

THUNDERSHOWERS LIKELY

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 today.

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.

The country's highest temperature 35.0 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday in Kutubdia and lowest 23.6 degrees Celsius in Rangamati. The highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

Table with 4 columns: City, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning, Evening). Rows include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Rangpur, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet, Cox's Bazar.

NEWS IN brief

Bangladesh foreign minister greets new Indian counterpart

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.

SC clears way for Muktiyoddha Sangsad CCC poll

The Supreme Court yesterday cleared the way for holding elections to central, district and upazila units of Muktiyoddha 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.

Garment worker stabbed to death

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.

UODA science exhibition begins

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.

Qulkhwani

Shafia Islam (Ebu), wife of Late Waliul Islam, member of National Board of Revenue, died on May 21, 2014. She was 78. She left behind a daughter, two sons and grandchildren. A doa mahfil will be held at her residence on May 30 after Asr prayers. Friends and relatives are requested to attend and pray for the departed soul.



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.

Educated will build safe world

Hasina tells audience at Tokyo's Waseda University UNB, Tokyo

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday hoped that 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".

Qaiser helped kill 8 in Madhabpur

Freedom fighter testifies at war crimes tribunal

A freedom fighter yesterday said the Pakistani army accompanied by war crimes accused Syed Mohammad Qaiser 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 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, Qaiser, and 10-12 members of Qaiser Bahini alighted from two cars around 10:30am.

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. 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 Qaiser 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."

Shooting wounds two in capital

Two persons were injured in a shooting in Dakkhin Monipur area of the capital's Mirpur yesterday. Hazrat Ali Vutto with bullet wounds in the chest and neck and Mainuddin, a pedestrian, with wounds in the abdomen were admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Mirpur police said the shooting took place over rivalry between two local groups of cable TV service providers.

Chivalry makes a man

Say boys of Brave Men Campaign organised by NHRC

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 four-month 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.

CURBING MATERNAL MORTALITY Child marriages eclipse success

Observes a visiting population expert about Bangladesh

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

BREAST CANCER DEATHS Women's shyness main reason

Seminar told

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.

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