


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 Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Rangpur and Rajshahi 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 6:19pm and rises tomorrow at 5:40am.

Country's highest temperature 36.1 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Sylhet and lowest 24.4 degree Celsius in Sreemangal.

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	34.0	24.5	73	57	Khulna	34.8	27.0
Chittagong	33.8	26.5	76	81	Barisal	33.1	26.0
Rajshahi	35.8	26.0	75	72	Sylhet	36.1	25.7
Rangpur	34.8	26.6	77	74	Cox's Bazar	32.6	26.0
						67	82

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One held with 8kg of gold at airport

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Customs Intelligence officials detained a person and recovered 72 gold bars, weighing around 8.4kgs, worth around Tk 4.20 crore, from his body at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in the capital yesterday.

Mid Azim Uddin, 25, of Feni, who came from Dubai by FZ583 flight, was detained at the green channel, said Moinul Khan, customs intelligence director general.

48 DU students get Blue Award

DU CORRESPONDENT

After 14 long years, the Dhaka University authorities yesterday awarded 48 students with Blue Award for their contributions to sports.

DU Blue Award was last given in 1999 and the authorities reintroduced it amid longstanding demand of DU athletes.

The award giving ceremony was held at DU senate building with Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique in chair.

The awardees were selected based on their performances in cricket, basketball and other sports competition held at national level between 2000 and 2011.

Architectural exhibition held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An exhibition displaying architectural ideas, designs and real scale structures of parts of infrastructures like buildings and bridges was organised at Krishibid Institution, Bangladesh in the capital.

Vitti Sthapati Brindo Ltd organised the exhibition to celebrate two decades of the firm's practice in design consultancy through a three day event Puono Punik, which began on Thursday. A seminar titled "Responsive and Responsible Architecture" was held on the opening day.

Man killed in Mymensingh road crash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A person was killed and 15 other were injured in a road accident on Mymensingh-Kishoreganj road at Sharshi in Iswarganj upazila yesterday.

Police said a good-laden truck collided head-on with a bus, killing a passenger of the bus, Md Shamim, 30, a security guard of Krishi Bank of Harua Branch, on the spot.

Nine of the injured, including the truck driver and his helper, were admitted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital while others took first-aid.

Police seized both the vehicles. A case was lodged.

Three wounded in Feni explosion

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Feni

A teenager sustained injuries alongside his two accomplices, whom the locals claim fled the scene, in an explosion while allegedly making explosives in an abandoned house beside Barahipur Saheb Bazar in Feni on Thursday night.

Rocky, 18, son of a local, Harunur Rashid, is undergoing treatment at Comilla Medical College Hospital. Police recovered 10 cocktails and some ingredients from the scene and filed a case against Rocky.

BMA cadet 'commits suicide' in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A gentleman cadet at Bangladesh Military Academy (BMA) at Bhatiari in Chittagong allegedly committed suicide on Thursday.

The body of Md Imtiaz Mahmud was found hanging from the ceiling fan in his room in the academy yesterday morning.

On information, police rushed visited the spot and prepared a written statement of facts.

Later, the body was handed over to his relatives after an autopsy was performed at Chittagong Medical College Hospital morgue.

The incident is under investigation, said a press release of Inter Services Public Relations.

Worker dies in workplace accident

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A worker's head was cut off in a sawing machine while he was working in a factory at Daudpur Bazar in Char Ekkaria in Barisal's Mehendiganj upazila yesterday.

Police said Abdul Gani Haoladar, 35, of the locality, was neither wearing a helmet nor a glove and therefore the accident resulted in his death.

The sawmill owner, Naim Biswas, claimed that he provides his workers with safety gear but they do not use it.

Man found dead in Savar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

A man was found dead in a ditch near his house at Kolma in Savar outside the capital yesterday.

Sayed Akber Ali was an office assistant at Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre in Savar, said police. He might have been beaten to death as the body bore several injury marks on its different parts, said Dipok Chandra Shaha, officer-in-charge of Savar Model Police Station.

Dr Kamal calls for national

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Former Ducus vice-president Sultan Mohammed Mansur Ahmed, noted lawyer Shahdeen Malik, Dhaka University Professor Asif Nazrul, Bikolpodhara Secretary General Major (ret'd) MA Mannan, and Gonoforum General Secretary Mostafa Mohsin Montu also spoke.

Ganoforum leader Advocate Subrata Chowdhury presented the keynote paper explaining 11 reasons and goals of the national unity, including political consensus or referendum on national important issues, ensuring fair elections under a neutral interim cabinet and a strong election commission.



Temporary renovation work underway on the Malibagh-Mouchak road in the capital yesterday, which is battered heavily because of a soil test there several months ago for the construction of Moghbazar flyover. The authorities excavated narrow trenches for the test but did not properly fill those with earth. In the monsoon, the road has turned into a nightmare. The authorities undertook the stopgap measure Thursday night after repeated media coverage of the public sufferings. However, residents of the area are skeptic about how long the road would remain in good shape.

Commercially viable drone developed

Exhibited at children science congress

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladeshi researchers have created an unmanned aerial vehicle, popularly known as drone, which they said could be used to ease the gargantuan task of aerial surveys.

AplombTech BD, a technology research firm, demonstrated the drone, which is named Albatross and is still in at the experimental stage, in a children's science festival in the capital yesterday.

"This drone can do any aerial survey activities. Besides, it can be used to conduct emergency services like dropping food, medicines in crisis-hit areas," Md Sayfullah, chief executive officer of the organisation, told The Daily Star.

Measuring two feet in length, Albatross is able to fly three hundred feet above the ground, he said. The remote-control-operated vehicle was in flight for 20 minutes yesterday, in the two-day "Children Science Congress", which started at National Science and Technology Museum.



The drone in flight.

STEALING OF TWIN BABY

Arrested two women on 3-day remand

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday placed a three-day remand for each of the two women arrested over stealing a new born twin baby from Dhaka Medical College Hospital over a week ago.

The order came after police produced them before the court seeking a seven-day remand for each of them.

Rapid Action Battalion rescued the baby from Gazipur's Board Bazar area early Thursday and arrested the two—Rasheda Khanom alias Parvin, 48, and Belly Akter alias Rahima in the area.

Rab handed the baby over to its parents, Kawsar Hossain Babu and Runa Parvin of Mohammadpur.

The arrestees were



Garment workers under the banner of Tuba Group's Sramik Sangram Committee gather before Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday demanding that the government take control of the company and restart the factories and also pay arrears to the workers according to labour law.

Dhaka invites Turkish investors

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh has called for greater trade and investment relations with Turkey and invited potential Turkish investors to take advantage of the favourable business climate in Bangladesh.

The call was made by State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shahriar Alam, who is on a two-day official visit to Ankara, the Turkish capital, to represent Bangladesh at the invitation of the Turkish government to the Presidential Handover Ceremony of Turkey.

During meeting with leaders of Ankara Chamber and officials, the state minister called for strengthening further bilateral trade cooperation.

He mentioned about the strategic location of Bangladesh sandwiched among large markets like China, India and South-East Asia making Bangladesh an attractive FDI destination.

The two countries' trade now stands at \$1.2 billion, hugely in favour of Bangladesh.

Shahriar Alam, during his meeting with President of the Ankara Chamber of Commerce Salih Bezci, briefed the trade body about the most favourable foreign direct investment regime in Bangladesh

Domestic help tortured

Employer held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday detained a woman over torturing her domestic help in the capital's Green Road area.

The detainee is Soniya Akter.

Her eleven-year-old domestic help Sohagi, daughter of Kalim Uddin of Shariatpur, with marks of injury on different parts of her body including face and hand took treatment from Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Locals came to know the fact while Sohagi was weeping standing before her employer's building around 4:00pm.

Tuba Group workers want jobs back

DU CORRESPONDENT

Tuba Group workers yesterday reiterated their demand for immediate cancellation of the bail of Delwar Hossain, owner of the group, in a case filed in connection with the Tazreen Fashions fire.

The workers also demanded their due bonus, and urged the government to take control of the company and open up employment opportunities for them as some factories under the group shut down without prior notice.

Hundreds of demonstrating workers gathered in front of Jatiya Press Club under the banner "Tuba Group's Sramik Sangram Committee" to press home their demands.

Doli Akhter, a 30-year-old worker of the group, said she has been struggling to feed her family of five since the closure of the factory she worked at.

"Since the factory closed, I have been applying for jobs at other garment factories, but they have all turned me down after finding that I had worked for Tuba Group. I need a job to feed my family," she said.

Terming Delwar a criminal, lawmaker Fazle Hasan Badsha said, "Neither the government nor the BGMEA authorities have the scope to stand in favour of Delwar."

ATTACK ON KHASIS

Rights activists want withdrawal of cases against Adivasis

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rights activists yesterday demanded withdrawal of false cases against Khasi people, and arrest and exemplary punishment of Bangalee land grabbers who attacked the indigenous community on May 30 in Moulvibazar's Srimangal upazila.

The activists made the demands at a press conference organised by Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon at Dhaka Reporters' Unity.

The activists claimed the authorities of Nahar Tea Garden has been "filing false cases against Khasis and attacking them to evict them from their land."

Around 70 Khasi families live in Nahar Punjee, and cultivation of betel leaf is their main source of income.

However, the felling of trees by the tea garden

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CIA, RAW, ISI, DGFI

Declassify data on Bangabandhu killing

CPB chief Selim urges the intelligence agencies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Communist Party of Bangladesh President Mujahidul Islam Selim yesterday urged the intelligence agencies, CIA of America, RAW of India, ISI of Pakistan, and DGFI, to declassify all data about the assassination of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Bangabandhu was slain on August 15, 1975 in a bid to "kill the country's liberation war" and to take revenge of the defeat in the war, he told a discussion in the capital.

"The conspirators had a contingency plan [to kill Bangabandhu if defeated in the war] ahead of the liberation war and the 15 August massacre was the

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