

HEAT WAVE MAY CONTINUE

Weather may remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm today. Moderate to severe heat wave is sweeping over Dhaka, Rajshahi, Khulna and Barisal divisions and the regions of Sandwip, Rangamati, Comilla, Chandpur, Majidpur, Feni and Hatiya and mild to moderate heat wave is sweeping over Rangpur, Sylhet and Chittagong divisions and it may continue. Day and night temperature may rise slightly over the country, Met Office said. **The sun sets in the capital today at 6:22pm and rises tomorrow at 5:31am.**

Country's highest temperature 40.6 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rangamati and lowest 22.0 degrees in Syedpur. Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	38.5	26.0	51	36
Chittagong	35.6	25.3	61	69
Rajshahi	39.4	23.1	53	41
Rangpur	36.0	22.4	55	45

	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening
Khulna	40.0	24.4	52	51
Barisal	39.0	25.2	60	50
Sylhet	37.8	23.3	52	53
Cox's Bazar	37.2	26.8	76	77

Man arrested with Indian Rs 80 lakh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Police yesterday arrested one person and seized Indian currency Rs 80 lakh from his possession at Ashkona in the capital. The detainee is Md Alauddin, 30, of Shibganj in Chapainawabganj district. On suspicion, police intercepted him at a checkpoint near Airport Railway Station around 1:00pm. Searching his travel bag, they recovered the currency, said Shah Alam, officer-in-charge of Airport Police Station. Directed by a local smuggler Masud, Alauddin came to Dhaka from Shibganj and received the currency from a woman residing in airport area, said the OC, quoting the arrestee. In primary interrogation, Alauddin confessed that he carried Indian currency thrice from the same woman to Chapainawabganj earlier, the OC added. Police suspected the currency might be fake. On Saturday, customs officials also detained another youth with Rs 50 lakh after his arrival at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport from Pakistan.

CONTEMPT OF COURT CHARGES HC clears Gayeshwar, 2 DAB leaders

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The High Court yesterday cleared BNP standing committee member Gayeshwar Chandra Roy and two DAB leaders of contempt charges after they unconditionally apologised for their "contemptuous" comments about the courts of the country. Two leaders of pro-BNP doctors' organisation Doctors Association of Bangladesh (DAB) are its Vice-President Prof M Salam and Secretary General AZM Zahid Hossain, also an adviser to BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia. The court also warned the three not to make any derogatory remarks about the courts in future. On April 6, Gayeshwar at a human chain formed by DAB in front of Jatiya Press Club said all the courts, including the Judges' Court, High Court and Supreme Court, are in the pocket of Awami League. Judges' conscience will not wake up and justice will not be established, if this pocket is not torn, he said at the programme. DAB leaders Salam and Zahid also addressed it. Following reports published in different national dailies, the HC on April 7 issued the contempt of court rule against the three and summoned them to appear before it. In complying with the order, the trio appeared before the HC bench of Justice Quazi Reza-Ul Hoque and Justice ABM Altaf Hossain yesterday morning.



Villagers celebrate Polo Bawa, a traditional fishing festival, in Madrasa Canal in Charkali village under Bhola Sadar upazila on Saturday. The festival was celebrated from April 15 to April 19. PHOTO: STAR

Govt to continue support for scientific endeavours Says prime minister

UNB, Dhaka
Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday sought all-out cooperation of scientists, researchers and technologists of the country in building the nation as a dignified one in the world by utilising their power of innovation. Assuring all sorts of assistance and cooperation in this regard, she said that despite limited resources, her government would continue its support to scientific endeavours by the researchers and scientists.

The prime minister was distributing the Gold Medal Awards among scientists and fellows of Bangladesh Academy of Sciences in recognition of their contributions in respective fields at a ceremony held at Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the capital. Twenty-two scientists, both senior and young, working in different areas with different institutions of the country were honoured with the gold medals. Putting emphasis on scientific research, SEE PAGE 4 COL 3, PHOTO ON PAGE 4

SHIBIR MAN KILLING CASE Gayeshwar, Aman sent to jail Abbas granted bail

COURT CORRESPONDENT
A Dhaka court yesterday sent BNP leaders Gayeshwar Chandra Roy and Aman Ullah Aman to jail and granted interim bail to Mirza Abbas in a case filed for killing a Shibir man in the capital last year. The case was filed with Rampura Police Station after Mansur Pradhania, 20, was killed in a clash between police and the activists of Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Chhatra Shibir at Malibagh on December 29, 2013. BNP standing committee members Mirza Abbas and Goyeshwar and the party's Joint Secretary General Aman SEE PAGE 4 COL 3

Haidar ICT acting chief prosecutor

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Prosecutor Syed Haidar Ali was made acting chief prosecutor in the absence of Chief Prosecutor Ghulam Arieff Tipoo of International Crimes Tribunal, said a gazette notification issued by the law ministry on April 13. Haidar told The Daily Star that he had received a copy of the gazette yesterday. According to the notification, Tipoo has been on a medical leave for a month since April 13. The notification came at a time when the rift among prosecutors heightened. Haidar Ali, however, claimed that there were no major problems among the prosecutors. Earlier, the 22-member prosecution team was SEE PAGE 4 COL 1

GRAFT CASES HC to decide Khaleda's challenge on Wednesday

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The High Court yesterday fixed Wednesday for passing order on BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia's petitions challenging her indictment in Zia Orphanage Trust and Zia Charitable Trust corruption cases, while a Dhaka court is set to record statements of witnesses today. On March 19, the Special Judge's Court-3 of Dhaka SEE PAGE 4 COL 6

NEWS IN brief

Kazakh envoy meets foreign ministry high-ups
CITY DESK
Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Bangladesh Bakhtbek Shabarbayev yesterday called on foreign ministry high-ups. During the meetings, the ambassador expressed keen interests of his government to expand ties with Bangladesh in all possible areas, particularly in the areas of trade, investment and manpower. Among others, he called on Foreign Minister Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali and State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md Shahriar Alam.

Four crude bombs seized in Ctg
STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
Police yesterday seized four crude bombs from a motor-bike, in Bahaddarhat intersection of Chittagong city. A traffic constable signaled the bike rider to stop for regular checking around 10:00am but he ran away leaving the bike with the bombs inside a shopping bag. Police, however, caught the backseat rider but he too escaped biting the police.

DoE fines three factories Tk 15 lakh in Savar
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar
The Department of Environment (DoE) fined three factories Tk 15 lakh in Savar, Habiganj and Narayanganj yesterday for violating the environment law. Vision Battery factory at Ramchandrapur in Savar was fined Tk 3 lakh, Titash Gas Field in Habiganj Tk 10 lakh and Bishmillah Bricks in Narayanganj Tk 2 lakh,

Pharmacy graduates protest licensing exams

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Pharmacy graduates yesterday protested Bangladesh Pharmacy Council's (BPC) decision for graduates needing them to sit for licensing examinations for them to be registered with it. According to the Pharmacy Ordinance 1976, pharmacy graduates of BPC accredited universities and diploma institutions only need their graduation certificates to be registered as pharmacists, they said. The graduates under the banner "Pharmacy Graduates' Association" were addressing a press conference at Senate Bhaban of Dhaka University (DU). Bangladesh Pharmacy Council, the statutory body of pharmacists, recently announced that pharmacy graduates should sit for an examination to be registered as pharmacists. It also called for an application accompanied by a bank draft of Tk 1,000. Addressing the conference, Professor ABM Farooque, former dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, DU, said, "The entire process is shrouded in questions as it does not have any legal basis and we do not know what will happen to the SEE PAGE 4 COL 8

White-rumped vulture on verge of extinction

UNB, Dhaka
White-rumped vultures (Gyps bengalensis) are disappearing fast from Bangladesh due to the unchecked use of toxic drugs in cattle apart from food crisis and the loss of their habitats. "Toxic veterinary drugs like diclofenac and ketoprofen used in saving cattle from diseases accelerate the decline of vultures in the country. When the vultures eat the dead bodies of cattle after the use of these drugs, they simply die," Prof M Anwarul Islam, the chief executive of Wildteam, told the news agency. He said the severe food crisis also contributes to the decline in the vultures as a very few cattle die in the country each year. "However, when domestic animals die, farmers buried them." Prof M Anwarul Islam, also a teacher of Zoology Department at Dhaka University, said vultures make nests on large trees but the number of such trees is now rare in Bangladesh. Wildlife biologist Dr Monirul H Khan said the white-rumped vultures were critically endangered in Bangladesh and they would disappear soon if immediate measures were not taken to protect them. According to a study conducted by Dr Monirul H Khan, a teacher of Zoology Department at Jahangirnagar University, showed that the white-rumped vulture has declined by about 60 percent during 2008 and 2012 in the country while 98 percent in the last two decades. The total population of the white-rumped vulture in suitable habitats across the country shows that the total population has drastically declined from an estimate 1,972 in 2008-2009 to 816 in 2011-2012. IUCN vulture investigator ABM Sarowar Alam (Dipu) said the vultures were disappearing faster than the other SEE PAGE 4 COL 1

DoE fines three factories Tk 15 lakh in Savar

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