

RAIN LIKELY



Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over Rajshahi, Rangpur, Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions till 6:00pm today.

Moderately heavy to heavy falls are

also likely at places over the country, Met Office said.

Day and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:20pm and rises tomorrow at 5:39am.

Country's highest temperature 34.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Sylhet and lowest 23.8 degrees in Sayedpur.

Highest and lowest temperature 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	30.6	24.3	95	76	Khulna	32.0	27.0	89	82
Chittagong	32.0	26.7	76	86	Barisal	32.0	26.5	93	78
Rajshahi	31.6	26.6	87	77	Sylhet	34.5	26.0	87	83
Rangpur	33.5	25.0	80	79	Cox's Bazar	32.5	25.8	81	83



Activists of Islamist bodies Ahle Sunnat Wal Jamaat, Islami Front, and Islami Chhatra Sena block a road with drums full of earth in Hathazari of Chittagong city yesterday, protesting the killing of Sheikh Nurul Islam Faruqi, the chief imam of Supreme Court mosque and a leader of Ahle Sunnat, in the capital Wednesday night. Angry protests were held at other parts of the city, too.

PHOTO: STAR

BCL men assault Samajtantrik Chhatra Front chief at BAU

BAU CORRESPONDENT

A group of Bangladesh Chhatra League activists, including an accused in the Saad killing case, assaulted Ashraf Milton, the president of Samajtantrik Chhatra Front of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) unit, on the campus Wednesday night.

The victim was treated in Mymensingh Medical College Hospital.

Faysal Islam Joy, a BCL activist who was charged, along with 13 others, with the killing of Saad Ibney Montaj, a general student, said Milton snatched his mobile phone, so they beat him up.

Proctor Prof Harun-ur-Rashid rescued Milton and sent him to hospital.

Dismissing Joy's allegations outright, Milton said 10-15 students including Joy, Apu, Bappi, Limon, Rintu, and Akondo,

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Gen secy Tuhin beats official in VC's office

Victim says he was attacked for not paying extortion money; Tuhin claims the official made disparaging remarks about Bangabandhu, which the former categorically denies

RU CORRESPONDENT

Touhid-Al-Hossain Tuhin, general secretary of Bangladesh Chhatra League at Rajshahi University, yesterday led a group of followers inside the vice chancellor's office and beat up the university's acting chief engineer there, as he "refused to pay extortion money".

The victim, Sirajum Munir, was treated in Rajshahi Medical College Hospital for injuries to the head and face. He was punched indiscriminately by 10-15 leaders and activists of Chhatra League led by Tuhin and the unit vice president Tanmoyanda Avi.

The group also assaulted two employees.

Tuhin said he beat up the engineer as the latter made derogatory remarks about Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, a claim summarily dismissed by the victim. Munir said he was attacked because he did not pay them extortion money.

Seeking anonymity, an engineer of the administrative building told The Daily Star that BCL general secretary

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Bangalees, Pakistanis could never remain parts of one country

PM's adviser Mashiur Rahman tells publication ceremony of 'Dusk, Dawn and Liberation', a novel on 1971

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The difference in how Pakistanis and Bangalees looked at society showed that these two nations were never meant to be together, prime minister's economic affairs adviser Mashiur Rahman said yesterday, recalling the attitude of Pakistani politicians from his days as a bureaucrat in West Pakistan.

He was speaking at the launch of "Dusk, Dawn and Liberation", an English novel written by Masud Ahmed, the comptroller and auditor general of Bangladesh, at Dhaka Club.

Finance Minister AMA Muhith, the chief guest, reminisced about his struggle as a Bangalee officer facing up to the Pakistani rulers, many of whom appeared as historical characters in Ahmed's book.

Though literary critics including Prof Manzoorul Islam and Prof Fakrul Alam of Dhaka University praised the book published by England-based AuthorHouse UK Ltd for its fine blend of history and fiction, they recommended thorough proof-reading, better editing, and correction of some factual mistakes in the next editions.

Syed Badrul Ahsan, executive editor of The Daily Star, said, "1971 was and is a large canvas. Whenever you read a book on 1971, it reminds you of that time."

He, however, pointed out that the Liberation War of Bangladesh had hardly come up in Pakistani literature and was not correctly depicted in Pakistani history books.

Gowher Rizvi, international affairs adviser to the PM, was also present.

NATIONAL BUILDING CODE Updated version proposes regulatory body

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The updated national building code has proposed creation of an independent regulatory body to ensure construction of safe and environmentally friendly buildings across the country, technical experts said at a discussion yesterday.

The new version puts emphasis on

energy efficiency, rainwater management, stringent fire safety, daylight harvesting, and use of bamboo as a construction material, said ASM Ismail, ex-chief architect of the Department of Architecture and convener of the BNBC updating steering committee.

House Building Research Institute (HBRI) jointly with the National Alliance

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HC issues contempt rule against Ctg mayor

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a contempt of court rule against Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) Mayor M Manjur Alam and three others for continuing the construction of a market building at Bahaddarhat ignoring its prohibition.

The court asked the four to explain in four weeks why contempt proceedings should not initiated against them for defying its order.

The three others are Ali Ahmed, chief executive officer of CCC; Yusuf Ali, president of Bahaddarhat Pauro Market; and Anwar Hossain, proprietor of Four Star Syndicate, a construction firm.

The bench of Justice

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NEWSIN brief

Nursing student kills herself

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A student of Dhaka Nursing College yesterday committed suicide by hanging herself from a collapsible gate of the college located inside Dhaka Medical College Hospital compound.

Nurun Nahar, 22, of Tangail, was a second year diploma student of Midwifery. On information, police recovered the body hanging by her scarf from an iron bar of the gate at the rear end of the college. DMCH morgue sources confirmed that it is a suicide.

Syngenta trains doctors on pesticide poisoning

CITY DESK

Syngenta Bangladesh Ltd, a leading agribusiness company, organised a training programme titled "Doctors Training on Handling Pesticide Poisoning" on Tuesday in collaboration with Toxicology Society of Bangladesh.

Dr Shahadat Hossain, civil surgeon, Bogra, inaugurated the programme in the district where 30 doctors participated, said a press release yesterday.

Foreign diplomats' training concludes

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Foreign Ministry organised the first-ever training on International Relations and Diplomacy for foreign diplomats from August 17 at the Foreign Service Academy.

The two weeks training, that ended yesterday, was attended by 15 young diplomats from Afghanistan, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Bangladesh, said a press release.



Art exhibition

Gallery Cosmos will organise a 14-day art exhibition titled "Reality Versus Imagination and Illusion" by Samiran Chowdhury. Venue: Gallery Cosmos-2, Gulshan. Time: 11:00am-7:00am.

Human Chain

Poribesh Bachao Andolon will form a human chain demanding closure of chemical producing factories and warehouses in Old Dhaka. Venue: Islambagh Eidgah, Time: 11:00am.

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