

RAIN THUNDERSHOWERS
LIKELY

WEATHER
TODAY

Unb, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi and Rangpur divisions in 24 hours till 6:00pm today.	Moderately heavy to heavy falls are also likely at places over the country, Met Office said.	The country's highest temperature 35.0 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday in Sylhet and Sayedpur and lowest 25.0 degrees Celsius in Sylhet.	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage		Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage		
	Day and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.	Highest and lowest temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns today were:	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening	
	The sun sets in the capital today at 6:42pm and rises tomorrow at 5:28am.	Dhaka	33.2	27.2	73	69	Khulna	33.8	27.0	80	80
		Chittagong	31.5	26.5	80	80	Barisal	32.2	27.2	93	80
		Rajshahi	34.4	27.0	89	74	Sylhet	35.0	25.0	76	68
		Rangpur	34.2	26.5	72	64	Cox's Bazar	31.7	25.5	85	86

NEWSIN brief

Woman gang-raped in Sunamganj

UNB, Sylhet

Miscreants gang-raped a woman after beating up her husband at Kalarokah in Chhatak upazila of Sunamganj district early yesterday.

Chhatak police said some five criminals intercepted a passenger vehicle (tempo) carrying the couple.

They beat the man until he lost his consciousness and then took his wife to a school building and raped her. Later, locals admitted her to the one-stop crisis centre at Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital.

Man drowns in Buriganga

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man drowned in the Buriganga river after he slipped and fell from a boarding plank of a launch at the capital's Sadarghat Launch Terminal on Tuesday.

Niaz Ahmed, 65, felt dizzy and fell down, said his son Ridwan Ahmed who was going to Chandpur with him to celebrate Eid.

Divers fished out the body after half an hour's effort, said fire service officials.

Medical student goes missing on Eid day in Gazipur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

A second year student of Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College went missing from Gazipur city on the day of Eid-ul-Fitr, Tuesday.

Missing Rahim Hossain Abir, 21, son of Mobarak Hossain, used to live on BIDC road in the city.

His family said Abir went out after having a call from his friend Sadid and since then his phone had been switched off.

Joydevpur police quizzed his local friends Sadid, Shawon, Siam, Abir and Rakibul. A general diary was filed.

Mob beats youth to death in Tongi

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

A youth, aged about 35, was beaten to death at Maddha in Arichpur of Gazipur's Tongi by a mob which suspected him of theft on Thursday.

Tongi police said local people caught the unidentified youth, aged about 35, on Joybanga Road at Maddha Arichpur in Tongi.

He was declared dead at Tongi Hospital.

Police sent the body to Gazipur Sadar Hospital morgue for an autopsy.

CUSTODIAL DEATH

SI Jahid tortured Sujan

Police informer tells magistrate that he was a witness; Jahid placed on fresh remand

COURT CORRESPONDENT

An informer of Mirpur police yesterday confessed to a magistrate that he was with Sub-Inspector Jahidur Rahman Khan the night the police picked up garment-waste trader Mahbubur Rahman Sujan who later died of torture.

"I also witnessed Sub-Inspector Jahid torturing Sujan at his (Sujan's) residence, then in the police van and later at the police station, but I did not torture the victim," Nasim Sheikh told Metropolitan Magistrate Ashoke Kumar Bishwas at his chamber.

Meanwhile, a Dhaka court yesterday placed Jahid on a two-day fresh remand in connection with the death of Sujan.

In his statement, Nasim said on July 13 a team of about seven to eight people, including five cops and Nasim, went to Sujan's residence and picked him up.

They also picked up Jahid's wife Momtaz Sultana Lucy and their five-year-old son Rabbi when Sujan refused to pay extortion money. Sujan was tortured at his house, in the police van and at the police station, said Nasim.

Nasim said the next day one of the cops informed him that Sujan died.

After recording his statement, the magistrate ordered Nasim to be sent to jail.

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Govt advises citizens not to travel to troubled Libya

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The government has advised all Bangladeshi nationals not to travel to Libya until the situation in the North African country becomes stable.

In a press statement yesterday, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said the government of Bangladesh is closely monitoring the evolving situation in Libya.

Libya has been in chaos since the death of Muammar Gaddafi in October 2011 following a war between his loyalists and rebels backed by the Americans, British and French and several Arab countries. At the latest, 35 five soldiers were killed in fighting before Islamist groups announced the capture of an army base in Benghazi Wednesday.

According to the latest reports, all Bangladeshi expatriates in Libya are safe and they have been advised to remain alert and avoid conflict zones. Many Bangladeshis have moved to safer areas, the foreign ministry said.

Bangladeshi youth falls to death in Paris

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Madaripur

A Bangladeshi expatriate in France died at a hospital in Paris early Monday, hours after he was found lying beside his building.

Deceased Suman Das, 35, son of late Gauranga Das of Madaripur Sadar upazila, was a graduate of sociology from Dhaka University.

Quoting Suman's neighbors, his family said they got out of the five-storey building after hearing a noise and found Suman

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Bangladesh, Bulgaria sign co-op deal

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh and Bulgaria have signed a deal on Foreign Office Consultations (FOC) to establish institutional cooperation between the two countries.

Bangladesh Ambassador to Turkey Zulfikur Rahman, also envoy to Bulgaria, and Deputy Foreign Minister of Bulgaria Angel Velitchkov signed the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of their respective governments in Sofia on July 30.

This is the first step taken between these two countries to initiate institutional cooperation, said a foreign ministry press release yesterday.

It would now allow regular consultations between Bangladesh and Bulgarian governments in all areas of cooperation, it added.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Velitchkov said the two countries should work on in areas of trade, economic cooperation, cultural and technological cooperation

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A lone woman working in a room at the divisional tax commissioner's office in Kakrail of the capital yesterday, as many employees of almost all offices are still vacationing despite the end of official holidays on Wednesday. PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Five killed in capital in last four days

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least five people were killed in the capital during Eid vacation in last four days.

Yesterday, unidentified criminals strangled an Ansar member to death at Kamalapur Inland Container Depot (ICD).

Imdadul Haque, 20, of Mymensingh, was found dead in a nearby sewerage line while an almirah was also found broken,

said his colleagues.

Police sent the body to Dhaka Medical College morgue for an autopsy.

In Kamrangi Char area, a man allegedly killed his wife by slitting her throat in their Tekerhati residence, said police.

The deceased was Munni Begum, 28, wife of Sujan, a mason.

Meanwhile in Dakkhin Badda, Saddam

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Post-Eid presence at offices thin in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Although government and semi-government offices, banks and other financial institutions opened yesterday after a three-day Eid-ul-Fitr vacation, the presence of employees was thin as many of them took an extra day leave ahead of Friday and Saturday, which are public holidays.

Dhaka city seemed deserted as many people who had left for villages before Eid were yet to return. The city is expected to return to its usual self Sunday, the next working day.

Turnout of staff at the Bangladesh Secretariat, the administrative hub of the country, was also very low. There was also little to no presence of visitors at the secretariat.

"This is a normal picture after an Eid holiday," said an official of the disaster management ministry. He said the full staff will join on Sunday.

Members of law enforcement agencies were seen guarding the gates and offices of the secretariat in a

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BANGLADESHIS KEEP GAZANS IN MIND ON EID DAY



Anti-clockwise from top, residents of the capital's Rampura form a human chain in front of Jatiya Press Club, condemning Israeli atrocities in Gaza. In Barisal, people gather in front of the main Edigah in Hemayetpur after the Eid congregation. Residents of Khairtala village in Jhenidah's Kaliganj upazila form a human chain on Dhaka-Khulna highway. PHOTOS: STAR, BANGLAR CHOKH



CITY DESK

Many Bangladeshis on Eid day joined protests condemning Israel's ongoing military offensive in Gaza which has so far killed more than 1,400 people, mostly children and women.

Residents of the capital's Rampura formed a human chain in front of Jatiya Press Club to denounce the Zionist state.

In Narayanganj, rights and green activists under the banner of Nirvik staged a rally at the Shaheed Minar in Chasara.

Protests were also held in Jhenidah and Barisal.

They described the atrocities, going on

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