

RISE IN TEMPERATURE LIKELY

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

at places over the country, Met Office said. Day and night temperatures may rise by (1-2) degree Celsius over the country. **The sun sets in the capital today at 6:50pm and rises tomorrow at 5:17am.** Country's highest temperature 34.6 degree

Celsius was recorded yesterday in Sayedpur and lowest 24.5 degree Celsius in Rangamati and Majidecourt. 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	33.8	25.7	80	85	Khulna	34.5	25.4	85	70
Chittagong	33.8	26.4	82	84	Barisal	33.8	25.2	84	74
Rajshahi	34.5	27.0	89	91	Sylhet	30.5	26.0	96	89
Rangpur	33.8	26.2	87	77	Cox's Bazar	33.0	26.8	78	80



Matlub Anam's fourth death anniversary today

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Today is the fourth death anniversary of Matlub Anam, a Language Movement veteran and a columnist.

He was the third son of renowned litterateur, journalist and politician late Abul Mansur Ahmad and elder brother of Mahfuz Anam, editor and publisher of The Daily Star.

Matlub was born at Dhanikhola village in Trishal of Mymensingh on December 25, 1933.

He was jailed for taking part in the Language Movement in 1952.

In his colorful professional career, Matlub Anam

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Wholesalers in Sagardighee Bazar of Ghatail upazila in Tangail, a district that produces a large number of jackfruits every year, piercing holes with rods in jackfruits for injecting harmful chemicals, including calcium carbide, to ripen the fruits. Several hundred truckloads of artificially-ripened jackfruits are transported across the country from the district every week. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: MIRZA SHAKIL

NEWS IN brief

Two 'commit suicide' in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two persons allegedly committed suicide in the capital's Kamrangir Char yesterday.

In Jaula Hati, locals found the body of Sathi Begum, 21, hanging from the ceiling fan in a room of her residence after they broke open the door, said police.

Police arrested her husband Omar Ali in this regard. At Purba Ali Nagar, Babu Miah, 38, also hanged himself from a ceiling fan with a rope over regular feuds with his two wives, police added.

The bodies were sent to Sir Salimullah Medical College morgue for autopsies.

Muggers shoot youth

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Muggers shot a youth before snatching his bag in front of Mohammadpur branch of Al Arafah Islami Bank in the capital yesterday.

Anisur Rahman, 25, of Rangpur, was undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital with bullet wound in the hip.

Anisur told reporters that the three muggers were on a motorbike and his bag was empty.

Youth 'falls' to death in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A youth died after falling from a six-storey under-construction building of Dhaka North City Corporation Market at Mirpur section-11 early yesterday.

Md Sohel, 18, was an employee of a poultry shop.

Sohel with two others were taking drugs on the roof of the building when the incident occurred, said Pallabi police, quoting locals.

His addicted friends might have pushed him off the roof, said police.

Police detained one Chunnu. The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College morgue for an autopsy.

Hermaphrodite person's body found floating in lake

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered the decomposed body of an unidentified hermaphrodite person from Banani Lake in the capital yesterday.

The deceased, aged around 28, was wearing a yellow salwar and yellow-red kameez.

Locals first noticed the body floating in the lake in the morning and informed Banani police, said Sub-inspector Arifur Rahman. Police suspected that the person was killed and dumped in the lake two or three days ago.

Obituary

CITY DESK



Fazle Bary Malik, emeritus professor of Physics at Southern Illinois University,

USA, and one of the best known physicists of Bangladeshi origin, passed away at Istanbul Airport on July 5. He was on his way back to USA after a three-week visit to Bangladesh.

He played an important role in the Liberation War by mobilising support in the US Senate and House of Representatives.

His namaz-e-janaza will be held today after Zohr prayers at a mosque on road no-7 in the capital's Dhanmondi.

Unknown men try to kidnap DRU president

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Unidentified miscreants allegedly tried to kidnap the president of Dhaka Reporters' Unity (DRU) in the capital's Bijoy Sarani intersection last evening.

Failing to abduct him, the kidnapers threatened to kill Shahed Chowdhury, also city editor of Bangla daily the Somokal, and "see him" in future, said the journalist leader.

Shahed was on his way to the office of BNP Chairperson Khaleeda Zia in Gulshan from the DRU office to attend an iftar party there.

He said a private car intercepted his microbus near Bijoy Sarani around 6:30pm.

Then two youths came out of the car and tried to drag him out of the microbus, but failed as passersby came forward to help him, said Shahed.

He received minor injuries in the hands as the kidnapers scuffled with him.

Shahed said he had immediately informed the matter to high officials of police.

Moniruzzaman, officer-in-charge of Tejgaon Police Station, confirmed it.

PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

Teachers demand separate pay scale

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Teachers of public universities across the country, under a centrally declared programme of Federation of Bangladesh University Teachers Association (Buta), formed human chains yesterday, demanding that the government introduce a separate pay scale for them.

University lecturers are currently paid under the pay scale of a first class gazetted officer.

The demonstrators also urged the government to increase the retirement age for teachers from 65 years to 67.

Dhaka University Teachers Association

formed a human chain at the base of Aparajaya Bangla on the university campus, according to our DU correspondent.

Addressing the human chain, Prof Farid Uddin Ahmed, president of the association, said all the developed countries had separate pay scale for university teachers.

The country cannot develop if brilliant minds are not attracted to the teaching profession, and therefore, the government needs to address the issue, he said.

Chittagong University Teachers Association (Cuta) formed a human chain on the Chittagong Central Shaheed Minar premises,

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Urban Study Group, and USG Volunteers form a human chain in front of Jatiya Press Club yesterday in protest against the on-going demolition of different heritage buildings, including Kalachand Temple and Hinga Bibi Mosque, in Old Dhaka. A local leader of ruling Awami League-backed Swechhasebak League and the in-laws of late Biswajit Dutta Bulu, original custodian of the temple, are allegedly involved in the move to knock down the temple to construct a high rise there.

Most accused still at large

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BCL men of the college unit was involved in the killing of Touhidul, said Md Ataur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Kotwali Police Station.

The BCL men demanded Tk 2 lakh from Touhidul, or else he would be barred from attending exam, the statement said. Though Touhidul paid them Tk 50,000, he was murdered for not paying the rest, it added.

Though one month has elapsed, police have made no headway in arresting the other accused in the case.

Sub-inspector Sirajul Islam, also investigation officer of the case, said they had launched several drives, but the accused remained at large.

However, JCD college unit President Aslamul Islam Rudro claimed police did not arrest the killers as they belonged to ruling Awami League-backed student organisation.

The deceased's elder sister Shirin Akhtar demanded fair probe and arrest of the killers.

In the JCD leader Zillu murder case, police arrested two JCD leaders of rival faction within half an hour after the killing while fleeing. Two blood-stained sharp weapons were also recovered from their possessions. But there

is no progress after that. Zillul Haque Zillu, former JCD president of Govindaganj Degree College unit, was murdered in Pathantola area of Sylhet city on June 27.

Alleging the murder was a sequel to internal feud of the student organisation, the deceased's brother Ahmed Ahsan filed a case on June 28 accusing 32 rival JCD men including city unit Vice-president (VP) Mahbub Kadir Sahi and Madan Mohon College unit President Kazi Miraz, and VP Jamal Ahmed.

But, police could not arrest any of the other accused.

Investigation officer SI Shahin Uddin of Kotwali police claimed they had been trying to arrest the killers.

Zillu's father Nur Miah said he wanted to see the killers be tried and punished.

Contacted, Additional Deputy Commissioner of Sylhet Metropolitan Police (SMP) Mohammad Rahamat Ullah said senior officials including SMP commissioner had been monitoring the cases.

Police have been trying to arrest the killers, but they remain at large, the ADC added.

Two banned

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Mohammad Rahamat Ullah, additional deputy commissioner of Sylhet Metropolitan Police, said Katwali police also recovered about 100 leaflets from their possession.

Chattagram

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of the Samity, Md Abdul Karim, AMM Nasiruddin, Dr Dipok Kanti Das, and Dr Akhter Hossain Khan, among others, spoke.

Advance

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The Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation (BIWTC) will hold a meeting within two days to fix the dates for steamer ticket sale, said its Chairman Mizanur Rahman.

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