

RAIN LIKELY

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

Day temperature may fall by (1-2) degree Celsius and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said.

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

Country's highest temperature 36.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rajshahi and lowest 24.5 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	32.5	26.6	83	75	Khulna	34.2	26.6	84	92
Chittagong	31.2	24.5	79	92	Barisal	33.6	26.8	94	82
Rajshahi	36.4	26.5	75	89	Sylhet	35.7	25.6	85	63
Rangpur	33.8	26.5	83	67	Cox's Bazar	33.3	26.2	80	82

NEWS IN brief

TV news on children's issues launched

A TV programme featuring news about children was launched yesterday. Titled "Kanastara", the weekly programme will be aired on BTV on Friday at 6:30pm and Channel-i on Thursday at 5:20pm. The event will also feature children's opinions on the issues concerned, said speakers at its launching ceremony held at Ruposhi Bangla Hotel in the capital. The Children's Television Foundation of Bangladesh and Free Press Unlimited are jointly producing the programme.

Dhaka, Naypydaw FOC postponed

The Bangladesh-Myanmar Foreign Office Consultation (FOC), which was scheduled to be held yesterday in Dhaka, was postponed as the Myanmar team was unable to attend the meeting. Myanmar, however, in a formal letter to Bangladesh's foreign ministry proposed the third week of August as a tentative time to hold the meeting. Contacted, Myanmar Ambassador in Dhaka Myo Myint Than said the meeting was postponed as the Myanmar deputy foreign minister, who was to lead the delegation, went to London on an urgent visit.

Graft charges against BRTA staff okayed

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday approved a charge sheet against a suspended official of Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) for misappropriating government money. Kazi Mahbubur Rahman, suspended assistant director (Tangail Circle), embezzled over Tk 22 lakh by issuing fake registrations to 74 vehicles while he was posted in Tangail between 2010 and 2011, said an ACC official. The officer said Mahbub also destroyed all the fake documents to hide evidence. The commission in its regular meeting gave the approval and in next week the charge sheet may be submitted to the court, he added.

Woman's body recovered in Ctg

Police recovered the decomposed body of an unidentified woman, aged around 22, from a canal in Mijjartek area of Chittagong city yesterday. The reason behind the death could not be ascertained immediately, said police. The body was sent to Chittagong Medical College Hospital for an autopsy.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina appreciates a scientific project by clapping as she visits an exhibition on the occasion of Technical and Vocational Education Week after she inaugurated the event at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the capital yesterday.

PM wants technical education to flourish

UNB, Dhaka
Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday stressed the need for flourishing science and technology-based technical and vocational education alongside general education in the country to meet the demands of a growing job market. "Science and technology-based technical education alongside general education should be spread widely in the country so that they (students) can groom themselves and gain financial solvency," she said. The prime minister was addressing the inaugural ceremony of "Technical and Vocational Education Week 2014 (June 18-24)" at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the capital. The education ministry organised the programme. Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid also spoke on the occasion. This is the second time such a weeklong programme is

Qaisar's aides killed father

Freedom fighter's son testifies at war crimes tribunal
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The son of a martyred freedom fighter yesterday testified that he saw the cohorts of war crimes accused Syed Mohammad Qaisar kill his father and three other freedom fighters in the district following a "signal" from Qaisar in 1971. Renu Miah, son of Siraj Miah of Mouzpur village under Madhabpur upazila, Habiganj, told the International Crimes Tribunal-2 that Qaisar and his accomplices had also tortured his father before death and the accused rejected their earnest request to release him. On Tuesday, Majeda Khatun, daughter of Akkas Ali, one of the four victims from Mouzpur, gave a testimony almost identical to Renu's. She said she saw the Pakistani army kill her father and three other freedom fighters following Qaisar's signal. Qaisar, a former state minister of HM Ershad's regime, faces 16 charges over crimes, including genocide, in Habiganj and Brahmanbaria during the war. The accused, now on bail, however, denies the allegations. Renu, the 27th prosecution witness in Qaisar's case, said his father and the three of his fellow freedom fighters slept at their house on the night of the 11th of Bangla month Ashwin. The next morning, they saw many people

SCBA files review petition

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) yesterday filed a review petition with the Supreme Court against its guidelines for the High Court in granting anticipatory bail to people. The Appellate Division of the SC issued some guidelines in a verdict on February 24 and expressed disappointment at an HC bench for "failure to follow its guidelines" in giving anticipatory bail to BNP leader Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain in a money laundering case. The Appellate Division said the HC had to scrutinise the facts in the FIR with "expected diligence", and would not grant anticipatory bail "where the allegations are of heinous nature". If satisfied in all respects, the HC will dispose of the anticipatory bail applications instantly without issuing any rule, and will not grant such type of bail to an accused for more than four weeks, the judgment said. "Anticipatory bails shall not survive post-charge sheet stage." The HC judges will mention the reasons for granting anticipatory bail to an accused and "shall give reasons for their satisfaction on this unravelling point," the apex court said. "Political threshold of the [bail] petitioner or claimed rivalry, by itself, without further ado, shall not be a ground for entertaining an application". If allegation of bias is aired against a particular or



Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Engr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, centre, hands over a cheque for Tk 10 lakh to Vice Chancellor Prof SM Nazrul Islam of Buet at the latter's office in the capital on Monday to establish "Engr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain Trust Fund" for awarding gold medals to the meritorious students of Buet.

SEMINAR ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT Budgetary allocation declines in last 5 yrs

DU CORRESPONDENT
The allocation for disaster management in the national budget has decreased over the last five years from above 4 percent to 2.9 percent, speakers told a seminar yesterday. The seminar titled "Post-budget analysis: disaster management and relief" was jointly organised by Disaster Science and Management Department and the Centre for Budget and Policy of Dhaka University. Addressing the seminar at the Senate Bhaban, Prof Abu Yusuf of Disaster Science and Management Department said at least 5 percent of total budget should be spent in disaster management sector. Unlike Sri Lanka and Nepal, allocation for preparedness in

DHAKA TODAY
Launching ceremony
Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust has organised a ceremony to launch SHOKHI [Women's Health, Rights and Choices] project; Venue: Cirdap auditorium; Time: 10:00am.
Workshop
Oxfam has organised a learning and sharing workshop on the project "Strengthening the role of Non State Actors in Climate Change Policy Formulation in South Asia and Enhancing their Capacities to Influence Global Climate Negotiations"; Venue: Spectra Convention Centre, Gulshan; Time: 09:30am.

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CORRIGENDUM
Corrigendum is hereby issued to the Prequalification Invitation Notice for **Package 1 - Part A: Demolition and Strip Out and Part B: Civil, Structural, Façade Glazing and External Works** at 1 Minto Road, Dhaka 1000 Bangladesh, published in the following dailies:
i) The Daily Star - 5th June 2014
ii) The Daily Ittefaq - 5th June 2014
iii) The Prothom Alo - 5th June 2014
1. In the item no. 1 the word of "construction and refurbishment" is hereby changed to "construction / renovation".
2. Add the following paragraph to item no. 1 (b)
In case of a Joint Venture / consortium applicant, the lead partner shall have similar experience of a completed work of at least Tk.30 crore in a single work order and each of the other Joint Venture partner(s) shall have completed similar work at least Tk.20 crore in a single work order during the last 10 (ten) years.
3. Add the following paragraph to item no. 1 (c)
In case of a Joint Venture / consortium applicant, the lead partner shall have average annual turnover of at least Tk.60 core and each of the other Joint Venture partner(s) shall have average annual turnover of at least Tk.40 core for the last three years.
4. Add the following paragraph to item no. 1 (d)
In case of a Joint Venture / consortium applicant, the lead partner shall have valid contractor / builder's license registered in Bangladesh.
5. Add the new serial no to item no. 1
m) In case of a Joint Venture / consortium, details of the financial arrangement between the Joint Venture partners shall be submitted which show that the lead partner will carry out the largest proportion of the work to be carried out.
6. In item no. 2 the firm shall submit the documents sought in Item 1 (a-l) is hereby changed to **Item 1 (a-m).**
7. In item no. 3 the date of submission of the required information is hereby changed from Monday 23rd June 2014 to **Monday 30th June 2014.**
8. In item no. 4 date of float the tender for the above work is hereby changed from Monday 30th June 2014 to **Tuesday 8th July 2014.**
9. The other information of the Prequalification Invitation Notice published in the national dailies on 5th June 2014 shall remain unchanged.
Secretary
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HC upholds death sentence on seven
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The High Court yesterday upheld a lower court judgment that sentenced seven persons to death in a case filed for killing six members of a family in Narsingdi in 2007. The death row convicts are Akhtaruzzaman Biru, Dhud Miah, Sharif Bhuiyan, Shahid Mia, Fazlul Haq, Swapan Mia and Jahangir. They are all now in Narsingdi jail. The HC has affirmed their death sentence, as the allegations brought against them for killing six people have been proved, Deputy Attorney General Bishmadev Chakraborty told The Daily Star. According to the prosecution, Raisuddin, 52, his wife Salma Begum, 48, their son Rajib, 22, and daughters Yuona, 28, Swarna, 26, and adopted daughter Urmi, 8, were killed at their house at Bhelanagar in Narsingdi town on the night of May 17, 2007. The criminals slit the throats of Yuona and Swarna after rape and strangled four others. Raisuddin's younger brother Shahjahan Bhuiyan alias Ratan filed the murder case with Narsingdi Sadar Police Station. Additional District and Sessions Judge AKM Abul Kashem of Narsingdi on March 17, 2008 gave the death sentence to the seven convicts for the killing. Yesterday, the HC bench of Justice Bhabani Prasad Singha delivered the verdict after hearing the appeals filed by the condemned convicts against the lower court judgment. Earlier on January 19 this year, a two-judge HC bench delivered a split verdict over a lower court judgment that sentenced seven persons to death in the same case. Senior judge of the bench Justice Shahidul Islam turned down the lower court verdict while junior judge of the bench Justice Abdur Rob upheld it. The judges then sent the case records along with their verdicts to the chief justice. Later, Chief Justice Md Muzammel Hossain sent those to the HC bench of Justice Bhabani Prasad Singha for its final disposal. This bench yesterday dismissed the appeals filed by the convicts. Khabir Uddin Bhuiyan, a defence lawyer, told The Daily Star that they would appeal to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court against the HC verdict.

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CORRIGENDUM
Corrigendum is hereby issued to the Prequalification Invitation Notice for **Package 2 Mechanical, Electrical & Plumbing (MEP) including HVAC, Elevator, Fire Fighting System, Security, IT and Telecommunication Works** at 1 Minto Road, Dhaka 1000 Bangladesh published in the following dailies:
i) The Daily Star - 5th June 2014
ii) The Daily Ittefaq - 5th June 2014
iii) The Prothom Alo - 5th June 2014
1. The following paragraph to item no. 1 (b)
In case of a Joint Venture / consortium applicant, the lead partner shall have similar experience of a completed work of at least Tk.18 crore in a single work order and each of the other Joint Venture partner(s) shall have completed similar work at least Tk.12 crore in a single work order during the last 10 (ten) years.
2. Add the following paragraph to item no. 1 (c)
In case of a Joint Venture / consortium applicant, the lead partner shall have average annual turnover of at least Tk.30 crore and each of the other Joint Venture partner(s) shall have average annual turnover of at least Tk.20 crore for the last three years.
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