


CHANGE IN TEMPERATURE  
UNLIKELY

WEATHER  
TODAY

Unb., Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at many places over Rangpur, Sylhet and at a few places over Dhaka and Chittagong divisions and at one or two places over Khulna, Rajshahi and Barisal divisions till 6:00pm today.	Moderately heavy falls are also likely at places over Rangpur, Sylhet and Dhaka divisions, Met Office said.		Country's highest temperature 36.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Sreemangal and lowest 25.2 degree Celsius in Dinajpur.		Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage		Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage		
	Day and night temperatures may remain nearly unchanged over the country.		The highest and lowest temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:		Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening	
	<b>The sun sets in the capital today at 6:45pm and rises tomorrow at 5:10am.</b>		Dhaka		35.2	28.2	69	59	Khulna	35.7	27.8	73	62
			Chittagong		32.8	26.2	74	77	Barisal	35.0	27.6	75	72
			Rajshahi		35.6	27.8	84	74	Sylhet	34.0	26.5	85	69
			Rangpur		30.0	25.6	82	95	Cox's Bazar	34.5	28.2	73	77

# NATIONAL BUDGET Ashraf asks critics to send views to Muhith

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ruling Awami League general secretary Syed Ashraful Islam yesterday advised critics to send their recommendations on the recently placed budget to Finance Minister AMA Muhith.

"Budget is an economic philosophy of a political party. Those who don't believe in our ideology may oppose the budget; it's normal," he told a discussion at the capital's Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh.

The AL organised the discussion marking the historic six-point programme movement with AL Presidium Member Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury in the chair.

Ashraf, also the LGRD minister, said, "Many people are running different organisations with the help of foreign aids. They are misleading the people branding themselves as patriots. Basically they don't have patriotism. They don't know about history, economics and politics."

He urged the party people to remain alert and get united to foil any conspiracy of staging another "August 15". "There is no legal way to dislodge Sheikh Hasina. It's only possible through illegal means. So, we all have to stay united to avoid any August 15 massacre."

Earlier in the morning, Ashraf said it did not suit the BNP criticising the budget.

"Criticism doesn't suit those who placed budgets wearing urdi (army uniform)," he told journalists

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Leaked malodorous sewage has been flooding a section of the road at the capital's Malibagh intersection for a long time now. Constant running of vehicles over it has resulted in creation of large craters, and with the advent of rain these are being filled with the foul-smelling liquid hiding their depths, triggering possibilities of accidents. But nobody seems to care. The photo was taken yesterday.

# ACID VIOLENCE 88pc attackers still at large due to police failure

Says ASF

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Due to police failure, 88 percent of the people accused in acid violence cases in the last 12 years are still at large, according to Acid Survivors Foundation.

According to data revealed by the organisation yesterday, from 2002 to 2013, police arrested only 590 people, a mere 12 percent, out of as many as 4,926 accused in 1,891 cases filed across the country. Furthermore, 13 people in 12 such cases received the death penalty over the last 12 years, but none has been executed yet.

The data has been collected from the home ministry's monitoring cell that deals with acid violence cases.

The data was revealed at a national conference on legal assistance for acid survivors held at the capital's Brac Centre Inn.

ASF and Brac jointly organised the conference attended, among others, by survivors of acid attacks, public

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# COMMENTS ON OSMANS PM took responsibility of crooks: BNP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP yesterday strongly criticised Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for her "taking responsibility" of the family of Narayanganj Awami League lawmaker Shamim Osman, who according to the BNP, is widely involved in criminal activities, including killing and abduction.

"By taking responsibility of the Osman family, the prime minister has taken the responsibility of protecting all godfathers of the country involved in killings and abductions," BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir told a book launch at the capital's Jatiya Press Club.

While speaking on a condolence motion on Shamim's elder brother and Jatiya Party MP Nasim Osman in parliament on June 3, Hasina said if necessary, she would take the responsibility of the Osmans. The Osman family has been targeted since the tenure of Yahya Khan in Pakistan and the successive governments in Bangladesh after 1975, she said.

Pointing to Hasina's statements, Fakhru said in the past

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# Wetlands crucial for Dhaka water supply

Experts tell discussion on rainwater harvesting

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Floodplains and water bodies like ponds, canals in Dhaka city are very crucial because they serve as the source of surface water by storing rainwater, and at the same time, help recharge of underground aquifers through percolation, planners and engineers said at a discussion yesterday.

"But wetlands are being ruthlessly destroyed in violation of the capital's master plan to make way for businesses," said Dr Ishrat Islam, an urban planning professor at the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet).

The master plan is breached to serve individuals' business interests, said Dr Md Akter Mahmud, general secretary of the Bangladesh Institute of Planners.

The Bangla daily Prothom Alo and WaterAid jointly organised the discussion on the conservation and use of rainwater in the cities at the newspaper's office in the capital.

Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (Wasa) currently generates only 22 percent of 230 crore litres of water it needs to feed the city dwellers daily from surface water, said the agency's managing director, Taqsem A Khan, but the aim was to reduce dependence on groundwater by generating 70 percent of water from surface sources by 2019.

Excessive extraction of groundwater

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6<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary



Today is the 6<sup>th</sup> death anniversary of our Maa, **Rezia Begum**. She was a freedom fighter, a writer & above all a loving mother.

The family members of late Rezia Begum have requested all her relatives, friends & well wishers to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

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# Two held over HSC English-2 exam question leak allegations

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

Police yesterday arrested two people in Munshiganj's Sirajdikhan upazila while they were photocopying some allegedly leaked questions of the HSC English paper-2 exam scheduled for today.

The question paper resembling the original one and believed to be of Set "Ka" was sent to Dhaka board for verification, said officials. Earlier, the exam was scheduled for April 10 but was postponed due to allegations of questions' leak.

The arrestees are Saiktat Hossain, 18, an HSC examinee of KB Degree College, and Mosharaf Hossain, 42, a photocopy shop owner, in Ichhapura area.

# Mahila Parishad for immediate DCC polls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad (BMP) yesterday urged the authorities concerned to hold the Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) polls immediately.

Having elected representatives in DCC will not only strengthen local governance but also encourage women's leadership as 30 of 92 seats of ward commissioners are reserved for women, said BMP leaders.

They were addressing a views exchange meeting on strengthening local government in the capital's Cirdap auditorium.

As the tenure of elected DCC representatives expired seven years ago, city dwellers are suffering from a lack of basic civic amenities, said BMP Chairperson Ayesha Khanam.

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To Know is to Prevent

Born with heart defect? It need not continue any longer.....



Farhana Akhter, a lively spontaneous woman aged 33 years, is living with her husband for last six years in the city of Auckland at New Zealand. Farhana's days were full with fun and play with Razeen, her two years old growing son, a bundle of energy. But occasionally, she wasn't being able to cope with her playful child. She started getting tired even with little work and was having sudden palpitation and breathlessness. She felt lifeless without any energy to do anything, as extreme weakness was engulfing her everyday. Her husband took her to Auckland City Hospital. After necessary tests, the doctor told her that she has holes in her heart wall, not one but six! The doctor further told them she was born with this heart defect called Atrial Septal Defect which does not always produce symptoms till a certain age. She was advised cardiac surgery for repair of these holes; they said the surgery would cost them 40 thousand New Zealand Dollar which is equivalent to 39 lac 80 thousand Bangladeshi Taka! As if their whole world crashed in pieces, from where they will get so much money! He started contacting hospitals in Singapore, Thailand and India asking about hospital quality, doctor skill and also cost of surgery. While talking over phone, in one such desperate night, Farhana's family members from Dhaka suggested them to do Farhana's surgery in an International Standard hospital in Bangladesh.

They decided to come to Bangladesh to test their luck! Farhana was taken to this hospital straight from the airport; the Cardiac Surgeon there said the heart surgery will be done here in similar standardized method like any other world renowned International Standard hospital; the infection control parameters and cardiac intensive care support of the hospital are also at par with global standard.

Farhana had a five hour long surgery, after 24 days of hospital stay she was discharged in a perfectly stable condition. Her total treatment cost came to three lac Bangladeshi Taka only, which was 13 times lower than the price quoted in the New Zealand hospital!

\* Name disguised to protect identity  
\*\* This information is for public awareness only; it is NOT a medical advice

For further queries or feedback call Dr. Nafiz Ahmed at 01713240314 (everyday 9am to 5pm) or write back to us at 2know2prevent@apollodhaka.com

Anyone born with heart defects should not suffer anymore with it any longer. Why waste valuable time going abroad spending so much money when you can avail International Standard treatment in a hospital in your own country? Do not feel despair when hope is beckoning from somewhere near you!



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