Humidity in percentage

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at most places over Khulna, Dhaka, Rajshahi, Rangpur and Sylhet divisions and at many places over Barisal and Chittagong divisions in for 24 hours till 6:00pm

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Moderately heavy to heavy falls are also likely at places over the country, said the Met Office. Day and night temperature may fall slightly

over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:40pm and rises tomorrow at 5:12am.

and lowest 23.6 degrees Celsius in Rangamati.

yesterday were:

Temperature in Celsius 33.5 31.3 31.4

Humidity in percentage Evening Morning 73

Max: Evening Morning 33.5 25.4 27.2 **Educated** will

NEWS_{IN} brief

Bangladesh foreign minister greets new Indian counterpart

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali greeted his new Indian counterpart Sushma Swaraj for her appointment as External Affairs Minister of India.

In a letter to Sushma, he hoped for the speedy resolution of Teesta deals and land boundary.

Referring to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's visit to India in January 2010, which further strengthened the two countries' relation, he said Bangladesh was committed to sustaining this forward momentum.

SC clears way for Muktijoddha Sangsad CCC poll

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday cleared the way for holding elections to central, district and upazila units of Muktijoddha Sangsad Central Command Council (MSCCC) on June 4.

Chamber judge of the Appellate Division stayed for two weeks a High Court order, which on May 25 halted the process for holding MSCCC elections for six months. Yesterday's order came after hearing a petition filed by the government seeking stay on the HC order.

Garment worker stabbed to death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A female garment worker was stabbed to death at a slum in the city's Shapla residential area yesterday. Sajeda Akter, 32, of Comilla, was divorced and resided alone.

Around 2:30am, miscreants entered her house cutting the fence. They snatched her mobile phone and fled after stabbing her.

Hearing her groaning, neighbours rushed there but Sajeda died shortly afterwards. The body bore four stab marks, said police.

UODA science exhibition begins

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The University of Development Alternative (UODA) is holding a two-day science exhibition from today to promote science education, says a press release.

The exhibition, from 10:00am to 4:00pm, will be held at the university's departmental building of Biotechnology & Genetic Engineering and Molecular Medicine & Bioinformatics at House 64, Road 8A, Dhanmondi.

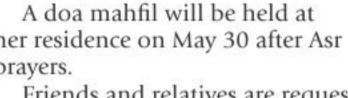
Displaying researches, quiz and instant poster writing competitions will be arranged for college students.

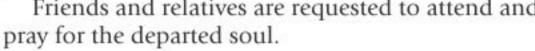
Qulkhwani

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Shafia Islam (Ebu), wife of Late Waliul Islam, member of National Board of Revenue, died on May 21, 2014. She

two sons and grandchildren. A doa mahfil will be held at her residence on May 30 after Asr







CURBING MATERNAL MORTALITY

Child marriages eclipse success

Observes a visiting population expert about Bangladesh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Although Bangladesh has significantly reduced maternal and child mortality rate in the last decade, widespread child marriage -- one of the highest in the world -- is threatening to obliterate the success, observed a visiting population expert.

As early childbirth is correlated with early marriage, girls under the age of 15 are five times more likely to die from maternity related conditions than

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Breast Cancer Deaths

Women's shyness main reason

Seminar told

DU CORRESPONDENT

Shyness and social negativity, which often deter women from consulting physicians about breast cancer, are two of the main reasons of death of women due to breast cancer, said an expert at a seminar yesterday.

Prof Saif Uddin, a surgical oncologist at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU), was addressing the seminar titled "Breast Cancer Awareness in Bangladesh" at Jatiya Press Club in the capital.

The Friends of Bangladesh, UK and Bangladesh Cancer

Society organised the seminar.

The country's highest temperature 35.0 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday in Kutubdia The highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns

Chittagong

Barisal Sylhet

33.0 34.1 Cox's Bazar 34.7

Temperature in Celsius

build safe world

Tokyo's Waseda University UNB, Tokyo Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday hoped that

Hasina tells audience at

the educated generation would create a safe and secure world, sweeping away all barriers and prejudices. "The day is not too far...they would vie for a world of peace, not war; development, not destruction," she told an audience

at Waseda University in Tokyo, speaking on "Education and Empowerment of the Youth". "I believe it's the duty and responsibility of our generation to ensure the empowerment of your generation to face and overcome those challenges. Education is

your empowerment." The university's president, faculty members, scholars and students were present. Hasina received an honorary Doctorate of Law from the university in 1997.

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Qaiser helped kill 8 in Madhabpur

Freedom fighter testifies at war crimes tribunal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A freedom fighter yesterday said the Pakistani army accompanied by war crimes accused Syed Mohammad Qaisar shot dead eight people, including three of his uncles, an aunt and a cousin, at Lohaid village of Madhabpur upazila in Habiganj on May 15, 1971.

The 17th witness, Ful Miah, who was

being able to earn their daily bread.

assigned to remove land mines, was searching for explosives on Bhandaria Noahati-Dharmagar clay road that day when he saw 15-16 Pakistani army men, Qaisar, and 10-12 members of Qaisar Bahini alighted from two cars around 10:30am. Qaisar was dressed in a white shirt and

pants, the witness said, adding that he had known Qaisar since the 1970 provincial election when Qaiser contested as an independent candidate against Awami League candidate Moulana Asod Ali in Madhabpur.

From the Rajarmar Dighi bank, the witness saw Qaisar and the Pakistani army enter Lohaid village where his two uncles Abdul Aziz and Jamir Uddin used to live.

"Within a few moments, I heard gunshots from my uncle Abdul Aziz and Jamir Uddin's houses. After that I again heard

gunshots from the middle of Lohaid village. The gunfire went on for about an hour," he said, adding that about 1:00pm, they left the village.

Thin traffic at the otherwise busy Gulistan intersection in the capital yesterday, devoid of any CNG-run auto-rickshaw, as the owners'

association went on a three-day strike at 6:00am, demanding that the government order for increasing the approved lifespan of the vehicles

from 11 years to 15 be implemented at all levels. In the meantime, the commuters are suffering immensely while the poor drivers are not

The witness said one Langra Hamid, a next-door neighbour of one of his uncles, helped the Pakistani army.

Three villagers--Lokman Hossain, Ali Ahmed and Omar Ali--told Ful Miah, "As per the instructions of Langra Hamid, the Pakistani army accompanied by Qaisar and his force shot dead his [Ful Miah] uncle Abdul Aziz, cousin Abdul Gafur, another uncle Jamir Uddin and his brother Ajimuddin, Ajimuddin's wife Etimunnesa, Nur Ali Chowdhury, Alam Chan Bibi and

Abdul Ali." The witness with the help of other freedom fighters buried six bodies on that day. Two bodies were found and buried on the

following day. The three-member International Crimes Tribunal-2 recorded Ful Miah's deposition extensively. The proceeding was adjourned until today when the defence is supposed to cross-examine the witness.

Mahabuddin Chowdhury, a Liberation War organiser who took shelter near the SEE PAGE 4 COL 4

Shooting

in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two persons were injured

in a shooting in Dakkhin

Monipur area of the capi-

Hazrat Ali Vutto with

bullet wounds in the chest

and neck and Mainuddin, a

pedestrian, with wounds in

Mirpur police said the

shooting took place over

rivalry between two local

groups of cable TV service

the abdomen were admit-

ted to Dhaka Medical

College Hospital.

providers -

tal's Mirpur yesterday.

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Chivalry makes a man

Say boys of Brave Men Campaign organised by NHRC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

Harassing females does not prove masculinity rather protesting such acts shows chivalry, said schoolboys sharing what they learned from a Brave Men Campaign.

Around 500 boys from 16 schools in Dhaka, Pabna, Rangpur, Sirajganj and Natore participated in the fourmonth campaign organised last year by Bangladesh National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) to raise awareness about violence against women.

As part of the campaign, the participants were given stories on motherhood, friendship, leisure, human rights and house help to read and then they had to answer questions SEE PAGE 4 COL 7

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