

**RAIN LIKELY**

**WEATHER TODAY**

Unb, Dhaka

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

Rajshahi 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 of Rangamati, Comilla, Chandpur, Majidecourt, Feni, Barisal and Patuakhali may continue.

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

**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				

## 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 under-construction 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) Iqbal 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 been picked up by law enforcers met her.**

PHOTO: BNP



## 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.



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## EVENING PROGRAMME AT DU Protesters attacked

DU CORRESPONDENT

At least six activists of several left-leaning bodies suffered minor injuries in an attack allegedly by Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) men while the former were protesting against a newly launched evening programme in the political science department of Dhaka University yesterday.

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.

DU's left students have been protesting against the two-year evening master's

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## Woman killed for dowry, husband held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

A housewife was killed by her husband following an altercation over dowry in Bonpukur area of Savar in 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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## NEWS IN brief

### 7 held over killing of Jubo Dal leader

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detective Branch of police arrested seven persons in the capital yesterday in connection with the murder of Natore Jubo Dal leader Ziaul Haque six days ago.

During interrogation, the arrestees confessed that 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 Police yesterday..

### Man's body recovered

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

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

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."

### 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

PORIMOL PALMA

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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## ATTACK ON NURSES BY INTERNS AT SYLHET Protest continues

CITY DESK

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

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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 voter-less 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 Samajtrtrik 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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