

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 Rangpur, Dhaka, Sylhet and Chittagong divisions and at many places over Rajshahi, Khulna and Barisal divisions till 6:00pm today.	Moderately heavy to heavy rainfall is also likely at places over the country, Met Office said.	Country's highest temperature 34.8 degree Celsius was recorded on Chuadanga and lowest 24.2 degree Celsius in Rangamati.	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage		Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage			
	Day and night temperatures may remain unchanged over the country.	The highest and lowest temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening		
	The sun sets in the capital today at 6:23pm and rises tomorrow at 5:38am.		Dhaka	32.5	27.0	86	76	Khulna	32.5	26.0	82	76
			Chittagong	30.1	25.0	83	83	Barisal	32.0	26.4	80	83
			Rajshahi	34.6	26.1	85	83	Sylhet	27.3	25.5	90	98
			Rangpur	31.6	25.0	92	98	Cox's Bazar	32.0	25.0	82	82



CHITTAGONG CITY IN TROUBLE The Karnaphuli river (1) and its adjoining Chaktai (2) and Gangabari (3) canals in Chittagong city, have lost their navigability to an extreme extent due to massive siltation, accumulation of garbage, and lack of reclamation efforts, like many other canals in and around the city. The result is massive flooding of the inner city whenever it rains during high tide. Just like it happened during the appearance of the supermoon on August 11. The city was inundated by the overflowing water of the river and other water bodies due to the resultant high tide. Agrabad (4 and 5) and Khatunganj (6) were just two of the examples.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS



CONTROVERSIAL NATIONAL BROADCAST POLICY Independent commission may fix problems

Roundtable told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The objectionable provisions of the recently approved National Broadcast Policy could be corrected by an independent commission through consultations with the stakeholders, said speakers at a roundtable yesterday.

The speakers also hoped that the unexplained words and points in the policy could be elaborated in the proposed broadcast act.

The roundtable on "National Broadcast Policy 2014: Concerns and Actions" was held at Cirdap auditorium in the capital.

Article 19 in collaboration with Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust, Bangladesh Nari Sangbadik Kendra, the Institute of Information and Development, Mass-line Media Centre, Media Watch, Nijera Kori and Transparency International Bangladesh organised the roundtable.

Journalist leader Monjurul Ahsan Bulbul said broadcast journalists had demanded a policy to regulate the sector through dealing with issues such as provision of licences and protection of those working or investing in

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DU, RU observe Black Day

CITY DESK

Teachers and students of Dhaka University and Rajshahi University yesterday observed "Black Day" marking the countrywide atrocities on students from August 20 to 23 in 2007 during the military-backed caretaker government rule.

With a demand to punish the culprits, DU students and teachers wore black badges and held different programmes, including a discussion and a human chain, on the campus.

DU VC Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique, Prof Anwar Hossain and Prof Kamal Uddin Ahmed were also present.

In Rajshahi, hundreds of teachers and students under the banner of "Repressed Teachers and Students of Rajshahi University" formed a human chain at 11:30am demanding withdrawal of cases against 13 RU students who were involved in the movement against the then military rule.

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Tribunal accepts war crime charges against Hasan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday accepted six charges on crimes against humanity in 1971 against fugitive Syed Md Hasan Ali after the prosecution submitted those before it.

The tribunal also ordered the registrar office to take necessary steps in publishing advertisements in national dailies asking Hasan to appear before the court. The tribunal issued warrant to arrest Hasan on April 3. The proceeding of the case was adjourned till September 14.

Prosecutor Abul Kalam Azad submitted the charges against Hasan on crimes against humanity which had occurred in

Keshoreganj villages during the liberation war of Bangladesh in 1971.

The six charges include setting fire and looting seven houses of one Hasan Ahmed of Sachail village on April 27; involved in killing of one Tofazzal, abduction of two other people and setting fire to two houses of Konabhwail village on August 23 and involved in killing of 12 persons and torching of 10 houses in Shimulhati village on September 9.

Other charges are involved in killing of eight people and abduction of 10 others in Borgaon village on September 27; involved in abduction and later killing of Kamini Kumar Ghosh and Jibon Chakravarty and

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Manabzamin reporter, friend get bail in rape case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A Sylhet court yesterday granted bail to a reporter of the daily Manabzamin and his friend in connection with a rape case.

Chowdhury Mumtaj Ahmed, a special correspondent of the daily, and his friend Md Amin Un Nur were arrested on August 19 after a woman alleged that the duo had raped her. He was sent to jail the following day.

According to law enforcers, patrolling police heard shouts coming from Amin's house in Khuliapara area on the day.

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PHOTO: STAR

Demanding compensation and justice, bereaved Saroti Rani Das of Nagorpur in Tangail with the picture of her daughter Bobita Rani Das, 24, sheds tears relentlessly in a rally participated by Rana Plaza victims at the collapse site in Savar yesterday. Bobita, sewing operator of New Wave Bottoms Ltd, died when the nine-storey building housing many garment factories caved in last year killing over 1,000 and injuring hundreds. More than 100 victims including some injured people joined the rally organised by Bangladesh Garments Workers Solidarity.

Too high a price to pay for a divorce

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

A man was arrested in Rajshahi city yesterday for throwing acid at his ex-wife for divorcing him.

Md Sumon, 30, a drug peddler, was held in his house in Guripara area, said Rajpara police.

Shikha Begum, with burn injuries in her ear, throat and arm, was admitted to the burn unit of Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.

She alleged that Sumon along with his brother, Masum, stormed into her parent's house in Horogram on Saturday afternoon and threw acid at her. Before that, Masum pulled her gold earring tearing her left ear lobe.

The victim said Sumon, who is also a drug addict, had been torturing her for money to invest in drug business running in Guripara, an area known as the city's drug zone. On August 9, Shikha divorced him to get rid of Sumon's violence.

Sumon often threatened her with acid attacks and finally he did it, added Shikha.

Police said primary investigation revealed Sumon's involvement even though he denied it. Masum is absconding.

AUDIT REPORT SUBMISSION BY POLITICAL PARTIES EC extends deadline

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

More than three weeks after the deadline expired, the Election Commission yesterday decided to give additional time to 12 political parties, including Awami League and Jatiya Party, for submitting audit reports of their annual income and expenditures.

As per the new timeframe, the parties will have to submit the reports by August 31, while the previous deadline expired on July 31.

As per the Political Parties Registration Rules, 2008, all the registered parties have to submit its annual audit reports certified by a registered chartered accountant firm within July 31 of following year.

Failing to comply with the rules, 13 parties, including AL, BNP and JP, sought time up to September 1 to submit their reports. However, BNP submitted its report on August 14.

The decision was taken at a commission meeting yesterday held at the EC Secretariat in the capital.

"We have taken the decision to extend timeframe after scrutinising the application of the political parties to this matter," Election Commissioner Shah Nawaz told reporters.

Out of 40 registered political parties, 26 submitted the report within July 31 deadline, said EC official. A political party Gonofront neither submitted the audit report nor

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Day of resistance observed

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ministry demanding that the government ensure punishment of every perpetrator.

The victims and their families often prefer to remain silent fearing further violence, said Shampa Basu, general secretary of the organisation.

On August 24, 1995, a patrol police team picked Yasmin, a domestic help, in their van by offering her a lift to her mother's house and later raped and killed her.

The incident sparked agitation among people who took to the streets

of Dinaipur demanding exemplary punishment for the culprits, added Shampa.

To stop the demonstration, district administration imposed a curfew in the town on August 27 and police opened fire on the protesters, killing seven people.

But the protest continued forcing the authorities to start the trial. And in 2004, three policemen were executed, which proved that relentless protests can bring justice, said Rowshan Ara, president of the forum.

Meanwhile, Samajtantrik Chhatra

Front unit of Rajshahi University formed a human chain on the campus with a view to prevent sexual harassment across the country.

Rangpur and Rajshahi units of Nari Mukti Kendra jointly organised a rally on Rangpur Town Hall premises where speakers demanded an amendment to Women and Children Repression Prevention Act.

Meantime, women leaders in Chittagong held a rally at New Market intersection in the city focusing on the fact that female workers are still being deprived of fair wages and security at workplaces.

Cops keep delaying producing

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Meanwhile, Mujibur, escorted by police, visited the shrine of Hazrat Shahjalal in Sylhet on Saturday, said Additional Superintendent of

Police, Sunamganj Hemayetul Islam.

Mujibur is currently staying at his residence in Sunamganj, he added.

Mujibur, a member of the advisory

committee of the BNP's Sunamganj unit, was kidnapped along with Rezaul on May 4 in Sunamganj.

They were freed in Tongi on August 18.

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