

DRY WEATHER LIKELY



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

and Barisal divisions and the regions of Tangail, Faridpur, Chandpur and Sitakunda and it may continue.
 Day and night temperatures may remain nearly unchanged over the country.
 The sun sets in the capital today at 6:19pm and rises tomorrow at 5:39am.
 Country's highest temperature 37.8 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rajshahi and lowest 17.7 degree Celsius in Dinajpur.
 The highest and lowest temperatures 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 35.8	25.5	63	38	Khulna 37.0	24.4	69	38
Chittagong 33.5	24.6	77	69	Barisal 36.5	24.1	77	48
Rajshahi 37.8	20.1	74	49	Sylhet 35.3	20.8	51	55
Rangpur 35.2	19.6	52	44	Cox's Bazar 35.0	25.2	76	73

NU question paper leaked out in Rajshahi
   
STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Questions of Compulsory English second year honours examination held under National University yesterday were leaked out in Rajshahi.
 Students, who sat for the exam, said the questions were similar to the hand-written questions that were sold at almost all photocopy shops across Rajshahi city on Friday.
 They said most of the questions on the exam paper and the ones on the sheet sold on Friday were the same, only the order was different.
 For example, the third question on the sheet sold on the market was the fourth in the exam.
 Students claimed the handwritten questions along with answers were at first sold for Tk 3,000, but by the end of the day the price dropped to Tk 2.
 Hobibur Rahman, principal of Rajshahi Government College, said he was informed of the

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JU JOURNALISM DEPT Students demand more teachers, classrooms
   
JU CORRESPONDENT

Students of the Department of Journalism and Media Studies at Jahangirnagar University yesterday staged a demonstration, demanding an increase in the number of teachers and classrooms.
 Starting from the department, a procession of the students ended in front of the university administrative building.
 They also handed over a memorandum, containing their four-point demand, to Vice-chancellor Prof Farzana Islam.
 Their other demands include cancellation of a proposal of shifting the department to old arts faculty building from its current arrangement at the new arts faculty, establishment of a seminar library, and a media laboratory in the department.

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Meant for the free flow of rain and flood water to prevent waterlogging, this canal itself is choked with household rubbish at the capital's Shahjadpur. Regrettably, a concrete marker on the bank, inset, requesting residents not to dump waste has been a complete failure, while its custodian, Dhaka Wasa, seems blind to the existing situation. The photos were taken on Wednesday.
 PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

BHUIJPUR MAYHEM
   
 AL leaders trying to save accused Jamaat men
   
*Claim lower-rank party colleagues*

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Some Awami League leaders are allegedly backing some Jamaat-e-Islami men facing murder charges over last year's Bhujpur attack in Chittagong's Fatikchhari upazila that left three AL men dead and more than 200 people wounded, according to AL insiders.
 The accusers said an AL leader was trying to get Jamaat leader Nur Mohammad Al Quaderi's name dropped from the cases filed over the mayhem in exchange for money.
 Talking to The Daily Star on the mayhem's first anniversary, a union level AL leader said Aftab Uddin Chowdhury, president of AL Fatikchhari upazila unit, was maintaining relationship with some accused and was working for getting them discharged.
 "Aftab gave a certification to the officer-in-charge of Bhujpur Police Station, saying Jamaat leader Nur Mohammad Al Quaderi was not present during the mayhem," he said on condition of anonymity, fearing retribution.
 Aftab denied the allegation. "My signature was forged in the certification," he said but did not take any legal action against the "forgery" yet.
 Surprisingly, Bhujpur OC Kabir Hossain denied finding the certification received by his predecessor but said he heard of such a document.
 On April 11, 2013, Jamaat-Shibir and Hefajat-e Islam activists attacked an anti-hartal ruling party procession with sharp weapons and sticks, killing two AL activists and a leader.

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Women must fight to establish rights
   
*Says former chief justice Khairul Haque*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Women themselves must fight to establish their rights, said former chief justice ABM Khairul Haque yesterday.
 "No one will give you [women] your rights unless you try to establish it yourselves," he said at a views-exchange meeting in the capital's Cirdap auditorium.
 Khairul Haque said women had to be bold and come forward and then everybody would stand by them.
 Bangladesh Mahila Parishad organised the meeting to hear opinions of justices, administrators, lawyers, and other professionals on oppression of women.
 Khairul Haque, also chairman of Law Commission, Bangladesh said amending laws and holding seminars like this one would not be fruitful unless women change their mindset.
 He further said that women were their own worst enemies.
 Tariq-Ul-Islam, secretary at the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, said government and non-government organisations had to work together to eliminate discrimination against women.
 Reading out the keynote paper, Masuda Rehana Begum, assistant secretary of Mahila Parishad, mentioned 15 steps to be taken to prevent oppression of women.
 International Crimes Tribunals' prosecutors Zead Al Malum and Tureen Afroz, and journalists Sohrab Hasan and Pranab Saha, among others, spoke at the programme with Mahila Parishad President Ayesha Khanam in the chair.

Wrap up Pahela Baishakh celebrations by 6pm: DMP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Metropolitan Police have urged the city people to finish tomorrow's Pahela Baishakh celebrations in the capital by 6:00pm.
 DMP Commissioner Benazir Ahmed has also requested the organisers of different socio-cultural fronts, which are going to celebrate the day amid festivity at different city venues including Ramna Park, Suhrawardi Udyan and Rabindra Sarobar, to follow the same "to avert any untoward incident".
 Last year, the concluding time for programme at Ramna Batamul was 5:00pm, whereas it was 7:00pm for the programmes elsewhere in the city.
 The DMP organised a press conference yesterday at its Media Centre on Minto Road in the capital to brief journalists about the security measures.
 "Security measures have already been beefed up in the capital to celebrate the first day of the Bangla New Year in a peaceful manner," Benazir said.
 Check posts will be set up at 22 strategic points in the capital so that none could create any chaos during the celebrations, he added.
 The festival venues will be smoking-free zones, and people have been requested not to bring handbags, flammable substances, knives and other weapons to the venues for the sake of security, he added.
 People will be allowed to enter Ramna Park through Arunoday Gate (opposite state guesthouse Padma), Ramna Restaurant Gate, Ostachal Gate (opposite Shishu Park), and Natun Gate (opposite Shikha Chirantan).
 They will have to leave the park through Uttarayan Gate (on Minto Road) and Baishakhi Gate (opposite the Engineers' Institute), while Shamolima Gate (beside Kakrail mosque) and Star Gate (near Matsya Bhaban) can be used for both entry and exit.
 For those who want to enter the Suhrawardi Udyan have to use the Engineers' Institute Gate, TSC Gate and Tin Natar Mazar Gate, while the exit ways are Shikha Chirantan Gate, Chhobir Haat Gate (opposite the DU Faculty of Fine Arts) and Ramna Kali Mandir Gate.
 On the day, from 5:00am to 9:00pm, vehicular movement will be restricted on

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STRUCTURES AT LALBAGH FORT
   
 Owners claim their properties legal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Owners of the houses built on the premises of Lalbagh Fort in the capital yesterday claimed that their properties were "not illegal", and therefore, the structures at the archaeological site should not be demolished.
 They added that their families had been living there for more than a hundred years, and that they had possessed all legal documents to prove their claims.
 On March 19, the Department of Archaeology directed the Deputy Commissioner to demolish any structure inside

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Former caretaker government adviser Dr Hossain Zillur Rahman, clad in a cleaner's vest, shovels a roadside gutter in Chittagong city while campaigning for a liveable city yesterday.
 PHOTO: STAR

Ctg residents walk for habitable city

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Several hundred residents of Chittagong city yesterday walked major thoroughfares, campaigning for building a habitable port city on the way.
 The walkers started off from Bahaddarhat Flyover around 8:00am and reached DC Hill after the nearly three-hour march they called "Walking for Chittagong".
 During the awareness raising campaign, they shouted slogans like "Ami fit, desh fit" (if I'm healthy, the nation is healthy), "Porichchanna Thakbo, Basjogya Chattagram Gorbo" (we will keep clean and build up a habitable Chittagong), and "Niom Manbo, Oniomor Sangskriti Bhangbo" (we will abide by rules and end the practice of lawlessness).
 Chittagong Research Initiative (CRI), supported by different civic, social and educational organisations and individuals, organised the programme with an aim to make the city dwellers aware about their responsibility to make the city habitable.
 Along the way from Bahaddarhat to DC Hill, the walkers talked to pedestrians, urging them to keep the city clean and

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Obituary

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Shamsuddin Ahmad, a retired executive engineer (civil) of the Public Works Department (PWD), died of a cardiac arrest on Friday morning. He was 70.
 Son of late Serajuddin Ahmad, Shamsuddin left behind his two sons, a daughter, a host of relatives and well-wishers to mourn his death.
 He obtained BSc engineering degree from the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet).



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