

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

Weather may remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country, Met Office said. A severe heat wave sweeping over the regions of

of Rangamati, Comilla, Chandpur, Maijdeecourt, Feni, Barisal and Patuakhali may continue. Day and night temperature may remain nearly

unchanged over the country.

Rajshhai and Kushtia and a mild to moderate heat wave

sweeping over Dhaka and Rangpur divisions and rest

part of Rajshahi and Khulna divisions and the regions

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:38pm and rises tomorrow at 5:12am. Country's highest temperature 40.6 degree Celsius

was recorded yesterday in Rajshahi and lowest 22.2 degrees in Rangpur.

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	36.8	28.0	66	53	Khulna	38.2	27.8	67	51
Chittagong	33.4	27.8	71	77	Barisal	36.2	27.0	77	66
Rajshahi	40.6	27.3	71	44	Sylhet	36.2	26.0	71	58
Rangpur	36.0	22.2	85	43					
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DHANMONDI PLAYGROUND CASE Court seeks probe report by June 24

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday asked Dhanmondi police to submit by June 24 the investigation report of a case filed against four green activists for "illegal entry" into the Dhanmondi playground and "damaging underconstruction structures" there.

Metropolitan Magistrate Md Mahbubur Rahman passed the order after the investigator, Sub-Inspector Bashirul Haque of Dhanmondi Police Station, failed to submit the report yesterday as per schedule. Meanwhile, the four

activists, all on bail, appeared in court yesterday. They are former president of Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) Mobassher Hossain, Joint Secretary of Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (Bapa) Igbal Habib, architect Salma A Shafi, and General Secretary of Bangladesh Women's Spots Association Kamrunnahar Dana.

Arifur Rahman, general secretary of Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club, which had illegally occupied the playground for more than one year till April 24, filed the case on April 18, hours after the four demonstrated against the occupation.

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia comforts a relative of a missing party activist at her Gulshan office in the capital yesterday when the families of seven BNP leaders and activists who

had allegedly

met her.

РНОТО:

BNP

been picked up

by law enforcers



IU CORRESPONDENT

The Jahangirnagar University teachers and students formed a human chain before the campus yesterday, protesting the death of a JU student in a road accident and demanding punishment for the pickup driver and compensation for the family.

Fatema Khatun, 22, a third year student of the anthropology department, died instantly as the pickup ran her over on Dhaka-Aricha highway in front of

husband held

Dhaka Wednesday night.

Popy Begam, 25, of

Comilla, was hacked with

sharp weapons by Akther

Hosen, who was drunk at

the moment, said police.

Popy was rushed to

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OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

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Man's body recovered STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday..

Police recovered the body of a man from near his residence in the capital's West Maniknagar area early yesterday.

7 held over killing of Jubo Dal leader

Detective Branch of police arrested seven persons in the

capital yesterday in connection with the murder of

they stabbed Ziaul to death at Hatirjheel in the capital,

said deputy commissioner (media) Masudur Rahman at

a press briefing. Morsheda Akhter Priya, Shohagh Hasan,

Mohammad Habib, Abul Hasan, Mohammad Parvez,

Shujon Sheikh, and Sohel Rana were brought before the

press briefing at the media center of Dhaka Metropolitan

During interrogation, the arrestees confessed that

Natore Jubo Dal leader Ziaul Haque six days ago.

Mohammad Masum, 29, of Comilla, went out his residence around 10:00pm on Wednesday to collect milk for his baby from a nearby shop, said his wife.

His head bore injury marks, said police.

The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College Morgue for an autopsy.

EU envoy visits projects in Sylhet

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

EU Ambassador in Dhaka William Hanna has visited a number of European Union-funded projects in Sylhet region to see the progress. His three-day visit which concluded yesterday covered

a range of projects varying from actions targeting disability, disaster management and non-formal basic primary education, said a press release.

Hanna said, "The EU and Bangladesh have long worked together and we will continue to do so."

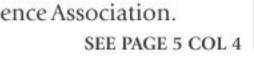
Lack of democracy main political problem

Says former CEC Shamsul Huda

DU CORRESPONDENT

The lack of proper practice and democracy within the political parties is the main problem of Bangladesh's politics, former chief election commissioner ATM Shamsul Huda said yesterday. He was speaking after a public lecture on the need

for politics at the Social Sciences Building of Dhaka University, organised by the university's Political Science Association.



bodies suffered minor injuries in an attack A housewife was killed by allegedly by Bangladesh Chhatra League her husband following an (BCL) men while the former were protestaltercation over dowry in ing against a newly launched evening Bonpukur area of Savar in programme in the political science depart-

The left activists later brought out a procession on the campus, demanding punishment for the attackers, who, according to them, were activists of the BCL.

ment of Dhaka University yesterday.

At least six activists of several left-leaning

DU CORRESPONDENT

DU's left students have been protesting against the two-year evening master's SEE PAGE 4 COL 7

EVENING PROGRAMME AT DU | Woman killed

Protesters attacked for dowry,

ATTACK ON NURSES BY INTERNS AT SYLHET Protest continues

The students of Sylhet Nursing College have decided to go back to classes from Saturday but are determined to boycott their hospital duties until the medical interns, who allegedly beat up four student nurses at MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital on Monday, are punished within a week.

The decision came at 8:00pm yesterday when a probe SEE PAGE 5 COL 4

IUB to celebrate Nazrul Islam's birthday today CITY DESK

Independent University Bangladesh (IUB) will arrange a programme to celebrate the birth anniversary of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam on its campus at Bashundhara in the capital today.

The IUB will also launch a journal on Nazrul Islam and Abbasuddin Ahmed on the campus at plot-16, block-B, said a press release of the university yesterday.

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Bangladesh needs conditions for dev

UNDP Regional Director Haoliang Xu tells The Daily Star

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Political leaders must have the wisdom to create conditions for development of Bangladesh that has enormous potentials of progress, said UNDP Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific Haoliang Xu.

Highlighting that there are "domestic and political challenges" that need to be solved nationally, he said Bangladesh had done fine in social sectors over the years, but given its geographical advantages, the level of development was still low.

"There is a perception of corruption, which is deterrence for investment. So, there are issues that are not new, but we need to have agreement that you have a plan to address these issues," Xu said in an exclusive interview with The Daily Star at the UNDP office in Dhaka on Tuesday.

During his five-day visit to Bangladesh till Wednesday, he

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AL spent Tk 2.53cr for Jan 5 JS polls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The ruling Awami League spent over Tk 2.53 crore in the controversial and voterless January 5 national election, according to its expenditure report submitted to the Election

Commission yesterday. In the previous election, in 2008, which was participated by all parties, the AL

spent Tk 3.6 crore. A three-member AL delegation led by party's office secretary Abdus Sobhan Golap submitted the report.

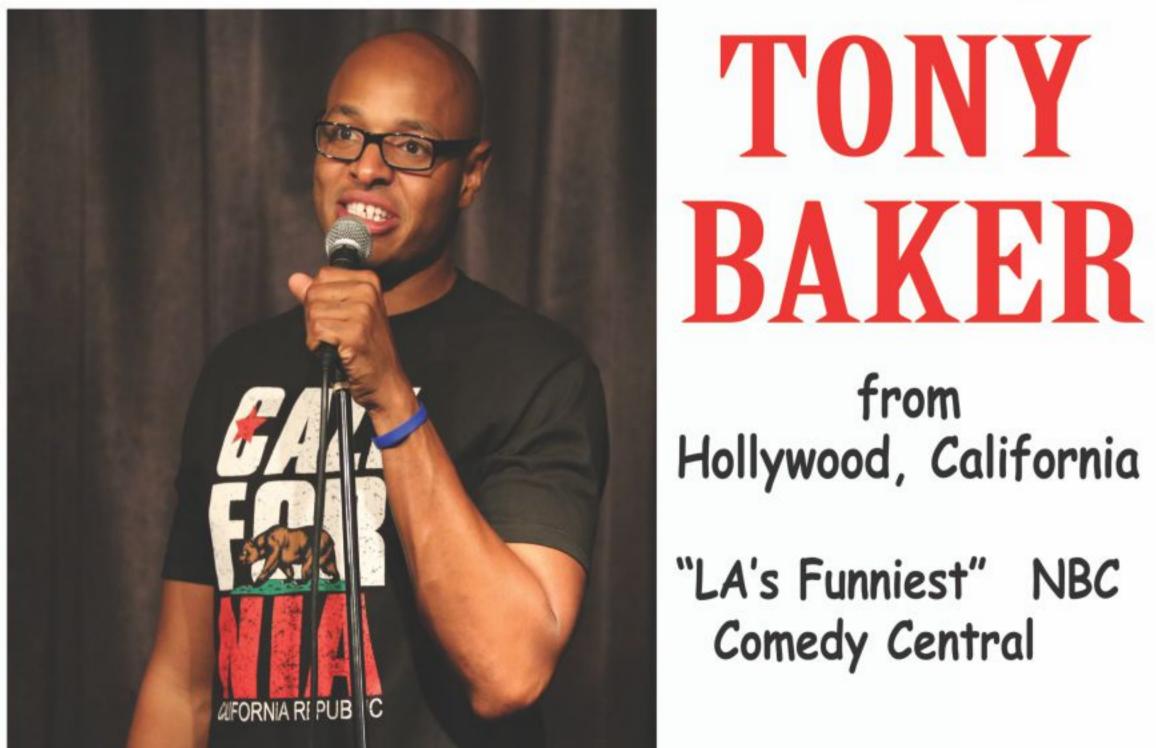
On January 5, elections were held in 147 constituencies while the rest were uncontested. Of those, AL candidates contested in 120, and left the remaining 27 for its allies.

However, ABM Reazul Kabir Kawsar, AL central assistant secretary, a member of the delegation, said this year's statement was prepared on the basis of expenditure of all the 300 constituencies. Besides, Jatiya

Samajtrntrik Dal (JSD), Jatiya Party (JP-Manju), National Awami Party (NAP) and Bangladesh Nationalist Front (BNF) yesterday submitted their expenditure reports. The BNF spent Tk 57.98 lakh, JP-Manju Tk 12.36 lakh, NAP Tk 1 lakh, and JSD spent Tk 1 lakh.

Seven other political parties including the Jatiya Party which joined the January 5 election are yet to submit their statements.

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