


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.

Day and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:46pm and rises tomorrow at 5:10am.

Country's highest temperature 36.6 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Ishwardi and lowest 22.8 degrees in Dinajpur.

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	36.4	28.8	73	77	Khulna	36.5	28.5	76	62
Chittagong	33.1	27.5	77	77	Barisal	36.0	28.4	74	70
Rajshahi	35.5	23.6	91	74	Sylhet	31.9	24.3	90	92
Rangpur	31.0	25.0	90	82	Cox's Bazar	34.5	27.4	75	86

NEWSIN

brief

2 die in road accident in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two people were killed and two others of the same family injured when a truck hit a battery-run rickshaw carrying them at Della bus stand in the capital's Demra yesterday. The deceased were Pachir Khan, 95, and his granddaughter-in-law Tahmina Akter Khuki, 33. Pachir's another granddaughter-in-law Sumi Begum, 30, and her seven-year old child were injured.

Deed writer killed in Gazipur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Police recovered the body of a deed writer of Gazipur sub-registrar office from his Rajdigirpar residence in Gazipur town on Monday night. Quoting brother police said Shahidul Islam Shahid, 35, son of Fazlul Haque Mollah of Gazipur, had disputes with a group of people over land business in the area. The body bore several injury marks on face and body. Four people were arrested in this connection.

RU admission test to begin on Oct 19, classes resume today

RU CORRESPONDENT

Admission test for first year honours courses under 2014-15 session at Rajshahi University (RU) will begin on October 19 and continue till October 25, said a RU press release. Admission seekers are asked to visit www.ru.ac.bd. Meanwhile, classes, examinations and academic activities will resume today amid tight security after 10-day summer vacation. Teachers, students and employees are asked to keep their identity cards with them on the campus.

Fruit festival held at Cardiff school

CITY DESK

To give the new generation a taste of chemical-free fruits, a fruit festival was held at Cardiff International School, Dhaka yesterday. Principal Head of School GM Nizam Uddin opened the daylong "Seasonal Organic Fruits Festival" in the auditorium of the English medium school at Dhanmondi, says a press release. About 25 varieties of fruits including mango, blackberry, jackfruit, litchi, banana, papaya, guava, pineapple, palm, jamrul, chalta, kamranga and water melon were displayed.

SYLHET CRICKET STADIUM

3 die in boundary wall collapse

Two were children

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Two siblings and one of their cousins were killed as a portion of the wall of Sylhet Cricket Stadium collapsed on their nearby tin-shed house in a tea garden on the outskirts of the city early yesterday. Another portion of the wall on the western side also collapsed. Nasima Akhtar, 17, Zahed, 11, and their cousin Ruhul, 11, who came to visit their home were sleeping during the incident around 3:00am. Azan Ali, the father of Nasima and Zahed, works in Lakatura Tea Garden. The tea garden Manager Syed Mahmud Hassan said the remaining part of the wall might also collapse any time as it was in a bad shape. Locals and the tea garden workers in a demonstration on Airport Road alleged that the wall was poorly constructed within a short time before the T-20 cricket world cup. However, Jumma Abbas Raju, assistant general secretary of Sylhet Divisional Sports Association, said the project was carried out by National Sports Council. A four-member committee to probe the incident was formed, said a press release of the youth and sports ministry.

PROTECTING MIGRANT WORKERS' RIGHTS IN GULF COUNTRIES

Kafala repeal urged

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Migrants' rights activists yesterday demanded abolition of the controversial sponsorship system, Kafala, to better protect foreign workers in the Gulf countries. Under the Kafala system, employers of the Gulf countries confiscate the passports of the foreign workers to control their mobility. Nearly 5 million Bangladeshis work in Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman and Kuwait. "We should start a nationwide campaign to negotiate with the Gulf countries either for abolition or for reform of the Kafala system," said Rina Roy, director (rights) of Manusher Jonno Foundation at a national consultation. The National Alliance for Migrants'

Rights, Bangladesh (NAMR, B), a platform of NGOs, and The Daily Star organised it at Brac Centre Inn in the capital. Migration experts said abolishing Kafala would allow foreign workers to switch jobs and bargain with the employers for their rights. Sheepa Hafiza, director of Gender Justice and Diversity, Brac Migration Programme, said there is a huge opportunity for Bangladeshi workers' employment in Qatar ahead of the FIFA World Cup 2022, and it is imperative that Qatar abolish the sponsorship system to ensure their rights. In a keynote presentation titled "Kafala violating migrant rights: Can FIFA help to abolish?" she urged all the labour sending

AMASSING WEALTH ILLEGALLY

APS of ex-state minister on 9-day remand

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday placed Sumendra Lal Chandra Soilen, an assistant private secretary of the immediate past state minister for religious affairs Shahjahan Mia, on a nine-day remand in a case filed for amassing wealth worth over Tk 1.11 lakh illegally. The court passed the order after ACC Deputy Director AKM Mesbah Uddin, also the investigation officer of the case, produced Soilen before it with a 10-day remand prayer.

NONCOMPLIANCE WITH COURT ORDER

HC summons Rajuk boss

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday summoned Rajuk Chairman GM Zainul Abedin Bhuiyan to appear before it by 10:30am on July 8 for not complying with its directive over allocation of plots to three land owners. Following three writ petitions, the HC on July 19, 2012 directed the Rajuk authorities to give a plot of five kathas at Purbachal New Town Residential Project to each of Dilip Kumar Mukharjee, Nirmal Kumar Das and Kashinath Ghosh, who became victims after Rajuk acquired their lands in 1997, in three months. Since the Rajuk authorities did not take effective steps to execute the directives, the three persons filed three contempt of court petitions with the HC in November last year. On November 19 last year, the HC issued three contempt of court rules against the Rajuk chairman, its member, director



Sheepa Hafiza, director of Gender Justice and Diversity, Brac Migration Programme, speaking at a consultation, "Kafala violating migrant rights: Can FIFA help to abolish?", at Brac Centre in the capital yesterday. On her left are Golam Mustafa Khan, director of the Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training (BMET); and Rina Roy, director (rights) of Manusher Jonno Foundation. On her right is Kazi Abul Kalam, deputy secretary to the expatriates' welfare and overseas employment ministry.

PHOTO: STAR

BDR CARNAGE VERDICT

HC stays Tk 5 lakh fine on Pintu

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday agreed to hear an appeal filed against the conviction of former BNP lawmaker Nasiruddin Ahmed Pintu in the BDR carnage case. The HC stayed a portion of the lower court verdict that fined Pintu Tk 5 lakh. A Dhaka court gave death penalty to 150 BDR men and two civilians and sentenced 161 others, including Pintu and ward-level Awami League leader Torab Ali, to life imprisonment for the carnage at the then BDR headquarters in 2009. The court also handed down rigorous imprisonment ranging from three to 10 years to another 256 people, mostly BDR jawans, in the case. Pintu submitted the appeal in January seeking acquittal of the charges.

GRAFT CASE

HC refuses to hear bail pleas of secretary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A High Court bench yesterday refused to hear the bail petitions of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Secretary Khondaker Showkat Hossain in three corruption cases. The bureaucrat appeared before the HC bench of Justice Md Rezaul Haque and Justice Gobinda Chandra Tagore for bail. Defence counsel Shiekh Golam Hafiz told The Daily Star that he will move the bail petitions before another HC bench later. The ACC filed the graft cases against Showkat on April 22 on charges of getting an allocation of three plots of Rajuk land

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Law to make archiving a must at govt offices soon

Cultural Affairs Secretary Dr Ranjit tells roundtable

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government would soon enact a law making it compulsory for all government organisations to preserve institutional records and submit those to the national archives, Cultural Affairs Secretary Dr Ranjit Kumar Biswas announced yesterday. "It is a subject hitherto neglected in our society," he said. Recognising its importance, the government is planning to provide courses on archiving at the Public Administration Training Centre and Regional Public Administration Training Centre, he added. The secretary was addressing a roundtable on "International Archives Day 2014", organised by the Bangla daily

Prothom Alo at its office in the capital. "We are also hoping to open a school of archives to provide education on the subject," he said. When Biswas made the announcement, other speakers viewed that archiving could be a key tool for ensuring transparency, accountability, and good governance. To meet the demand of professional archivists in the country, universities and government departments concerned should offer education on archiving, they said. Information Commissioner Prof Sadeka Halim recommended that the private sector be encouraged to work beside the government agencies to maintain archives. Muhammad Lutful Haq, adviser of

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Remove all foreign flags

Urges liberation war affairs minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Haque yesterday urged people to remove flags of different nations, which had been hoisted in the country in support of favourite football teams taking part in the World Cup Football 2014. Hoisting flags of other nations in the country is a violation of the existing flag rule, he told BBC Bangla, warning that if the flags were not removed, the state would take action as per the rule. "People driven by emotions hoisted the flags. We respect their emotions and at the

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