

SLIGHT RISE IN TEMPERATURE LIKELY

WEATHER TODAY

Unb, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty 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 falls are also	likely at places over the country, Met Office said.	Country's highest temperature 34.5 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday in Sayedpur and lowest 24.4 degrees in Teknaf.	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage		Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage			
	Day and night temperature may rise slightly over the country.	Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:	Dhaka	33.5	27.3	74	75	Khulna	33.2	27.8	79	76
	The sun sets in the capital today at 6:34pm and rises tomorrow at 5:33am.		Chittagong	30.8	25.8	83	81	Barisal	33.2	27.2	82	92
			Rajshahi	34.2	26.9	89	73	Sylhet	33.9	26.0	81	85
			Rangpur	33.3	27.4	83	74	Cox's Bazar	31.7	25.0	82	86

NEWSIN brief

Cabinet again denounces Israel's ongoing attack on Gaza

UNB, Dhaka

The cabinet strongly condemned the Israeli strikes in Gaza for the second time yesterday, which killed nearly 2,000 Palestinians, mostly women and children.
At its weekly meeting with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair, the body of ministers termed the killings in the Palestine territory a "serious violation of human rights". Cabinet Secretary M Musharraf Hossain Bhuiyan briefed reporters after the meeting.
The cabinet first condemned the Israeli atrocities on July 14, six days after the Zionist state started shelling the Gaza Strip on July 8.

Road crash victim held with 10 bottles of Phensedyl in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered 10 bottles of Phensedyl from a man who was rescued by locals after a road accident in the capital's Ramna yesterday.
Sheikh Md Hanif, 42, sustained injuries when a car hit his motorbike on Minto Road. Locals who went to save him found a shopping bag containing the bottles near him, said Ramna Police. Hanif is undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital for his broken arm under police custody.
Police also seized the car that belongs to a Dhaka University teacher. Hanif refused to tell journalists anything about the Phensedyl.

Martyred intellectuals memorial speech held at DU

CITY DESK

The martyred intellectuals' memorial speech was held on the topic, "Evolution of Civil Society in Bangladesh and Some Debates", at Dhaka University yesterday.
Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya, the distinguished fellow of the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), delivered the speech. The history department hosted it at Sirajul Islam Lecture Hall.
Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique, vice chancellor of DU, attended the session as chief guest and Prof Sadrul Amin, dean of the arts faculty, as special guest.
Prof Sharifullah Bhuyan, the chairman of the history department, presided over the session.

3 of a family die from 'puffer fish poisoning'

6 fall sick, get admitted to DMCH

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three members of a family died and two others fell sick after eating puffer fish (Patka fish) in Dholaipar area in the capital last night.
The deceased were Mohammad Jumman, 10, his younger brother Mohammad Rabin, 8, and his maternal uncle Mohammad Shahin, 20.
Jumman's mother Farida Begum, 32, and his another maternal uncle Mohammad Surur, 18, were admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).
Puffers can be lethal because some species contain the highly toxic substance tetraodontotoxin, which causes numbness, vomiting, decreased blood pressure, and muscle paralysis.
Inspector Mozammel Haque, DMCH police camp in-charge, told The Daily Star that locals brought the five to the hospital around 11:15pm where doctors declared the three dead.
Jumman's father Mohammad Nazim, a rickshaw garage worker, told reporters at DMCH that the five fell sick around 9:00 after eating the puffer fish, which he brought from Dholaipar Bazar.
Meanwhile, three members from another family in neighbouring east Dholaipar, who also consumed puffer fish, were admitted to the hospital around 12:00midnight, said police. They were Suma, 14, her brother Miraj, 9, and their mother Taslima, 35.



Sangkhubbha Nagorik Andolan, a Sylhet citizens' group, forms a human chain in front of the Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday demanding removal of Social Welfare Minister Syed Mohsin Ali from the cabinet for his diatribe against journalists.

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Sack Mohsin

Demand Sylhet journo

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Journalists based in Sylhet yesterday demanded removal of Social Welfare Minister Syed Mohsin Ali in 48 hours for making derogatory remarks about journalists.
Around a hundred journalists of local, national newspapers and electronic media raised the demand from a human chain in front of Sylhet Central Shaheed Minar.
The minister called journalists khabish (scum) while addressing a discussion in Sylhet on Saturday. The next day he apologised for the comments.
The journalists decided to boycott all programmes of the minister in Sylhet.
They also observed a one-hour work stoppage yesterday and will observe the token strike on the next two days.
With the same demand, a local citizens' group, Sangkhubbha Nagorik Andolon, held another human chain at the same place.

Govt treating Adivasis like zoo animals

Santu Larma tells discussion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Aggrieved at the government's recent request to refrain from using the word "Adivasi", indigenous leader Jyotirindra Bodhipriya Larma yesterday said the government treated indigenous people as zoo animals and called them by whatever name it liked.
"Bangalees also fit in the ethnic category. Our prime minister is a Bangalee. Now if I say she belongs to a major ethnic group, how would she feel?" he said.
The indigenous leader, commonly known as Santu Larma, said, "How will the

indigenous people live if our rights are not established? The governing parties only make promises, but they take such destructive decisions at times that put the lives of the indigenous people in danger."
Larma was addressing a discussion, "Second International Decade of World's Indigenous Peoples and Situation of Indigenous Peoples in Bangladesh", in the National Museum Auditorium, organised by Kapaeng Foundation.
In a PID handout on August 7, the government asked participants of different programmes, discussions and talk shows on

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DNCC opens tender for 8 cattle markets

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) yesterday opened the tender for eight makeshift cattle markets in the city ahead of Eid-ul-Azha.
This year the highest bid was Tk 2.78 crore for the space at Agargaon Slum, while last year the highest bid was Tk 2.16 crore, also proposed for the same place.
However, no proposal has yet come forward for the playground at Polytechnic Institute, said Chief State Officer of the corporation Md Aminul Rahman.
He said they will again open the tender for bidding for the playground.
Top bids for other markets are: Tk 55 lakh for Uttara Azampur Government Primary School field, Tk 62 lakh for

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Resist move to curb freedom of speech

Journalist community urged

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers yesterday urged the journalist community to unite and resist the government's attempt to curb the freedom of speech through regulations like the National Broadcasting Policy 2014.
Journalists from newspapers and radios along with academicians and politicians voiced their concern about the policy, which puts a set of restrictions on the contents of broadcasts.
Terming the policy "an order or a ban", educationist Serajul Islam Choudhury said issuing such a "ban" when there was no emergency proved that the state had reached an extreme low.
"I don't expect the media owners to protest, but since the ban is against the interests of journalists they must unite and lead the protest," he told a roundtable, "National Broadcasting Policy, Freedom of Media and Democracy", organised by Gonosanghati Andolon at the Jatiya Press Club in the capital.
Echoing Choudhury, Prof Anu Mohammad of Jahangirnagar University said, "We suspect whether this is just a regulation or groundwork for a more oppressive rule in future."
Pointing out that a policy was being drafted for the online media, Executive Editor of The Daily Star Syed Badrul Ahsan said, "Next, restrictions would be imposed on the print media and on what is being taught at universities."

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Two held for forging stamped papers, prize bonds

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of police yesterday detained a man and his daughter in the capital's Moghbazar allegedly for producing and selling fake stamped papers and prize bonds.
Matiur Rahman, 58, a security guard at Janata Bank's Moghbazar branch, and Mahmuda Rahman, 28, have been working for a gang for several years, CID officials told a press briefing at the CID headquarters.
Acting on a tip-off, CID officials detained Matiur when he was selling fake stamped papers near the

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DELAY IN PAYING SALARIES RMG workers strike in Ashulia

Prompting owners to promise payment today; in Gazipur workers vandalise factory demanding that management find missing colleague

CITY DESK

About a thousand workers of a garment factory in Beron of Ashulia observed work abstention yesterday demanding the factory authorities pay their salary of July and stop sacking workers, reports our Savar correspondent.
Meanwhile, workers of garment factory Multifab Limited in Gazipur vandalised the factory and also observed work abstention demanding the authorities search for a worker who has been missing since Saturday.
In Ashulia, workers of Yagi Bangladesh Garment Ltd claimed they used to be paid the salary of a month within the first 10 days of the next month, but they have not yet been paid the salary of July.
Witnesses said the workers began observing work abstention when the factory management did not allow 25 workers to enter the factory yesterday morning.
Parveen, a swing operator of the factory, said they

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Navy personnel alighting from BNS Osman, one of the two ships, which returned from the UN peace mission in Lebanon yesterday, at Chittagong Port. A total of 320 navy peacekeepers came back home with the two warships, the other being BNS Modhumoti, not in picture. The two vessels had been used in the UN mission for four years since 2010.

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