

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, 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.	Country's highest temperature 37.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rajshahi and lowest 24.0 degree Celsius in Sayedpur.	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	
	The sun sets in the capital today at 6:46pm and rises tomorrow at 5:10am.	Dhaka	35.4	29.0	69	60	Khulna	35.5	28.5	74	63
		Chittagong	33.0	27.4	95	78	Barisal	35.2	28.2	79	68
		Rajshahi	37.2	28.3	83	69	Sylhet	30.6	25.0	76	83
		Rangpur	29.4	24.5	96	79	Cox's Bazar	34.5	27.4	74	80

NEWSINbrief

CPB, BSD to rally countrywide June 17 against recent killings

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Communist Party of Bangladesh and Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal will jointly hold rallies on June 17 across the country against the recent killings and abductions and the proposed budget.

They will also stage a rally in the capital on June 21.

CPB President Mujahidul Islam Selim yesterday announced the programmes at a press conference at Mukti Bhaban in the capital.

BSD General Secretary Khalequzzaman was also present on the occasion.

CEC Rakibuddin to leave for Kenya on June 20

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmad will leave the country for Kenya on June 20 to join the "Biennial Conference of the Commonwealth Electoral Network".

The CEC will return home on June 26, said EC officials.

CDA demolishes illegal structures

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Chittagong Development Authority (CDA) yesterday demolished illegal portions of four buildings in Sirazuddoula Road in the port city.

A surveillance team of CDA conducted the drive on about 3km stretch of road from the city's Anderkilla to Joynagar area. The team demolished parts of the buildings which were occupying area of the road, said CDA sources.

BAU students protest fee hike

BAU CORRESPONDENT

The students of Bangladesh Agricultural University in Mymensingh staged a demonstration on the campus yesterday protesting increase in semester fee.

Boycotting classes, they gathered in front of the vice-chancellor's residence. Later, they brought out a procession.

The BAU authorities recently increased the fee to Tk 1,780 from Tk 580 per semester, they said.

DHAKA TODAY

Consultation

National Alliance for Migrant's Rights Bangladesh will organise a national consultation on "Kafala violating migrant's rights: Can FIFA help to abolish"; Venue: Brac Centre Inn; Time: 10:00am.

Human Chain

Students of Northern International Medical College will form a human chain demanding internships for those who passed the final exams; Venue: college campus, Dhanmondi; Time: 11:00am.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Chinese Premier Li Keqiang inspect Chinese honour guards during a welcome ceremony outside the Great Hall of the People in Beijing yesterday. Sheikh Hasina has been on a six-day visit to China since June 6.

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AL dismisses possibility of dialogue before 2019

Response comes from leaders a day after Khaleda expresses willingness for talks

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A day after BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia expressed her party's inclination to dialogue, the ruling Awami League leaders yesterday dismissed possibility of any talks before 2019, saying the country was not having a situation that warranted dialogue.

The ruling party leaders also asked the BNP leadership to wait till 2019 when the next parliamentary election is due to be held. Before that, there is no scope for dialogue regarding polls, but talks can be held on important national issues, they said.

On Sunday, Khaleda Zia told an EU delegation that her party was ready for dialogue with the government anytime to reach consensus about holding an inclusive parliamentary election. She made her stand clear when a European Union (EU) parliamentary delegation met with her at her Gulshan office.

But yesterday, AL advisory council member Suranjit Sengupta, joint general secretary Mahbubul Alam Hanif, and publicity affairs secretary Hasan Mahmud, at different programmes, expressed their views about BNP's unwillingness about talks. The ruling party leaders also set pre-conditions for Khaleda for dialogue.

Addressing a programme at the capital's Institution of Diploma Engineers, Suranjit said his party always believed in talks for resolving any crisis. But Khaleda Zia will have to determine the agenda of the dialogue, and the agenda must be clear before talks, he said.

Suranjit also said before talks, Khaleda would have to admit her mistakes first for

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MILKY MURDER CASE Brother has no confidence in Rab report

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Brother of the slain Jubo League leader Riazul Haque Khan Milky yesterday challenged the charge sheet of the Milky murder case submitted earlier by Rapid Action Battalion for dropping the names of seven accused including two prime accused.

Maj Rashedul Haque Khan said he filed the petition with a Dhaka court and also expressed no confidence in the charge sheet, as seven names were dropped although witnesses and other accused during different investigations had mentioned their names.

The two main accused are Zahidul Islam Tipu, general secretary of Awami League Motijheel thana unit, and Wahidul Alam Arif, general secretary of Jubo League Dhaka city (south) unit.

Five others whose names were dropped are Aminul Islam, Ahhakam Ullah, Enamul Haque, Mahbubul Haque

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4-day BGB-BGP summit starts today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Against the backdrop of the recent tension along the Bangladesh-Myanmar border, which flared after the death of a Bangladeshi border guard, a four-day summit meeting between the two border forces begins in Myanmar today with an aim to improve the border situation.

An eight-member team led by Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) Director General Maj Gen Aziz Ahmed left Dhaka yesterday to join the meeting to be held from June 10 to 13 in Myanmar's capital, Nay Pyi Taw, says a BGB press release.

Maj Gen Zaw win, chief of Myanmar Border Guard Police, will lead a 13-member team, it said. High officials of the two border forces, and home and foreign ministries of the two countries will join the talks.

On May 28, Myanmar's BGP, in an unprovoked attack, opened fire at BGB patrols in Bandarban's Naikkhangchhari upazila on May 28, killing BGB Nayek Mizanur Rahman. Three days later, on May 31, Myanmar's border force handed over Mizanur's body, easing the tension.

Bangladesh and Myanmar share a 271 km border.

BGB has been expressing frustration and disappointment over the BGP for not cooperating and responding to issues raised by BGB over the years and hoped that the summit talks would be an opportunity to sort out issues between the two border forces.

BGB is expected to discuss several issues like exchange of fire at the border, steps to increase confidence in the border forces about each other, containing drug and Yaba trafficking from Myanmar, establishing direct communication between the BGB and BGP commanders, and initiating a "coordinated border management plan".

A "Joint Record of Discussions" will be signed on June 12, the release said.

Egypt envoy assures good relations

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Egyptian Ambassador to Bangladesh Mahmoud Ezzat yesterday said his country wants good relations with Bangladesh and termed the present Egyptian government as purely civilian, not one backed by army.

New Egyptian President Abdel-Fath el-Sissi will be on "good terms" with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's government and will enhance political and economic relationship with Bangladesh to a new height, he said at a press briefing at the Egyptian embassy in the capital marking the sworn in of President Sissi on Sunday.

He said the new president

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Negativity about armed forces not wise

Ashraf tells parliament referring to allegations against Rab as isolated incidents

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

It would not be wise to evaluate the armed forces "negatively" for some isolated incidents carried out by the members of the three forces, LGRD Minister Syed Ashraf Islam told parliament yesterday.

"Therefore, it would be more effective to identify specific problems, resolve those and to amend the existing system instead of suspending appointment [of armed forced members] on deputation and bringing major organisational changes," Ashraf, who is in charge of the defence ministry in parliament affairs business, said replying to lawmakers' queries.

Awami League MP Selim Uddin asked whether deputing armed forces members in the civil administration and Rapid Action Battalion will be stopped, as some of them used to engage in different "misdeeds" and thus defame their parent organisation.

In reply, Ashraf said different countries including Bangladesh's neighbours were using their armed forces to strengthen and organise their internal security systems.

Armed forces personnel are being engaged in Bangladesh in constructive works like construction of the Padma bridge and to bring dynamism in education and health sectors, he said.

Ashraf added that Bangladesh was following internationally acknowledged and practiced strategy to strengthen its internal security by engaging the armed forces.

Meanwhile, Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Haq yesterday told parliament that works on identifying fake freedom fighters and cancelling their certificate were going on.

The ministry has already cancelled the certificates of 116 fake freedom fighters and sued them, he said.



The photo of the same manhole in the same condition in front of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka was published nine days ago, on June 1, in The Daily Star but failed to wake the authorities up to this shameful situation right in front of the parking lot of the nation's largest international airport. The photo was captured again yesterday.

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Four detective impersonators held in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police arrested four people as they tried to pick up two private firm employees impersonating detective police in the capital's Banani yesterday.

The arrestees are Mamun, Abu Bakar, Mostafa Kamal and Al Amin alias Dipu.

Jan-e-Alam Chowdhury, an officer at BD Thai Cosmo Ltd; and Imam Mehedi, a peon, were returning with Tk 2.60 lakh from a bank's ATM booth at Banani Super Market, said Abu Bakar Siddique, operations officer at Banani Police Station.

The four and two others

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11 doctors sacked for negligence in five months

Health Minister Nasim tells parliament

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Health Minister Mohammad Nasim yesterday told parliament that a total of 11 doctors had been terminated while punitive actions were taken against over 100 others due to their "negligence in duty" in the last five months.

Nasim came up the statement in reply to a query of independent MP Rustom Ali Farazi who alleged in parliament the day before that the health minister had failed to keep doctors in villages. In his statement, Nasim said, "In the five months after he took charge of the ministry, 11 doctors have been sacked for not staying in their respective workplaces, salaries of 25 others have been withheld, and 18 doctors have been suspended. Besides, departmental cases were filed against 81 doctors."

The health and family planning minister also said in the last five months, he had not kept the request of any doctor to transfer them to the capital from upazila hospitals.

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LAND ACQUISITION ORDINANCE HC questions legality of ratification

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday questioned the legality of the government's decision to legitimise a land-acquisition related ordinance issued during the regime of HM Ershad in 1982.

The court issued a rule upon the government to explain in four weeks why its formulation of a new law to legitimise the Acquisition and Requisition of Immovable Property Ordinance, 1982 should not be declared illegal.

The HC came up with the

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