

DRY WEATHER
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TODAY

Unb, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at few places over Chittagong and Sylhet and at one or two places over Dhaka, Barisal and Khulna divisions with moderately heavy falls at places till 6:00pm today.

Weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country, Met Office said.

Mild to moderate heat wave is sweeping over Rangpur, Khulna and Rajshahi divisions and the regions of Madaripur, Feni and Patuakhali and it may continue.

Day temperature may rise slightly over northern part and may remain nearly unchanged elsewhere over the country and night temperature may fall slightly over the country.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:32pm and rises tomorrow at 5:18am.

Country's highest temperature 39.8 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Sayedpur and lowest 22.0 degree Celsius in Sylhet.

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 35.6	28.6	80	51	Khulna 37.8	28.3	75	53
Chittagong 32.3	28.5	82	77	Barisal 36.2	28.4	85	61
Rajshahi 35.3	27.6	51	57	Sylhet 31.1	22.0	82	73
Rangpur 37.8	25.0	62	55	Cox's Bazar 34.3	29.2	74	77



Clockwise from left, charred remains of furniture in a room at the Centre for Specialised Care and Research (CSCR) Hospital in Golpahar area of Chittagong city after a fire swept through its ninth floor yesterday. Fire fighters trying to douse the smouldering fire after the blaze was put out. A panic-stricken patient being evacuated.

PHOTO: STAR



Ctg hospital fire prompts patient evacuation

Medical services halted till today; 2 probe committees formed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

About an hour-long fire yesterday spread panic among patients and their relatives at a multi-storey private hospital in Golpahar area of Chittagong city.

None was injured in the incident, as all patients were immediately transferred to adjacent hospitals after the fire broke out at the Centre for Specialised Care and Research (CSCR) Hospital.

The fire originated from the hospital's conference room situated on the ninth floor around 8:00am and soon spread to the accounts section, server room and other office rooms on the same floor, staff said.

The ninth floor also housed three units -- Dialysis, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, and Labour -- which escaped the fire. The hospital accommodated around 70 patients.

On information, fire fighters from Chandanpura, Agrabad and Nandankanon fire stations rushed to the spot and doused the fire around 9:00am.

Jasim Uddin, deputy assistant director of Agrabad Fire Service and Civil Defence Headquarters, said the fire might have originated from an electric short circuit. He estimated the loss at Tk 11 lakh.

Fire service headquarters in Chittagong formed a three-member probe committee, led by its Deputy Director Md Yahiya, to investigate the reason behind the fire.

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N'GANJ 7-MURDER

Public reps of Chandpur-2 come to Maya's defence

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A day after Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya denied any involvement of his family members in the Narayanganj seven-murder, a section of public representatives of his constituency in Chandpur yesterday came to his defence.

At a press conference at Dhaka Reporters Unity in the capital under the banner of Representatives of Chandpur District, they claimed that the allegation against the family members

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Cook-off starts

OSAMA RAHMAN from Sylhet

Bangladesh's one of the biggest culinary competitions, Rupchanda-Star Lifestyle Super Chef 2014, which has promised to present something different to its viewers, kicked off in Sylhet yesterday.

Over 200 participants took part in the first round held at Pallabi Community Centre in the city's Subid Bazar area where male participants were as enthusiastic as the female ones.

Popular author and TV personality Shawkat Osman and culinary expert Shaheda Yeasmin along with local judges Jyoti Bhattacharjee and Zakiya Sultana, both teachers with long experience in culinary arts, judged a variety of dishes.

A range of savoury dishes using shatkora, a vegetable commonly used in cooking in the region, was presented with different touches of garnishing and twists of flavours.

Masud, who participated with a rainbow custard cake, Shahi Parathas and shatkora kebabs, said, "I never participated in a

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CONFINEMENT OF TRADER

DU decides to suspend four BCL men

DU CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaka University authorities decided to suspend three Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) leaders and an activist yesterday, a day after police rescued a trader from a university dormitory where the victim was held hostage by the four for about 15 hours.

The decision will be finalised after the arrival of the vice chancellor who is currently on a visit abroad, said Acting Proctor Prof Anzad Ali.

Meanwhile, BCL has suspended the four without

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MAINTENANCE OF GULSHAN-BANANI-BARIDHARA LAKE

Pompous parade without any work

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Half a dozen government organisations yesterday staged a grandiose parade in the capital campaigning for the conservation of the Gulshan-Banani-Baridhara Lake against encroachment and pollution, leaving some practical tasks still unimplemented.

The Department of Environment organised the march from Gulshan 2 roundabout to Baridhara lake with participation from Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha (Rajuk), Dhaka North City Corporation, Dhaka Wasa, Dhaka district administration, metropolitan police, and local community associations.

The campaigners later embarked on a symbolic cleaning drive at Baridhara Lake, which is relatively in a much better condition in terms of pollution and encroachment compared to Gulshan and Banani stretches of the water body.

Practical actions and implementation of some proposed development schemes, not public parades, are what needed to protect the water bodies, said ATM Shamsul Huda, former

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Govt running country like Hitler, Mussolini

Says Ershad

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad yesterday lambasted Sheikh Hasina government, saying there was no democracy in the country now as the present government was running the country like Hitler and Mussolini.

"People are being killed every day; dead bodies are floating in rivers. But the government is blaming others behind such killings," Ershad, also special envoy to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, said at a meeting in the city.

Jatiya Jubo Sanghati organised the meeting at the Institute of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh auditorium.

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Discussion

Bangladesh Projanmo Sangsad will hold a discussion on implementation of the spirit of Liberation War; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 10:30am.

Meeting

Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote will arrange a meeting on the current politics; Venue: 8/4A, Topkhana Road; Time: 11:30am.



A participant answers the question of culinary expert Shaheda Yeasmin, one of the judges of Rupchanda-Star Lifestyle Super Chef 2014, during the first audition of the countrywide search for a Super Chef in Sylhet yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Unite against politics based on religion

Civil society members, academics urge nation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Some civil society members and academicians yesterday called upon all pro-liberation and progressive forces to join hands for resisting communalism and religion-based politics in Bangladesh, the rise of which, according to them, will be a national crisis.

The state, political parties, and civil society are not playing due roles for preventing communalism and fundamentalism,

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Suranjit for AL's self-purification

STAR REPORT

Awami League adviser Suranjit Sengupta yesterday stressed the "self-purification" of his party activists instead of blaming the BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami for all the misdeeds.

"Didn't you see what happened in Narayanganj?...It's not possible to shut the people up," he told the publication ceremony of a book at Dhaka University's senate building.

Suranjit said secularism was reinstated in the constitution but it was not in force. Communalism is prevailing at all levels of society, and there is no step to stop it, he added.

Suranjit regretted the fact that in 1951, minorities constituted 21 percent of the country's population but now it was only nine percent, reports BSS.

The Hindu-Buddhist-Christian Oikya Parishad published the book, "Atrocities on Minorities in Bangladesh", that portrays repression of minorities

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A worker at an automobile spare parts shop removing tint paper from a rear door glass of a car at Bangla Motor in the capital yesterday. Car owners were thronging such shops on the last day to comply with a government decision making it mandatory to keep all glasses of vehicles transparent again. The directive aimed at preventing abductions came following the kidnap and murder of seven people in Narayanganj recently.

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