

DOWNGRADE LIKELY

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

at places, Met Office said. Day temperature may rise slightly 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 33.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Sylhet and lowest 24.6 degree Celsius in Feni. 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	28.7	25.8	85	89	27.0	25.6	97	98
Chittagong	30.0	25.5	83	92	26.4	25.3	96	97
Rajshahi	32.0	26.4	86	83	33.4	25.9	79	94
Rangpur	29.5	26.2	87	80	32.8	25.2	76	81

Tarique should have sent legal notice to Fakhrul

Says Hasan Mahmud in reaction to the notice issued against him
STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

BNP Senior Vice-chairman Tarique Rahman should have sent the legal notice to its acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir and other leaders, said Awami League leader Hasan Mahmud yesterday. Former environment and forest minister made the comment after attending a programme on urbanisation and waterlogging at Chittagong Press Club, responding to the queries of reporters regarding his reaction against the legal notice issued against him by Tarique.

"I have yet to get the copy of the legal notice; through press reports, I have come to know about it," he said, adding that he would think about the next course of action after

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Co-chair of the International Chittagong Hill Tracts Commission Sultana Kamal introducing injured Ilira Dewan, far right, a researcher for the commission, to journalists during a press briefing in the Chittagong Press Club auditorium, after a commission delegation came under attack by Bangalee settlers in Rangamati yesterday. The delegation went to Chittagong Hill Tracts upon receiving several allegations of land grabbing "involving state-machineries", and following the recent government move to establish a BGB battalion headquarters in Khagrachhari. Commission Member Iftekharuzzaman, far left, and Officer-in-charge of Rangamati Kotwali Police Station Monu Sohel Imtiaz were also injured in the attack. Story on page 16.

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Month-long training inspires youths to become IT entrepreneurs

BSS, Dhaka

Young graduates of public and private universities who participated in a month-long training on basic IT skills recently have become motivated to start their own businesses and contribute to the country's booming IT sector.

The month-long Fast Track Future Leader (FTFL) training on soft skills and basic skills has encouraged 150 youths to become entrepreneurs instead of looking for jobs or going abroad for work.

Qamrul Islam, Tasinul Abrar, SM Akbar and Ali Emdad, all of whom participated in the training, were talking to the news agency last week about the outcome of the training organised by Leveraging ICT for Growth, Employment and Governance (LICIT) Project from May 29 to June 27.

"After obtaining skills, particularly on communications, team building and negotiations, I have changed my mind and decided to become an IT entrepreneur," said 27-year-old Qamrul.

An EEE graduate from IBAIS University, Qamrul had been afraid for his future as there are thousands of jobless EEE graduates roaming about in the country.

He said he applied for the training after seeing an advertisement in a newspaper and was chosen for it after an online exam and viva voce.

Ishrat Sharmeen, who graduated from Noakhali Science and Technology University, said classes on interactive communication,

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Fazli market gains momentum

BSS, Rajshahi

Amid onrush of huge sellers and purchasers, the market of Fazli, a species of mango, has gained momentum in Rajshahi and Chapainawabganj districts, famous for mango production in the country, this season.

In addition to creating employment for over one and a half lakh people, transaction of more than Tk 1,500 crore has been done centring the mango farming, trading and transporting during the peak season.

Likewise, a large number of people are engaged in creating new mango orchards on the cultivable lands in the vast barind tract and char areas.

According to the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE), there are around 19 lakh mango trees on

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Battery-run rickshaws on Ctg roads defying HC ban

Traffic cops waiting for copy of HC order before taking action

ARUN BIKASH DEY and SHAHADAT HOSSAIN, Ctg

Despite a recent High Court ban on plying of battery-run rickshaws across the country, the vehicles are running on Chittagong city roads with ease.

The HC in an order on Thursday banned the vehicles from running on roads as they do not have licences.

However, visiting different areas of the port city yesterday, The Daily Star found a large number of battery-run rickshaws plying the roads freely, even in the pres-

ence of on-duty traffic officers.

Abdul Hannan, driver of a battery-run rickshaw, said he did not know about the ban, while another driver, Torab Ali, said he was aware of the HC order and that leaders of their association would appeal against the order.

Both the drivers said traffic officers did not stop them while they were driving the vehicles.

Admitting police inaction, Arefin Jewel,

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SOLVING WATERLOGGING IN CTG CITY Implementation of master plan must Say experts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Without implementation of city master plan, and coordinated effort of Chittagong City Corporation (CCC), Chittagong Development Authority (CDA) and Chittagong Wasa, waterlogging problem of the port city will not be mitigated, said speakers yesterday.

They made the observation at a seminar on "Urbanisation and waterlogging: threat to coastal towns from sea level rise", jointly organised by social development organisations Nowzuwan and Bangladesh Water Partnership at Chittagong Press Club.

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Time is precious; each day is a gift
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Am I awake or asleep? So much had happened, and here I was in a hospital bed. Razia Sultana, a housewife in her 50s half-propped on a hospital bed was thinking to herself. Her husband, Mr. Alamgir was by her side. And her boys. Raising three sons was anything but easy, but there they were, healthy and successful. It's over, Alamgir said, you survived the surgery. A massive tumor had been removed from Razia's brain. Eight hours on the operating table. This was more than she could comprehend. She'd been told her personality could be changed. She might have brain damage. The idea frightened her. In a silent prayer, she said, O Allah, will I be the same person I was before?



This all started last October; as she was getting ready for bed at night, she felt herself falling to the bathroom floor. Not falling, really, more like she was gently lowered, by something as soft as an angel's wing. For a few seconds she actually saw herself lying there. She wasn't frightened, but she could hear her husband Alamgir shouting. Maybe I was dying, she thought.

On the sixth day following her difficult surgery, she was discharged from the hospital only with the assistance of a walker for balance. She was free of major neurological deficits. But she was in for a shock when she passed a mirror and saw her reflection for the first time. Holding her breath, now she understood why she was getting strange looks. Her head was shaved around the incision. In spite of feeling tired, she had tremendous enthusiasm for her recovery. Therapists came to her home most days. She continued having regular checkups at the hospital, and she is still working on her balance. Since there is no scar on her forehead from the surgery, she thinks she looks great.

She was rushed to the International Standard Tertiary Care Super Specialty Hospital in the city. "You have Meningioma, a brain tumor," the Neurosurgeon said. She looked away; she couldn't make herself look at the MRI pictures. She was given medication to sleep. Soon after she woke, her three boys arrived. They'd spent the night on the internet learning about brain tumors. "The best hospital and the best Neurosurgeon is right here," her eldest son assured her.

Razia has found new joy inside herself, life seemed wonderful. It has been a difficult recovery. But she feels Almighty walked with her through it and made her the woman she is today. Thank you, thank you, thank you, may Allah bless you; she keeps on praying to the Almighty for the betterment of the hospital and its doctors, who gave her loving care, spared her pain and returned her to being a normal, healthy woman.

The tumor had invaded a large portion of the left side of Razia's head, pressing on her brain and the nerve to her left eye. The fall Razia had at her home could have been a godsend; perhaps the accident had aggravated the tumor in her brain, causing her blackout. Without that warning sign, the tumor would have continued to grow. Razia could have died.

In the days that followed the surgery, her husband and sons visited her in the hospital. The infection control system and the nursing care of the hospital were so meticulous and patient centric, I genuinely felt the benefit of the International Accreditation that the hospital has, says Razia.



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