

RAIN LIKELY



Unb, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at a few places over Sylhet and Chittagong divisions and at one or two places over Rangpur, Rajshahi, Dhaka, Khulna and Barisal divisions till 6:00pm today.
Severe heat wave is sweeping over the regions of Jessore, Kushtia, Rajshahi, Pabna and Sayedpur and

moderate to mild heat wave is sweeping over rest part of Khulna, Rajshahi and Rangpur divisions and the regions of Dhaka, Tangail, Faridpur, Chandpur, Majdee Court and Patuakhali and it may continue.
Day and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said.
The sun sets in the capital today at 6:33pm and

rises tomorrow at 5:16am.

Country's highest temperature 41.7 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Chuadanga and Ishwardi and lowest 21.7 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	37.4	28.3	71	63	Khulna	38.5	28.5	70	62
Chittagong	32.2	27.5	82	81	Barisal	35.5	28.0	75	75
Rajshahi	40.6	27.4	76	52	Sylhet	30.9	21.7	94	75
Rangpur	36.4	24.8	86	68	Cox's Bazar	34.5	28.0	77	82



Clockwise from left, a number of children are bathing in Crescent Lake of Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban in the capital yesterday. Close by, a boy washes his clothes, dirtying the water. All this was going on while a signboard stands there, clearly prohibiting bathing, washing clothes, and fishing in the water-body. This indicates a failure of the overseeing authority.



PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

NEWS IN brief

Man dies as television set explodes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A clothes supplier was burnt to death and two clothing vendors were injured in a fire which originated from an explosion of a television in the capital's Pallabi early yesterday.

Arefin Arif, 28, died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital. The injured, Mona, 30, and Minara, 35, are undergoing treatment at the hospital.

The television at Arif's house suddenly exploded when Mona and Minara went there to collect clothes around 7:30pm, said Pallabi police. However, they could not immediately ascertain the reason behind the explosion.

Doctor dies falling from rooftop

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A doctor fell to her death from the rooftop of a six-storey building on New Bailey Road in the capital yesterday.

The deceased, Tania Rashid, 35, worked as a sonologist at Dhanmondi's Popular Diagnostic Centre and also at Medinova Medical Services Ltd.

Tania, who lived on the third floor, might have slipped and fell off the rooftop when she went there to collect dry clothes, said Sub-Inspector Shafiqul Alam of Ramna Police Station.

Youth drowns in river in Magura

BSS, Magura

A youth drowned in the river Nabaganga near Magura town yesterday.

The deceased was Abdullah, 18, son of Golam Rabbani of the same area.

Locals said the youth drowned in the river while he was taking bath in it at noon.

He was rushed to Magura Sadar Hospital, where the on-duty doctors declared him dead.

Woman's body found in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police recovered the body of a housewife from a pond near her house in New Mooring area of Chittagong city early yesterday.

Yasmin Akter, 25, hailing from city's Choto Pool area, got married to truck driver Didarul Alam of the area five months ago.

Didarul was not home when police reached there. The body bore no injury marks, said police.

Education programme for visually impaired students launched in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A six-month education programme titled, "Srot Blind Children Education Assistance," was launched at Shilpakala Academy in Chittagong yesterday.

Srot, a voluntary organisation, initiated it to educate 30 visually impaired students with education materials.

Poet Abul Momen, Ragib Hasan, an assistant professor of University of Alabama in the USA and Abdus Smad, head of Government Visually Challenged School in Chittagong, were present among others.

Jamaat chief of Ctg city, 20 others sent to jail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chittagong court yesterday sent to jail 21 leaders and activists of Jamaat-e-Islami, including its Chittagong city unit ameer ANM Shamsul Islam and secretary general Nazrul Islam, after rejecting their bail in a case over plotting subversive activities.

Chittagong Metropolitan Magistrate Court Judge Rahmat Ali gave the order after police produced them before the court seeking a seven-day remand for each, said Rezaul Masud, additional deputy commissioner (prosecution) of Chittagong Metropolitan Police.

The court also fixed Sunday for hearing the remand prayer, he added.

On Monday, police arrested the accused and

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9 DUET Shibir men sent to jail

Provost claims he handed them over to police to save them from BCL beating; cops bring charges of planning subversive acts; BCL claims they were debating PM's religiosity

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Nine activists of Islami Chhatra Shibir Dhaka University of Engineering & Technology (DUET) unit were sent to jail yesterday on charges of plotting subversive activities in the Kazi Nazrul Islam Hall.

The detainees are Abdullah Al Mamun, president of Shibir DUET unit, and activists Saidur Rahman, Shahinur Rahman, Alamin Hawlader, Mijanur Rahman, Abdullah Al Mamun, Iqbal Hossain, Raju Ahmed, and Mahmudul Hasan, director of local Optimum Coaching Centre. Provost of the dormitory, Kamruzzaman, said some 13 Shibir activists along with their former leaders and some outsiders were holding a meeting in room no -1009 when a BCL group attacked them with sticks on Monday night. Within a short while, the provost reached the spot and locked the Shibir activists in a guest room to "rescue them from the BCL attack".

Then, he handed the Shibir activists to police "to ensure their safety".

Later, the BCL activists torched mattresses and laptops which were in the room, he added.

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BUDDHA PURNIMA President for communal harmony

UNB, Dhaka

President Abdul Hamid yesterday called for consolidating the country's communal harmony to promote peace and prosperity.

"Bangladesh is a country of communal harmony. I expect that the country's people irrespective of religions and opinions will play proper roles in national development by maintaining the tradition of communal harmony," he said.

The president's remarks came at a reception he hosted for the members of Buddhist Community at Bangabhaban to mark Buddha Purnima, the biggest religious festival of the community.

The president said Gautam Buddha had disseminated ideals of equality and friendship for establishing a peaceful world.

Qatar keen to invest in energy sector

Wants to hire more Bangladeshis

UNB, Dhaka

Qatar, one of the richest Gulf States, has expressed interest to invest in Bangladesh's energy sector and to build a liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal.

Qatar Prime Minister Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al Thani conveyed it to Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed during a meeting on Monday night on the sidelines of a three-day Doha Forum being held at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Doha from the day.

The premier also assured the Bangladesh commerce minister of hiring more Bangladeshis as Qatar will require a huge workforce for developing infrastructure ahead of the World Cup 2022, said a media release of the commerce ministry yesterday.

Tofail briefed the Qatar prime minister about the investment climate and prevailing facilities and laid emphasis on recruiting more workers from Bangladesh.

"An investment-friendly environment is prevailing in Bangladesh right now," said Tofail seeking fresh Qatar investment in Bangladesh.

The commerce minister handed over an invitation to the Qatari premier on behalf of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for visiting Bangladesh.

The Qatari PM appreciated his Bangladesh counterpart's development initiatives and invited her to visit Qatar.

Bangladesh Ambassador to Qatar Syed Masud Mahmud was also present.

The commerce minister is scheduled to return home on Thursday.

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UNIQUE VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE 20 trainees get sick eating its food

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

At least 20 trainees of a vocational training centre at Ghoshbag of Ashulia were hospitalised for food poisoning after eating lunch and dinner provided by the centre on Monday.

They were admitted to the Centre for Woman and Child Health Care. One of the ill trainees, Sohag Dhali, of Munshiganj, died at the hospital. The other trainees claimed he died due to food poisoning, but hospital sources said Dhali died of a heart attack.

The remaining trainees were released from the hospital after they were given treatment.

Police said after having lunch provided by Unique Vocational Training Centre, the trainees began feeling sick. Afterwards they had dinner at the centre and their condition worsened.

Police said no case was filed. The training centre authorities could not be reached for comments.

DU Kuwait Moitri Hall alumni reunion on May 23

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The reunion of former resident students of Bangladesh-Kuwait Moitri Hall of Dhaka University will be held on May 23.

The registration deadline is May 15. For more details contact 0171 5361404, 01914100351 and 01716919173, says a press release.



Launching ceremony
Plan International Bangladesh will launch "Lessons for Protection Community Based Child Protection Mechanism"; Venue: Biam Auditorium; Time: 10:00am.

Rally
Oikyaaddha Ainjibi Samaj will stage a rally demanding fair investigation into the seven murders in Narayanganj; Venue: Auditorium, Supreme Court Lawyers Association; Time: 3:00pm.

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