

RAIN LIKELY



Rain and thundershowsers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at one or two places over Rajshai, Rangpur, Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions till 6:00pm today.

Mild to moderate heat wave is sweeping over Khulna division and the regions of Faridpur, Madaripur,

Rangamati, Maijdee Court, Kutubdia, Rajshahi, Ishwardi, Patuakhali and Khepupara and it may abate.

Day and night temperature may fall by 1-3 degree Celsius over the country, Met Office said.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:26pm and rises tomorrow at 5:25am.

Country's highest temperature 39.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rajshahi and lowest 18.9 degrees in Sylhet.

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	35.0	22.5	78	57	Khulna	36.5	28.0	69
Chittagong	33.2	23.1	60	73	Barisal	35.7	25.4	57
Rajshahi	39.0	24.6	66	45	Sylhet	33.7	18.9	69
Rangpur	31.5	21.2	79	69	Cox's Bazar	34.5	25.2	64

COMMON RIVERS

Dhaka requests Saarc to pursue just sharing

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka has urged Saarc secretary general to pursue regional cooperation on the issue of common rivers, since Bangladesh suffers badly for insufficient water during dry season.

The call was made by State Minister for Foreign Affairs M Shahrir Alam when Arjun Bahadur Thapa, the newly appointed secretary general of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (Saarc), called on him on Sunday.

The state minister also insisted on regional cooperation in the hydropower sector among Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Bhutan, according to a foreign ministry press release yesterday.

In response, Thapa assured him of his best efforts to pursue the issues during his tenure.

They also discussed on various sectors of regional cooperation which include poverty alleviation, trade, hydropower, connectivity and climate change.

The state minister congratulated Thapa on his assumption of office as new secretary general, and assured him of Bangladesh government's fullest support during his tenure.

Thapa thanked Bangladesh government for supporting him during his appointment procedure and recalled with satisfaction the contributions of Bangladesh to the Saarc process as one of its founding members.

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NEWS IN brief

NDC team visits BRRI

CITY DESK

An 80-member team of National Defence Course headed by Air Vice Marshal Sanaul Huq from Mirpur Cantonment, Dhaka visited Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BRRI) in Gazipur yesterday, said a press release.

High military and civil officials from 12 countries -- Bangladesh, India, China, Egypt, Tanzania, Jordan, Kuwait, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Jordan, KSA, Pakistan, UK and Nigeria -- took part.

Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad celebrates 34th anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 34th anniversary celebration of Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad (BUP) was held at Dhaka University Senate Bhaban yesterday, says a press release.

BUP, a private research organisation, was formed in 1980 to assist policy formulation through research.

Finance minister AMA Muhith, BUP chairman MA Jalil, founder chairman Khoiuzzaman Ahmad and former Jahangirnagar University vice chancellor Qazi Saleh Ahmed were present at the programme.

3 directors of Regency hotel

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cases filed by the owner, Kabir Reza.

Kabir had filed one of the cases with the police station on Saturday, while the other one was filed with a Dhaka court.

Meanwhile, on behalf of the directors, their media representative, Mousumi Nargis Lucky, at a press conference at Dhaka Reporters' Unity yesterday said 120 non-resident Bangladeshis invested around Tk 50 crore through three people, including Kabir Reza, in building the hotel.

But the trio did not register the hotel in the investors' names thus depriving them from being shareholders. The trio also did not give the investors their due interest, she claimed.

Lucky further said Kabir filed the case to harass the investors. She demanded immediate release of the arrested.

Kabir could not be reached for comments.



From left, Hasan Abidur Reza Jewel, Rumana Malik Munmun, Russell T Ahmed, and Junaed Rabbani during a meet-the-press at the capital's The Daily Star Centre yesterday where the organisers announced the start of the television round of The Daily Star Spelling Bee's third season.



Hundreds of locals block Dhaka-Chittagong road and burn tyres in Siddhirganj of Narayanganj city yesterday, protesting against the abduction of a city councillor, Nazrul Islam, and four of his associates the previous day.

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German team doubts public support for govt's 5-year tenure
Calls for dialogue between major political forces

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

A visiting German parliamentary delegation yesterday called for substantial dialogue between major political forces in Bangladesh and said the current parliament might not enjoy the acceptance by the people for going the full five years of its tenure.

The message was conveyed by a visiting seven-member delegation of the German Parliamentary Committee on Economic Cooperation and Development when they called on Speaker Shirin Sharmin Choudhury at her office.

The delegation head, Dagmar Woerhl, apprised Chowdhury of the Bundestag's (German Parliament's) concerns about whether the current parliament could complete its tenure while speaking.

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Draft metro rail act approved by cabinet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The cabinet yesterday approved the draft Metro Rail Act-2014 in order to constitute a company for the operation and management of the metro rail in the capital, keeping special provisions for land acquisition.

The name of the company would be "Dhaka Mass Transit Company Ltd (MTCL)", Cabinet Secretary M Musharraf Hossain Bhuiyan told reporters after the cabinet meeting at the Bangladesh Secretariat.

Under the act, Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) Line-6 route will be constructed from Uttara to Bangladesh Bank via Pallabi, Farmgate and Shahbagh. It will

METRO RAIL UTTARA-MOTIJHEEL

Tender this Dec

Project worth \$2.7b

Completion by 2019

Runs 20km

Carries 6,000/hr

Japan gives \$2.1b

Delay costs \$1b

Insurance for passengers

cover 16 stations on its route.

Dhaka Transport Coordination Authority will be tasked with supervising the DMTC, he said. Six districts--Dhaka, Gazipur, Munshiganj, Narsingdi, Manikganj and Narayanganj--would come under the purview of the law.

The draft kept provisions for constructing and operating the metro rail under PPP basis, Musharraf said.

Anyone attempting to set up the line without licence from the authorities would be awarded a 10-year jail sentence and fined Tk 1 crore, while anyone trying to halt the route illegally will face one year's jail and Tk 5

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Treat migrants as human beings

Prime minister urges global community while inaugurating meet on migration

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday strongly advocated ensuring the dignity and well-being of migrant people and treating them as human beings, not the elements of economic activity or production.

"They must enjoy all the rights as every other person," she said while inaugurating the "Global Expert Meeting on Migration in the Post-2015 Development Agenda", organised by Bangladesh and Switzerland, at a hotel in the capital.

The prime minister said migration and migrant workers must be portrayed positively in both the origin and destination countries.

She said technological advancement, production management and demand for basic services were rising, and these were shaping the global human mobility patterns. "So, the rights of migrants should be central in all discussions and dialogues, and it is the growing need for social protection for migrants and members of their families," Hasina said.

She said in Bangladesh, providing employment

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Ctg court issues arrest warrant against Mufti Izharul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chittagong court yesterday issued an arrest warrant against Hefajat-e Islam Nayeb-e Ameer Mufti Izharul Islam Chowdhury in a case filed by Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) over not submitting his wealth statement.

The order was passed as Mufti Izharul was not present before the court during cognisance hearing on charge sheet of the case, said M a h m u d u l H a q u e Mahmud, public prosecutor of ACC.

On September 17, 2013, ACC Deputy Assistant Director Md Sirajul Haque

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FRAUDULENCE ALLEGATIONS
Mir Quasem's two sons face SC inquiry

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the Supreme Court registrar to inquire into allegations of fraudulence against the two sons of war crimes accused Mir Quasem Ali in 10 days and ordered action against them on the basis of the probe findings.

Attorney General Mahbubey Alam told The Daily Star that Quasem's son Mohammad Bin Quasem alias Salman, a fugitive accused in a fraud case, had said he was on bail in a petition filed on April 24 with the HC challenging the proceedings against him, though a Dhaka court cancelled his bail the day before and ordered his arrest in that case.

On the other hand, Ahmed Bin Quasem submitted the petition as a filing lawyer for his brother Mohammad, he said. As a fugitive, Mohammad cannot submit such a petition, while Ahmed as a lawyer also committed fraud with the HC by filing the petition on behalf of a fugitive, he added.

The bench of Justice Naima Haider and Justice Zafar Ahmed gave the directives after the attorney general drew the court's attention about the fraud.

Ahmed told The Daily Star that he did not know anything about the order but said the attorney general could not make any comments about it talking to a reporter.

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Mr. Iftekharul Islam, Vice Chairman of Uttara Bank Limited inaugurated the new premises of Banija Branch, Uttara and Dilkusha Branch, Dilkusha, Dhaka recently. Managing Director & CEO Mr. Shaikh Abdul Aziz was also present.

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