

THUNDERSHOWERS  
LIKELY

WEATHER  
TODAY

Unb, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by tempo-  
rary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at  
many places over Rajshahi, Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal  
and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over  
Rangpur and Chittagong divisions with moder-  
ately heavy to heavy falls at places in 24 hours till

6:00pm today.  
Day and night temperature may fall slightly  
over the country, the Met office said.  
**The sun sets in the capital today at  
6:42pm and rises tomorrow at 5:11am.**  
The country's highest temperature 34.5

degrees Celsius was recorded on Saturday in Cox's  
Bazar and the lowest 21.6 degrees Celsius in  
Tangail.  
Highest and lowest temperatures and humid-  
ity 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	29.5	25.3	79	81	Khulna	32.2	26.0	83	100
Chittagong	32.5	26.6	76	77	Barisal	32.1	26.6	81	88
Rajshahi	27.3	24.1	98	86	Sylhet	32.3	23.5	70	71
Rangpur	29.7	24.0	88	77	Cox's Bazar	34.5	27.0	77	81

ZIA'S DEATH ANNIVERSARY  
**Leg pain keeps  
Khaleda from  
food distribution**  
*Hours of police  
presence in journalist  
Shafiq Rehman's  
house for 'security  
reasons'*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
BNP chief Khaleda Zia  
yesterday refrained from  
distributing food among  
the destitute in the capital  
on the occasion of party  
founder and former presi-  
dent Ziaur Rahman's 33rd  
death anniversary as she  
has been suffering from leg  
pain since her return from  
Munshiganj trip on  
Wednesday.  
"Braving her leg pain  
and fatigue due to her  
Munshiganj visit, the BNP  
chairperson attended the  
food distribution  
programme on Friday at 25  
spots across the capital,  
and it caused deterioration  
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**Cocktail blasts  
chase religion  
minister in  
Mymensingh**  
*He was in town to  
attend council of BCL  
district unit*  
OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
Mymensingh

About two dozen cocktails  
were exploded in  
Mymensingh town last  
night when the Bangladesh  
Chhatra League was sup-  
posed to hold its district  
unit council.  
Police said they could  
not identify the perpetrators  
but a source in the ruling  
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**Clockwise from left, Armed with sticks, male members of the Khasi community guard their houses at Nahar Punjee-1, a hilltop village of the indigenous people, in Moulvibazar's Srimangal upazila on Friday night after Bangalee land grabbers attacked the community earlier in the day in an attempt to evict them. Even little kids, who refrain from classes in fear of attacks on the way to school yesterday, are forced to pick up sticks for self-preservation. A despondent Khasi woman sitting in front of her house in a state of shock with two children yesterday.**



PHOTO:  
MINTU DESHWARA

## FRIDAY'S ATTACK IN SRIMANGAL Khasis fearing further aggression

*Males guarding homes, betel leaf gardens at night against land grabbers*

MINTU DESHWARA, back from Moulvibazar  
At least 79 Khasi families residing on  
the hillocks of Moulvibazar's Srimangal  
upazila have been passing their days in  
panic following an attack by Bangalee  
land grabbers the previous day.  
The males started guarding their  
houses and betel leaf plantations  
carrying sticks at night to resist further

aggression. Boys refrained from going  
to the school 5km away.  
On Friday, about two hundred  
people led by Pijush Kanti  
Bhattacharya, manager of Nahar Tea  
Garden, which is trying to grab 200  
acres of land populated by the indige-  
nous people, advanced towards Nahar  
Punjee-1, a Khasi village, when they  
met with resistance. The attackers beat

and hacked dozens, leaving 20 Khasi  
people injured, five of them critically.  
Dibarmin Potam, assistant head-  
man of Nahar Punjee-1, said they were  
living on khas land belonging to the  
district administration. They have taken  
lease of the land and are paying taxes to  
the government; the tea garden man-  
agement has no right to evict them, he  
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## 3 DAYS INTO SUMU MURDER IN COMILLA None of accused BCL men held yet

A CORRESPONDENT, Comilla

Though three days have elapsed since busi-  
nessman Ahsan Habib Sumu was shot dead  
by a group of Bangladesh Chhatra League  
activists of Comilla Victoria Government  
College unit, the accused in the murder case  
are yet to be arrested.  
Firoz Hossain, investigation officer of the  
case and sub-inspector of Kotwali Model  
Police Station, said, "Saleh Ahmed Russell  
[the prime accused in the murder case] used  
to control his loyalists from Nazrul Hall. We

have conducted a raid there, but could not  
find anyone."  
Most of the rooms of the dormitory were  
found under lock and key yesterday after-  
noon, he said.  
Sources in the BCL said the other mem-  
bers of the gang were, among others, college  
unit BCL activists Shakil alias Chhota  
Shakil, Ripon, Saiful, Zakir, Khokon and  
Shah Paran.  
However, Mizanur Rahman Ratul, BCL  
acting general secretary of the college unit, said  
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**Contestants busy themselves with their creations during the Rajshahi round of auditions of Rupchanda-Star Lifestyle Super Chef 2014 yesterday.**

PHOTO:  
STAR

**Man 'kills'  
wife, daughter  
in N'ganj**  
OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

A man allegedly stabbed  
his wife and daughter to  
death over a family feud in  
Siddhirganj of  
Narayanganj Sadar upazila  
early yesterday.  
Sumon Miah, 32, a  
cloth trader, was arrested  
on the spot after he killed  
his wife Moyna Begum,  
and their daughter  
Swapna, 13, at their  
rented house in Hirazi  
Mukkinagar Madarasa  
area.  
Quoting locals, Officer-  
in-Charge of Siddhirganj  
Police Station Md Alaaddin  
said neighbours rushed to  
the house after they heard  
screaming from inside  
around 3:00am.  
Finding the door locked  
from inside, the locals  
peered through the win-  
dow and saw Sumon stab-  
bing his wife repeatedly.  
When Swapna tried to help  
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## Culinary war reaches Rajshahi

CITY DESK

Rupchanda-Star Lifestyle  
Super Chef 2014, reached  
Rajshahi yesterday to hunt  
for the best culinary experts  
of the regions.  
The contest is being  
organised by Rupchanda,  
the flagship brand of  
Bangladesh Edible Oil  
Limited, and Star Lifestyle, a  
weekly publication of The  
Daily Star.  
Among 142 contestants, participated in the contest held  
in Moonlight Garden, four were selected to compete for the  
"Super Chef" title and a prize money of Tk 5 lakh.  
The four also won Tk 25,000 each.  
Registration for auditions in Chittagong and  
Dhaka is still open. More information is available  
in 0961277888.  
The regional judges of Rajshahi were Minara Sharmin,  
a Food and Nutrition teacher of Haji Jamiruddin Shafina  
Mohila College; Mahmuda Begum, a Political Science  
teacher of Borendro College; Nusrat Jahan Rumi, cater-  
ing teacher of Jatiyo Mohila Sangstha; and Nasima  
Khatun, lecturer of Islamic History of Rajshahi City  
College.  
The panel of judges also included Shawkat Osman, a  
noted TV personality and food critic, and Afroza Banu, a  
renowned actor and culinary expert.



## 3 girls injured as abandoned crude bomb goes off

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Three girls sustained minor  
injuries as an abandoned  
crude bomb, which was  
mistakenly thought to be a  
cricket ball wrapped in red  
tape, went off in  
Sayedalibagh area of Sylhet  
city yesterday.  
The injured, Naima  
Begum, 12; Tahia Begum,  
7; and Shapla, 5, were  
admitted to Sylhet MAG  
Osmani Medical College  
Hospital.  
Eye-witnesses said the  
bomb suddenly exploded  
when the trio were playing  
with the object wrapped in  
red tape near their houses  
around 3:00pm.  
Police suspected that the  
bomb might have arrived  
there along with scrap  
metal, as there is a shop of  
such business nearby, said  
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## To Know is to Prevent

### Total Knee Replacement surgery can bring back your independence and dignity!

"Dadu, come, come now and play with me" said  
little Sania tugging her grandmother's hand towards  
her. Mrs. Fatema Begum in her 70's, in a wheel chair,  
hid her helplessness with a smile and made an act  
of play rattling the toys of her 3 year old lively grand  
daughter.

This was the scenario 2 months back, when Mrs.  
Fatema couldn't walk a bit and couldn't move  
without wheel chair. Even for going to toilet she  
needed someone to hold her and putting her legs  
on the floor for support was pain and agony. It  
didn't happen in one day. With a busy and engaging  
life of attending to family needs of three sons and  
their children, how and when her physical con-  
dition became this bad, she cannot recollect. Having  
pain and stiffness in knees while walking or bend-  
ing for prayers, was how it first got noticed. She took  
it casually as a sign of aging. Occasional doctor visit,  
calcium tablets, walking with a cane; this is how she  
was carrying along. Eventually her pain started  
becoming unbearable and she couldn't stand on her  
legs for few minutes even with cane support and she  
had to resort to wheel chair all her waking hours.

Her sons took her to an International Standard  
renowned hospital in the city, to show a Knee  
Surgeon. He explained to her about a disease called  
Osteoporosis which has caused erosion in her both  
knee joints and leg bones. Her joints are not in a  
state to carry her body weight. After several tests to  
check her bone minerals and other condition,  
doctor advised her to have a surgery where both her  
knee joints would be totally replaced with artificial  
joints. Mrs. Fatema was worried about the anaesthe-  
sia and surgery risks, whether these would be risky  
for her age. When the doctor said that this surgery is  
regularly being done even on people in 90's and the  
anaesthesia will be given by spine, as they do while  
delivering babies; Mrs. Fatema got the courage to go  
ahead with the surgery.

Three hour long Bilateral Total Knee Replacement  
surgery was done on her under spinal anaesthesia;  
on the fifth day after surgery Mrs. Fatema Begum  
went back home. As in today's modern era, after  
such surgery no stiff cast is put on the legs, just  
exercise makes leg movement easier. With regular  
physiotherapy, now Mrs. Fatema is totally free from  
pain in her joints, she can walk on her own, though

\* Name disguised to protect identity  
\*\* This information is for public awareness only; it is NOT a medical advice  
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she keeps the cane around for her support, in case  
she feels stressed.

Total Knee Replacement surgery not only has  
brought back her mobility, it has given back her  
independence and dignity! Last but not the least,  
she is now moving around with Sania, her grand  
daughter, playing hide and seek!

There are people around us with such pain and  
disability in knee joint, having pain while walking  
or even in rest. A Knee Surgeon can help you who is  
working in a renowned hospital having  
state-of-the-art infrastructure; that too at a price  
much lower than what they charge in hospitals  
abroad. No need to suffer any more. Get back your  
mobility and dignity!



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