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WEATHER TODAY

Unb, Dhaka

Moderately rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at most places over Rangpur, Rajshahi, Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions till 6:00pm today.
Heavy to very 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 6:32pm and rises tomorrow at 5:34am.

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Country's highest temperature 32.8 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Chuadanga and lowest 23.0 degree Celsius in Feni.

The highest and lowest temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

BNP blasé about missing Sunamganj leader

Cops also sluggish

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

After Sunamganj BNP leader Mujibur Rahman disappeared along with his chauffeur three months ago, the party clamoured for a few days demanding of the government to find him immediately. But, all its local units are silent for more than a month now.

Sunamganj BNP last enforced a strike in four districts of the division on July 8.

Meanwhile, police have hardly made any headway in the search for Mujibur, a member of BNP's Sunamganj district convening committee, also the founder of the UK chapter of the party's youth wing Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal.

Robiul Islam, husband of one of Mujibur's nieces, who filed a GD after he went missing on May 4, said, "We don't know the fate of the man. His family members still believe he'll come back anytime."

Mujibur and his chauffeur Rezaul Haque Sohel were headed towards Sylhet from Sunamganj on that day.

Police had arrested three local Jubo Dal activists in Sunamganj and three others as suspects in May but there was no clue to how and why they went missing.

"We are trying our best to find the two. But, the arrestees gave no clue during remand," said Superintendent of Police (SP) of

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6 RMG waste-laden trucks hijacked

Hijackers injure 5 people including journalist in Ashulia

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Criminals on Thursday evening hijacked six trucks laden with waste fabrics of garment industry in Ashulia, and injured at least five people including a journalist who was taking photos of the hijacking.

However, they later abandoned three of the goods-laden trucks in Baipail area of Ashulia.

The injured journalist was Omar Faruque, staff correspondent of Banglanews24.com.

Police said the trucks were carrying jhut worth about Tk 8 lakh from Grameen Knit Wear Ltd in DEPZ area to a buyer, Siddikur Rahman, in Kabirpur. The criminals hijacked the vehicles in DEPZ area, and beat up some of the helpers and the journalist, who happened to be at the spot taking photos, said Faruque and witnesses.

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CHITTAGONG COURTS

Activities disrupted for lack of two top judges

PRANABESH CHAKRABORTY, Ctg

The trial proceedings in the Chittagong courts, which are already burdened with a huge backlog of cases, are being seriously hampered because of the two top posts of judges lying vacant there for more than one month.

AFM Mostafa retired as Chittagong district and sessions judge on June 11, and SM Mojibur Rahman as Chittagong metropolitan sessions judge on July 10, said prosecutors.

The two posts are among a total of 12 posts of judges lying vacant in 72 courts across Chittagong district. Of them, four vacancies are in the 21 metropolitan courts and eight in the remaining 51 courts of the district.

Court sources said that in absence of the judges, court activities came to a near halt, except for the renewal of the hearing dates. Moreover, the number of pending cases is mounting every day with the arrival of new cases, they said.

"The Chittagong courts now lack a guardian," said District Public Prosecutor (PP) Abul Hasem, referring to the absence of the district judge.

He told The Daily Star that the court activities slowed down and lacked coordination, since an additional judge was carrying out the additional duties of the district judge.

A total of 1.3 lakh cases are now pending at the district courts, while 20,096 cases are

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Woman gets life term for killing husband in Pabna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A Pabna court on Thursday jailed a woman and two men, including her extra-marital partner, for life for killing her husband.

The convicts are Khadiza Khatun, 28, of Bodra village in Chatmohar upazila; Ruhul Amin alias Rabiul, 30, her partner; and Rezaul Karim, 32.

Khadiza had been in fighting with her husband Md Rezaul Karim because of the extra-marital relationship. The three strangled Rezaul on August 24, 2011.

Child marriage

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District registrar Abu Taleb recently ordered his officials to probe and take necessary action accordingly.

When contacted, Kashem said, "I run a grocery shop. I just help Noor by administering prayers." Noor could not be contacted despite several attempts.



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