

CHANGE IN TEMPERATURE UNLIKELY



WEATHER TODAY

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong, Rangpur and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Dhaka and Rajshahi 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 remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:41pm and rises tomorrow at 5:29am.

Country's highest temperature 36.8 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rajshahi and lowest 25.5 degree Celsius in Rangamati. 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	34.4	28.3	78	60	Khulna	33.7	27.0	77
Chittagong	31.8	26.1	83	83	Barisal	32.5	27.3	84
Rajshahi	36.8	27.2	81	68	Sylhet	35.4	26.5	92
Rangpur	33.3	27.7	70	68	Cox's Bazar	33.0	25.6	94

NEWS IN brief

Girl killed 'after rape' in Savar

UNB, Savar

A girl has been strangled allegedly after being raped in Tongabari area of Ashulia in Savar outside the capital.

Police recovered the body of the unidentified victim yesterday morning. Locals spotted the half naked body of the girl, aged around 17, with her hands and legs tied with ropes in a bamboo cluster in the area and informed police. Later, the law enforcers sent it to Dhaka Medical College morgue for autopsy.

Officer-in-charge of Ashulia Police Station said the girl might have been raped and then killed some time after Friday midnight. A case was filed.

US official for war crimes issues

Rapp due tomorrow

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT



United States' Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes Issues Stephen J Rapp will come to Bangladesh tomorrow on a three-day visit, official sources said in Dhaka yesterday.

During his stay in Dhaka, he is expected to meet the law minister, foreign minister and foreign secretary, and is scheduled to hold a press briefing.

Rapp visited Bangladesh several times in the last few years. During his last trip in May 2013, he expressed satisfaction over the war crime trials in Bangladesh, but said the process had not fully maintained international standards.

Two girls drown in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two cousins drowned in a wetland in Beraid of the capital's Badda yesterday.

The dead were Mim Akter, 10, daughter of Habibur Rahman Hobi, and Joyti Akter, 7, daughter of Md Dalim.

The incident occurred while they were bathing in the wetland, said Habibur, adding that none of them knew how to swim. They were declared dead at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Woman hit by husband dies in hospital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A woman died after her husband hit her with a cricket bat in their residence in the capital's Jatrabari yesterday.

The deceased was Panna Khatun, 20, wife of Anisur Rahman Nantu. Police arrested Nantu who has confessed to the murder during primary investigation.

Nantu and Panna were arguing regarding a family feud when Nantu hit her in the head with a cricket bat leaving her critically injured, Abani Sankar, officer-in-charge of Jatrabari Police Station, said quoting Nantu.

She was declared dead at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Youth stabbed 'by brother' in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A youth was stabbed to death allegedly by his younger brother in the capital's Uttar Khan yesterday.

The deceased was Abdul Quader, 28, a resident of Barishal Colony. Police arrested the younger brother Nader Hossain.

The incident occurred when Quader rebuked Nader for shouting at their sister, Kulsum.

Quader was declared dead at Uttara Adhunik Hospital. The body was handed over to the family after an autopsy at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Kulsum filed a murder case.

Woman found dead with throat slit in Ashulia

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

An unidentified woman was found dead with her throat slit at a bamboo thicket in Tongabari of Ashulia, outside the capital, yesterday.

Being informed by the locals, police recovered the body with several injury marks, and sent it to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for an autopsy.



A homestead surrounded by floodwater in Lalua union of Kalapara upazila in Patuakhali, a coastal district yesterday. High tides from the Bay of Bengal, occurring twice every day for the last couple of days, have inundated 15 villages in the union, leaving about 20,000 residents marooned. *Inset, people wade through knee-deep water in their flooded courtyard.*

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SUJAN'S CUSTODIAL DEATH

Jahid refuses to confess on IO's suggestion

Alleges victim's wife; expresses dissatisfaction over police probe and accused Mirpur OC remaining on duty

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Momtaz Sultana Lucy, wife of Mahbubur Rahman Sujan who died allegedly of torture in police custody, expressed her dissatisfaction with the

investigation yesterday.

Talking to The Daily Star, she alleged that Sub-Inspector Jahidur Rahman Khan of Mirpur Police Station, the prime accused, refused to confess to his involvement in the murder on the

investigators' suggestion.

She also expressed her discontent with Officer-in-Charge of the police station Salahuddin Khan, another accused in the case, still remaining in his

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SCHOOLGIRL BEATEN TO DEATH IN CTG
Accused teacher still on the run

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Boalkhali police in Chittagong are yet to arrest the primary school teacher who was accused on Thursday of beating a student to death.

Twelve-year-old Bristi Das, a student of Paschim Kodurkhil Koibortopara Government Primary School, died on Thursday, twelve days after she was beaten allegedly by his private tutor Babla Dutta, also an assistant teacher at the school. Her father filed a murder case on the same day.

Police have searched Babla's house in the upazila, his in-law's house in Patiya upazila and Babla's rented house in Kotwali of Chittagong city.

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Road crashes kill 6, injure 9

CITY DESK

Six people were killed and nine others injured in road accidents in the country yesterday.

Our staff correspondent from Chittagong reports, Md Shah Alam, 52, was killed as an unidentified vehicle ran him over while he was crossing Dhaka-Chittagong highway near Khumira Islamic University in Sitakunda upazila yesterday morning, said police.

In another incident, Thakur Prashad Das, 55, son of Niranjan Das, of Anwara, died as a CNG-run auto-rickshaw crashed into a parked truck on Chittagong-Cox's Bazar highway in Patiya early yesterday.

Yet another incident, Toni Dhar, 16, son of Anil Dhar, was killed and four other persons were injured as a minibus carrying a bridal party members flipped to its side at Noya Khal Mukh in Satkania upazila yesterday.

The injured are Subroto Dhar, 18, Jishu Dhar, 19, Rina Dhar, 45, and Apu Dhar, 28.

Our Dinajpur correspondent reports, Md Tanvir Ahmed, 8, son Belal Hossain of Salbon area in Khetal Sadar upazila of Joypurhat, was killed on the spot as a car hit him while he was crossing Joypurhat-Bogra highway in Salbon yesterday afternoon, police said.

Our Moulvibazar correspondent reports, pedestrian Faruq Miah, 32, son of late Firoj Miah of Lalpur village in Kulaura upazila, was killed and five passengers of a car were

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To Know is to Prevent

Do not let your neck and back pain agonize you!

Farida Yasmin at forty seven runs her own khadi cloth shop in Comilla with her husband. Farida did have some niggling pain in her neck for few weeks, but suddenly one morning she felt severe neck pain with absolute immobility. A local doctor in Comilla advised her to go to Dhaka for better treatment. She had neck surgery in a big private hospital in Dhaka; but unfortunately even after two weeks passed after the surgery there was no improvement in her condition!

In desperation, when Farida came to see the Spine Surgeon in an International Standard Tertiary Care Hospital in Dhaka itself, she was having difficulty in speaking, drinking water and swallowing food having obstruction in her neck; further she was having tingling sensation and pain which was radiating from her neck to her shoulder, arm and hands. The Spine Surgeon diagnosed her to be a case of Cervical Radiculopathy which resulted from implant failure in cervical spine from her previous surgery for Cervical Herniated Disc.

Neck part of our spine is called cervical spine. Any condition that injures or somehow irritates the cervical nerve can cause Cervical Radiculopathy. The most common causes of Cervical Radiculopathy include:

- Cervical Herniated Disc when the inner material of the cervical disc herniates or leaks out and inflames and/or impinges on the adjacent nerve.
- Cervical Spinal Stenosis where as part of the degenerative process of the cervical spine, changes in the spinal joints can lead to tightening of the space for the spinal canal.
- Cervical Degenerative Disc Disease when the cervical spine degenerates over time resulting in degenerated discs and a pinched nerve.

The Spine Surgeon explained to Farida her condition by drawing picture of spine. He told her, arm pain from a cervical herniated disc is one of the more common cervical spine conditions which usually develop in thirty to fifty year old age group. The doctor further said that although a cervical herniated disc may originate from some sort of trauma or injury to the cervical spine, the symptoms commonly start spontaneously. The herniated disc material presses on a cervical nerve, causing pain to radiate along the nerve pathway down the arm. Along with arm pain and muscle weakness, numbness and tingling can be present down the arm and into the fingertips.

* Name disguised to protect identity

** This information is for public awareness only; it is NOT a medical advice

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X-ray of Farida's cervical spine revealed implant failure of cervical plate from previous surgery which was putting an obstruction for her to swallow food and water. "Unfortunately the previous surgery at other hospital was a failure and I advised her for a surgery here without any delay", said the Spine Surgeon.

The Spine Surgeon removed the cervical plate from previous surgery; then the surgeon did 'corpectomy' which means removal of a cervical vertebral body, after which fixation of the cervical spine was done using a cage and cervical plate. With an uneventful post operative stay, all signs and symptoms subsided in Farida as was evident in her follow up visits. Farida Yasmin, in a train going back to her home in Comilla, is now a happy person free from neck pain with restored normal function of arms and hands.

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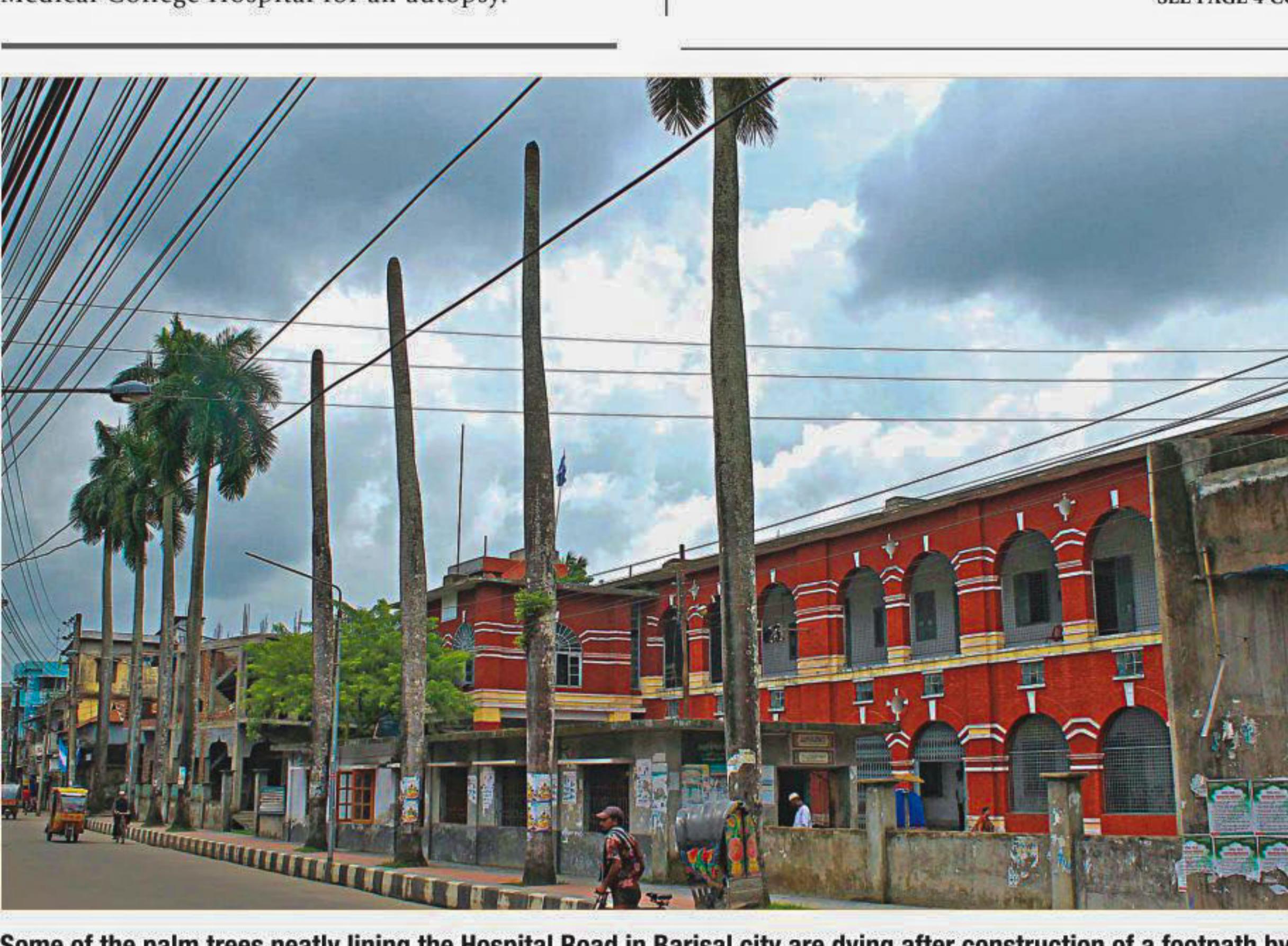
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Some of the palm trees neatly lining the Hospital Road in Barisal city are dying after construction of a footpath by the city corporation, keeping the trees within it. Chief Executive Officer Nikhil Chandra Das said they did not do any damage to the trees, and so could not say why they were dying. The photo was taken from in front of Barisal Sadar Hospital recently.

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