

RAIN LIKELY



Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at many places over Rangpur, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Rajshahi, Dhaka, Khulna and Barisal divisions till 6:00pm today.

Moderately heavy to heavy falls are also likely at places, Met Office said.
Day and night temperatures may remain nearly unchanged over the country.
The sun sets in the capital today at 6:45pm and rises tomorrow at 5:10am.

Country's highest temperature 36.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Khulna and lowest 24.3 degree Celsius in Bogra.
The highest and lowest temperatures 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	36.0	28.5		67	54	Khulna	36.2	28.3		70	57
Chittagong	33.1	27.8		70	80	Barisal	35.4	27.5		75	68
Rajshahi	35.3	27.7		86	75	Sylhet	33.3	26.0		88	63
Rangpur	30.5	25.4		90	87	Cox's Bazar	34.2	27.4		70	81

NEWSIN brief

Anup Chetia still detained in Bangladesh: Home boss

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Indian national Anup Chetia alias Golap Barua is still detained in Bangladesh's jail, said State Minister for Home Asaduzzaman Khan in parliament yesterday.

He further said an application by Golap Barua, in which he requested to be repatriated, is under process at the home ministry.

Replying to lawmakers' queries, the state minister also said the government has planned to raise police manpower by 50,000 to maintain law and order.

Another dies from electrocution while hoisting favourite world cup colours

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Another fan of Argentine team died from electrocution when he tried to hoist the country's flag, ahead of world cup football match, atop of a tin-shed structure at capital's Dakkhin Jatrabari yesterday.

Sajal, 22, worked in a local workshop.

Jatrabari police Officer-in-Charge Aboni Shankar Kar said Sajal fell down after he came in touch with a nearby live electric wire.

On Saturday, Shihab Hossain, 12, a class VI student, died from electrocution while hoisting Argentine flag at Gopalpur in Munshiganj's Sirajdikhan.

59 BNP men indicted for vandalism, arson in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chittagong court yesterday indicted 59 BNP men, including its Chittagong city-unit general secretary Dr Shahadat Hossain, in a case filed for vandalism and arson attack in 2012.

On December 10, BNP activists vandalised and torched vehicles in the city's Kazir Dewri area, where the party's city office is located, during a pre-hartal procession.

The next day, police filed the case with Kotwali Police Station accusing 64 BNP leaders and activists.

Kabir, Benajir president, secy general of non-govt universities' assoc

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sheikh Kabir Hossain and Benajir Ahmed were elected president and secretary general respectively of the Association of Non Government Universities of Bangladesh.

Abdul Mannan Chowdhury elected as vice-president and KBM Moinuddin Chisti as treasurer for 2014-15, says a press release.

Elected executive members are CM Shafi Sami, Kazi Rofiqul Alam, Jalaluddin Ahmed, Md Sobur Khan, Ahsanul Islam Titu and Kazi Anis Ahmed.

ENVIRONMENT OLYMPIAD Participants say no to Rampal power plant

DU CORRESPONDENT

College and university students, who participated in this year's environment Olympiad, observed that the proposed Rampal Power Plant Project in Bangladesh will do the country more harm than good.

The Sundarbans will be affected permanently due to the proposed coal-fired power plant as the power plant will burn around 4.75 million tonnes of coal annually when more or less 0.3 million tonnes ashes and around 0.5 million tonnes sludge and liquid waste may be produced.

On behalf of the participants, Prof Tawhida Rashid, convener of the Olympiad, placed the observation at its closing day at Dhaka university senate building.

The Olympiad titled "Environment Olympiad, Debating Championship, and Presentation Competition" began on May 29 with participation of students of 32 universities and colleges.

Prof Rashid added the plant would also emit a good amount of carbon dioxide, the key factor for global warming; some other toxic gases and airborne particles.

Anwar Hossain Manju, environment and forests minister, said this issue should be given priority in the national budget.

Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique and Prof Maksud Kamal also spoke.



Seminar

Bridging Institutions and Innovations in Action for Sustainable Development has organised a seminar on clean, safe and women friendly environment in educational institutions; Venue: Public Library Seminar Room; Time: 10:30am.

Seminar

Bangladesh Accreditation Board and Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry have arranged a seminar on the occasion of World Accreditation Day; Venue: DCCI Auditorium; Time: 9:30am.



Street vendors occupy one side of the road under Jatrabri-Gulistan flyover and parked buses the other at the capital's Fulbaria yesterday, obstructing passage of vehicles. The flyover was built to ease traffic congestion in the area, but it has failed to produce any result due to the illegal occupation, which is going on allegedly through bribing of law enforcers and political leaders.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

7 BANGLADESHIS FREED BY SOMALI PIRATES

Families counting days for return

STAR REPORT

Family members of seven Bangladeshi sailors, who were recently freed from abduction, are counting down days to be reunited after more than three and a half years.

The seven Bangladeshi crew disappeared along with MV Albedo on November 26, 2010 when Somali pirates hijacked the Malaysian flagged vessel. A foreign ministry official yesterday confirmed that Somali pirates have freed the Bangladeshis and they are expected to join their families in Bangladesh soon.

Four of the sailors are Golam Mostafa, son of Sheikh Md Hossain; Habibur Rahman, son of Iman Ali Sardar; Nurul Haque, son of late Sobhan Sardar; and Abul Kashem, son of Abdur Rouf. All of them hail from Satkhira.

Aminul Islam, son of Abul Kalam, and

Jakir Hossain Rajib, son of Nazrul Islam, are from Chittagong while Limon Sarkar, son of Abdul Wali Ullah, hails from Chandpur.

Mostafa's wife Salma Begum said it was hard for her to believe when she learnt about their release through television on Saturday. "But when he called me over the phone, I broke down in tears," she said.

Salma quoted Mostafa as saying, "I'm safe, don't worry; I will be back home soon." Father of Kashem in a choked voice said, "My son is returning home after three years and I do not want anything more."

Habibur's mother had a broken heart and never recovered, said his father, adding that she passed away recently with the hope to see her son at least once unfulfilled.

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) authorities and Bangladesh High Commission in Nairobi

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Rana Plaza survivor 'raped' in Savar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

A female garment worker and survivor of Rana Plaza collapse was allegedly raped repeatedly for two days in Bank Colony in Savar, on the outskirts of the capital.

Police arrested one Shahabuddin, 46, a hawker of the area, in this connection.

The victim filed a case against Shahabuddin claiming he had confined her for two days at his residence and raped her there repeatedly.

She alleged Shahabuddin lured her there by promising her

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18 YEARS INTO KALPANA CHAKMA'S ABDUCTION

Brother's fight for justice gets global support

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Written with pencil, ink and some with crayon, a plethora of colourful cards and letters from all across the world lay on the table before Kalindi Kumar Chakma, expressing solidarity with his 18 years of struggle for justice.

These words of support for the brother of Kalpana Chakma, organising secretary of Hill Women's Federation, who was allegedly abducted by military and Village Defence Party (VDP) men on June 12, 1996, came as part of human rights organisation Amnesty International's campaign "Write for Rights".

Kalpana's name was included last year in the list of victims of forcible disappearance in the campaign which attempted to inform the world about people, subjected to forcible disappearance or murder by state machineries.

The letters were handed over to Kalindi yesterday at a function organised by the federation at the Upajatiya Thikdar Kalyan Samity Bhaban in Khagrachhari, only a day before the submission of the re-investigation report of the

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TOWHID MURDER Osmani medical college BCL chief confesses

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Bangladesh Chhatra League president of Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College unit, Soumen Dey, yesterday confessed before a Sylhet court that he and some other BCL men killed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal leader Towhidul Islam.

Police arrested Soumen at the city's railway station on Saturday.

Earlier, the college authorities suspended him and nine other BCL men.

Some BCL men allegedly beat Towhid, a fourth year MBBS student, to death on the campus on

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CASES FOR VIOLENCE

Charge framing hearing against Fakhrul, Moudud deferred

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday deferred till August 10 the hearing on charge framing against BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, Moudud Ahmed and 39 other party leaders and activists in three cases over creating violence.

The cases were filed for torching vehicles, assaulting police and obstructing them from discharging duties during the opposition's agitation on March 2 and 6 last year.

The order was passed

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