

TEMPERATURE MAY RISE



Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong, and Dhaka, divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi, Rangpur 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 slightly over the country. **The sun sets in the capital today at 6:45pm and rises tomorrow at 5:25am.**

Country's highest temperature 35.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Sylhet and lowest 24.0 degree Celsius in Hatiya. The highest and lowest temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City	Temperature: in Celsius		Humidity in percentage		City	Temperature: in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening		Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	32.5	26.2	79	67	Khulna	33.0	26.6	81	98
Chittagong	30.8	25.2	80	88	Barisal	31.8	26.7	78	79
Rajshahi	33.8	26.5	82	80	Sylhet	35.2	25.2	80	68
Rangpur	33.4	26.4	80	69	Cox's Bazar	31.5	24.5	76	88

N'GANJ-7 MURDER Accomplice of Nur confesses to link Implicates accused ex-Rab officials, his boss too

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj
An accomplice of Nur Hossain, the main accused in the Narayanganj seven-murder case, yesterday confessed before a court to his own involvement, and implicated Nur and three accused former Rab officials. Ali Mohammad, who police claimed was the cashier of Nur Hossain, made the confession before a Senior Judicial Magistrate. On July 19, a team of Detective Branch (DB) of police in a raid arrested him from Aulia Bazar in Akhaura of Brahmanbaria district and was sent on a six-day remand. Officials in the office of the superintendent of police of Narayanganj told The Daily Star that nine persons had so far given their statements in the court. The officials said they had learnt through different media reports that Nur Hossain in a Kolkata court had claimed that he was not involved in the seven-murder. The statements will help prove Nur's claim false, they added. Meanwhile, a 7-member enquiry committee, formed following a High Court order, yesterday quizzed Assistant Director (ASP) of Rab-11 Mehedi Shahriar. The committee led by Additional Secretary to Public Administration Ministry Shahjahan Ali Mollah quizzed him in Narayanganj Circuit House.



A woman running along a moving train to get into it before she fell dangerously and narrowly escaped a fatality at Kamalapur Railway Station in the capital yesterday. She got her children and some family members into the Noakhali-bound train but she failed to make it. Later, she took a bus to Noakhali. With Eid-ul-Fitr a few days away, a huge rush of homebound people started yesterday, the last working day of the week. During such time, many people do not care to even put their lives at stake to travel home.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

ANTI-GOVT MOVEMENT BNP hopes for strong role of Abbas's team

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday hoped that the party's new Dhaka city unit committee led by Mirza Abbas would make the organisation stronger and play a significant role in waging movement to oust the government. He made the remarks while talking to reporters after placing wreaths at the grave of BNP founder and former president Ziaur Rahman in the capital with Abbas and other leaders. Separately, he told a discussion at Jatiya Press Club that the government would be destroyed if it tried to shift Zia's grave from Shar-e-Bangla Nagar. The people will resist this by sacrificing their blood, he said.

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KURMITOLA BIHARI CAMP KILLINGS Cops yet to arrest culprits despite having video

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Although the Detective Branch of police has had several videos of the gruesome Kurmitola incident that killed 10 Biharis over one month ago, it is yet to arrest any culprit. Following the June 14 attack, which the Biharis say was aimed at evicting them and grabbing their camp land in the capital's Mirpur, the community people

had demonstrated for several days before giving up the hope for justice, as none of the culprits had been arrested. Rather, police had detained seven Biharis for vandalism during the incident. They are on bail now. The Urdu Speaking Peoples Youth Rehabilitation Movement, a platform of Biharis, yesterday held a press conference at the capital's Jatiya Press Club, announcing that they would

launch tougher protests after Eid-ul-Fitr and sue the attackers. Imtiaz Ahmed, deputy commissioner (Mirpur division) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, said he had handed over a CD to the detectives after collecting it from the Biharis. "The CD contains four to five pieces of footage of the incident taken by the cell phone." The DB has collected several other videos from various

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FIVE RIVERS AROUND DHAKA Demarcation pillars placed wrongly

Say green activists; urge PM's intervention in saving those

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Green activists yesterday called for the prime minister's intervention in saving the five rivers around Dhaka city where they said the district administrations had planted the boundary pillars wrongly violating a High Court verdict. They said the demarcation pillars had been set up either on the bank or the foreshore while the court order said these should be placed 50 metres upward from the bank. It will give a huge opportunity for grabbers to encroach upon the water bodies by quickly erecting structures on the banks, they added.

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Rana Plaza victims to observe Eid at collapse site if not compensated

They tell human chain in Savar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar
Several hundred survivors and relatives of the dead victims of Rana Plaza yesterday said they would observe the upcoming Eid at the collapse site and Central Shaheed Minar like the previous year, if they were not compensated before the festival. They were addressing a human chain at the collapse site in Savar outside the capital marking 15 months of the disaster. Under the banner of Bangladesh

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HC denies Rana bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The High Court yesterday rejected a bail petition filed by Sohel Rana in a case filed for violating building code in constructing the nine-storey Rana Plaza, which collapsed on April 24 last year killing at least 1,135 people. The Anti-Corruption Commission filed the case on June 15 claiming that Rana in league with other accused in the case built the building violating the Bangladesh National

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Under-secretary-general and Head of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO) of the UN Hervé Ladsous, left, calls on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her official residence Gono Bhavan in the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: PID

LALBAGH-7 MURDER HC upholds death for 2 Imprisonment for others

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The High Court yesterday upheld a lower court verdict that had sentenced two people to death and 10 others to different terms of imprisonment for killing seven people over Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) election in 1994. According to the prosecution, some criminals led by former DCC ward commissioner Abdul Aziz opened fire on the victory procession of his rival Humayun Kabir at Lalbagh in old Dhaka at about 10:30am on January 31, 1994. Humayun won the DCC election as the commissioner of ward no 59. Delwar, Gazi, Nazrul, Anwar, Hafiz, Aziz and Shah Alam were killed and several others injured in the gun attack. Later, Humayun filed a case in connection with the murders. Yesterday, the HC bench of Justice Qamrul Islam Siddiqui and Justice AKM Zahirul Hoque pronounced the judgment

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Appoint two info commissioners soon RTI Forum urges govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
RTI Forum, a network of 56 individuals and organisations campaigning for the implementation of the Right to Information Act, yesterday called upon the government to appoint capable, credible and neutral persons to the vacant posts of information commissioners as soon as possible to avoid any disruption in the commission's activities. The post of the information commissioners fell vacant after the terms of two commissioners Sadeka Halim and MA Taher expired on June 30, the Forum said in a press note. It has expressed concern that no step has been taken for appointment of their successors yet. The Forum said the previous commissioners were selected but the process was not made public. This time, it requested the authorities that the process of the appointment is made transparent. The note said the Information Commission was playing a vital role in the implementation of the RTI act but it would like to see the commission also as a proactive advocate of the law. The Information Commission is comprised of two commissioners and a chief information commissioner.

Cameron wants to visit Bangladesh

Says Mahmood Ali
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
British Prime Minister David Cameron has expressed interest in visiting Bangladesh soon as the UK wants to work more closely with the country in the coming days. "Cameron said he wants to come to Bangladesh, visit Sylhet and see how the country has made such a surprising progress. He wants to learn from Bangladesh," said Bangladesh Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali at a press conference yesterday. The foreign minister said this in reference to the 45-minute bilateral meeting between David Cameron and Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on July 22 in London. Hasina led a 20-member delegation to London to attend the first ever Girl Summit in London organised by the United Kingdom and Unicef. Ministers and officials of 55 countries, and UN officials attended the summit

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MARITIME BOUNDARY Disputes resolved only for AL

Hasina tells journalists in London; assures Bangladeshi expats of their voting rights; returns home from three days in UK

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said that if the Awami League was not voted to power in the 2008 and 2014 general elections, Bangladesh could not win the international courts' verdicts over maritime boundary disputes with Myanmar and India. "Questions could be raised whether the previous governments except the one led by the Awami League and myself would ever dare file cases over maritime boundary disputes with India and Myanmar. The BNP didn't have the courage even for demanding the rights to maritime boundaries," she told Bangladesh-born journalists in London Wednesday. Hasina said that although Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman had taken initiatives for establishing the country's maritime rights, after his assassination, Ziaur Rahman, HM Ershad, Khaleda Zia and the caretaker governments did nothing in this regard. Hasina's younger sister Sheikh Rehana, Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali, and eminent journalist Abdul Gaffar Chowdhury were present on the occasion. The prime minister said the relations with Myanmar and India remained intact even after Bangladesh's victory in the maritime boundary demarcation cases. She returned from a three-day visit to the UK yesterday. In London, Hasina also said the Bangladeshi expatriates' demand for ensuring their voting rights in Bangladesh would be considered positively since over 80 lakh

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