


Rain likely



WEATHER TODAY

Unib, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur with hail at one or two places over Khulna, Barisal, Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions till 6:00pm today. Weather may remain dry with temporary

partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country, Met Office said.

Day and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:16pm and rises tomorrow at 5:46am.

Country's highest temperature 34.8 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rajshahi and lowest 17.8 degrees in Madaripur.

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	30.6	18.9	74	58	Khulna	33.0	22.6	64	53
Chittagong	30.2	20.2	85	62	Barisal	31.2	22.4	66	64
Rajshahi	34.8	21.5	76	92	Sylhet	28.1	19.1	84	61
Rangpur	30.0	20.0	65	60	Cox's Bazar	34.5	24.3	77	76

NEWSIN

brief

Fire breaks out at City Bank branch

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A fire broke out in a branch of City Bank in the capital's Motijheel yesterday.

Atiqur Rahman, station officer of Fire Service and Civil Defence, told The Daily Star that two people suffered minor injuries in the fire.

An electric short circuit caused the fire. The fire was contained on the second floor of the 10-storey building. Four fire fighting units doused the flames after an effort of about two hours.

Scout Jamboree starts today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Bangladesh Scouts has organised for the ninth time Scout Jamboree today at Mouchak under Kaliakoir upazila in Gazipur.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the Jamboree. Shamimul Haque Shameem, member of National Scout in Bangladesh, made the announcement at a press conference in Gazipur deputy commissioner's conference room yesterday.

Nearly 9,000 scouts will participate in the Jamboree that will end on April 11. For the first time Saarc will be a part of Scout Jamboree.

Munshiganj SP withdrawn for negligence in duty in polls

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

The Superintendent of Police in Munshiganj, Habibur Rahman, was withdrawn on Thursday for negligence in duty to control violence during the upazila polls in Gazaria upazila.

Police said allegations against Habibur were primarily proved and he had been attached with the police headquarters.

Earlier, Officer-in-Charge of Gazaria Police Station Mamunur Rasid was withdrawn on the same ground.

BSK awards 3,468 Ctg students

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Bishwo Shahitto Kendro awarded a total of 3,468 school students in "Chittagong Metropolitan Prize Giving Ceremony-2014" held at Chittagong Municipal Model High School in the city yesterday.

A total of 8,000 students from 73 schools took part in the book reading competition, said Prof Alex Alim, the main organiser of the programme.

The prizes were distributed among the winners in four categories – "Swagato", "Shubhechchha", "Obhinandan" and "Sera".

Economist Prof Mainul Islam, poet Ali Imam and Chittagong City Corporation Education Officer Md Shahidullah, among others, spoke.

Crude bomb explodes in temple

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Panic triggered among the Hindus in Kabirajhat village of Birganj upazila as miscreants exploded a crude bomb inside Kabirajhat Haribasur temple on Thursday night.

Police said they were trying to arrest the criminals.

Locals alleged that the Jamaat-Shibir men targeted Hindus after they had cast votes during the January-5 election. Police took no actions despite being informed of this several times, they added.

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Roundtable

Bangladesh Sammilita Peshajibi Parishad will arrange a roundtable on democracy and election commission; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 11:00am.

Discussion

Bangladesh Sacheton Chhatra Forum will hold a discussion on human rights

and election system; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 3:15pm.

Citizens' rally

Four organisations, including Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon, will stage a citizens' rally demanding that the government nursery on Bailey Road be saved; Venue: In front of the Faculty of Fine Arts, Dhaka University; Time: 10:00am.



The rich greenery of a paddy field with flowering IRRI plants along the Turag river in Ashulia outside the capital Wednesday. Farmers are expecting a high yield this year. Harvesting is due in the upcoming Bangla month of Boishakh that begins on April 14.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

US ALLIANCE FOR WORKERS' SAFETY

5 Bangladeshis made advisers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Alliance for Bangladesh Worker Safety, a platform of 27 US-based apparel retailers and brands, yesterday appointed 12 Bangladeshi and international leaders to its board of advisers.

Five of the advisers are from Bangladesh, according to a statement of the Alliance, which was formed with the intent of improving safety in Bangladeshi ready-made garment (RMG) factories.

"We are honored to welcome these esteemed global leaders to our Board of Advisors," said Ellen Tauscher, independent chair of the Alliance and former US Congresswoman.

"The combination of their individual perspectives and breadth of expertise across government, women's issues, labor and global development will help us implement our comprehensive commitment to a safer ready-made garment industry in Bangladesh," she adds.

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Employer held over death of domestic help

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Public Works Department official was arrested over the death of a domestic help who was employed at his house in Rahmatganj area of Chittagong city.

The domestic help, Md Zakir Hossain, 12, was declared dead at Chittagong Medical College Hospital when his employers, Deputy Assistant Engineer Nowshad Zaman and his wife, brought him to the hospital.

The couple alleged that the boy committed suicide by hanging himself and they took him down and brought him to the hospital.

However, Dr Saiful Islam, who examined the body, wrote the reason of death as unknown as there were no

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Transport workers clash with cops

25 injured in Kishoreganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kishoreganj

At least 25 people, including 10 policemen, were injured in a clash between the force and workers of Ananya Paribahan at Kishoreganj bus terminal in Ghaital of Kishoreganj on Friday afternoon.

Police said some plainclothes constables wanted to get on a bus of the company without tickets but the driver did not let them in.

Suddenly, several hundreds of workers blockaded the road adjacent to the bus terminal for no reason, claimed police.

However, the driver and his helper claimed that the road was blocked as the constables beat them.

The clash ensued when police fired 40 blank shots to disperse them but the protesters threw brick bats at them and police, in return, baton-charged them.

Owners of some buses, including MK Super and Jatayat, claimed that police vandalised 25 buses standing at the station during the clash. But Additional Superintendent of Police, Liton Kumar Saha, denied the allegation.

Bus movement was halted on the road till filing of this report at 10:00pm.

Boy dies from 'wrong treatment' in Sunamganj

Locals vandalise clinic

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Locals vandalised a private clinic in Sunamganj's Chatak upazila on Thursday after the family of an 11-year-old boy alleged that the kid died because of wrong treatment there.

The deceased was Ranajit Das, 11, son of Matindra Das of Jhamura village.

Shomiron Chandra Nath, a surgeon of Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital, said he performed Ranjit's appendix surgery at Jaba Medical Centre around 9:30pm on

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ATTACK ON DRIVER IN SYLHET

Transport workers block road for 4hrs

15 injured in police action

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Transport workers yesterday demonstrated by blocking Dhaka-Sylhet highway at Lalabazar in Dakshin Surma upazila in Sylhet for four hours protesting an attack on a CNG-run auto-rickshaw driver.

To bring the situation under control, police fired rubber bullets and charged them with batons, injuring at least 15 of the workers.

Sylhet Metropolitan Police Additional Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Rahamat Ullah said the demonstrators set fire to tyres on the road around 9:30am, creating a traffic jam.

Over 200 workers, including auto-rickshaw drivers, joined the protest after local goons beat up driver Shafique Mia with iron rods and sticks around 7:00am at

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Journalists form a human chain before Chapainawabganj Press Club yesterday protesting the assault on their fellow Emran Faruk Masum by Abdul Odud, lawmaker from Chapainawabganj-3 (Sadar) constituency, on Thursday. PHOTO: STAR

Journalists protest assault on fellow

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Journalists of five upazilas of Chapainawabganj district formed a human chain and organised a rally in front of Chapainawabganj Press Club yesterday protesting the assault on Emran Faruk Masum, local correspondent of the daily Jugantar, Bangladesh Television and RTV.

The journalists also declared that they would boycott all programmes of the local lawmaker who assaulted Masum.

On Thursday, Masum, for

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With construction work going on for a flyover in Moghbazar of the capital, the sudden downpour on Thursday night has left the area under the footbridge in Moghbazar muddy and difficult for vehicles and pedestrians to move on. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Ringleader, aide arrested

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family had to pay Tk two lakh as ransom to the accounts of the local agents of Nanu.

During the investigation, police found that Nanu's gang had abducted Shafiu and confined him to a hideout in Bandar Abbas.

The gang had promised Shafiu lucrative jobs in Turkey before mobilising him to the Iranian port city from the UAE on December 28.

The CID then contacted the Iranian police to arrest the ringleader of the gang and rescue the victim, said additional DIG Shah Alam.

Binoy Krishna Mollick, executive director of Rights Jessore, an NGO, told this correspondent that he would assist Shafiu in getting back home.

Earlier, the CID had arrested 14 local agents of another gang, who abducted 30 Bangladeshis from the UAE and Oman and confined them at a house in Bandar Abbas last year.

However, one of them, Jewel Mollah, was beaten to death by six of his fellow workers over a dispute at Bandar Abbas on December 4.

The rest of the Bangladeshi migrants returned home from Iran on December 22 with the assistance of Mollick.

Power from human waste

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"We will do lots of studies actually to see how it will be functioning and managed to do so," he said mooted an idea to develop a city sanitation plan by the end of the project period.

Director (Water and Sanitation) of the BMGF Brian Arbogast said sanitation

had posed a threat to environmental health and the sanitation challenge had a bearing on development issue in Bangladesh.

Bangladesh is a bright example in the field of environment-friendly sanitation in South Asia as its sanitation coverage stood at 94 percent in 2009.

'Robber' beaten to death in Manikganj

CITY DESK

An alleged robber was beaten to death while three others of a different gang were injured by locals in different districts early yesterday.

Locals of Manikganj's Ghior upazila said they caught and beat up Mamun Hossain, of Singair upazila, when he was fleeing with his gang from Ranjit Acharya's house at Dhulandi. He died at Manikganj Sadar Hospital.

In Moulvibazar, locals stabbed three robbers with kitchen knives while they were making off with gold jewellery worth Tk 75,000 from Waliur Rahman's house at Islamabad in Habiganj's Madhabpur upazila.

Ahad Miah, Julmot Kha, and Akter Miah are undergoing treatment at MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital. Nine others of the gang managed to flee with the same amount of jewellery.