

HEAT WAVE MAY CONTINUE

Weather may remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm today.

Severe heat wave is sweeping over Dhaka, Tangail, Faridpur, Rajshahi, Ishwardi, Khulna, Mongla, Jessore and Chuadanga regions with

moderate to mild heat wave sweeping elsewhere, 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 6:24pm and rises tomorrow at 5:28am.

Country's highest temperature 42.4 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday in Jessore and lowest 19.7 degrees in Srimangal.

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

	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage			Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening		Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	40.2	27.8	33	26	Khulna	40.0	24.4	55	35
Chittagong	34.9	25.5	77	71	Barisal	38.5	25.1	57	53
Rajshahi	40.6	23.0	34	30	Sylhet	39.2	23.0	36	33
Rangpur	37.0	21.6	45	37	Cox's Bazar	36.0	26.5	73	79

NEWS IN brief

Bangladesh new member of Unicef executive board

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh was elected as a member of the executive board of the United Nations Children Fund (Unicef) for the next three years through voting at the UN headquarters on Wednesday.

AK Abdul Momen, Bangladesh's Permanent Representative to the UN, said this achievement has been possible because of the development of women and children during Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's government.

Bangladesh is currently active in more than 40 committees of the UN.

Govt establishes juvenile court in every district

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has established a juvenile court in every district of the country to dispose of the cases filed against the juvenile offenders.

The ministry of law issued a gazette notification on April 13 to this effect, a law ministry press release said yesterday.

An additional sessions judge of the district will conduct the court, it added.

PM issues condolence for Korea ferry capsiz victims

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday expressed deep condolence at the loss of lives due to a ferry capsiz off the coast of Korea recently.

In a message to President Park Geun-hye of the Republic of Korea, she wished for the success of the rescue operations and offered her assistance in this regard, according to a foreign ministry press release.

Knit factory fined Tk 40 lakh for polluting Shitalakkhya

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

The Department of Environment (DoE) yesterday fined a knit composite factory Tk 40 lakh at Kanchpur in Sonargaon upazila of Narayanganj for polluting the Shitalakkhya river.

Square Knit Composite Ltd used to discharge untreated waste into the river, said Muhammad Hafizur Rahman, DoE assistant director (enforcement). General Manager of the factory promised to take preventive measures.

3 sub-registrars suspended for irregularities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday suspended three sub-registrars on charges of misconduct and irregularities.

Sabiqunnahar, Subrata Kumar Das and Neyamul Bari, have been serving at Rupganj in Narayanganj, at Magura Sadar and at Satura in Manikganj respectively. Ripan Chandra Mondal, sub-registrar of Palashbari in Gaibandha, has been attached to Gaibandha district registrar office on a charge of violating discipline a law ministry press release said.

Bangladeshi dies in Qatar road crash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A Bangladeshi national, injured in a road accident on April 13, died in Duha, capital of Qatar, on April 21.

Abdul Ahad Parul, 22, son of Abdus Salam in Sadipur village of the district's Kulaura upazila, was hit by a truck on his way to work and rushed to Hamad Hospital.

The process of bringing the body home is underway.



Charge sheet soon

Says home boss

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Charge sheet against the persons responsible for the last year's Rana Plaza collapse will be given soon, said State Minister for Home Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal at a press conference yesterday.

"We have been working to ensure that the charge sheet is accurate. The IGP has assured me that charge sheet can be given very soon," he said, responding to a query as to why the government could not show enough progress even after one year of the

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Govt misusing Rana Plaza fund: BNP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir yesterday accused Sheikh Hasina's government of misusing huge sums of fund raised to rehabilitate the Rana Plaza victims.

He, however, did not say how the fund was misused.

Speaking at a doa mahfil for the victims at party central office in the capital, Fakhru also said the government used the Rana Plaza incident to stop BNP-led alliance's movement against it at that time.

At least 1,135 people, mostly RMG workers, were

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With all her love, Safura Khatun kisses the photo of her daughter Rashida, a Rana Plaza victim, near her grave at Jurain graveyard in the capital yesterday. She kept the photo with her for the last one year, looking for her child who was buried unidentified there before a DNA test confirmed her identity in February and paved the way for her family to know at least where she is laid to rest.

DNA tests create scope for closure

HELEMUL ALAM

Safura Khatun, mother of Rashida Khatun, a seamstress who was killed in the Rana Plaza tragedy last year, finally touched the grave of her beloved daughter yesterday after a whole one year.

She found the news of her child's grave in the capital's Jurain graveyard in February

but could not come from her village home in Meherpur due to financial problems.

"After a long time, I am feeling the touch of my daughter again," Safura said, breaking into sobs at Jurain graveyard where 291 victims were buried unidentified initially.

Through DNA tests later, authorities identified 206 of them, while 85 still remain

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Cops foil workers' march to BGMEA

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday foiled garments workers' attempt to besiege the BGMEA headquarters in the capital's Karwan Bazar, demanding death penalty for Rana Plaza owner Sohel Rana and adequate compensations for the families of the deceased and injured workers.

Meanwhile, different garment workers and social organisations held demonstrations demanding exemplary punishment of the responsible persons, including Sohel, for the Rana Plaza tragedy last year that killed at least 1,135 workers and injured hundreds.

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BBS census of slum dwellers starts today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) will start a census of slum people across the country early today, officials said yesterday.

At a press conference held at the BBS office in the capital, its officials said surveyors would work in all urban areas of the country from 12:00am to 6:00pm today to count the floating population only.

Scheduled to wrap up on May 2, the programme will also collect information about education, healthcare, accommodation, employment and safety of people living in the slums, bus and train stations and launch terminals.

A total of 8,042 persons are involved in the project titled "Bosti Shumari o Bhashoman Lok Gonona 2014".

"The project costing Tk 9.32crore will provide the government with information that are necessary to design and implement

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RECENTLY-HELD UPAZILA POLLS Investigators find no violence, rigging

Says an election commissioner

PANKAJ KARMAKAR

The Election Commission may not be able to take action against violence and irregularities in the recently-held upazila elections as the investigators have said they did not find any proof of such incidents, an election commissioner said yesterday.

"Through media reports and our personal links, we've known there were some irregularities and violence in different upazilas. That is why, we directed district election officers, DCs [deputy commissioners] and SPs [superintendents of police] to probe the incidents. But in their reports, they said such incidents did not occur," he told The Daily Star seeking anonymity.

"If they don't submit report properly, if they don't mention about irregularities or vote rigging, how can we take action?" he asked. Expressing dissatisfaction over investigators, the commission said they might have hid the incidents under the pressure of local Awami League men and MPs.

Elections to 459 upazilas were held in five phases from February 19 to March 31 amid widespread violence, vote rigging and ballot boxes stuffing by ruling AL men.

Following news reports on irregularities and violence, the EC ordered investigation in around 100 upazilas. Over 50 probe reports, received so far, cite no irregularities, said EC officials.

Some upazilas where violence occurred but investigators did not "find" it are Keshabpur of Jessore, Parshuram, Phulgazi of Feni, Kaliakoir of Gazipur, and Subamachar, Hatia of Feni.

Meanwhile, the EC may start updating the voter rolls by June 1. Separately, the EC sent the affidavit of Jatiya Party MP ABM Ruhul Amin Hawlader to the Anti-Corruption Commission, which is probing land grabbing allegations against him in Kuakata, Patuakhali.

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