

LIGHT RAIN LIKELY



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

Moderately 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 6:10pm and rises tomorrow at 5:43am.

Country's highest temperature 34.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rangamati and Srimangal and lowest 23.5 degrees in Sylhet.

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	32.8	27.0	65	67	Khulna	32.5	26.2	80	82
Chittagong	31.6	25.2	69	79	Barisal	31.8	26.4	86	83
Rajshahi	33.7	26.7	81	83	Sylhet	33.5	23.5	88	69
Rangpur	32.2	27.6	80	71	Cox's Bazar	32.7	25.5	80	79

WHO IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA

4-day health ministers' meet begins tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Health ministers from eleven countries of South-East Asia Region of WHO will attend a four-day meeting in Dhaka that starts tomorrow.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the meeting at Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel.

Dr Margaret Chan, WHO director general, and Dr Poonam Khetrapal Singh, regional director for South-East Asia, and health experts and officials will join the event.

It will discuss ways of addressing vector-borne diseases to adopt the Dhaka declaration on the issue, WHO officials told.

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Public exams without recess being assessed

Nahid tells JS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday told parliament that the government is assessing the arrangement of four public examinations—PSC, JSC, SSC and HSC—without any recess and within short time to prevent question paper leakage in exams.

Replying to lawmakers' queries, Nahid said the government has taken various other steps to prevent question leakage which includes amending the existing law keeping the provision of harsher punishment for leakage of question papers, giving attractive benefits and increased honorarium to

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Dhaka University Vice Chancellor AAMS Arefin Siddique presenting a crest to visiting Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on the campus yesterday.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

PINAK-6 CAPSIZAL

Why not probe body for finding reasons

HC asks govt to explain in 4 weeks

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday asked the government to explain in four weeks why it should not be directed to form a high powered probe committee to find out the reasons behind and the people responsible for the Pinak-6 launch capsizal.

The double-decker passenger vessel sank in Padma on August 4 with more than 200 on board, although its capacity was 85.

Forty-eight bodies were recovered and 62 remain missing following the accident. The government called off the search on August 11 due to bad weather and strong currents.

The HC came up with the rule following a writ petition filed by two rights activists seeking its directive on the government to take action against the officials concerned for failing to protect the lives of the passengers.

The court also ordered the authorities concerned of the government to explain why they should not be asked to reorganise the organogram of the department of shipping, and to start a shipping survey to determine the number of riverine vehicles.

Ashish Kumar Dey, chief editor of online newspaper ptnnews24.com and convener of National Committee to Protect Shipping Roads and Railways; and Tushar Rehman, secretary general of Citizens Rights Movement, jointly submitted the petition. Meanwhile, a shipping ministry committee, formed on the accident day to probe it and asked to submit the report within 10 working days, could not do so yet.

One held with 13kg of gold at Ctg airport

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Rapid Action Battalion members arrested a Dubai returnee along with around 13.5 kilograms of gold at Shah Amanat International Airport in Chittagong yesterday.

The arrestee is Belal Uddin, 26, who arrived at the airport by a flight of Oman Airlines from Dubai at 5:30pm. He is from Chakaria upazila of Cox's Bazar.

Acting on a tip-off, Rab-7 held Belal at the parking space of the airport around 6:30pm, said Lt Col Miftah Uddin Ahmed, commanding officer of Rab-7.

The Rab members then recovered 115 gold bars, weighing over 13 kilograms, and 175 grams of gold ornaments, after searching Belal's body. The gold was kept inside a belt-like object made of clothes, he added.

EXPLOSION IN CTG MADRASA

Court accepts charges against Izharul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chittagong court yesterday took cognizance of a charge sheet against Hefajat-e-Islam Nayeb-e-Ameer Mufti Izharul Islam Chowdhury and four others in a case filed over an explosion at a Chittagong madrasa in 2013 killing three people last year.

The court also fixed September 15 for hearing on charge framing, said court sources.

Md Shah Alam, sub-inspector of Khulshi Police Station and investigation officer of the case, submitted the charge sheet on June 11.

The other accused are Izharul's son Harun Bin Izhar, Md Zunaid, Md Ishaque and Habibur Rahman.

On October 7, 2013, the explosion took place in a room of a dormitory at Al Jamiatul Ulum Al Islamia Madrasa run by Izharul in the city's Lalkhan Bazar.

Following the incident, police recovered four grenades and a huge amount of bomb making materials from the madrasa.

BAU 2nd year students demand semester finals

BAU CORRESPONDENT

The second year students of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) in Mymensingh yesterday formed a human chain on the campus demanding that the semester final examinations be held immediately.

Demanding cancellation of the newly introduced additional semester fee of Tk 1,200, the students did not fill forms for the exams generally held in June-July.

They have been conducting movements since June as the university authorities introduced the fee in addition of Tk 580 in 2013.

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Creating Inspiration

Properties of Hindus war

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the school. Following his order, armed Razakars went to detain them and around 4:00pm Shoebur heard that the two were killed.

Shoebur then narrated what happened at Phuljhuri.

The following day, Jabbar along with 30 to 35 members of the Pakistani army went to the village. He asked the army to kill one Sharda Kanto Paik who was running for his life. Sharda was killed on the spot.

About 360 houses of the village were looted and set on fire.

About eight to 10 days later, following Jabbar's instructions, Razakars forced 150 Hindus of Paikbari to convert to Islam. "The Hindus were given Muslim names and forced to eat beef."

He further said on October 6, 1971, about 40 to 50 Razakars led by Jabbar went to Angulkata village and detained 37

Hindus. Of them, seven were set free and the rest were taken to the bank of a river in Surjamoni village.

"They [Razakars] opened fire on the Hindus. Twenty two people died and eight sustained bullet wounds."

State-appointed defence counsel Mohammad Abul Hasan cross-examined the witness.

Replying to a query, Shoebur said 1971 was a leap year and he returned to Dhaka on "February 29, 1971".

Meanwhile, the defence continued placing argument in the war crimes case against Jamaat leader ATM Azharul Islam.

Proceedings of both cases were adjourned until today.

The International Crimes Tribunal-2 yesterday adjourned the case proceedings against Jamaat-e-Islami leader Abdus Subhan until tomorrow due to "illness" of a prosecution witness.

Reformulate thru

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Woman Lawyers Association, said, "Newspapers are full of reports on the incidents of rape and child trafficking, but we do not find any news on punishment of the perpetrators."

She said although there are many laws exist in the country to curb violence against women they are not implemented properly.

Other speakers expressed concern over the incidents of violence against religious

and ethnic minority communities as well as women and children, deterioration of law and order, the culture of impunity, stalemate in the trial of war criminals and deprivation of labours of their rights.

Placing the 26-point demand, they urged the government to put an end to the culture of impunity, discrimination against all vulnerable communities and ensure their representation in parliament.

Saudi embassy dismisses

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Al-Haram and Masjid An-Nabawi.

It [the academic research] does not represent the opinion of the state, and has not been expressed by any source of publication belonging to the presidency, it said.

The presidency is clarifying the matter to encourage the media not to publish reports that create confusion and disturbance, and incite sedition.

British newspaper The Independent on

September 1 published a report titled "Saudis risk new Muslim division with proposal to move Mohamed's tomb", which was later used as a source by other media organisations across the globe.

The report by Andrew Johnson says, "... the tomb of the Prophet Mohamed - could be destroyed and his body removed to an anonymous grave under plans which threaten to spark discord across the Muslim world."

Probe assault

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Chowdhury and Justice Md Ashraf Kamal also asked the officer-in-charge of Kumarkhali Police Station to registrar the FIR within 24 hours and submit a report in this regard on September 17.

The court also issued a rule asking the government to explain in four weeks as to why the

inaction of police to registrar the FIR over the allegation should not be declared illegal.

The government was also asked to give any account of why the police personnel responsible for the attack on Akhil should not be brought to book, Deputy Attorney General Motahar Hossain Sajju told The Daily Star citing from the HC order.

DMCH doctor denied bail by HC

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ex-director Bazle Qader, its ex-deputy director Foyzullah, and two ex-accounts officers, both named Nazrul Islam.

In the case statement, ACC alleged that

between July 2009 and June 2010, a group of DMCH staff including its former director Bazle Qader purchased 7,409 ampoules of drug at a price higher than the market rate, causing a loss of over Tk 2.31 crore to the state coffers.

8 September 2014

International Literacy Day

Literacy and Sustainable Development

Literacy is the foundation of all forms education. It helps people to enhance their skills necessary for improving quality of life and for ensuring better livelihood. Literacy has direct linkage with socio-economic development.

Recognizing the importance of literacy, International Literacy Day has been observed throughout the World since 1966.

Literacy and Sustainable Development has been chosen as the theme of this year's International Literacy Day reflecting the need for sustainable development for people particularly of the least developed and developing countries.

A literate Bangladesh Society has been a persistent agenda in our education discourse. Each and every government promises to eradicate illiteracy. But that remains a rhetoric and never translated into reality. Collective efforts and coordinated programs of the government, international and non-government organizations are very much needed to eliminate the scourge of illiteracy.

Otherwise the goal of sustainable development will remain unfulfilled.

Therefore, on the occasion of International Literacy Day 2014, we demand:

- Recognise right to education as a fundamental right of citizens.
- Take urgent steps to implement effectively all the provisions in National Education Policy 2010.
- Launch a special programme for adult literacy as part of a lifelong learning strategy.
- Link the literacy programme with skills development and take steps to implement the National Skill Development Policy 2011.
- Build a structure for non-formal and lifelong learning complementing formal education as required by Education Policy 2010 and formulate skills programmes linking these with literacy skills.
- Take measures for effective and timely revision of the skills curriculum keeping in view the demands of national and international job market.
- Expand lifelong learning facilities for women, working children, street children, people in inaccessible and remote areas, indigenous people, people with disabilities - and all children and youth in special needs including children of sex workers, orphans and those in homeless environment shelters.
- Prepare and implement area-based local plans for quality basic education and literacy.
- Expand opportunities for coordinated and collaborative contribution of capable and committed NGOs with the government for implementing literacy and non-formal education programmes.
- Allocate adequate funds in the National Budget for lifelong learning for adults and youth and ensure its judicious and effective use.

There is no alternative to the creation of a literate society for Bangladesh for becoming a middle income country as per commitment of the present government.

We demand that the Government firmly stands by its commitment to realize Education for All.

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