

HEAT WAVE MAY CONTINUE



WEATHER TODAY

Unb, Dhaka

Rain and thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at one or two places over Rangpur, Rajshahi, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions and the regions of Jessore, Kushtia, Comilla with isolated hails at places till 6:00pm today. Weather may remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy elsewhere over the country, Met Office said.	Severe heat wave is sweeping over the regions of Rajshahi and Kushtia and moderate to mild heat wave is sweeping over Dhaka, Sylhet and Barisal divisions and the rest part of Khulna division and the region of Pabna, Rangamati, Comilla, Chandpur, Majidde Court, Feni and Cox's Bazar and it may continue.		Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged and night temperature may fall slightly over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:26pm and rises tomorrow at 5:26am. Highest and lowest temperature 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	37.50	25.5	63	56	Khulna	39.3	27.5	70	54
					Chittagong	33.7	26.7	68	74	Barisal	38.0	27.5	65	56
					Rajshahi	40.8	26.4	74	66	Sylhet	36.8	22.8	57	55
					Rangpur	35.0	24.0	60	62	Cox's Bazar	37.5	26.8	68	73

NEWSIN

brief

Businessman killed over land dispute in Savar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

A land businessman was killed and another was shot over a land dispute by masked miscreants in Konda bazar area of Nagarkonda in the capital's Savar Saturday night.

Rahim Badsha, 35, a resident of the capital's Mirpur, died on the spot and the injured, Benayet Ullah, 40, was rushed to Enam Medical College and Hospital.

Police arrested Enayetur Rahman, 35, in this connection. A case was filed.

Anwar, Nurul Sramik Dal president, GS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Anwar Hossain and Nurul Islam have been made president and general secretary in the new committee of pro-BNP Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal.

The two replaced BNP standing committee member Nazrul Islam Khan and former party lawmaker Jafrul Islam Chowdhury respectively, said a press release signed by BNP Vice Chairman Abdullah Al Noman last night.

Earlier on April 20, a two-day central council of Sramik Dal ended.

RMG worker dies from electrocution

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A garment worker of Benchmark Apparels Limited in Azimpara area died from electrocution in Chittagong city yesterday morning.

Jamal Uddin, 30, from Ramgati upazila of Laxmipur, was electrocuted while trying to put a plug in the socket in the factory.

Fire breaks out at Krishi Bhaban in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT


A fire broke out at the Krishi Bhaban in the capital's Motijheel yesterday.

The fire presumable started from an electric short circuit on the seventh floor of the 11-storey building and soon spread to the other floors, said fire service officials.

Eight firefighting units doused the blaze within half an hour. A room on the seventh floor was mostly damaged.

Obituary

CITY DESK



Group captain Mohsin Ali (ret'd), father of National University Pro-VC Prof Manaj Ahmmed Noor, died of an incurable disease at CMH early yesterday. He was 70.


He left behind three sons and one daughter.

National University VC Prof Harun-or-Rashid, teachers and employees expressed deep shock at the death and prayed for the departed soul.

His namaz-e-janaza will be held after Asr prayers

Death anniversary

CITY DESK



Today is the first death anniversary of Reza Ali, eldest son of Dr Nawab Ali.

During his career as a civil engineer, he had worked with Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation and EPC, Bangladesh.

A lifetime member and former general secretary of Azad Sporting Club, Reza Ali is remembered for his invaluable contributions to the development of sports.

DHAKA TODAY

Human chain

Bangladesh Labour Welfare Foundation will form a human chain demanding health security; Venue: Hazaribagh Tannery intersection; Time: 11:00am.

Meeting

Asian Journalist Human Rights and Cultural Foundation will arrange a

meeting on the prospect of tourist industry; Venue: Central Public Library; Time: 10:30am.

Discussion

Nouka Samarthak Goshthi will hold a discussion on the current politics; Venue: The Institute of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh; Time: 11:00am.



The one-kilometre road in the Naval Academy area by the scenic confluence of the Karnaphuli river and the Bay of Bengal is increasingly cluttered by illegal billboards in Chittagong city, blocking the view for the hundreds that visit the place on a daily basis in search of beauty in this poor country, including many foreign tourists. The situation has been worsening for years. Recently the Chittagong Port Authority reportedly requested the Chittagong City Corporation to take these eyesores down, but to no avail so far.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS

Lack of services pushes poor to private sector

Roundtable told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With government hospitals failing to provide services, patients from the lower income bracket become ultra poor due to high cost of medical treatment in private hospitals, said speakers at a roundtable yesterday.

Despite suffering from acute shortage of resources, government hospitals only utilise a little more than half of their annual budget, forcing patients to seek treatment in the private sector, they added.

The roundtable "Discussion on the Budget of Health Sector 2014" organised by the Health Network of Bangladesh was held at Jatiya Press Club in the capital.

They further said that government hospitals in rural areas receive their budget near the end of the fiscal year due to bureaucratic tangles and thus do not have much time to spend the money.

As a result, a significant portion of the health budget remains unused every year, while 64 percent of the total healthcare cost comes from people's pockets. The government, donors and NGOs cover the rest.

Presenting the keynote paper, public health expert

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Women for Women celebrates 4 decades

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Women for Women (WFW), a research and study group, celebrated its four decades by sharing experiences and knowledge on gender-related issues at a programme in the capital.

The daylong programme held at Cirdap auditorium was divided into three sessions. Three keynote papers were readout.

Dr Rounaq Jahan, a founder member of WFW, in her keynote titled "Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: Achievements and Challenges", said though the rate of girls' enrolment outnumber those of boys at

GOVT LEGAL AID SERVICES

Programme to help reduce case backlog

Says law minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law Minister Anisul Huq yesterday said the government's legal aid service programme would help reduce the existing backlog of pending cases.

More than 24 lakh cases are now pending with the lower courts across the country, he said, adding that a person, who earned below Tk 50,000 a year, was entitled to free legal assistance of the government.

Anisul was addressing a press conference organised by his ministry at Jatiya Press Club yesterday marking National Legal Aid Day-2014 for today.

He said the government had been making the people aware of the free legal aid by using the print and electronic media.

Syed Aminul Islam, director of National Legal Aid Services Organisation, said a total of 76,365 poor people had been provided with the free legal aid so far since 2009.

Earlier in the day, Anisul at a function of assistant judges at Judicial Administration Training Institute urged the judges to be careful so that anybody was not victim of injustice.



Artist Hamiduzzaman Khan explains his own work to visitors at a watercolour painting exhibition at Galleri Kaya in the capital's Uttara. The 12-day exhibition, titled "Water Rhymes-2", featuring works of 10 artists was inaugurated on Saturday.

PHOTO: GALLERI KAYA

Case filed, probe body formed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Bangladesh Railway filed a case Saturday night accusing four named and six to seven unnamed people in connection with felling of trees on railway land.

The accused were Sultan, 45, of Pirojpur; Md Sabuj, 20, of Laxmipur; and Arman and Sohel, two locals, said Lokman Hossain, sub-inspector (SI) of Khulshi Police Station.

Of the accused, Sultan and Sabuj, who were caught red-handed by a railway team while cutting the trees at Pahartoli area Saturday evening, were shown arrested, the SI said.

In the primary investigation conducted by the railway team, both the arrestees acknowledged that Arman and Sohel had instructed them to cut down the trees, said Tarun Kanti Bala, divisional engineer-2 of BR (east zone).

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SEXUALLY ABUSING STUDENT

Sust students on 2-day strike for sacking of accused teacher

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Agitating students enforced a 48-hour strike at Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (Sust) yesterday demanding termination of a teacher over sexual harassment allegations against him.

Demonstrating students locked the main gate of the university and boycotted all academic activities demanding termination of Assistant Professor Nasir Uddin of public administration department.

The students, under the banner "Jouno Nirjaton Birodhi Shabi Shikhartririnda", have been agitating since Thursday.

Niloy Chandra Das, an assistant proctor, said the

AMASSING WEALTH ILLEGALLY

ACC to submit charge sheet against retired DCC official

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) will soon submit charge sheet against a former additional engineer of Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) for amassing wealth through illegal means and concealing wealth information from the commission.

The approval for submitting charge sheet came yesterday, said ACC Deputy Director (Public Relations) Pranab Kumar Bhattacharya.

The retired DCC official, Khondaker Sujat, amassed Tk 27,78,683 beyond his known sources of income and hid information about Tk 43,87,403 in his wealth statements submitted to the commission, said the ACC deputy director.

On November 3, 2008 ACC had filed the case.

Woman stabbed by 'ex-boyfriend'

RU CORRESPONDENT

A student of Rajshahi University was stabbed allegedly by her ex-boyfriend before Kajla gate on the campus yesterday.

Condition of Israt Jahan Sigma, a fourth year student of accounting and information department, is critical, said doctors at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.

Mantajul Islam alias Imu, son of Md Golam Mostafa, a local resident of Talaimari area, along with another youth stabbed Sigma with a knife in the back before fleeing, said Asmat Ara Sathi who was on the spot with her classmate, Sigma.

A few days ago, Sigma broke up with Imu, Sathi added. Police is trying to arrest Imu.

Bangladeshi dies of Mers in S Arabia

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Bangladeshi woman died of the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (Mers), a viral respiratory illness caused by a coronavirus, on Saturday in the western city of Jeddah in Saudi Arabia, confirmed Bangladesh embassy yesterday.

Mentioning this case as the first for any Bangladeshi, ambassador Shahidul Islam at Bangladesh embassy in Saudi Arabia, however, told The Daily Star over the phone that they were not informed about the details of the 40-year-old woman.

The Saudi health ministry announced seven new deaths, including death of the Bangladeshi, from Mers, raising the country's death toll to 94, reported Arab News yesterday.

"We have started a campaign among our people to be aware of the virus in the mostly affected areas, including Riyadh, Jeddah, and Eastern province," said the Bangladesh envoy.

He claimed that there is no worry of spreading the virus through its returnee migrants.

The Saudi government has taken the issue seriously to contain the threat of the killer disease, said Shahidul.

'Factory staff' attack RMG workers

Eight hurt in Savar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Some staff of a garment factory allegedly attacked its workers who were demonstrating at their workplace at Savar's Mushurikhola in Dhaka yesterday for their due salaries, injuring eight of the demonstrators.

The authorities of Dastagir Apparels (Pvt) Ltd are yet to pay the salaries of March to its workers, said Md Mostafizur Rahman, director of Ashulia Industrial Police.

The injured were given first aid at Hemayetpur

Road crashes kill six

CITY DESK

Six people were killed and 10 others injured in road accidents in the country yesterday and Saturday.

Our Chapainawabganj correspondent reports, a labourer was killed and 10 others were injured when a human hauler carrying them overturned at Fulkuri in Nachole upazila yesterday. The deceased was Mojibur Rahman, 50, of Chapainawabganj Sadar upazila. The injured took first aid at Nachole Upazila Health Complex.

Our Kurigram correspondent adds, a schoolgirl died when a pick-up van hit her from behind while she was crossing a road in Chaina Bazar of Rajarhat upazila yesterday.

Victim, Nasima Banu, 7, daughter of Noor Mohammad of Lalmonirhat, was a class-I student of Kachari Para Government Primary School. Police arrested the van driver, Shah Alom.

Our Rangpur correspondent adds, two truck drivers were killed when their vehicles collided head-on on Rangpur-Dhaka highway at Khejmatpur in Pirganj upazila yesterday.


The dead were Aminul Islam, 35, and Saiful Islam, 30, both of Gaibandha.

Our Chittagong correspondent adds, two youths were killed when a truck hit their motorbike on Dhaka-Chittagong highway in Sultana Manjil area in Sitakunda upazila on Saturday night.

The victims were Roni, 22, of Mirsarai upazila, and Saddam, 25, of Feni district.

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