

RAIN LIKELY

WEATHER TODAY
Unb, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at most places over Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at many places over Rajshahi, Rangpur and Dhaka 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 rise slightly over the country. **The sun sets in the capital today at 6:30pm and rises tomorrow at 5:35am.**

Country's highest temperature 33.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Jessore and Bogra and lowest 24.0 degree Celsius in Teknaf. 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 31.5	25.8	83	79	Khulna 32.5	25.3	88	80
Chittagong 27.7	24.8	95	80	Barisal 31.6	25.0	94	93
Rajshahi 31.9	26.0	88	95	Sylhet 31.8	25.0	93	87
Rangpur 30.5	25.8	90	88	Cox's Bazar 29.0	24.8	96	81

BANK ACCOUNTS IN KSA Hajj agencies exempted this year

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The frustration of the Bangladeshi agencies planning to send Hajj pilgrims this year is finally gone, as they have been exempted from the mandatory rule of opening bank accounts in Saudi Arabia by August 27, the day the Hajj flights are scheduled to start. The Saudi authorities announced the exemption on Thursday but said the agencies must open bank accounts by November this year if they are to send pilgrims the next year, said Jakir Hossain, director (hajj) at the religious affairs ministry, yesterday. "The Saudi government has relaxed the condition for the Bangladeshi agencies... as the date for start of the hajj flights is very close this year," he told The Daily Star. The Hajj flights will be operated between August 27 and September 30. Bangladesh Biman will

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Clockwise from left, the tin structure is a place inside Pantha Kunja, one of the few parks in the capital, which the Dhaka city corporation has selected for building a waste transfer station. The move, which would deprive the residents of the area of a clean open public space, was strongly protested by the locals from a human chain yesterday. A banner hung on the tin boundary showing the design of the station.



PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Khulna Coronation Girls' High School wins div round

A CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Khulna Govt Coronation Girls' High School won the divisional round of English in Schools, a joint programme of The Daily Star and Robi, yesterday. Jessore Police Line Secondary School and Daulatpur Mohsin Secondary Girls' High School of Khulna became the first and second runners-up respectively. The three winning schools received bronze trophies, certificates and English books worth about Tk 10,000 each

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Govt to boost manpower export to Malaysia

Bilateral meeting in Dhaka today

BELAL HOSSAIN BIPLOB

With an aim to increase manpower export to Malaysia under the government to government arrangements, Bangladeshi and Malaysian officials will hold a meeting today in Dhaka, in which they will assess the achievements and failures of the G-to-G system, said officials. Malaysian Human Resources Minister Richard Riot Anak Jaem is due to arrive today for the discussion, said Mantu Kumar Biswas, counsellor (labour) at Bangladesh High Commission in Kuala Lumpur, the capital of Malaysia. "The expansion of the Malaysian job market for Bangladeshis will be given

importance in the visit of the Malaysian minister," he told The Daily Star by phone on Wednesday. Khondaker Showkat Hossain, secretary to the expatriates' welfare and overseas employment ministry, said, "Malaysian employers are now hiring Bangladeshi workers only for the plantation sector. We will request the Malaysian government to open the construction, manufacturing and service sectors for our people." Bangladesh started sending workers to Malaysia under the state arrangements in November 2012. At that time, the ministry had set a target of sending a minimum of 10,000 workers a year, but it could send only

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'WAR CRIMES' BY ISRAEL Dhaka wants to give legal aid to Palestine

Says foreign minister; envoy lauds PM for her position against Israeli invasion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali yesterday promised to extend legal support to Palestine if the country sought justice in the International Criminal Court (ICC) for "war crimes and crimes against humanity and peace" perpetrated by Israel in Gaza. "We urge the International Criminal Court to take it [the issue of war crimes] into cognisance to uphold its mandate to address the issue by bringing the offenders to justice," he told a discussion on "Independence and Genocide besieged Palestine: Bangladesh and World Conscience." It was organised at the capital's Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh by Ekatturer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee, an anti-war crimes platform. The minister said Israel should be sent a message of denial for its wanton aggression through trade embargos, a ban on transfer of arms, and visa restrictions on its citizens responsible for committing "war crimes and crimes against humanity". Shahriar Kabir, acting president of Nirmul Committee, and Tureen Afroze, prosecutor at the International Crimes Tribunal, said Palestine could take help from Bangladesh's experience in prosecuting war crimes. Justice Syed Amirul Islam, adviser of the committee, urged the prime minister to arrange a non-alliance conference with Asian, African and Latin American nations. Palestinian Ambassador Shaher Mohammad thanked Bangladeshis for their solidarity and support and said that till now the embassy had received \$300,000 from people from all walks of life for the people of Gaza.

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Bangabandhu memoirs get place in HSC syllabus

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A portion of "Ashomapto Attojiboni" written by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman has been added to the syllabus of HSC Bangla 1st paper. A total of 12 prose and 12 poems have been selected for the students who will appear in the HSC examinations in 2016. The portion taken from the unfinished memoirs by the Father of the Nation has been included in the prose section. The title of the prose is "Bayannar Dinguli". On August 13, Brojo Gopal Bhoomik, secretary of the National Curriculum and Textbook Board (NCTB), issued a notice in this regard and mentioned the title of the prose and poems and also the names of the writers. Bangabandhu wrote the memoirs during his stay at Dhaka Central Jail in 1967. In his writings, he has

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Winners of Khulna divisional round of English in Schools, a joint programme of The Daily Star and Robi, along with guests, from left, TM Jakir Hossain, deputy director of the Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education, Khulna; Anis Mahmud, deputy commissioner of Khulna; Dr Salehuddin Ahmed, managing editor of The Daily Star, and Arifur Rahman, area manager of Robi, Khulna district, in Khulna Saint Joseph High School's auditorium yesterday.

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IMPLICATING ZIA IN BANGABANDHU'S KILLING Fakhrul slams Hasina

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BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday said Sheikh Hasina's Saturday's statement that BNP founder Ziaur Rahman was involved in Bangabandhu's killing was aimed to divert people's attention from the government's "move to snatch away people's voting rights and the country's democracy." Speaking at a memorial discussion on former BNP lawmaker LK Siddique, he said the people did not expect such remarks from a prime minister. "Everyone knows it was Awami League and its leader Khandaker Mushtaq who were involved in Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's assassination, not Ziaur Rahman," Fakhrul told the discussion at the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh in the capital, organised by the association of engineers. Criticising the prime minister, Fakhrul said, "Truth cannot be hidden by distorting truth."

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