim.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN



## ATTEMPTED MURDER OF HUMAYUN AZAD Adjudicate case in 6 months

HC directs trial court

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
The High Court yesterday directed a lower court to adjudicate within six months the case filed for the murder attempt on Dhaka University Prof Humayun Azad a decade ago. So far, only four out of the 49 prosecution witnesses have testified against the five accused, all operatives of banned militant outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB). As the proceedings move at a snail's pace, the High Court ordered both the prosecution and defence to remain heedful so that the case is disposed of in six months. The HC came to know of the delay while hearing a bail petition of a detained accused, Mizanur Rahman Minhaz, which says there is no significant progress of the trial. Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice Mohammad Ullah passed the directives and denied bail to Minhaz who confessed to the murder attempt before court in 2011. On February 27, 2004, miscreants hacked Prof Azad when he was trying to catch a rickshaw home from Ekushey

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Selina Ahmed, executive director of Acid Survivors Foundation (ASF), and Mohammad Zakirul Haque, head of research, monitoring & evaluation, ASF, receive a donation from Eskayef Bangladesh Ltd in the presence of the pharmaceutical company's Dr Mohammad Mujahidul Islam, general manager, marketing, and Mir Mostafizur Rahman, general manager sales and other management bodies, at the Marketing Office in the capital's Banani recently. On the occasion, the ASF executive director appreciated the engagement of Eskayef through Losectil, a leading antilulcerant medicine produced in Bangladesh by Eskayef.

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## Dry fish contain cancer causing chemicals

Says shrimp, fish foundation chairman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
Much of the dry fish produced in the country contain heavy chemicals which cause cancer, said Bangladesh Shrimp and Fish Foundation Chairman Syed Mahmudul Huq yesterday. "Traders want the fish to retain moisture so that they weigh more, but moisture is a good environment for bacteria. Traders then use DDT to kill the bacteria," he said at a dialogue on "Food Safety Challenges in Bangladesh" at American Club in the capital. DDT is a popular pesticide that some experts say causes cancer. "As people in Cox's Bazar and Chittagong consume more dry fish, you will find more people with cancer there," Huq said referring to a study on the relationship between chemicals in dry fish and cancer two years back. Food and public health experts and journalists attended the programme organised by USAID, Bangladesh. Participants observed that whenever the issue of food adulteration is raised, people talk mainly of fish, fruits, and some processed fruits, but not much of the excessive use of pesticides and adulterated fertiliser in farming and unsafe drinking of water and river pollution. Dr Sridhar Dharmapuri of Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) said supply of pure water remains a critical issue in terms of Bangladesh, especially in the urban areas. "Food safety is a matter of shared responsibility. All the industries and ministries concerned have to work for it," he said.

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## PUBLISHING 'BASELESS' REPORT Three Inqilab journalists get bail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Three journalists of the Inqilab got bail yesterday after 36 days of their detention in connection with running a "baseless" report. While granting bail, Metropolitan Magistrate MA Salam cited the importance of their profession saying that they had already passed over one month in jail in the case filed under the Information and Communication Technology Act. The three journalists of the Bangla daily are News Editor Rabiullah Rabi, Deputy Chief Reporter Rafiq Mohammad and Diplomatic Correspondent Ahmed Atique. The order came when their lawyer Syed Ahmed Gazi submitted a bail petition. Earlier, the accused were denied bail for two times in the case. Detective police on January 16 night

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