

RAIN LIKELY

WEATHER TODAY

Unib, Dhaka

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

Mild heat wave is sweeping at places over

Rajshahi and Khulna divisions and the regions of Dinajpur, Sayedpur and Tangail and it may continue, Met Office said.

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

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:48pm and rises tomorrow at 5:11am.

Country's highest temperature 38.3 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rajshahi and lowest 24.3 degree Celsius in Chittagong.

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	35.0	25.8	71	63	Khulna	36.8	27.0	72	70
Chittagong	29.5	24.3	95	85	Barisal	35.0	27.3	68	70
Rajshahi	38.3	26.1	70	66	Sylhet	33.5	27.0	92`	85
Rangpur	34.5	27.5	77	75	Cox's Bazar	32.5	27.0	86	74

BIHARI CAMP KILLING

BNP blames ruling party, its lawmaker

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP has blamed the ruling Awami League and its local lawmaker for the Saturday's killing at Kalshi Bihari camp in the capital's Mirpur.

The party also demanded that a judiciary probe committee be formed to try the people behind the attack.

"Bihari people told us that local MP Elias Uddin Mollah, ruling party men especially Jubo League men killed the people to grab the land. They also said Elias Mollah went there recently and demanded electric connection illegally from the camp for an adjacent slum," said BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir at a press briefing at the party's Nayapaltan office.

Refused, the lawmaker threatened them saying that they would be taught a lesson within two days, said Fakhrul, also BNP spokesperson.

Ten people were killed where nine people including eight members of a family were burnt alive as locals set several houses on fire at Kalshi Bihari camp in a series of clashes with Bihari people over fire-cracker explosion on Saturday.

Fakhrul also urged the government to release the arrested and withdraw the cases filed over the incident.

A delegation of BNP high-ups led by Fakhrul yesterday morning went to the spot.

The mesmerising beauty of this haor in Sunamganj, with a range of hillocks standing in the background, can be a huge tourist attraction. It also holds huge potentials of generating revenue but the government seems to have never thought of utilising the resource by putting communications facilities in place. Currently, only motorcycles, *inset*, can take tourists to the spot, but no road actually exists there. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

INCOME, EXPENSES

Political parties asked to file reports with EC by July 31

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission yesterday sent letters to all the 40 political parties asking them to submit audit report of their annual income and expenditure by July 31.

"We have sent the letters to remind the political parties," Rowshan Ara, senior assistant secretary to the EC Secretariat, told The Daily Star.

However, such letter will not be sent to Jamaat because the High Court on August 1 last year declared its registration illegal. An appeal against verdict remains pending at the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court.

According to the Representation People Order (RPO), all the registered parties have to submit its annual audit reports certified by a registered chartered accountant firm. The registration will be cancel, if any party fails to submit the report for three consecutive years.

TWO SAVAR SWEATER FACTORIES

Workers clash with other staff, 20 hurt

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

At least 20 persons were injured in a clash between the workers and the other staff of two sweater factories, over re-fixing of piece rate, at their workplaces in the same building at Genda in Savar outside the capital yesterday.

The authorities of Dynamic Sweater Industries Ltd and Sweater Manufactures Company Ltd have re-fixed the rate at the beginning of this month.

The workers, who are paid monthly on the basis of the number of clothes they made, also ransacked the factories run by the same owner.

Alomgir Hosen, a knitting operator, said, "In some cases,

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PROPOSED BUDGET

Adivasis frustrated as allocation shrinks

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The indigenous people living in Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) and in the plains are frustrated about the government's allocation in the proposed national budget for their development.

"The allocation is much less compared to those of the last few years," said Sanjeeb Drong, general secretary of Bangladesh Adivasi Forum, yesterday.

He made the observations while presenting a keynote paper in a meeting on "Budget and The Indigenous People of Bangladesh", organised by the Parliamentary Caucus on Indigenous Peoples in a conference room in the parliament building.

Two percent of the total population of the country is indigenous people. So, they deserve a minimum allocation of Tk 5,000 crore, Sanjeeb added.

He further said the indigenous people in the plains have been deprived the most in the budget allocation like every year despite they number around 20 lakh among the

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Rokanuddin endorses

Jan 5 national polls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eminent jurist Rokanuddin Mahmud yesterday told the High Court that Article 19 of the RPO, which allows the Election Commission to declare a contender elected uncontested, is valid as the provision is not contrary to the constitution.

He also said the HC cannot dictate parliament to make any law incorporating a "no vote" provision.

The senior counsel made the observations while placing his arguments before the HC as amicus curiae (friend of the court) during the hearing of two separate writ petitions filed challenging the legality of Article 19 of the Representation of the People Order (RPO) and seeking a "no vote" provision in the election.

In the January 5 general election, 153 out of 300 candidates were elected uncontested.

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Open dumpsters placed right before the entrance of Dhaka Collegiate School in the capital's Sadarghat are spreading a bad odour and contributing to environment pollution in the area but the Dhaka city corporation authorities are pretty nonchalant about it. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

HC order on

Ashiyon project remains in force

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court verdict, which declared the activities of Ashiyon City housing project in the capital's Uttara illegal, will remain in force, as the Supreme Court yesterday passed "no order" on a stay petition.

A four-member bench of the Appellate Division headed by Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha came up with the decision after hearing the petition filed by Ashiyon City, a land developer, seeking a stay on the HC judgment.

The SC's "no order" means the HC verdict will remain effective until any further order of the apex court, Syeda Rizwana Hasan, chief executive of Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA), told The Daily Star.

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'BCL men' chop off RU

Shibir leader's foot

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A group of Bangladesh Chhatra League men allegedly severed the right ankle of a Shibir leader at Rajshahi University yesterday.

The victim -- Md Russell Alam, 24, a fourth year student of Finance and Banking Department, and Shibir secretary of Nawab Abdul Latif hall unit -- was undergoing treatment at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.

Dr Tofazzel Hossain, on-duty doctor of RMCH, said Russell's condition was critical as he was also shot in his thighs.

On condition of anonymity, witnesses, some of whom are BCL activists too, said a group of BCL men of university unit consisting of General Secretary Tawhid Al Hasan Tuhin, Vice-president Tonmoy Ahanda Ovi, Organising Secretary Faisal Ahmed Runu, Joint Secretary Golam Kibria held Russell around 1:00pm and took him to Shahidullah Arts Building. He was being quizzed for location of a fugitive Shibir leader, said sources in the BCL.

Following his information, police arrested Ziauddin Bablu alias Hasib, a fourth year student of Arabic department, and Human Resources Development (HRD) affairs secretary of Shibir RU unit around 3:45pm while he was appearing an examination. Minutes after the arrest of Bablu, two gun shots were heard from the Arts Building and police rushed to the scene, said Tanvir Haider Chowdhury, Deputy Commissioner of Rajshahi Metropolitan Police (RMP).

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The Aga Khan

gets North-South Prize

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The Aga Khan has received the North-South Prize 2013 for his commitment to furthering a more pluralistic society and for his achievements in improving lives of vulnerable populations through Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN).

He is the first Muslim leader to win the prize, given by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe, said a press release yesterday.

President of Portugal Cavaco Silva presented the prize during a ceremony in the Portuguese National Assembly's Senate Hall on Thursday.

The Aga Khan said, "Our Network seeks in many ways to improve the quality of human life, in health,

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