

**RAIN LIKELY**



Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at most places over Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi and Rangpur divisions till 6:00pm today. Moderately heavy to heavy falls are also likely

at places over the country, Met Office said. Day and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country. **The sun sets in the capital today at 6:43pm and rises tomorrow at 5:11am.** Country's highest temperature 35.0 degree

Celsius was recorded yesterday in Sayedpur and lowest 24.0 degrees in Sandwip and Khepupara. 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      | 29.6                   | 24.5 | 98                     | 82      | Khulna      | 34.5                   | 26.0 | 77                     | 84      |
| Chittagong | 30.3                   | 24.5 | 90                     | 81      | Barisal     | 33.4                   | 25.0 | 80                     | 79      |
| Rajshahi   | 33.3                   | 26.0 | 99                     | 75      | Sylhet      | 33.3                   | 24.6 | 97                     | 76      |
| Rangpur    | 33.5                   | 25.3 | 73                     | 70      | Cox's Bazar | 34.3                   | 27.0 | 92                     | 77      |

**ATTACK ON KHASIS**  
**An injured attacker dies**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A tea worker who was injured during a clash with Khasis in Moulvibazar's Srimangal upazila on Friday died yesterday morning.

The victim, Nitay Tanti, 40, was one of the two hundred people the Nahar Tea Estate authorities collected to attack the neighbouring Nahar Punjee-1, a Khasi village, in an attempt to evict the indigenous people and grab the land.

He was hit in the back of head by a marble-shaped earthen ball, which a Khasi man fired from a slingshot to resist the attackers. Nitay breathed his last at 5:30am in Osmani Medical College Hospital, Sylhet, said police.

A duty-doctor told The Daily Star that they could not primarily determine the cause of his death but said the wound bled profusely. The body was sent for autopsy.



Severe traffic congestion on a waterlogged road at Shantinagar of the capital yesterday after a few hours of rain. The sight was common all over the city. Despite a couple of months long campaign by the media for freeing the floodplains, and unclogging the major storm drains of the city ahead of the monsoon, the authorities so far did next to nothing, and the resultant obvious is coming home to roost.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

**INSTITUTIONAL FLAGS**  
**Restrictive HC directives sought**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A writ petition was filed with the High Court yesterday seeking its directives on the government to stop people, other than officials of constitutional and statutory institutions, from using institutional flags.

Two Supreme Court lawyers filed the petition paving the way to the HC to order the government to insert a provision in the Bangladesh Flag Rules, 1972 regarding only constitutional and statutory bodies' officials using institutional flags.

Kamal Hossain Meahzi and Md Shamsul Islam submitted the petition saying that lack of such a provision resulted in many private individuals and organisations making and using their own flags.

As a result, the institutional flags of the constitutional and statutory bodies are losing importance and due attention of all concerned, they said, adding that this has vitiated the very

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**BGB Nayek Mizanur Rahman laid to rest**

STAR REPORT

Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) Nayek Mizanur Rahman, who was shot dead by Myanmar border troops in Naikhangchhari-Myanmar border area of Bandarban on May 28, was laid to eternal rest at his village home in Debidar of Comilla yesterday.

The body of Mizanur, son of martyred lance corporal Abdul Hafiz, was flown to Comilla by a helicopter from Naikhangchhari BGB Battalion headquarters yesterday following his first namaz-e-janaza there.

Later in the afternoon, he was buried at this family graveyard at Bhela Nagar village after his second namaz-e-janaza with the highest BGB honour.



As the body reached his village, family members and relatives burst into tears. Mizanur left behind his mother, Rabeya Akhter, wife, Shamima Akhter Parul, and four daughters.

"Now what will be the future of my four daughters? How will I pass the days ahead with my children," wailed Mizanur's wife yesterday.

Myanmar Border Guard Police (BGP) shot him and then reportedly intruded into Bangladesh territory to take his body away. On Friday, they attacked another BGB team, when they went near the spot looking for Mizanur, triggering a gun battle.

Besides, there still remains some tension

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**ATTEMPT TO EXTORT BUS OWNERS**  
**Detained JU BCL men freed**

JU CORRESPONDENT

Police early yesterday freed the 13 Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) men of Jahangirnagar University who were detained on Sunday on the charge of trying to extort bus owners.

The decision came after the university authorities, the university unit BCL, police officials, and bus owners discussed the issue, and the detainees signed an undertaking committing not to do such acts in future.

The BCL men led by JU unit deputy sports secretary Abdur Rahim Jewel stopped three buses of Hanif Enterprise in front of the campus at 4:00pm Sunday and demanded "compensation" for a Hanif bus hitting a private car of one of Jewel's relatives in Sirajganj district the day before.

The ruling party-backed students also confined three bus staff to Mir Mosharraf Hossain Hall for more than 20 minutes before police rescued them and detained the 13 BCL workers and leaders, including Jewel. The bus passengers

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**FOREIGN FRIENDS**  
**ACC to probe crest impurity**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission has decided to investigate the allegations of impurity in the crests awarded to foreign friends and organisations for their outstanding contribution to the country's Liberation War.

ACC Chairman M Bodiuzzaman confirmed the decision. "The decision was made at our regular meeting. However, we are yet to assign any investigation officer [to look into the matter]," he told The Daily Star yesterday.

According to media reports, a Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI) test of the shields found that each shield only had 2.363 grams of

gold and 466.237 grams of brass. However, the policy decision was that every shield would be made with 22.5 grams of gold and 339 grams of silver.

The shields supposed to be made of wood, gold and silver hardly had any precious metals in them, and the government was robbed of around Tk 7.04 crore while making and purchasing subpar shields, found a probe by a committee led by Dhaka Divisional Commissioner Zillar Rahman

The report was submitted to Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Haque in May.

The report held 12 people responsible for the purchase and making of subpar crests,

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A man puts up a poster on the median strip in the capital's technical intersection area yesterday, as the campaign for the June 20 election to the Inter-district Truck Drivers Union gains momentum. This has been going on for the last few days, while the city corporation is struggling to get the capital rid of such stuff elsewhere. Meanwhile, by spending much on the colourful publicity materials, the truckers are boasting that their election is expensive, too.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

**REGISTERING BORDER ENCLAVE PEOPLE AS VOTERS**  
**EC to seek help from ministries**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission will request the home and foreign ministries to take necessary steps to facilitate the commission for giving opportunity of registering the people of enclaves along with Bangladesh-India border on electoral rolls.

"As the people have to reach the enclaves through Indian territory, we need cooperation from the foreign ministry. Besides, the enclaves are located at the bordering areas, we need security to go there," said Sirazul Islam, acting secretary of the EC Secretariat.

"We will soon send letters to the two ministries requesting to arrange the necessary facilities to conduct

the electoral roll updating programme there," he told reporters at his office yesterday.

During electoral roll updating programme in 2012, the then EC also sent similar letters to the two ministries. But the ministries did not give approval to register the enclave's people on electoral roll saying that the dispute over the enclaves remains unresolved with India.

Talking to The Daily Star, several officials of the EC Secretariat said the commission will send letters just for formalities assuming that the ministries will not give approval to it.

There are 111 Indian enclaves within Bangladesh, while 51 Bangladesh's enclaves are inside

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**POLITICS OF FORMALIN**  
**Ershad slams AL, BNP**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad yesterday criticised Awami League and BNP leaders for making mockery of the word "formalin", which refers to a hazardous chemical widely used in the country to artificially preserve fruits, vegetables and fish.

They have made it a political term, said Ershad, whose party is a key ally in the Awami League-led ruling alliance government.

"I feel bad when politicians joke about formalin, which is destroying the 16 crore people of the country as well as the next generation. They made mockery of this; they are not ashamed of this," Ershad said, while addressing a programme at his Banani office in the capital.

At a press conference on Saturday, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said the BNP had been kept alive with formalin.

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**TIPAIMUKH DAM**  
**Hydrological survey of Surma starts**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A seven-member team of Bangladeshi officials yesterday started a bathymetric survey on a 2km portion of the Kushiya, which is flowing in India's Assam state before entering Bangladesh again in Sylhet.

The surveyors from the state-run Institute of Water Modelling (IWM) will investigate the hydrological impacts of India's proposed 1,500MW Tipaimukh hydropower dam project, an official, Mir Sajjad Hossain, told The Daily Star.

India's Barak river enters into Bangladesh from Assam state through Amolshid border in Zakiganj upazila of Sylhet and bifurcates into the Surma and the Kushiya.

The "Hydrological Survey for Tipaimukh Dam" is expected to take a week. After the Kushiya, the officials will work on a 12km stretch of the Surma. The study will cover the Indian sides of the rivers this time. Earlier, parts of the rivers which flow only through Bangladesh were surveyed.

**Mastermind of Madaripur murders held**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Rapid Action Battalion yesterday arrested the alleged mastermind of the Madaripur double murders at a hotel in the capital's Mohakhali.

Criminals hacked Maulana Abul Bashar, a local madrasa teacher, and Billal Mollah before shooting them dead in Tekerhat under Rajoir upazila on Saturday night.

KM Azad, commanding officer of Rab-2, told the press at its headquarters that the arrestee, Khondoker Saifur Rahman alias Shahin, 45, a local Awami League leader,

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**ASSAULT ON PROTHOM ALO JOURNO**  
**Probe body for suspending Dr Shafiq's registration**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The investigation committee formed by Bangladesh Medical and Dental Council (BMDC) recommended suspension of Dr Shafiq Azam's registration to practice as a physician for assaulting Prothom Alo journalist Shishir Moral on May 13.

Sources in the BMDC said the committee led by veteran physician Rashid-E-Mahbub completed the report and submitted it yesterday.

"The allegations made by Shishir were found true. Now, the disciplinary committee of BMDC will take action on the bases of the report," the source added.

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