

RAIN LIKELY



WEATHER TODAY

Unb, Dhaka

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

Moderately heavy rainfall is also likely at

places over the country, Met Office said.

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

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:49pm and rises tomorrow at 5:20am.

Country's highest temperature 36.2

degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Comilla and lowest 25.6 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	35.8	28.5	63	56	Khulna	34.5	26.8	77	76
Chittagong	34.3	25.6	78	80	Barisal	33.2	27.0	80	73
Rajshahi	35.4	27.5	74	78	Sylhet	35.0	26.9	72	82
Rangpur	35.8	26.5	73	71	Cox's Bazar	34.4	27.2	66	73

NEWSIN brief

Muggers shoot fish trader in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Muggers snatched Tk 25,000 from a fish trader after shooting him at Purba Rajabazar in the capital yesterday.

Mohammad Hanif, 40, was admitted to Dhaka Medical College and Hospital.

Police said a gang of muggers, numbering four to five, intercepted Hanif when he went out of his residence for Karwan Bazar around 5:00am.

They shot him in the leg as he tried to resist them.

Three Jamaat-Shibir activists held in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police yesterday in an overnight drive arrested three Jamaat-Shibir men in Keranir Hat area in Satkania upazila of Chittagong.

The arrestees are Md Lokman, 38, Abul kashem, 32, and Mizanur Rahman, 18. The three were accused in many cases filed for vandalism in the upazila centering the January 5 parliamentary election.

Man commits suicide in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A man allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself from the ceiling of his residence in Anderkilla area of Chittagong city yesterday.

Samir Das, 48, son of Suresh Das, a resident of Barua Bhaban, was a goldsmith in profession. He had debt of Tk 12 lakh and that might be the reason behind his suicide, said police quoting family members.

JU journalists' association gets new executive committee

JU CORRESPONDENT

Joni Alam of The Independent, SM Najmus Sakib of The Daily Star and Mamunur Rashid Saikat of the daily Dinkal were elected president, vice-president and general secretary respectively of Jahangirnagar University Journalists' Association for next one year yesterday.

The nine-member executive committee also includes joint-secretary Belal Hossain Rahat, treasurer; Syed Altefat Hossain, office and publication secretary.

The executive members are Moudud Ahmmed Sujan, Shariful Kabir Shamim and Fahima Tuz Zohara.

RU Sangskritik Jote gets new executive committee

RU CORRESPONDENT

Shahabiddin Shihab and Konika Pope have been made new president and general secretary of Rajshahi University (RU) Kendrio Sangskritik Jote on Friday for the two-year term of 2014-2015, said a press release yesterday.

The other office bearers are assistant general secretary Tarikul Islam Romio; organising secretary Sohel Rana; and presidium members Sumon Sarker, Devasri Mandal, Umme Tasnim Zakiya and Dewan Alamgir.

Gun seized from murder suspect's house in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police yesterday recovered a locally-made light gun from the residence of a murder case accused in Satkania upazila of Chittagong.

The accused is Sagir Ahmed of Pani Charti village of the upazila.

His brother Faruk Ahmed was killed over land disputes on Wednesday.

Next day, Faruk's wife filed a case with Satkania Police Station accusing six named four to five unnamed, including Sagir.

Serve the People distributes stipends among high school graduates in Barisal

CITY DESK

Serve the People, a non-government organisation in Barisal, with Habib-Shahzadi Foundation distributed crests and money among 47 meritorious students of the area for their outstanding results in Secondary School Certificate examination 2014.

Shahzadi Begum, the foundation's president; Siddiquir Rahman, headmaster of Wazed Memorial Girls High School; and Syed Muzibul Islam Tuku, Chakhar Union Parishad chairman, among others were present at the ceremony held at Wazed Memorial Girls High School Auditorium in Chakhar, on June 23.

15 eminent citizens

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Moniruzzaman.

Over 127 Palestinians have so far been killed since Israel began its operation five days ago, according to media reports.



RESEARCH PAPER PRESENTATION

Findings of a research on economic justice for women jointly conducted by Steps Towards Development and World Vision Bangladesh will be presented. Venue: Cirdap auditorium; Time: 10:00am.



HUMAN CHAIN

National Garment Workers Federation will form a human chain demanding Eid bonus for all garment workers within Ramadan 20. Venue: Before Jatiya Press Club; Time: 11:00am.



This pontoon has been floating useless in the middle of the Sindhya river since 2007, after Cyclone Sidr destroyed the terminal at Uttar Kourikhara in Swarupkathi of Pirojpur. Since then no authorities cared to rebuild the terminal and bring back the pontoon to it. Two years ago, local residents took up a fundraiser and built a makeshift wooden terminal, but that also did not last long. Nowadays all local and inter-district vessels are forced to moor at least a kilometre away. The photo was taken on Tuesday.

KAZIRBAZAR BRIDGE IN SYLHET CITY

Acrimonious politics traps project for eight years

IQBAL SIDDIQUEE, Sylhet

The construction of the much talked-about Kazirbazar Bridge over the Surma river in Sylhet city has remained incomplete even after eight years against the target of two years due to repeated revisions in the project, delay in land acquisition, unavailability of funds, and a lack of coordination among the relevant government agencies.

In the meantime, the cost has increased more than fourfold to Tk 144 crore from Tk 36 crore because of price hikes of the construction materials and land as well as re-fixing of its design.

Residents of the area and civil society members blamed

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Project began early	2006
No major progress in next	7 yrs
Project suspended for	4 yrs (2007-11)
Two revisions in	2010, 2012
Cost jumps to Tk	144cr from Tk 36cr
Now expected to be completed this yr	



The unfinished Kazirbazar Bridge in Sylhet city recently. The construction began during BNP's tenure in 2006 and was supposed to be completed by 2008. But it has been limping for the last eight years, mainly due to a lack of political goodwill. The project had been totally suspended for four years from 2007 to 2011, when a caretaker government and an Awami League administration ruled the country.

PHOTO: STAR

Ctg Nursing College closes indefinitely

Unrest sparked by suspension of 28 students prompts decision

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Ctg

Amid students' demonstration following suspension of 28 students of Chittagong Nursing College, the college authorities closed the institution for an indefinite period on Thursday, casting a shadow on the future of students who have already been lagging behind by two academic years.

On Wednesday, the authorities served a notice on 28 male students to vacate within 24 hours a risky and

abandoned academic building of the college where they had taken shelter on June 9 as their residences in the port city went under water due to torrential rains and waterlogging.

As the 28 students did not agree to leave the building, the authorities suspended them on Thursday that triggered students' demonstration on the campus, prompting the authorities to close the institution for an indefinite period the same day.

Students have been demonstrating

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2 vermicelli factories sealed for fraud

1 cosmetics factory for substandard goods; owners jailed, fined in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mobile court yesterday sealed off two vermicelli and a cosmetics factories in Old Dhaka for manufacturing products in violation of rules and jailed two of the owners for one year each.

The jailed persons are Kazi Suman, 24, owner of a vermicelli factory, and Mohammad Hossain, 32, owner of the cosmetics factory. The court, led by Executive Magistrate AHM Anwar Pasha, also fined them Tk 1 lakh each.

In another drive, the same court fined Haji Abdul Hai, manager of the other vermicelli factory, Tk 50,000 and seized around 100 mounds of vermicelli.

The vermicelli factories produced the food item in an unhygienic environment and used substandard ingredients and the labels of reputed companies, while the cosmetics factory used substandard preservatives and soybean oil in producing hair oil.

Suman had been running his business on the first floor of a building on Champatuli lane for four years, said Anwar. He had been selling vermicelli in the packets of popular brands including Kulson, he added.

Suman was also fined last year for the same offence. Vermicelli is an essential food item for the Muslims to celebrate Eid.

The mobile court found the cosmetics factory on the

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BNP asks Ershad to apologise

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Sammilito Nagorik Committee organised the discussion, demanding the release of Dhaka city BNP leader Nasiruddin Ahmed Pintu who was jailed for life in the 2009 BDR carnage case.

In an article published in the Bangladesh Pratidin newspaper yesterday, Ershad claimed that there were clear differences between Zia and his coming to power.

"General Zia came to power through a military coup, and I came to power through the promulgation of military law by a president," Ershad said in the write-up titled "Manonio prodhanmontrir somipe amar kichhu kotha [some words to the honourable prime minister]."

The former military ruler's writing came in the wake of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's comments in parliament on July 3 that Ershad and Zia came to power in the same way.

Pointing to the allegation, Ershad wrote that the path of Zia's coming to power had been created through the assassination of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in 1975.

Fakhrul said the JP chief utterly lied in his writing. "It was Ershad who grabbed state power at gunpoint, unseating an elected government. Ershad is the key player behind the country's corrupt politics."

On the recent maritime verdict, Fakhrul said there was no victory for Bangladesh. "Rather we lost our rights to Talpatti Island."

RMG workers clash with staff

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stones, he said.

To avoid any untoward incident, the authorities shut the factory for yesterday declaring that they would pay the workers today, police said.

Meanwhile, around 150 RMG workers of Ultimate Fashions blocked the road before the factory for an hour in the morning at the capital's Mirpur-14 demanding their one-month salary, informed Kafrul Police Station Officer-in-Charge Abdul Qaiyum.

BCL factions


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Diamond had beaten Sayef earlier in the evening in the same area after some heated arguments, which might have triggered the gunfight.

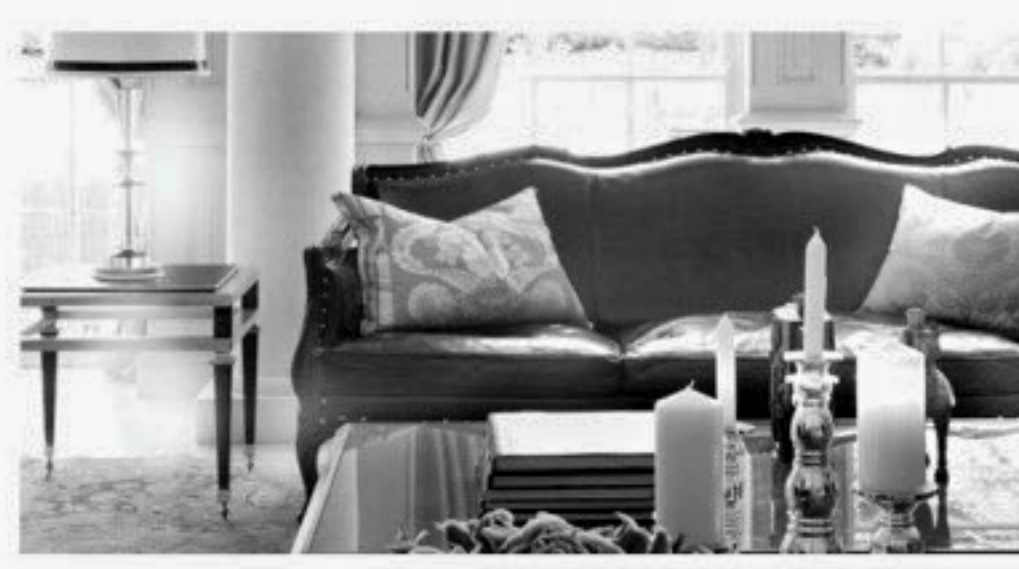
Panic-stricken traders of about 50 shops in the intersection put their shutters down for an hour.

The group including Sayef and Akash is allegedly loyal to city councillor Azadur Rahman, also youth and sports secretary of city AL, and the other group is allegedly loyal to Ranjit Sarker, youth and sports secretary of district AL, locals said.

Contacted, Emrul Hassan, BCL secretary of Sylhet city unit, acknowledged the incident, and said there clash might have been the result of not "maintaining hierarchy" among the activists in the area.



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