

CHANGE IN TEMPERATURE  
UNLIKELY


WEATHER  
TODAY

Unb. Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at most places over Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at many places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Rangpur 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 6:36pm and rises tomorrow at 5:32am.**

Country's highest temperature 35.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Sylhet and lowest 25.0 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	32.9	27.3	74	67	Khulna	33.5	27.0	92	83
Chittagong	32.0	25.6	76	78	Barisal	30.5	26.2	98	92
Rajshahi	33.2	27.0	81	81	Sylhet	35.2	26.0	58	69
Rangpur	33.5	26.4	76	63	Cox's Bazar	31.0	25.6	80	92



Sultana Kamal, executive director of Ain o Salish Kendra, speaks at a gathering and a friendly swimming programme organised by Buriganga Riverkeeper yesterday, aiming to keep the river clean and suitable for swimming throughout the year. On her left, Rasheda K Choudhury, executive director of Campe, and Syeda Rizwana Hasan, chief executive of Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela), are also present at the programme at the Bosila Old Government Primary School ghat.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

# Death reference hearing may start after 2 months

## Paper-book being readied at SC

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

The Supreme Court authorities are expected to ready the paper-book of the BDR carnage case in the next two months, which would pave the way for complete adjudication of the biggest ever criminal case in the country's history in terms of the number of accused and convicts.

A paper-book, which contains all details of a case, trial proceedings, verdicts, and other documents including statements and evidence, is necessary for the High Court to hear and dispose of a death reference or an appeal.

Once the paper-book is ready, the HC may start hearing the death references and appeals in the carnage case.

All the relevant documents have been

composed, a vital part of the huge job, said a judicial official dealing with the paper-book told The Daily Star recently, wishing anonymity. Twelve staff are now editing the papers and verifying them with case records, which is expected to be completed in next two or three weeks, he said.

The SC official said around 230 copies of the paper-book would be prepared in the case, each of which would have 40,000 to 42,000 pages. For easy handling, the paper-book will be published in more than 40 volumes, he added.

A Dhaka court on November 5 last year awarded death penalty to 150 soldiers of the erstwhile Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) and two civilians, and sentenced 161 others to life

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### BDR CARNAGE CASE

# EID-UL-AZHA 20 cattle markets in capital this yr

HELEMUL ALAM

The two Dhaka city corporations are going to set up 20 makeshift cattle markets in the capital for upcoming Eid-ul-Azha, which will be observed in October.

Of those, Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) will set up 12 cattle markets, while Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) will set up the remaining eight. Apart from these, there is a permanent cattle market in Gabtoli.

Under DSCC, the number of makeshift cattle markets was 10 in 2013, while it was nine under the north the same year, said officials of the city corporations.

This year two new cattle markets are added—one is Bangladesh Math in Lalbagh and the other is the open space between Kamrangirchar Islam chairman house crossing and Buriganga embankment. The cattle market in Taltala Mohila Polytechnic area of DNCC is dropped from the list this year, said sources at the city corporations.

The DNCC and DSCC authorities have already invited tenders for the lease of the cattle markets and the submission

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# PINAK-6 SINKING Activists hold four safety officials responsible

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two non-government organisations yesterday said the "utter" negligence of four designated officials in ensuring safe voyage of Pinak-6 passenger vessel in the turbulent Padma river led to its sinking on Monday, in which over a hundred passengers died presumably.

The four were supposed to oversee launch operations and ensure their safety on hazardous Mawa-Kawrakandi route, said Ashish Kumar Dey, convener of the National Committee to Protect Shipping, Roads and Railways (NCPSSRR).

He said the officials included a shipping department surveyor, who was withdrawn from duty following the sinking of another launch, Shathil, in Patuakhali in May.

He was addressing a press conference at the capital's Mukti Bhaban. NCPSSRR and Bangladesh Passenger Rights Protection Council organised it demanding dismissal of the Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) chairman and all the four officials.

Pinak-6 was carrying around 200 passengers, far beyond its capacity of 85. Till yesterday, 46 bodies were recovered.

In a written statement,

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National Dialogue Foundation forms a human chain on Chittagong Press Club premises yesterday protesting the death of schoolgirl Bristi Das who died 12 days after being beaten allegedly by her teacher in Boalkhali.

PHOTO: STAR



# Massive Ctg dev works in next 5yrs Says planning minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Development works worth Tk 80,000 crore would be done in Chittagong in the next five years, said Planning Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal yesterday.

He was addressing a views-exchange meeting, Development Thought of Bangladesh, organised by the 14-party alliance in the port city's Circuit House conference room.

The minister said many foreign companies have put forward proposals to invest into the project for constructing a deep sea port in Chittagong.

Bangladesh is considering the proposals keeping in mind the interests of the country, he added.

Kamal said the government has plans to construct a LNG terminal at Moheshkhali upazila of Cox's Bazar with a Tk 16,000 crore budget.

The minister also emphasised the need for maintaining roads and footpaths of the port city to turn it into a modern industrial city.

ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury, president of Chittagong

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# Jessore rivers in death

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creating legal complexities in reclaiming those.

MR Khairul Umam, former president of the Institute of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh, Jessore, said the government had killed rivers, adding that bridges were constructed over many rivers in the district in unplanned way. He said government agencies, including Roads and Highways Department and LGED, constructed small culvert-sized bridges over the rivers shrinking them to narrow canals.

River experts said on going dredging works in the Kobadak river would not bring any benefit if effective discussion with India was not held over due share of water.

During a field visit, the news agency found that land grabbers erected numerous structures, including dwelling houses and fish enclosures, on both the banks of the river from Khayertola in the district town to Basundia.

Citing its 2008 survey, local Water Development Board office said 292 villages in Jessore and Satkhira went under water every year leaving the residents on the bank

of Kobadak in terrible situation.

Convener of Kapotakkha (Kobadak) Bachao Andolon Anil Biswas said due to encroachment in large areas of the river, the Kobadak had now turned into a "death trap" for 10 lakh people living on its bank.

Wishing anonymity, some WDB officials alleged that river encroachers in collusion with a section of politicians and bureaucrats destroyed many rivers including the Kobadak.

Sources concerned said the river network in Jessore had collapsed due to construction of the rail-bridge at the estuary of Mathabhang's tributaries-Kumar, Naboganga, Chitra and Bhairab rivers.

Asked about river encroachment and construction of illegal structures on the riverbanks, Additional Deputy Commissioner (revenue) of Jessore Zahrul Haque said the land department had been working to remove the illegal structures conducting mobile court drives.

However, he said in many cases, actions could not be taken against the land grabbers because of the cases filed by them.

## NEWSIN brief

### 19 Shibir men detained in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law enforcers last night detained 19 leaders and activists of Jamaat-e-Islami backed Islami Chhatra Shibir in the capital's Mohammadpur area.

Shafiqul Islam Masud, former president of Shibir, was among the arrestees, Biplob Kumar Sarker, deputy commissioner of Tejgaon division of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, told The Daily Star.

They were held in a house on Zakir Hossain Road while they were holding a secret meeting there around 8:00pm, the police official said.

### Discussion on astronomy held at DU

DU CORRESPONDENT

Astronomy has progressed radically due to discovery of distant galaxies, said Prof Dipen Bhattacharya of Riverside College at a discussion yesterday.

The discussion on astronomy was organised by a science club, Anushandhitshuk Chakka, at Dhaka University.

Prof Dipen said, "New observations coupled with the Big Bang Theory have advanced our ideas about evolution and the nature of the galaxy."

Buet teacher Dr Farseem Mannan Mohammedy and president of the science club Shahjahan Mridha, among others, spoke at the programme.

### MoU signed to build diabetes centre

CITY DESK

Helen Keller International (HKI) and the National Institute of Ophthalmology (NIO) signed a Memorandum of Understanding yesterday to establish a diabetic retinopathy screening and grading centre at the NIO in the capital's Argargaon.

The project titled "Scaling up Diabetic Retinopathy Services in Bangladesh" is funded by the Lavelle Fund and supported by Fred Hollows Foundation.

Dr Deen Md Noorul Huq, Dr Meredith Jackson-deGraffenried, officer in charge of HKI, Bangladesh, and Dr Dipak Nag, senior retina specialist, NIO&H, also spoke at the signing programme held in Bengal Gallery, Dhanmondi.

### Cop murder case accused arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police arrested an accused in a cop murder case and recovered a foreign revolver and three cartridges from him at Kat Market in Chittagong's Mirsarai upazila yesterday.

Osman Gani, 31, of Jorarganj, is the prime accused in the case filed for stabbing Md Borhan, an assistant sub-inspector of Mirsarai Police Station, to death while he was in a drive to nab a drug peddler in Mirsarai in 2011.

Osman faces several other cases, Jorarganj police said.

### Road accident kills schoolgirl

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

A schoolgirl died and her father was injured when a truck ran her over after it hit the bicycle they were riding and they fell off in Muslimpur area on Chapainawabganj-Sonamasjid land port highway in Shibganj upazila early yesterday.

The deceased, Masuma Khatun, 8, daughter of Abdullah of Pardilalpur village, was a student of Shahbajpur Government Primary School.




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