

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

Mild heat wave is sweeping over Khulna division and it may continue, Met Office said. Day and night temperature may remain nearly

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unchanged over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:17pm and rises tomorrow at 5:44am.

Country's highest temperature 38.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Mongla and lowest 19.5 degrees in Sayedpur.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

I	emperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage			Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percenta	
	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening		Max:	Min:	Morning	Eveni
Dhaka	35.0	24.2	70	76	Khulna	37.8	25.3	69	39
Chittagong	30.6	25.5	89	77	Barisal	34.5	23.2	76	60
Rajshahi	34.0	22.3	87	69	Sylhet	28.8	21.4	71	62
Rangpur	32.0	20.3	61	58	Cox's Bazar	32.2	25.5	76	77

GONOJAGORON MANCHA-BCL CONFLICT

Ghatak Dalal Nirmul group seeks PM's intervention

DU CORRESPONDENT

Ekattorer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee has sought intervention of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to resolve the ongoing conflict between Gonojagoron Mancha and Bangladesh Chhatra League, ruling Awami League affiliated student organisation.

There is no scope of any conflict and clash, as the government and the mancha activists hold the same spirit against fundamentalism, said the Nirmul Committee, a platform formed in 1992 to raise voice for the trial of war criminals, in a press statement yesterday.

Condemning police attack on mancha activists on Friday, it also urged the activists of both Gonojagorn Mancha and Muktijuddha Sangsad Santan Command, a platform of freedom fighters' children, to refrain from their confrontational stance.

If they feud themselves, the communal forces that opposed the Liberation War will thrive, the statement said.

Instead of organising separate press conferences and criticising each other in front of the press, both the mancha and BCI should cooperate each other to eradicate fundamentalism, it added.

On Thursday night, activists of the mancha and Santan Command locked in a clash at Shahbagh intersection.

Imran H Sarker, spokesperson of the manch, then claimed that a group of people under the shelter of some BCL and Jubo League leaders carried out the attack on them.

On Friday, police charged truncheons on the mancha activists at Shahbagh, when the anti-war criminal campaigners gathered there to hold a rally protesting, what they claimed, attack on them by some pro-Awami League men on Thursday night.

EC Mobarak gets death threat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Election Commissioner Abdul Mobarak yesterday got death threat over the mobile phone, said his personal secretary.

"I am the messenger of your death. The decision about your remaining lifespan has been taken. Your wife will become widow, and children will become orphans soon," said the personal secretary, Alamgir Hossain, quoting Mobarak. The mobile phone rang around 12:10pm while

Mobarak, who has temporarily been discharging duties as chief election commission, was holding a meeting with three other commissioners at his office at the EC Secretariat in the capital, Alamgir told The Daily Star.

However, no number popped up on the screen, he said.

A general diary was filed with Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Police Station around 4:30pm.

During the last couple of weeks, Mobarak drew criticism from different quarters by making comment that BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia had rubbed her nose in the dirt by participating in the upazila elections.

Astami Snan begins in N'ganj

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj The two-day annual Astami

Snan, one of the largest religious festivals of the Hindus, started early yesterday in the river Brahmaputra at Langalbandh in Narayanganj with due respect and solemnity.

The Snan Utshab (a festival of taking a dip in the river) beginning at 14 ghats along the river at 1:55am yesterday will end at 2:55am today, said Langalbandh Snan Utshab Udjapan Parishad President Paritosh Kanti Saha.

The organisers hope that more than 15 lakh devotees from home and abroad will take part in the festival.

Narayanganj police have taken security measures on the occasion.

FAILURE TO USE BANGLA

Contempt of court sought against 6 secys STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A contempt of court petition was filed with the High Court yesterday against six secretaries for not executing its directive on the use of Bangla in media advertisements, on nameplates of government offices, vehicles registration plates, signboards and billboards.

Supreme Court lawyer Eunus Ali Akond submitted the petition, and prayed to the court to summon the officials to hear their explanations for not complying with the order. He also urged the court to issue a rule upon the secretaries

to explain as to why contempt of court proceedings should not be brought against them for not executing the order.

The six officials are secretaries to the cabinet division, and law, home, cultural affairs, information, and education ministries.

Following a writ petition on February 17, the HC ordered the secretaries to take necessary steps to ensure in one month the use of Bangla in all advertisements of electronic and print media, and on the nameplates of government offices [except foreign embassies and organisations] and vehicle registration plates, signboards and billboards across the country.

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MIR QUASEM'S WAR TRIAL

Recording of testimonies, quizzing of 2 PWs end

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-2 yesterday completed recording the testimonies and crossexaminations of two prosecution witnesses in the case filed against Jamaat leader

Kawser Sheikh, a staff of Chittagong Division Government Library (public library), and Azabuddin Miah, assistant librarian of Bangla Academy, showed

Mir Quasem Ali.

several copies of newspapers published in 1971. After the testimony of Kawser, the 21st prosecution witness, defence counsel Mizanul Islam declined to cross-examine him, but he (Mizanul) cross-examined

prosecution witness. SEE PAGE 4 COL 6

Two bodies recovered in Gazipur

Azabuddin, the 22nd

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Police yesterday recovered two unidentified bodies from two different spots in Gazipur.

One body was recovered from Vogra to the south of Borsha Cinema Hall in Gazipur City Corporation around 1:00pm, police said.

Quoting witnesses, Shaheen Mia, assistant subinspector of Vogra police camp, said the body was thrown out of a Dhakabound ambulance in the area on Dhaka-Mymensingh highway

around 11:45am. Ekramul Haque, subinspector of Joydebpur Police Station, said they

also recovered another SEE PAGE 4 COL 6



The waterlogged Shah Kabir Mazar Road in Dakkhinkhan of the capital on Saturday after Thursday's splash of rain. Even in dry condition the road is no less dilapidated due to large craters all over it, and an absence of a proper drainage system. One can only imagine what awaits for the residents of the area during the coming monsoon if the authorities concerned do not pay attention to their duties.

BNP's volunteer wing chief gets bail in 2 cases

Denied in 11 others

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Jatiyatabadi Swechchhasebak Dal President Habib-un-Nabi Khan Sohel yesterday was granted bail in two cases while denied bail in 11 other cases.

Rejecting bails in 11 cases, Sohel was sent to jail.

Two separate Dhaka courts passed the orders after Sohel surrendered before the courts and sought bail in the 13 cases filed with four police stations in the capital on different dates last year.

Police filed four of the cases with Motijheel and Paltan each, three with Ramna and the other two with Shahbagh police stations.

Of the cases, 10 were filed in connection with May 5 Hefajat violence while three others filed for bomb blasts, arson attacks and obstructing police from performing their duties during hartal hours on different dates in the capital.

Sohel was granted bail in two Hefajat violence cases.

The Baily Star - T grameenphone IGNITE

Activation programme in Ctg ends

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The activation programme of The Daily Star-Grameenphone programme "IGNITE", a science competition for school students, continued for the fifth and last day at Agrabad Government Colony High School in Chittagong city yesterday.

Students of Agrabad Government Colony High School, Bangladesh Bank Colony High School, Khawja Ajmeri High School, Little Jewels School, and Cyder International School participated in the

programme titled "Introducing IGNITE". Some students of Buet, Kuet and Bangladesh University of Business and Technology shared knowledge of scientific

theories and mathematical puzzles with the students and also informed them about IGNITE.

The activation programme will start in Sylhet tomorrow.

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, competitions and activities.

With the slogan "Science for the Internet Generation," the competition will be held in Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions. Students of these divisions can register for the competition at www.ignite-bd.com.

POST-JS POLLS VIOLENCE IN DOHAR 12 AL men sent to jail on surrender

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sent 12 Awami League activists to jail on surrender in a case filed for January 6 post-polls violence in Dohar of Dhaka.

Three people were killed and nine injured when henchmen of defeated AL candidate Abdul Mannan Khan attacked the supporters of winning candidate Salma Islam of Jatiya Party a day after the 10th general election. Senior Judicial Magistrate Afroza Sheuli gave the order

after rejecting their bail petitions. They yesterday surrendered before the court following a

High Court order, and sought bail. The HC on February 2 granted them bail for eight

weeks in the case and asked them to surrender on expiry of their bail period. The activists are Mohon Chokdar, Selim Chokdar(1)

Selim Chokdar (2), Liton Chokdar, Bisha Chokdar, Kamal Chokdar, Tota Chokdar, Forkan Sheikh, Sher Ali Matbar, SEE PAGE 4 COL 6

BREAST, CERVICAL CANCER

Regular checkups recommended

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

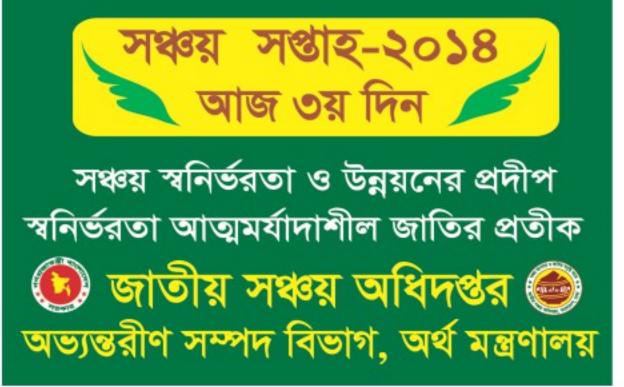
Women above the age of twenty should get monthly checkups for breast cancer, and after starting their conjugal life, they should have a test for detecting cervical cancer at least every five years, said speakers at a seminar vesterday.

They said regular checkups and screening of such diseases would lead to early detection of the disease, and increase the chances of cure at a lower cost.

They were speaking at the seminar on "Breast and Cervical Cancer and Screening Camp" at Dhaka Reporters' Unity.

A team of doctors from National Cancer Research Institute and Hospital (NCRIH) also gave checkups to female members of DRU for free.

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