

RAIN LIKELY

WEATHER TODAY

Unib, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at one or two places over Dhaka, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and the regions of Jessore and Kushtia till 6:00pm today.

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

Severe heat wave is sweeping over the regions of Jessore and Chuadanga and moderate to mild heat wave is sweeping

over Rajshahi, Rangpur, rest of the Khulna divisions and the regions of Dhaka, Tangail, Faridpur, Majidtee Court, Barisal and Patuakhali and it may continue.

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

Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:34pm and rises tomorrow at 5:15am.

Country's highest temperature 41.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Jessore and lowest 21.0 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	36.7	26.8	78	41	Khulna	39.0	28.8	70	50
Chittagong	32.9	28.0	84	82	Barisal	36.0	23.6	82	93
Rajshahi	39.2	27.8	63	48	Sylhet	28.0	21.0	91	73
Rangpur	36.7	25.8	--	42	Cox's Bazar	35.0	29.0	78	81

NEWSIN

brief

One held with phensedyl in Savar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Rapid Action Battalion arrested an alleged drug trader with 425 bottles of phensedyl, 280 pethidine injections from Nabinagar area of Savar in Dhaka Wednesday night.

On suspicion, a team of Rab searched the bag of Fazal Gorani of Baroti village under Gouranadi in Barisal, and recovered the drugs.

IRRI team visits BRRI

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A team of International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), headed by its Deputy Director General (Research) Mathew Morell, visited Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BRRI) yesterday in Gazipur, says a press release.

Eero Nissila, head of the IRRI Plant Breeding, Genetics and Bio-technology Division; Paul Fox, IRRI Representative in Bangladesh; BRRI Director General Jiban Krishna Biswas, among others, were present.

Two Gazipur upazila chairman candidates fined for violations

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

A mobile court yesterday fined two chairman candidates of Gazipur Sadar upazila polls Tk 13,000 for violating electoral code of conduct.


Independent candidate Abdul Latif was fined Tk 12,000 for bringing out a motorbike procession and Sammilito Islami Oikya Parshad-backed Mufti Nasir Uddin Khan was fined Tk 1,000 for pasting his posters on his and his supporters' cars, said Executive Magistrate Fauzia Rahman.

UCEP's graduation ceremony held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

UCEP-Bangladesh yesterday organised a graduation ceremony for 345 students who completed free pre-technical courses last year. Aged between 14 and 16, these graduates were child labourer in and around Dhaka before they got enrolled in the UCEP schools.

Ella de Voogd, first secretary of Embassy of the Netherlands; Michael Zink, Citi Bank Foundation Country Officer for Singapore; Dr Muhammad Alauddin, vice chairman of UCEP.

DHAKA TODAY

Discussion
Aviation and Tourism Journalists' Forum of Bangladesh, and Tour Operators Association of Bangladesh will hold a pre-budget discussion; Venue: Dhaka Reporters Unity; Time: 10:00am.

Roundtable
Punorjagoroney Bangladesh will arrange a roundtable on the present situation in hospitals; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 10:00am.

Dialogue
Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Dhaka, and Maasranga Television will hold a dialogue on budget 2014-2015; Venue: The chamber building, Motijheel; Time: 7:00pm.

Japan to give scholarships to 15 govt officials

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Japan will provide a grant of Tk 15.7 crore to Bangladesh as scholarships to 15 government officials to study in Japan.

To this effect, Japan and Bangladesh yesterday signed an exchange of note and a grant agreement.

Japanese Ambassador Shiro Sadoshima and Economic Relations Division Secretary Mohammad Mejbahuddin signed the note, and Chief Representative of JICA, Bangladesh Office Mikio Hataeda and ERD Secretary Mohammad Mejbahuddin signed the grant agreement, said a Japanese embassy press release.

The project was first launched in 2002 and since then Japan accepted 228

Chehlum

CITY DESK



Chehlum of Alhaj Hasina Razzak Chowdhury will be held tomorrow after Zohr prayers in Chittagong.

She died at the age of 78 in her Chittagong residence on April 3.

She was the wife of noted social worker Alhaj Abdur Razzak Chowdhury of Fatikchhari. She left behind five sons.

AD OVER 'SUBJUDICE MATTER' HC summons JU registrar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday summoned Jahangirnagar University Registrar Abu Bakar Siddique before it on May 28 for publishing an advertisement over a "subjudice matter".

The court also issued a rule upon the JU registrar to explain as to why contempt of court proceedings should not be brought against him and why he should not be punished for publishing the advertisement.

The HC bench of Justice Quazi Reza-Ul Hoque and Justice ABM Altaf Hossain came up with the order and rule on a suomoto (on its own) motion, as the JU registrar on May 14 issued the advertisement in the media withdrawing an earlier advertisement.

In the advisement, he said JU's public relations office on April 25 had issued an advertisement for the media, saying that a class IV employee of the institution along with his family members had converted to Islam.

JU registrar also said the April 25 advertisement was not issued from any dishonest intention.

The HC bench on April 30 had issued a rule upon JU authorities to explain by May 15 why issuing April 25 advertisement over an employee's converting to Islam should not be declared illegal.

Road accidents kill 9, hurt 15

CITY DESK

Nine people were killed and 15 others injured in road accidents in the country yesterday and Wednesday.

Our Chittagong correspondent reports, two people died and two others were injured in a head-on collision between a bus and a covered-van on Dhaka-Chittagong highway in Sitakunda upazila of Chittagong early yesterday.

Sanchita Biswash, 28, a physician by profession and wife of Shantanu Kumar of Pirojpur, died on the spot while Md Baker, 40, of Noakhali, died at Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

The injured are Bilkis Begum, 18, and Sarmin Akter, 20, of Savar.

Gas supply in Rangpur division demanded

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

A group of development activists yesterday demanded the supply of natural gas in Rangpur for the division's industrialisation.

The activists of the lawyers' unit of Samaj Paribartan o Unnayan Forum, an organisation advocating for development in the division, also demanded special allocation in the upcoming budget in this regard.

A procession, led by Advocate MA Bashir Tipu, convener of the lawyers' unit, was brought out from Rangpur Judge Court premises around 10:00am.

Later, they staged a rally

Correction

In a report titled "Illegal building at Lalbagh Fort knocked down" published on May 15, Afroza Khan Mita was stated to be the director general of the Department of Archaeology (DoA).

However, a rejoinder received from the DoA yesterday pointed out that Mita was in fact an assistant director of the department.

Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs Begum Shirin Akhtar is the director general of DoA.

We regret the error.



A policeman aims his shotgun at a group of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activists in Kazir Dewri area of Chittagong city yesterday. The JCD men tried to hold a rally there in front of the city BNP office, demanding withdrawal of cases filed against BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia and her son Tarique Rahman. Police said the student organisation did not take permission for the rally.

PHOTO: STAR

Police foil JCD rally in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police yesterday dispersed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal activists by using truncheons in Chittagong city when they gathered for a rally in Kazir Dewri area demanding withdrawal of the cases against BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia and her son Tarique Rahman.

Police said the student organisation did not take permission and blocked the Nur Hossain road.

About a thousand JCD activists started a march from VIP Road area around 11:00am and gathered on Nur Ahmed road in front of Nasimon Bhaban, BNP's Chittagong city office.

JCD activists said three of them were injured in the police action and were given first aid. Police, however, denied using truncheons.

Later, the activists held a one-hour rally on the Nasimon Bhaban ground.

Police had detained JCD Chittagong city unit President Gazi Siraj Ullah, but released him after some time.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Three girls rescued, syndicate arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three clever females managed to save themselves from being trafficked to India as sex-workers, and in the process helped Detective Branch of police catch a syndicate of traffickers on Wednesday.

The rescued females and eight arrestees, including one Indian national, were produced at a press briefing at the Media Centre of Dhaka Metropolitan Police yesterday.

DMP Joint Commissioner Monirul Islam said tea-stall owner Abdul Majid promised to provide Mosammat Ruma Begum, 25, with a job in India about 20 days back.

"Majid asked her to get some more girls who are interested in jobs in India, and then meet him in Jatrabari," Monirul said.

Ruma collected Shanta, 16, and Amena, 20, and met Majid in front of Malancha Community Centre in the capital on Wednesday. There were about 10 people with Majid.

They asked Majid how to get passports, but Majid said they did not need passports and this made the trio suspicious. Furthermore, he could not give convincing answers about the line of work they would be doing, said Monirul.

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Street vendors for legalisation

They suggest dividing capital into 3 zones; want to pay govt around Tk 1,000cr annually given to extortionists now

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Street vendors want to run business on the capital's footpaths in a planned and legal way, and therefore, the government must recognise them by adopting a national policy in this regard, said a section of hawkers yesterday.

They also suggested dividing the capital into three categories namely red, yellow and green zones.

They will not sit in red zone comprising of diplomatic and other state-owned important sites, said the leaders of National Hawkers' Federation (NHF) at a press conference at a city auditorium.

In yellow zone, they will run business during off-peak hours, but the green zone has to be allowed to them to use for 24 hours a day, they said.

Although there is no official survey,

estimate of several hawkers' associations say around 2.5 lakh hawkers run business on the capital's footpaths, while the number all over the country is over a million.

These vendors pay around Tk 1,000 crore to extortionists annually, but they want to pay the money to the government as revenues, said Abul Hossain, an adviser to NHF.

In the past, the government took initiative to rehabilitate hawkers, but could not make significant headway, he said.

India has recently enacted a law for street vendors, and Bangladesh needs to enact such law as well, he said.

Contacted, Khalid Ahmed, chief estate officer of Dhaka South City Corporation, said, "Prioritising only hawkers' proposal and taking revenues from them will not solve the problems of traffic jam and hazardous vehicle parking on the city roads."

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HC declares Anisul Huq's candidacy in general polls legal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court declared valid Law Minister Anisul Huq's candidature through which he was elected unopposed to the 10th parliament from the Brahmanbaria-4 constituency.

The court yesterday rejected a petition that challenged Anisul Huq's candidacy to the election, and allowed a petition filed by the minister seeking dismissal of the former petition.

The court in the verdict said Anisul Huq, a panel lawyer of the Anti-Corruption Commission, did not hold a profitable post and so allegations of him benefitting from the state and holding a profitable post after submitting nomination papers are not correct.

Khandker Hezbur Rahman, a Jatiya Party (Manju) nominee whose nomination papers were cancelled, filed the petition challenging Anisul's candidacy.

The returning officer of the constituency cancelled Hezbur's nomination papers as a case was pending against him.



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