

RAIN LIKELY



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

Moderately heavy falls are also likely at places over the country, Met Office said.

Day and night temperature may rise slightly over the country.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:08pm and rises tomorrow at 5:43am.

Country's highest temperature 35.7 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rajshahi and lowest 23.5 degrees in Rangamati.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

	Temperature in Celsius	
	Max:	Min:
Dhaka	33.4	27.2
Chittagong	30.9	25.5
Rajshahi	35.7	26.2
Rangpur	32.5	25.6

	Humidity in percentage	
	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	69	69
Chittagong	86	80
Rajshahi	85	77
Rangpur	93	77

	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening
Khulna	33.5	26.2	81	82
Barisal	32.8	26.0	81	79
Sylhet	33.9	25.3	83	85
Cox's Bazar	32.5	25.2	76	80

DALIT, HARIJAN STUDENTS

JnU likely to introduce quota for them this yr

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Responding to the demand of the students from the downtrodden Dalit and Harijan communities, the vice chancellor of Jagannath University (JnU) yesterday promised to introduce an admission quota for them in his institution this year.

VC Prof Mizanur Rahman said he would issue a "white paper" to the dean of every faculty and the admission committee the very day so that Dalit, Harijan students could enroll by obtaining the minimum qualifying score in the admission test in the 2014-15 academic session.

The admission test for one of the five units has been held, and the rest are due to take place in the next one month.

According to a press release by human rights organisation Paritran, the VC made the commitment yesterday following an advocacy seminar at JnU, organised by Paritran and Bangladesh Dalit Parishad (BDP) to ensure Dalit and Harijan students' access to higher education through quotas.

Referring to a letter issued by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to Dhaka, Jahangirnagar and Islamic universities to introduce the quota for Dalit, Harijans, Ashok Das, general secretary

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Bangladeshi dies in UK immigration detention centre

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A Bangladeshi who was picked up by UK immigration police, died in its detention centre at Linconshire, some 140 miles away from London, on Saturday.

Rubel Ahmed, 22, son of Abdul Jalil, who hailed from Sangirai village in Bishwanath upazila, had been living in UK since 2009.

Rubel was held by the law enforcement agency on July 22 from a restaurant in the Kent city of UK. Since then Rubel had been in Morton Hall Immigration Detention Centre in Linconshire, Enamul Haque, a cousin of the deceased, told The Daily Star in Sylhet.

On Saturday, UK police informed about the death without saying any reason, said Enamul, quoting some locals in London.

"Later we lodged a complaint to the UK police requesting them to inform about the reason behind the death," he added.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh High Commission in London in a press release said the home office told them that, Rubel, who was found hanging from a door

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Tamabil is a coal hub of the country and lies on the way to the tourist hotspot Jaflong in Sylhet. Thousands of buses and heavy vehicles loaded with coal and stones use this road every day. But ignoring the plights of people, the Roads and Highways Department has left the cratered road this way for the last few months, hampering business activities and creating risks of accidents. Different transport organisations, demanding its immediate repairs, submitted a memorandum to the deputy commissioner of Sylhet on Monday. However, RHD officials said at least 2,500 vehicles plied the 56km Sylhet-Tamabil highway daily, and it was one reason why it was so difficult to keep the road in good shape. The photo was taken Monday.

PHOTO: STAR

WAR CRIMES CONVICT KAMARUZZAMAN'S APPEAL

SC reprimands state, defence lawyers for poor preparations

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday reprimanded both the state and defence counsels for their lack of preparations in placing arguments during the hearing of an appeal that challenges the death penalty passed on Jamaat-e-Islami leader Muhammad Kamaruzzaman for war crimes.

When Attorney General (AG) Mahbubey Alam prayed for time to place the arguments, the court pointed out the fact that he was the only state lawyer present at that time.

Many competent lawyers usually accompanied the AG in dealing with many sensational cases earlier, but they have left him now, which is not a good sign, said the four-member bench of the Appellate Division headed by Justice SK Sinha.

A deputy attorney general used to assist the AG in dealing the war crimes cases but none was present in the courtroom at that moment yesterday.

The apex court said, "Huge money is spent on the prosecutors."

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RAJSHAHI EDUCATION BOARD

'Bribe' makes 10 illegal promotions imminent

ANWAR ALI, Rajshahi

In a gross violation of rules, the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Rajshahi (BISER) is going to promote 10 officials, causing grievances among the rightful candidates and fuelling the fears of huge irregularities in future.

The promotions are due to be finalised in a meeting on Friday.

As per the board's rules, it is mandatory to fill 60 percent of vacant posts of class-I officers by putting BCS (education) officials on deputation, and the remaining 40 percent by promoting board officials based on their qualification, efficiency, and seniority, said Prof Abul Kashem, a member of the selection committee for the upcoming promotions.

"It'll be difficult for the board to provide

quality services if the rules are ignored," he told The Daily Star.

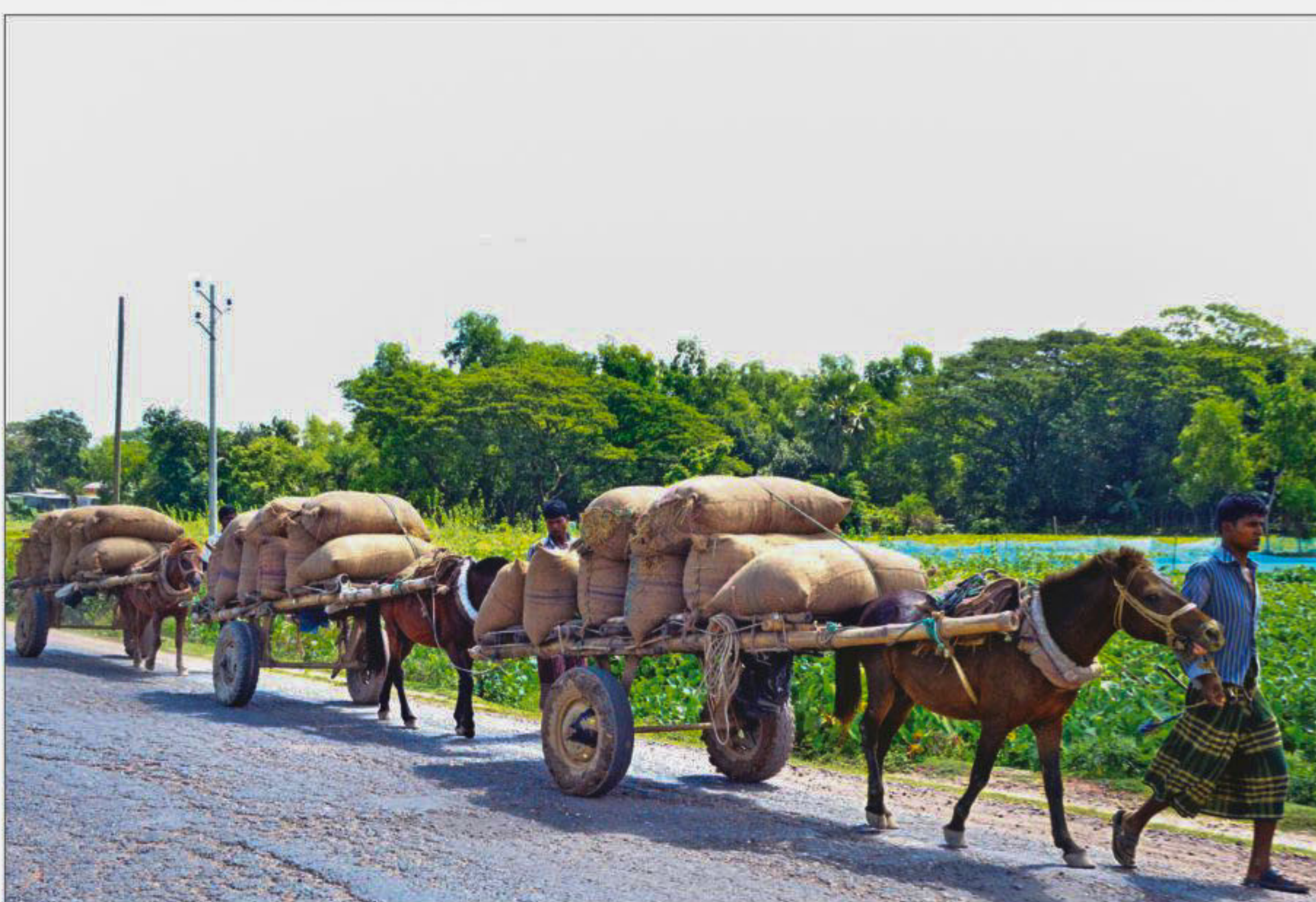
Meanwhile, BCS General Education Association (GEA) demonstrated on the board premises yesterday, demanding scrapping of the promotion process.

GEA President Prof Nasrin Begum and Secretary General Prof Selimullah Khondoker also submitted a memorandum to the board chairman, Prof Abdur Rouf Mia, and threatened legal action if their demand is not met.

In June 2012, the 10 officials were put in the charge of the posts they may get promoted to.

The 10 paid Tk 1.5 lakh to Tk 2 lakh in bribe each to Prof Rouf, then secretary of the board, Prof Tanbirul Alam, then chairman of the board, and a then leader of the

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Horse carts transporting sacks of rice from the flooded areas to higher grounds so that the unhusked paddy could be dried there, a preparation required to make it suitable for consumption, in Bharaduba area of Mymensingh's Bhaluka upazila yesterday. Severe flooding has recently hit the parts of the country lying in the river basins, marooning several lakh people.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

Ashulia RMG unit suspends 46 workers for 'creating unrest'

Workers protest move

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

The authorities of Hollywood Garment at Zamgora in Ashulia outside the capital yesterday suspended 46 of its workers without any notice and the workers staged a demonstration outside their workplace protesting the move.

The decision came as they were involved in beating up several management staff in the factory during a demonstration demanding salaries in the factory before Eid-ul-Fitr, Shahid Ullah, senior assistant director of Ashulia Industrial Police quoted the management as saying.

Following the incidents, the factory authorities sued 61 workers. Since then, the workers have been demanding that the

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NEWS IN brief

Two detained for making fake nat'l ID cards, certificates in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rab detained two persons for making fake national identity cards and educational certificates from the capital's Mohammadpur area yesterday.

Tipped-off, a Rab team conducted a drive at two shops -- Summit Enterprise and Mobile Care -- and arrested Rony Mia, 21, and Mohammad Suman, 24.

They also seized some fake cards and certificates, two scanner machines, and computer equipments from the spot.

The duo used to make these beside their professions, said Rab.

DU 'Ga' unit result published

DU CORRESPONDENT

The admission test result of first year honours courses of 'Ga' unit (Business Studies faculty) under 2014-15 academic session of Dhaka University was made available on the faculty notice board yesterday.

Result is also available on the Ga unit website <http://www.eis.du.ac.bd>

This year 9,906 examinees have come out successful among 48,057 who sat for the test against 1170 seats under eight departments of the faculty on September 5.

Three detained with 9,000 yaba tablets in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) detained three people and recovered 9,000 yaba tablets, a satellite phone, a video recorder and a Chinese machete from a house in EPZ area of Chittagong city yesterday.

The detainees are Syed Alam, 50, Teknaf upazila, Md Shahjahan, 35, of Halishahar area and Monjurul Hossain, 28, of Fatikchhari upazila, said Rab.

The Rab men also recovered Tk 5.28 lakh from their possession.

Bangladeshis victims

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employers or the placement agencies.

According to the report, 46 percent were threatened, including threats of physical violence, denunciation to police, deportation, in addition to being denied basic rights, such as access to food, receiving due salary, or contacting people.

More than 10 percent of the interviewees claimed that they faced sexual violence like unwanted advances, molestation, or rape, while around 36 percent were subjected to physical violence such as beating, pushing, slapping, hair pulling, stick or belt beating, biting and hair cutting.

Besides, 62 percent faced verbal abuse by a household member, a relative, or someone from the recruitment agency.

The report said 81 percent were promised a specific salary, but 53 percent of them received a lower amount. It added that around 84 percent of workers were not informed of the working hours, weekly day off, employer's household composition, and facilities to communicate with their families.

It also mentioned that 77 percent of those interviewed worked at least 14 hours a day, 50 percent were locked inside the house, and 43 percent were not allowed to contact their families.

The placement agency in Lebanon or the recruitment agency in Bangladesh or Nepal exploits the victims in these ways, but neither the destination government nor the governments of the countries of their origin have proper monitoring to ensure the domestic helps' rights. In order to avoid being arrested, the workers are forced to forfeit their wages or any other compensations resulting from inflicted harm.

The Lebanese state agency's report recommended that the Lebanese, Bangladeshi, and Nepali governments must closely monitor placement and recruitment agencies to curb corruption and bribe to ensure domestic workers' rights.

Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Secretary Khondaker Showkat Hossain said they rarely received allegations from the female workers in Lebanon, but they would look into the issue.

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HC ORDER FOR SAVING COX'S BAZAR FOREST

DC gets three more months to comply

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday gave the deputy commissioner of Cox's Bazar three more months to implement a directive issued in 2011 for protecting an ecologically critical reserved forest in the sadar upazila.

DC Ruhul Amin was given the time after he appeared before the court and promised to remove illegal structures from Jhilonja Mouja.

The bench asked the DC to submit a compliance report within three months.

The official told the court that he could not comply with the directive since some cases involving the structures constructed in the area were pending with lower courts. Owners of several structures also got some lower court orders in their favour, he added.

The HC exempted the DC from personal appearance in the court in response to his prayer.

Iqbal Kabir Lytton, a counsel for Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela), filed a writ petition on June 8, 2011, seeking the directive.

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Junior Climate Champions 2014

Junior Climate Champions is coming to

CHITTAGONG
September 12, 2014 at Chittagong Collegiate School, Ice Factory Road, Chittagong.

Competition areas:

- Quiz
- Poster Design/Painting
- Extempore Speech
- Environment related project

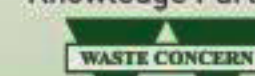
Registration Starts: **

Date: September 12 (Friday), 2014.
Reporting Time: 8.30 am

Venue: Chittagong Collegiate School,
Ice Factory Road, Chittagong.

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Guidelines for the Divisional Round:

- Students must carry their school ID and wear uniform on the day of Divisional Competition.
- No travel allowance/daily allowance will be provided for the participants.
- Students must bring a printed copy of the confirmation letter of registration.
- For Poster/Painting: Paper will be supplied to the participants. Participants must bring their own painting materials (e.g: pen, pencil, water color, oil paint, crayon etc.)
- Divisional round will be a whole day event.

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