

### RAIN LIKELY

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

Moderately heavy to heavy falls are also likely at places over the country, Met Office said. Day and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country. **The sun sets in the capital today at 6:50pm and rises tomorrow at 5:16am.**

Country's highest temperature 34.8 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Sylhet and Srimangal and lowest 24.0 degrees in Chittagong. 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	32.0	26.6	85	67	Khulna	31.4	26.5	93	87
Chittagong	28.3	24.0	92	91	Barisal	31.4	26.7	81	83
Rajshahi	33.5	26.0	83	94	Sylhet	34.8	26.0	84	92
Rangpur	33.7	26.8	75	69	Cox's Bazar	28.5	26.0	92	96



## '5 accused threatened witness over phone'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The five accused in the Himu murder case repeatedly threatened Jawed Ali Chowdhury, general secretary of anti-drug organisation Shikar, over the phone after the death of Himu, as he then organised rallies and formed human chains in Chittagong city protesting the killing.

Jawed said this while giving testimony before the court of the fourth Chittagong Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge Shahidul Islam as sixth witness of the case.

On receiving repeated threats from personal mobile phone numbers of Shah Selim Tipu, his son Junaid Ahmed Riad, Riad's friends Zahedul Islam Shawon, Shahadat Hossain Shaju and Mahboob Ali Khan Danny, Jawed filed a general diary (GD) with Panchlailash Police Station, said Anupam Chakraborty.

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**A mobile court, led by Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution and the district administration, fines a restaurant Tk 50,000 in the capital's Bashundhara City Complex after seizing rotten vegetables from its kitchen, inset, yesterday. As the news of the drive spread, almost all food shop owners in the mall closed their shops and fled.**

PHOTO: STAR

# 'ADMISSION TRADE' IN N'GANJ GOVT MAHILA COLLEGE Students run riot in protest

*Allege 600 were enrolled in HSC first year in exchange for money, BCL men doing the trade in collusion with admin; principal says he is under pressure, threat*

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Students of Narayanganj Government Mahila College went on rampage on the campus and confined the principal to his office for two hours protesting "admission trade of Bangladesh Chhatra League activists being done in collusion with the college administration."

Denying the allegations of taking money for enrolling students, Principal Gopal Chandra Saha told The Daily Star that some students had been enrolled in first year of HSC level outside its merit list made based on the SSC results due to "political and administrative pressures."

"I also feel threatened regarding the admission process. A death threat was issued against me over the phone on Tuesday," alleged the principal.

Some 4,255 admission seekers have applied against 2,450 seats in three groups—science, humanities and business studies—of the college. The college authorities hung the merit list recently to start the admission process.

The college students and admission aspirants alleged that the college authorities ignoring the merit list have enrolled about 600 students in exchange for money. Sources said some BCL leaders are

allegedly doing the admission trade by forcing the college authorities to do the offence.

Manzur Quader, officer-in-charge of Narayanganj Model Police Station, said the female students started demonstration on the campus at 10:00am, vandalised some windowpanes, and furniture of the college and besieged its principal's office on allegation of trade in enrolling students.

They also ransacked a counter of Narayanganj Commerce College established on the campus for launching campaign for enrolling admission seekers in its higher secondary level. On information, police rushed in and brought the situation under control, he said.

Shirin Sharmin, an admission seeker of the science group, alleged that she could not get admitted to the college even after securing GPA-5. But some others having below her results had got the opportunity of admission.

On June 26, Bangladesh Chhatra League activists vandalised the principal's office at Dhaka College after the authorities refused to enroll some students of their choice in the higher secondary level, while BCL activists of Rajshahi Government City College unit vandalised three classrooms over the same issue.

## JS makes new law for CHT development

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Parliament yesterday passed a new law aiming to continue the ongoing socio-economic development activities in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) region.

State Minister for Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs Bir Bahadur piloted a bill titled "The Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Board Bill 2014", which was passed by voice votes.

The bill will replace "The Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Board Ordinance" promulgated

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## NATIONAL BIRTH REGISTRATION DAY TODAY LGD fails to finish database in 3yrs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Local Government Division (LGD) has failed to meet its target of completing digital birth registration of all citizens ahead of the National Birth Registration Day to be observed today.

Despite repeated extension of deadlines over the last three years, the division under the Ministry of LGRD and Cooperatives has been unsuccessful in reaching the goal.

At a press conference yesterday organised by LGD at Jatiya Press Club in the capital, AKM Saiful Islam Chowdhury, director of the Birth and Death Registration Project, said, "The task could not be completed because of slow and unreliable internet services in the rural areas, and manpower crisis."

He, however, assured the journalists that the process would be completed by December this year.

At present, the online server of Birth Registration Information System (BRIS) contains information of about 11.20 crore births. But the target is above 16.25 crore.

According to the Birth and Death Registration Act 2004, birth registration is a prerequisite for receiving passport, driving licence, voter registration, land registration, and marriage registration, among others.

Saiful said the information included in a digital birth certificate could be easily accessed through the BRIS server.

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## DHAKA TODAY

### Human Chain

Marking International Plastic Bag Free Day, Poribesh Bachao Andolon and Environment and Social Development Organisation will organise a human chain demanding enforcement of the law for controlling polythene. Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 11:00am.

### Certificate awarding ceremony

A ceremony will be held to distribute certificates among the successful students who passed the first IT Engineers Examination in the country. Venue: Bangladesh Computer Council; Time: 11:30am.

## WAR CRIMES TRIAL OF AZHARUL Defence must finish quizzing today

*Orders ICT-1; ICT-2 begins recording testimony of IO in Qaisar's case*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 has asked the defence to complete within the first hour and a half today the cross-examination of the last prosecution witness in the war crimes case against Jamaat leader ATM Azharul Islam.

The ICT-1 gave the order after defence counsel Abdus Subhan Tarafder failed to comply with an earlier order of the tribunal that directed him to finish cross-examining the witness, who is also the investigation officer (IO) of the case, yesterday.

Instead of completing the cross-examination, Tarafder

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## DEATH PENALTY Kamaruzzaman's appeal hearing continues

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday continued hearing for the ninth day the appeal filed by Jamaat-e-Islami Assistant Secretary General Muhammad Kamaruzzaman challenging the verdict which sentenced him to death for his offences during the Liberation War.

During the proceedings, Kamaruzzaman's counsel Nazrul Islam read out charges of abducting and

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**Qulkhwani**

Brig Gen Faruque Ashfaque (retd.) passed away in a tragic accident on 30 June 2014 (inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi raji'un). He has left behind his mother, wife, two daughters and countless friends and well-wishers. His Qulkhwani will be held at DOHS Baridhara Mosque on Friday, 4 July 2014, after Asr prayer. All relatives, friends, colleagues and well-wishers are requested to attend the Qulkhwani and pray for his departed soul.

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**ASSET DEVELOPMENTS**



**A brick-building right in the middle of Karnapara canal in Bank Town area of Savar. Residents of the area said a local activist of ruling Awami League constructed the building encroaching upon the canal. A high official of Savar municipality said they had issued repeated notices to the offender to demolish the illegal structure, but to no avail. The photo was taken yesterday.**

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