

RAIN LIKELY

Rain and thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is like to occur at one or two places over Chittagong, Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal and Sylhet divisions with isolated hail at places till 6:00pm today. Weather may remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country, Met Office said.

The severe heat over Rajshahi and Chuadanga regions and moderate to mild heat wave over Dhaka, Khulna and Barisal and the rest part of Rajshahi and Khulna divisions and the regions of Rangamati, Comilla, Chandpur and Feni may continue. Day and night temperatures may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:25pm and rises tomorrow at 5:27am. Country's highest temperature 41.3 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Chuadanga and lowest 22.2 degree Celsius in Sayedpur. 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	38.0	28.0	63	61	Khulna	38.5	27.5	74	56
Chittagong	33.8	27.2	77	77	Barisal	37.5	28.0	74	65
Rajshahi	40.7	26.0	74	44	Sylhet	37.5	23.2	47	57
Rangpur	35.8	23.3	58	62	Cox's Bazar	35.0	27.0	73	77

NEWS IN brief

Govt must raise Teesta issue at international forums: BPL

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Bangladesh Labour Party yesterday demanded that the government raise the Teesta water sharing issue at international forums to ensure the country's due share in the waters of the river. At a protest rally in the capital, Hamdullah AL Mehedi, BLP secretary general, a component in the BNP-led 19-party alliance, said India breached international laws by depriving Bangladesh of its due share of the river water. Mostafizur Rahman Iran, BLP chairman, said the government failed to ensure the due share of the international river due to its "subservient" foreign policy on India. Starting from Bijoy Nagar, the procession paraded different roads. Police snatched their loudspeaker when the procession reached Jatiya Press Club.

Sylhet mayor hospitalised in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet
Sylhet City Corporation Mayor Ariful Haque Chowdhury was admitted to United Hospital in the capital yesterday following a cardiac attack. Earlier on Friday night, he was taken to a hospital in Sylhet city's Nairpur area after he had suffered the cardiac arrest. Presently, the city mayor is under treatment of Prof Mominuzaman, SCC sources said.

Lightning kills two in Gazipur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur
Two people were killed by lightning in Kapsia upazila of Gazipur last night. The deceased were Hiron, 25, son of late Alim Uddin of Charnilakkhi village; and Shahanaj Akter, 25, wife of Md Kajal Mia of Lohadi village in the upazila. During thunderstorm, Hiron was returning home by a bicycle while Shahanaj was doing household chores in the yard, said Kapsia Police Station Officer-in-Charge Ahsan Ullah.

Bus driver dies after being stabbed by snatchers in Ashulia

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar
A local bus driver, who was stabbed on Friday night by unidentified snatchers at Gazirchot of Ashulia, died at Enam Medical College and Hospital in Dhaka early yesterday. Abdul Kuddus, 26, of Chandpur, was stabbed on his way to his relative's house as he denied giving his valuables to the snatchers. A case was filed, said police.

12 caught while going for robbery in Sylhet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet
Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) members arrested 12 alleged robbers while they were on their way to commit robbery at expatriates' houses in Osmaninagar Police Station area early yesterday. On information, Rab caught the gang from near Sherpur toll plaza on Dhaka-Sylhet highway and recovered three light guns, three cartridges of bullets, 13 sharp weapons and two torch lights from their possession, officials said.

Two boats of robbers seized, arms recovered in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
Coastguards recovered four locally made light guns and five cartridges searching two boats left by robbers on the shore of the river Karnaphuli near Marine Academy of the port city early yesterday. On information, coastguard members chased the boats around 1:00am but the robbers managed to escape leaving their boats on the shore.

IUB hosts Microsoft imagine cup

CITY DESK
The grand finale and award presentation of Microsoft Imagine Cup Bangladesh 2014 hosted by Independent University, Bangladesh was held yesterday on its Bashundhara campus in the capital, says a press release. Zunaid Ahmed Palak, state minister for telecoms and information technology, attended the programme as chief guest while Said Zahedani, general manager of Microsoft Asia Pacific, as special guest.



WELCOME RAIN

Light rain in Dhaka city last evening, much to the relief of the people baking in high temperatures for the past two weeks, which witnessed the hottest day in 54 years on Thursday with the mercury hitting 40.7 degrees Celsius. The photo was taken in Baitul Mukarram area.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

UNILATERAL WATER WITHDRAWAL BY INDIA FROM COMMON RIVERS Bangladesh loses Tk 135b in agriculture a year

Says former UN water expert

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Bangladesh suffers an estimated annual loss of Tk 135 billion in agriculture alone due to India's unilateral water withdrawal from 54 common rivers in the upstream, a former UN water expert told a discussion in the capital yesterday. "Two-thirds of Bangladesh, an alluvial land, will turn into desert in the next three decades unless India's unilateral water withdrawal from the trans-boundary rivers is stopped," Dr SI Khan said. A platform of engineers and architects, Progotishil Prokoushali O Sthapati Forum, organised the discussion at Dhaka Reporters Unity. The Teesta barrage project at Dalia in Lalmonirhat to irrigate over seven hundred

thousand hectares of agricultural land in greater Rangpur, Dinajpur and Bogra now remains useless during dry season (February-May), as India has already withdrawn water, he said. Bangladesh needs at least 25,000 cusecs of water flowing in the Teesta in dry season for agriculture and environment but now gets only a maximum of 800 cusecs due to Indian withdrawal, he said. It will not only ruin Bangladesh's traditional agriculture, fisheries, underground aquifer, river ecology, biodiversity and navigable channels but also increase costs of agricultural production with groundwater from Tk 450 to a staggering Tk 6,000 per acre, said Khan. The expert stressed that the quantity of

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Count every death in Pak barbarians' hands

Visiting French philosopher Levy urges Bangladesh on 1971 genocide



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

One of the most influential living philosophers of the world, Bertrand-Henri Levy, yesterday made an emotional explanation of why he as a young, naïve man volunteered to cover the war of independence of Bangladesh in 1971 as a journalist and said the country still has a huge "battle of memory" to fight by counting every person who died in the barbarity of Pakistan. "I am so struck by the figure of genocide in Bangladesh, and no-one knows how many fell victim to Pakistani barbarians," Levy said in a lecture on "Philosophy and commitment: For a philosophy of action." "Such a situation is not good for the next generation. It is an unbearable situation that the dead are not named. It is difficult to build a country if there is a hole in memory." "I propose the international community, and it is their duty,

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Sher-e-Bangla's anniversary of death today

UNB, Dhaka

The 52nd death anniversary of Sher-e-Bangla AK Fazlul Haque will be observed today with due respect. On the occasion, various socio-political organisations, including Awami League, BNP and Dhaka University, have chalked out elaborate programmes.

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DHAKA TODAY

Training
MRDI will start a two-day training on "Election campaign financing" for journalists; Venue: AS Mahmud Seminar Hall, The Daily Star Centre; Time: 10:00am.

Discussion
The Health Network of Bangladesh will hold a discussion on "The budget of health sector (2014)"; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 3:00pm.