

RAIN LIKELY



Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at many places over Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong, 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 remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:35pm and rises tomorrow at 5:32am.

Country's highest temperature 34.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Ishwardi and lowest 25.7 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	32.8	27.0	75	72	Khulna	33.0	26.6	80	71
Chittagong	31.0	26.4	82	85	Barisal	31.5	26.4	82	80
Rajshahi	34.0	26.7	83	92	Sylhet	33.5	26.1	79	92
Rangpur	33.2	27.4	83	76	Cox's Bazar	31.7	26.2	92	96

NEWS IN brief

Five held with foreign currencies worth Tk 86.42 lakh at airport

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Armed Police Battalion (APBn) detained five Bangladeshis with foreign currencies worth around Tk 86.42 lakh in the capital's Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport early yesterday.

The five were passengers of a Malaysia-bound flight MH-197, said APBn officials.

The currencies include US dollar, Malaysian Ringgit, Saudi and Qatari Riyal and United Arab Emirates Dirham, said the officials, suspecting that the five belong to an international gold smuggling gang.

BNP leader Giasuddin Quader Chy indicted in defamation case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chittagong court yesterday indicted BNP north district unit President Giasuddin Quader Chowdhury in a defamation case filed for terming former forest minister Dr Hasan Mahmud a corrupt person.

According to the prosecution, Giasuddin at a press conference at Chittagong Press Club on July 27, 2013, commented that Hasan, current publicity and publication secretary of AL, had misappropriated money from climate funds through nine NGOs and taken bribes for giving environment clearance certificates to many ship breaking owners. The court also fixed September 3 for hearing.

Arrested 20 Jamaat-Shibir activists remanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday placed 20 leaders and activists of Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Chhatra Shibir on a four-day remand each in a case under special power act.

The order came when the law enforcers produced them before it. Police arrested the 20, including former Shibir president Shafiqul Islam Masud, in a residence on Jakir Hossain Road in Mohammadpur on Saturday.

Apollo Hospitals train urologists in holmium laser

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Apollo Hospitals Dhaka yesterday organised a day-long holmium laser training highlighting the benefits of laser surgery for enlarged prostate and kidney stones.

Attended by 70 senior urologists, the training was supported by Lumenis India and conducted by Waheed Zaman, senior consultant and coordinator of the hospitals' Urology Department.

MA Salam, president of Bangladesh Association of Urology, and Dr Rajesh Taneja from Apollo Indraprastha Delhi spoke at the event.

Ahsania Mission opens shelter for abandoned children, destitute women

CITY DESK

A shelter was opened in the capital's Mirpur yesterday to rehabilitate abandoned children and destitute women.

Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) with financial support from KNH, Germany opened the centre at South Paikpara, said a press release.

Abandoned children aged up to 5 and destitute women having unwanted pregnancy will be rehabilitated free of cost at the centre. Tarik-Ul-Islam, secretary for women and children affairs ministry, attended the inaugural ceremony as the chief guest.

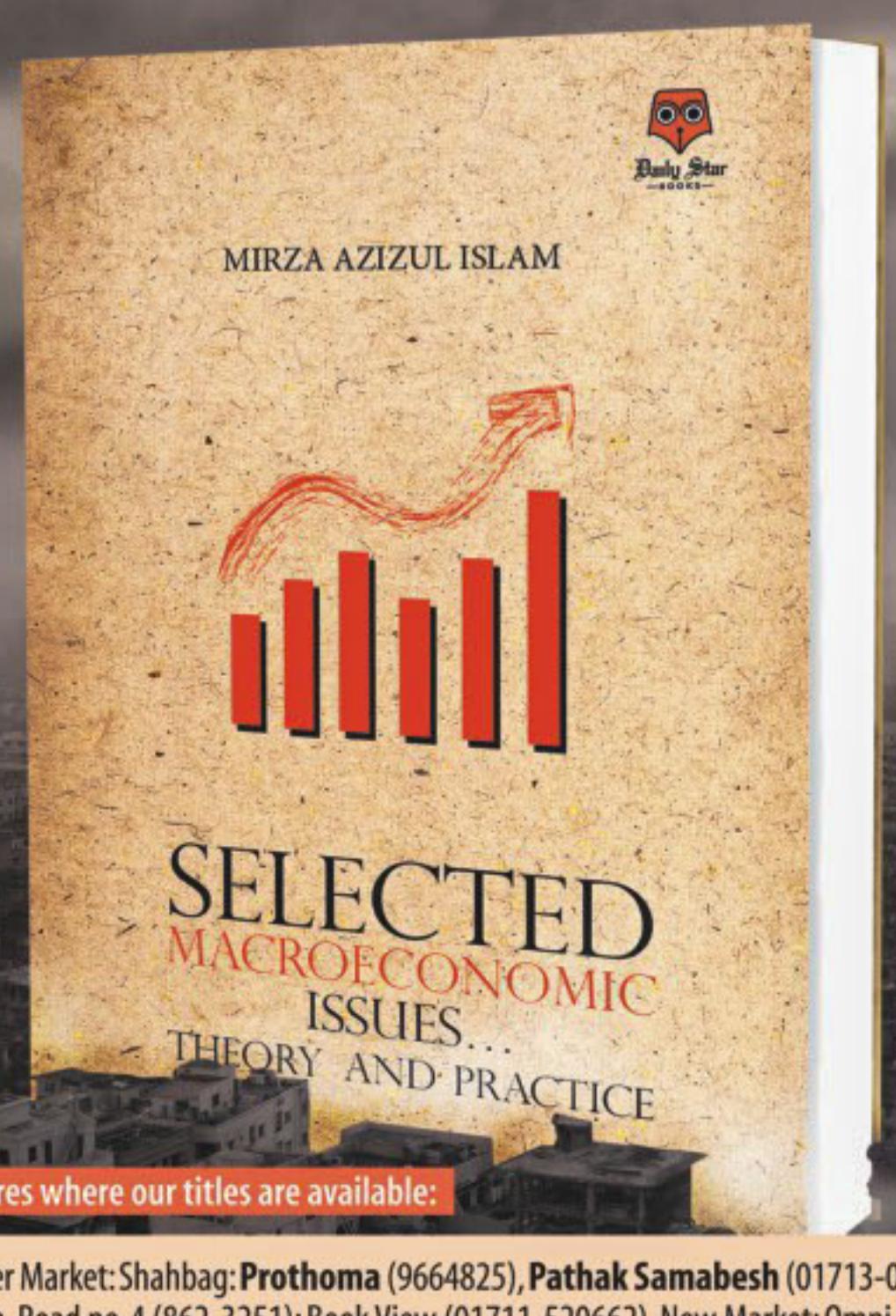
Over 700 Chevron staff donate blood

CITY DESK

Chevron Bangladesh has just concluded the first round of its blood donation drive for 2014 where 741 employees and contractors donated blood.

Employees from Chevron's Bibiyana, Jalalabad, and Moulvibazar Gas Plants, and its Dhaka office has been contributing to four events, started on July 10, jointly organised with Bangladesh Red Crescent Society.

This year, Bangladesh Red Crescent Society officially recognised Chevron Bangladesh as the largest voluntary blood donor organisation for the 2013 fiscal year.



AL leader accused of assaulting female teacher

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OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Khulna

A female schoolteacher has brought allegations against a ruling party leader of Khulna of assaulting her on June 14 for not registering a man's name in the voter list for the second time.

She filed a general diary with Rampal Police Station the same day. Officer-in-Charge Kazi Daud said they are still investigating the allegation.

Khadija Yasmin, an assistant teacher at Borokatali Primary School, claimed Rafiqul Islam Babul, organising secretary of the upazila unit of Awami League and also chairman of Perikhali Union Parishad, beat her up after she refused to register one Mazid Meer's

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TURMOIL IN LIBYA, IRAQ
Bangladeshis urged to move to safer places

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has advised Bangladeshi migrants working in risky areas in Libya and Iraq to move to safer places until those regions become stable.

Replying to reporters' queries about steps taken regarding the workers' safety, Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Khandker Mosharraf Hossain yesterday said the government has been closely monitoring the security issue of Bangladeshi living in the two countries.

"We know that our people in Libya and Iraq are working under threat, so we have been keeping close contact with our embassies there. We will take timely action depending on the situations there," he told reporters after a meeting at a hotel in the capital.

More than 30,000 Bangladeshis in Libya are at risk due to conflicts among rival militias and factions in the North African country.

The minister mentioned that about 3,000 migrants have already shifted from Tripoli and Benghazi of Libya to other areas.

Besides, 169 Bangladeshis working at a South Korean company in Tripoli have been granted six months' leave, he said.

Meanwhile, at least 180 migrants have been languishing in war-torn Iraq for over two months.

The workers have been living in confinement at a makeshift house in Najaf without adequate food and water under

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Dhaka expresses concerns over Iraq crisis

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh is deeply concerned over the current crises in Iraq, particularly the unfolding humanitarian crisis, a foreign ministry press release said yesterday.

"Bangladesh strongly condemns violence and atrocities. Bangladesh reaffirms its solidarity with Iraq and its people, and underscores the need for maintaining Iraq's sovereignty and territorial integrity with the continuation of democratic process," it added.

The Bangladesh government is closely monitoring the current situation in Iraq.

The Bangladesh embassy in Baghdad is in touch with Bangladesh nationals working in Iraq to ensure their safety and well-being. The suspension of sending workers to Iraq will remain in force till improvement of security situation in Iraq, it said.

JUBO LEAGUE LEADER MILKY MURDER
CID allowed to grill accused

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court allowed Criminal Investigation Department (CID) to quiz nine accused, now on bail, within four days in connection with the killing of Jubo League leader Riazul Haque Khan Milky in July last year.

They are Jahangir Mondol, Shahidul Islam Nuruzzaman, Aminul Islam, Sohel Mahmud, Syed Mostafa Ali, Tuhinur Rahman Fahim, Mahbubul Haque Hirok, Sharif Uddin Pappu and Dewan Md Fariuddowla.

Another accused Fahima Islam Lopa, wife of Maruf Reza Sagar, a close aide of Milky, went into hiding after getting bail from the High Court.

The court, however, rejected a seven-day remand sought by ABM Siddique Rahman, an assistant superintendent of police of CID, also the investigation officer of the case.

Milky, an organising secretary of Jubo League's Dhaka city (south) unit, was shot dead allegedly by SM Zahid Siddique Tarek alias "killer" Tareq, joint secretary of the unit of the pro-Awami League party, before a Gulshan Shopping Mall in the capital on July 30 last year. The scene was captured by the mall's surveillance camera.

Tarek was later killed in a "shootout" between his associates and Rapid Action Battalion (Rab).

Rab on April 15 pressed charges against 11 people, mostly Jubo League men, in the murder case filed by Milky's

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PHOTO: STAR

Executive Director of Shwapno Sabir Hasan Nasir, fourth from left, shakes hands with Editor and Publisher of The Daily Star Mahfuz Anam, after signing an agreement for a joint campaign titled "Thoughts for Food" at The Daily Star Centre in the capital yesterday. To his right are, Sher Ali, GM (business development); Shahriar Sahid, marketing manager; and Kazi Nowrid Amin, sector in-charge of the daily; and from extreme right are, Selim Chowdhury, GM (production) of the newspaper, and Sohel Tanvir Khan, head of business development of Shwapno. Story on page 3.

FEB 2 VIOLENCE AT RU
4 left student bodies protest arrest of Samajtantrik Dal leader

RU CORRESPONDENT

Progressive Students' Alliance, a platform of four left leaning student organisations of Rajshahi University, yesterday protested the arrest of a Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal leader.

Earlier on Saturday, the Detective Branch of Rajshahi Metropolitan Police arrested Debasish Roy, convenor of Rajshahi district unit of BSD, over the February 2 violence on RU campus.

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Road crashes kill seven, injure nine

CITY DESK

Countrywide road accidents killed seven people and injured nine others yesterday.

Our Benapole correspondent reports, two people were killed and five others injured when a three-wheeler turned turtle as the driver lost control over the vehicle on Benapole-Jessore road in Sarsa upazila.

The deceased were Abder Rahman, 34, and Tofajjal Hossain, 35, of Akjhala village.

Our Kushtia correspondent reports, two people were killed and three others injured when a bus skidded off the Kushtia-Pabna highway at Talbaria in Mirpur upazila.

The deceased were Rony Ahmed, 18, and Sefali Khatun, 45, of the upazila.

Our Bhola correspondent reports, a woman died and her husband was injured when a motorcycle hit a roadside lamp on Bhola-Charfassion road near Abul Bazar area in Borhanuddin upazila.

The deceased was Nilufar Yasmin, 25, wife of Yousuf of Aralia village.

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Fire breaks out in Beximco Industrial Park in Gazipur

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Gazipur

A fire broke out in the warehouse of Crescent Fashion at Beximco Industrial Park in Chakrabarty area of Gazipur city early yesterday.

The fire might have originated from an electric short circuit, said fire service sources.

The factory sources said huge amount of fabrics and accessories were gutted.

Rivalry over

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Jahangir, also president of Momota Bahumukhi Samabaya Samity, wanted to buy the tender of Agargaon cattle market under the name of Chhatra Kalyan, a local welfare organisation, where he might have rivals, said locals. Police also suspect Jahangir's car driver, who has been on the run since the incident.

Several traders at the Momota Bahumukhi Samabaya Samity Market said Jahangir had been looking after his father-in-law Nur Hossain's property since he went missing in 2011. Nur Hossain was the president of ward-28 (then 41) unit of AL.

One of Jahangir's brothers-in-law Mintu, a top terror in Mohammadpur and Tejgaon areas and now is a fugitive accused in different cases, might have been involved in the incident, said the DC.

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