

**CHANGE IN TEMPERATURE UNLIKELY**



Unb, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at one or two places over Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions 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 Rajshahi, Jessore and Kushtia and moderate to mild heat wave is sweeping over rest part of Khulna division and the regions of Dhaka, Tangail, Faridpur, Comilla, Kutubdia, Ishwardi, Dinajpur and Sayedpur and it may continue.

Day and Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

**The sun sets in the capital today at 6:36pm and rises tomorrow at 5:14am.**

Country's highest temperature 41.8 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Chuadanga and lowest 21.7 degrees in Mymensingh.

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	37.0	28.4	67	58	Khulna	39.5	27.5	66	56
Chittagong	33.3	27.6	80	68	Barisal	36.0	27.7	78	70
Rajshahi	40.2	26.6	73	55	Sylhet	33.7	23.0	86	58
Rangpur	34.5	25.0	72	68	Cox's Bazar	35.2	27.4	74	74

# KAMARUZZAMAN'S DEATH PENALTY SC starts hearing appeal today

**CJ excludes himself from bench**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Justice Md Muzammel Hossain has constituted a four-member bench of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, excluding himself, to hear the appeal filed by Jamaat leader Muhammad Kamaruzzaman challenging the death penalty given to him for his wartime offences.

The bench members are Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha, Justice Md Abdul Wahhab Miah, Justice Hasan Foez Siddique and Justice AHM Shamsuddin Choudhury Manik, according to yesterday's hearing list of the apex court.

The four-member bench is set today to start hearing the appeal submitted by the assistant secretary general of Jamaat-e-Islami which also seeks acquittal from all the charges.

SC Registrar AKM Shamsul Islam told The Daily Star that he did not know why the CJ had excluded himself from the newly-formed bench, adding that he could include or exclude any judge to constitute any bench.

On May 9, International Crimes Tribunal-2 sentenced Kamaruzzaman to death for committing crimes against humanity during the 1971 Liberation War. He was also given life-term imprisonment in two other cases and 10-year jail for some other offences.

# 'BCL men' beat up JCD leader of DU

**Attack allegedly led by central GS, he denies; factional clash at Dhaka College leaves one BCL activist injured, police detain seven**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A group of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists allegedly beat up a top Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) leader of Dhaka University (DU) unit at Shahbagh in the capital last night.

Critically injured Sadiul Kabir Nirob, JCD senior vice-president of DU unit, was admitted to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University, but he was later shifted to Islami Bank Central Hospital. He sustained severe injuries in the head.

Mahidul Hasan Hiru, JCD president of DU unit, said some BCL men had attacked Nirob while he was gossiping with his friends.

He said they were preparing to file a case very soon accusing the BCL men.

"In the last five years, BCL cadres have attacked around 70 JCD activists and leaders of DU unit, but the university administration did not take any action against the persons responsible, which encouraged the BCL men to repeat such crimes," he said.

Eye witnesses, also students of DU, some of whom are BCL activists too, said around 25 BCL men led by its General Secretary of the Central Committee Siddiqui Nazmul Alam and DU unit General Secretary Omar Sharif all of a sudden showed up at Shahbagh and beat up Nirob, leaving him injured critically.

Contacted, Nazmul said he had heard that a JCD leader was beaten up by miscreants. He, however, denied his involvement.

Contacted, Omar Sharif also denied his involvement.

Sirajul Islam, officer-in-charge of Shahbagh Police Station, said they had heard that a Dhaka University student was severely beaten up, but nobody complained about it.

Meanwhile, two BCL factions of Dhaka College unit yesterday clashed over establishing supremacy on the campus, leaving at least one activist injured. During the hour-long clash, they exploded around 11 crude bombs, campus sources said.

After the clash, police raided five dormitories, but could not recover any firearms, said OC (Investigation) of New Market Police Station Moniruzzaman. He said they had picked up seven BCL activists for quizzing.

# Cook-off reaches Khulna

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Rupchanda-Star Lifestyle Super Chef-2014, one of the biggest culinary competitions of the country, continued its audition in Khulna on Saturday.

Over a hundred people with a wide range of dishes, including appetisers and desserts, participated in the audition at Tiger Garden International Hotel on 1 KDA Avenue.

Exotic, fusion and traditional dishes were presented to impress the judges. Special recipe of the region, "Chui Jhaal", a beef curry, succeeded in capturing the judges' attention.

The judges' panel included TV personality and author Shawkat Osman; Abdullah Tareq, former head chef of Cilantro; MA Mannan, owner of Grill House & Restaurant, Ali Azam, head chef of the restaurant; Mahabuba Rahman, adviser, Siyam Cooking Centre; and Eti Mahmud, director of Orange Cooking Centre.

Rupchanda, the flagship brand of Bangladesh Edible Oil Limited, and Star Lifestyle, a weekly supplement of The Daily Star, are organising the culinary hunt.

Registration for auditions in Barisal, Rajshahi, Chittagong and Dhaka is still open. More information is available at 09612777888.



# RAMNA CARNAGE CASE Prosecution concludes arguments

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The prosecution of the Ramna Batumul carnage case yesterday completed their arguments and demanded capital punishment for the accused.

Afterwards, the second additional metropolitan sessions judge of Dhaka asked the defence to complete their arguments by May 28.

The prosecution argued that they had proved the charges brought against 14 top leaders of banned militant outfit Harkat-ul-Jihad-al-Islami. During the Bangla New Year 1408 (April 1, 2001) programme at the Ramna Batumul, a blast killed 10 and injured 50.

# VACANT POSTS OF JUDGES IN SC SCBA for immediate appointment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) yesterday demanded immediate appointment of judges to three vacant posts of the Appellate Division of Supreme Court for quick disposal of pending cases.

The three posts have been lying vacant for long, but the government is not taking any initiative to fill those up, said SCBA President Khandker Mahub Hossain at a press conference in the SCBA auditorium in the capital.

There are some senior and competent judges in the High Court Division, who are eligible to be promoted to the Appellate Division, he said. But the government is waiting for those senior judges' retirement so that it can promote junior judges to the apex court, he added. Once three judges were appointed to the Appellate Division, three separate benches could be constituted to dispose of large number of cases quickly, he said. The government also did not establish a separate secretariat to monitor the activities of lower court judges despite repeated demands, he went on. SCBA Secretary AM Mahub Uddin Khokon alleged that the government had not followed the SC guidelines in recruiting judges.

# HIGHER EDUCATION IN BANGLADESH Change should start with syllabus

**Says German professor**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In Bangladesh, people have to be convinced that there must be a change in higher education system and the first change has to come in syllabus, a German educationist says.

"Bangladesh's syllabus is very traditional. Students follow linear education model. Somebody studying chemistry just knows the subject and nothing else," said Professor Marie-Louise Klotz, president of Rhein-Wall University of Germany.



Prof Marie-Louise Klotz

But linear education is not enough, it has to be interdisciplinary; a student of chemistry needs to know about environment, health, legal issues, business etc, she feels.

This helps the students know the interrelations between the subjects and its proper application in everyday life; education has to come in a complete package which is absent here, she said.

Dr Klotz was in Dhaka to discuss technical collaboration with several public universities

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# BNP not rejoicing at Modi's win: Fakhrul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday said India was causing multi-dimensional problems for Bangladesh, and so the people here had nothing to rejoice at Narendra Modi's victory in the Indian election.

Addressing a discussion at Jatiya Press Club in the capital, Fakhrul said besides water-sharing issues, India had been using politics and culture to attack Bangladesh.

Pro-BNP organisation National Committee to Resist Aggression organised the discussion "Bangladesh is in the grip of Indian Aggression".

The BNP spokesperson further said that India was not to be blamed as it was just looking after its own interest taking advantage of Bangladesh's silence.

"We have not been able to unite at a national level to retain our dignity in the face of such aggression," he said.

Fakhrul said the ruling Awami League has become nervous at BJP's victory, and he also criticised those who claimed that BNP rejoiced at Modi's win.

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