

HEAT WEAVE MAY ABATE

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at one or two places over Rajshahi, Rangpur, Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal and Sylhet divisions and the regions of Comilla and Noakhali till 6:00pm today.
Weather may remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country, Met Office said.

Mild to moderate heat wave is sweeping over Rajshahi and Khulna divisions and the regions of Dhaka, Faridpur and Rangamati and it may abate.
Day temperature may fall by 1-3 degree Celsius and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:15 pm and rises tomorrow at 05:47am.
Country's highest temperature 39.1 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rajshahi and lowest 17.4 degrees in Sayedpur.
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	37.0	25.2	66	42	Khulna	36.7	24.8	80	60
Chittagong	30.8	25.6	80	81	Barisal	35.0	25.3	82	66
Rajshahi	39.1	20.4	70	44	Sylhet	33.0	21.9	85	59
Rangpur	33.3	19.4	60	44	Cox's Bazar	33.0	25.5	73	83

NEWS IN brief

Parliament extends Speedy Trial Act by 5 years

UNB, Dhaka
The parliament yesterday extended by five years the Speedy Trial Act that deals with crimes such as extortion, vandalism and tender manipulation.
The "Law and Order Disruption (Speedy Trial) (Amendment) Bill, 2014" was passed by voice vote four days before expiry of the current law on April 7.
This was the first act passed by the 10th parliament since it was elected in the January 5 general election. State Minister for Home Affairs Asaduzzaman Khan moved the bill.

DU political science dept to reevaluate result discrepancy between 2 sections

DU CORRESPONDENT
In the face of protest against sharp discrepancy in the results between two sections of political science department, the Dhaka University authorities yesterday decided to reevaluate the results.
Prof Farid Uddin Ahmed, dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, said they would take necessary measures in this regard. In the March 10 master's first semester results, around 91 percent students from section-A achieved GPA 3.5 while 21 percent from B got GPA 3.5, triggering the protest by the section B students.

Army officer arrested with Phensedyl in Jamalpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur
Police arrested a major of Bangladesh Army along with two civilians and recovered 51 bottles of Phensedyl from their car near a bridge at Kamalpur in Bakshiganj upazila of Jamalpur early yesterday.
The arrestees are Maj Imtiaz Nasim, posted at Chittagong's Halishahar Cantonment, and Abu Sayeed and Mamun.
On information, police intercepted their car and recovered a shopping bag containing the bottles, said Bakshiganj police. Imtiaz, who was on leave at the moment, was handed over to a team of Ghatail Cantonment. A case was filed against the civilians.

Man dies in road crash in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A man was killed when a covered-van hit him while he was crossing the road near the Indoor Stadium in the capital's Mirpur yesterday.
The deceased, Anwar Howlader, 30, resident of Pallabi, was a fish trader.
The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College morgue for an autopsy.

Fire breaks out in city market

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A fire broke out in a market burning valuables, including clothes and stationary items, of three shops in the capital's Banani last night.
Baridhara Fire Station Officer said the fire might have originated around 10:00pm from an electric short circuit in of the shops on the ground floor of three-storey Banani Super Market.
Five fire fighting units doused the blaze in an hour.

DHAKA TODAY

Discussion
Aparajeya Bangladesh will hold a discussion on questionable national and upazila elections; Venue: Dhaka Reporters Unity; Time: 3:30pm.

Career fair
Career Services will arrange

Meeting
Bangabandhu Academy will hold a meeting on "Current politics"; Venue: The Institute of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh; Time: 10:30am.

"Brac University-Prothon-alojobs Career Fair"; Venue: South Park, the Westin; Time: 9:30am.



Dhaka Wasa digging a portion of DIT Road in the capital's Rampura for installing a sewerage pipe during the middle of the day when the traffic is heaviest, creating a long tailback on one of the major roads yesterday, first day of the HSC exams. The road has been narrowed to almost half its size at a time when thousands of examinees need to commute for reaching exam centres on time.

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6 activists of Gonojagoron Mancha hurt in 'attack'

DU CORRESPONDENT
At least six activists of Gonojagoron Mancha were injured in an "attack" by a group of youths at Shahbagh intersection last night.
Imran H Sarker, spokesperson of the mancha, claimed that some activists of the Bangladesh Chhatra League and Jubo League had assaulted them around 8:30pm, as they opposed the government's "decision to take money from Islami Bank" for the national anthem programme.
Shiblee Noman, assistant commissioner of police (Ramna zone), said their primary investigation found that two factions of the mancha locked in a clash.
Mehedi Hasan, president of Mutijuddha Sangsad Santan Command, a platform of the children of freedom fighters, said a group of people led by Imran had attacked them that triggered a clash between the two sides. He termed Imran's claim a "conspiracy".

Qaisar's aides killed freedom fighter's father

War crimes trial told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A martyr's son and freedom fighter yesterday testified that the aides of war crimes accused Syed Mohammad Qaisar and the Pakistani army had killed his father and many other people at their village in Madhabpur upazila of Habiganj on April 27, 1971.
Mohammad Ali Pathan, son of martyred Ohid Hossain Pathan of Krishnanagar village, said Qaisar had a force of his own, and the force along with the Pakistani army caused huge destruction and committed atrocities in their locality during the Liberation War.
In his nearly two-hour testimony before International Crimes Tribunal-2, the fourth prosecution witness in Qaisar's case gave a

vivid description about how the freedom fighters organised themselves in Madhabpur and prepared for battles.
Qaisar, a state minister in HM Ershad's regime, is facing 16 charges of genocide and crimes against humanity committed in Habiganj and Brahmanbaria during the nine-month war. The 73-year-old accused, however, pleaded not guilty.
Ali Pathan, president of Madhabpur Chhatra League in 1971, said that after the historic March 7 speech of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, they formed Swadhin Bangla Chhatra Sangram Parishad and took preparations for war. On the other hand, Shanti Committee, a body of collaborators, was created in Madhabpur, with Qaisar being a member of it, he said.

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UPAZILA POLLS Rigging stigmatised democracy

Say 250 pro-BNP teachers of DU

DU CORRESPONDENT
Terming vote rigging and irregularities in the recently concluded upazila elections a "stigma" in the history of the country's democracy, some 250 Dhaka University teachers of pro-BNP-Jamaat white panel issued a statement yesterday.
We deeply condemn ballot box stuffing, rigging and irregularities in the elections, the statement reads.

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POST 2001 POLLS VIOLENCE HC gives govt 7 more days to publish report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The High Court yesterday gave seven more days to the government to publish investigation report on the post 2001 election violence and atrocities.
During hearing of a writ petition, the court directed home secretary to publish the probe report through a gazette notification by April 10.
The HC bench of Justice Quazi Reza-Ul Hoque and Justice ABM Altaf Hossain gave seven days' time to the secretary following a time prayer moved by Deputy Attorney General Biswojit Roy.
Earlier, on March 10, the court asked him to publish the probe report through a gazette notification in one week, and also ordered him to submit a report to it by April 3 (yesterday).
The home secretary told the court that his ministry had sent 1,033-page probe report to Bangladesh Government Press for its printing and publishing through a gazette notification.
Some more time is needed to complete the job, he said.
Following a HC directive, the Awami League-led government

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The Daily Star - grameenphone IGNITE Programme activated at another Ctg school

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
Students are gradually moving away from science education after SSC and HSC examinations due to a lack of proper motivation, said speakers on the third-day of the activation programme of The Daily Star-Grameenphone "IGNITE", a science competition for school students, in Chittagong city yesterday.
The programme titled "Introducing IGNITE" was held at Sunshine Grammar School from 11:00am to 1:30pm.
Students of Sunshine Grammar School, Ispahani Public School and College, Cantonment English School and College, Nasirabad Government High School, and Chittagong Government Girls High School participated in the programme.
The activation programme will continue at Silver Bells Girls High School tomorrow and Agrabad Colony High School on April 6.
IGNITE, a joint initiative of Grameenphone and The Daily Star, was initiated to inspire school students of class VI to X towards science education through different projects and activities.
With the slogan "Science for the Internet Generation,"

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Shaheen Anam, executive director of Manusher Jonno Foundation, speaks at a press conference at the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday where the organisation presented a report on the last year's child rights situation in the country. On her right is MJF programme coordinator Abdullah Al Mamun, and on her left are Grameen Telecom Trust managing director Parveen Mahmood, MJF governing board member Shahnaz Huda, and MJF media coordinator Shahana Huda.

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Inspector General of police, Hassan Mahmood Khandker, giving a certificate to a graduate of "Transnational Crime: SAARC Perspective" course at a ceremony in Police Staff College Bangladesh in the capital yesterday.

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