

**RAIN LIKELY**



Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at one or two 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 temperature may rise slightly 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 36.7 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rajshahi and lowest 24.4 degrees in Faridpur. 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      | 33.4                   | 25.5 | 82                     | 74      | Khulna                 | 28.8 | 25.5                   | 97      | 90 |
| Chittagong | 30.5                   | 24.6 | 87                     | 78      | Barisal                | 33.3 | 27.1                   | 78      | 72 |
| Rajshahi   | 36.7                   | 26.4 | 87                     | 78      | Sylhet                 | 28.2 | 25.5                   | 96      | 93 |
| Rangpur    | 34.8                   | 26.0 | 82                     | 65      | Cox's Bazar            | 30.8 | 26.8                   | 84      | 82 |

**NEWS IN brief**

**Boy's decomposed body recovered**

Police recovered the decomposed body of a five-year-old boy, Mohammad Shaheen, from a wetland under a five-storey building in the capital's Maniknagar yesterday. Shaheen went missing on May 31 and his father Mukul Mia, a lift mechanic, filed a general diary with Mugdha Police Station, said police.

**Seven food stores fined Tk 1.2 lakh**

The Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institutions (BSTI) fined seven food joints Tk 1.2 lakh for selling products without BSTI license and formalin injected fruits yesterday. Allah'r Daan food store, Desh-Bidesh, Nur Hossain's and Kalu Mia's fruit shops, in Elephant road and Hatirpool area, were each fined Tk 5,000 and Dhaka Food in New Market was fined Tk 10,000. Meanwhile, Shapna Super Shop and London Sweets in Rampura were fined Tk 15,000 and Tk 75,000 each.

**Italian embassy in Dhaka celebrates its national day**

The Italian embassy in Dhaka on Monday hosted a reception on the occasion of its National Day. Ambassador of Italy to Bangladesh Giorgio Guglielmino greeted the guests on the day at the embassy in Gulshan. Ministers, MPs, diplomatic missions' heads and their representatives, high civil and military officials, journalists, educationists, noted artists and elites of the city attended the programme.

**Tara's death condoled**

Members of Padokkhep'64, an association of Dhaka University alumni of 1964, mourned the death of their friend and classmate Mahbul Alam Tara, a former lawmaker of Feni-2 constituency, who died on Monday. Recalling with gratitude Tara's contribution to the association, the members prayed for the salvation of his soul and hoped that his bereaved family will be able to bear the loss of his sudden demise.



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The dark tone of blue violet in the Dhaleswhari water is untreated effluent flowing from the industrial setups along its bank in Narayanganj's Muktarpur bridge area yesterday. The pollution is destroying the ecosystem of the river while the government authorities seem to be hibernating.

**ACC forms probe team on impurity of crests**

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday appointed a two-member team to probe the allegations of impurity in the crests awarded to foreign friends and organisations for their outstanding contribution to the country's Liberation War. "We will investigate into the allegations of embezzlement of money that has been raised [for the purpose]," said the ACC Chairman M Bodiuzzaman. Referring to the government's loss of Tk 7.04 crore in the irregularity, he said the ACC would try to dig out where the money went and who received how much. When asked whether former state minister for liberation war affairs AB Tajul Islam's alleged involvement will be inquired, he said, "We will investigate about those people whose involvement would come up in our investigation." M Bodiuzzaman declined to mention any specific names. Meanwhile, ACC sources said Deputy Director Mirza Zahidul Alam and Assistant Secretary Sheikh Abdus Salam were appointed to conduct the probe. According to media reports, a test of the crests awarded 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. A probe committee appointed by the liberation war affairs ministry found that in purchasing and making these sub-par crests the government was robbed of around Tk 7.04 crore. The probe committee also held 12 people responsible for the purchase and making of the crests, including the former state minister, AB Tajul Islam.

**Bangladesh elected to ILO governing body**

Bangladesh has been elected to the governing body of International Labour Organization (ILO) for the term 2014-2017. Voting took place during the ongoing 103rd session of International Labour Conference (ILC) in Geneva beginning on June 2. Bangladesh received 234 votes. Secretary to the Ministry of Labour and Employment Mikail Shipar was present during the voting, according to a foreign ministry press release yesterday. ILO, under its flagship Better Work Programme, is providing assistance to Bangladesh aiming to further promote collective bargaining and improving decent work conditions in the RMG industry. The governing body of ILO takes decisions on ILO's policies and its programme and budget, and also elects the director-general. Bangladesh's membership in the ILO Governing Body would allow the country to share its good practices concerning labour law implementation, tripartite consultative mechanism, social protection schemes, promotion of migrant workers' rights and 'greener jobs' creation on a sustainable basis, among other issues.

**HC orders govt to ensure security of employees**

The High Court yesterday directed the government to ensure safety and security of the officials and employees of Barapukuria Coal Mining Company Ltd (BCMCL) in Dinajpur, so that they carry out their duties without fear. The court also issued a rule asking the government to explain in two weeks why it should not be directed to provide special protection and security for the employees as per the key point installation (KPI) guidelines. The HC came up with the order and rule following a

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**Seminar**  
Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (BAPA) has organised seminar titled "The River Island: Depleting Physical Environment and Survival"; Venue: Dhaka Reporters' Unity; Time: 10:30am.

**Roundtable**  
ActionAid has arranged a roundtable on Bangladesh land management and public thought; Venue: Cirdap auditorium; Time: 10:30am.

**Benzir Ahmed passes away**

Benzir Ahmed, former editor of the daily Bhorer Kagoj, died of a cardiac arrest at Ibn Sina Hospital in the capital's Dhanmondi early yesterday. He was 68. A confirmed bachelor, Benzir had been undergoing treatment since May 11 for various diseases including heart ailment, said his younger sister, Nazmun Nahar. He hailed from Pabna's Iswardi. His first namaz-e-janaza will be held on the Bhorer Kagoj premises today at 10:00am. He will be buried at

**Children with clubfoot should be treated before 3**

Experts suggested that children born with clubfoot be treated before the age of three. A condition where feet are turned inwards at birth, clubfoot can be treated best when the tissues of babies are soft and pliable, they said at a campaign organised by Walk for Life, a project of Glencoe Foundation, on Dhaka Medical College Hospital premises yesterday. If left untreated, it can turn into disability and require expensive corrective surgeries for older children, they added. It is estimated that one in every 900 children are born with clubfoot in Bangladesh. As per that calculation, about 5,000 children are born with clubfoot every year, said Colin Campbell Mackferlane, director of Glencoe Foundation. Explaining the treatment called Ponseti Method, he said it does not require surgery and involves a gradual correction of one or both of the afflicted feet by casting them in a progressively closer-to-normal foot position. Then the foot is slowly stretched back into a normal position. Dr Shahiduzzaman, head of the Department of Orthopedics, was also present. Walk for Life, in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, is providing free treatment to such children below three years in 44 districts through clinics mostly set up in government medical colleges and district hospitals.

**Dr Nurul Momen passes away**

Dr Nurul Momen, former vice-chancellor of Dhaka International University, died due to old age complications on Saturday. He was 81. He was survived by wife and two daughters. He also served as a professor of International Relations of Dhaka University, a rotary ambassador and visiting professor at Colombo University. All are requested to attend a prayer ceremony on June 6 at his Elephant Road residence in the capital.



Maj Gen (ret'd) M Abdur Rab, right, chairman of the governing body of International Medical College, and Dr Dawood Farahi, left, president of Kean University at New Jersey, USA, shake hands after signing a deal recently on setting up Kean Bangladesh Center (KBC) in the capital to promote English language training.



HSBC donates a fund to ActionAid to enhance the educational facilities for children living in two homes of ActionAid - Shaplakuri and Happy Homes. Jayant Rikhye, head of International Asia Pacific for HSBC; Andrew Tilke, CEO of HSBC Bangladesh; and Farah Kabir, country director of ActionAid Bangladesh, attended the ceremony in Dhaka yesterday.

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