

RAIN LIKELY



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

Moderately heavy rainfall is also likely at places over the country, Met Office said. Day and night temperatures may remain nearly unchanged over the country. **The sun sets in the capital today at 6:05pm and rises tomorrow at 5:44am.**

Country's highest temperature 36.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rajshahi and lowest 24.2 degree Celsius in Dinajpur. 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	33.0	27.0	76	63	Khulna	34.2	26.8	70	77
Chittagong	31.4	26.1	80	80	Barisal	32.6	26.3	76	79
Rajshahi	36.4	26.4	82	71	Sylhet	34.1	25.6	73	71
Rangpur	32.0	24.8	89	85	Cox's Bazar	32.5	25.5	90	80



PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN



Billal Hossain begged for time to remove his automobile workshop, but his appeal went in vain, and he had to see two cars under repairs at his shop at the capital's Karwan Bazar being mangled yesterday, during a drive by the authorities, which suddenly woke up to find the structures near the rail tracks risky.

Humayun Ahmed's mother at CCU

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Ayesha Faiz, mother of late popular writer Humayun Ahmed, has been admitted to a hospital in Dhaka in a critical condition. Talking to The Daily Star yesterday, Ayesha's youngest son and cartoonist Ahsan Habib said she was taken to Labaid hospital on Thursday

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WHO alarmed at rise in alcohol consumption

Sees South-East Asian region as emerging market

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The World Health Organization has expressed concern at the increased consumption of alcohol, particularly among the adolescents, youth and women in the countries of WHO's South-East Asian Region (SEAR). The region has emerged as a market for the alcohol industry, and the "trade agreements are facilitating a greater

flow of investment in alcohol", which is likely to lead to increased consumption and its negative impacts in the region, it said. The UN body made the statement on the closing day of the four-day regional conference at Sonargaon Hotel in the capital. Health ministers, experts, and officials from 11 member states of SEAR—Bangladesh, Bhutan, North

Korea, India, Indonesia, the Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and East Timor—attended it. "It is a very important issue, because many youths are engaged in drug abuse today. I am happy that WHO has included it in the resolution," Health Minister Mohammed Nasim told a press conference at the end of the regional meeting.

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Appeal for help

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Nine-year-old Abdullah Al Tamim, a student of Faizur Rahman Ideal School (Banasree branch), has been suffering from leukaemia for the last one year. He is currently undergoing treatment at the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University. Tamim's father Kawsar Uddin, an employee of a private company, has exhausted all his savings, Tk 8 lakh, for his son's treatment. However,

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Baridhara Cosmopolitan Club Limited organised a walkathon in the capital's Baridhara yesterday to create awareness among the public of health benefits of walking.

PHOTO: STAR

NEWSIN brief

Road crashes kill two

CITY DESK

An upazila level Awami League leader died when a truck hit his motorcycle on Sylhet-Tamabil highway near Nijpat Government Primary School, reports staff correspondent at Sylhet. Mokhlisur Rahman Doula, 60, was general secretary of Jaintapur upazila unit. Our Dinajpur correspondent adds, Tofazzal Hossain, 15, son of Sabed Ali of Rangpur, died when a pickup hit his bicycle near Parbatipur Bazar in Parbatipur upazila.

Teenage boy drowns in Thakurgaon

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

A teenage boy drowned in the Shuk River of Burirbadth Akcha village in Thakurgaon yesterday. Toyamin Ulubbi Himu, 15, son of Moin Ulubbi of Islamnagar area in Thakurgaon municipality, was a class IX student of Thakurgaon Government Boys' High School. He went to Burirbadth barrage with three friends to take a bath and due to heavy tide he drowned. Locals recovered his body after two hours, said police.

Man 'killed' by brother in Habiganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A man was allegedly killed by his elder brother after they locked in an altercation over land disputes in Sarkerkuna village under Chunarughat upazila of Habiganj yesterday. The deceased was Nazir Miah, 30. After the incident, his brother Sadek Miah, 34, went into hiding, said police.

DISTANT EDUCATION Govt to develop contents for rural students

BSS, Dhaka

The government has undertaken initiatives for developing contents in English and Bangla to provide education to the rural students of Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Bhutan through online and distant learning process. The contents would be made suitable for distant learning course to ensure their availability in the community e-centres set up in 30 upazilas. With the financial assistance of the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the South Asian Sub-Regional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) would give grants to develop these contents. To this effect, a partnership agreement was signed between Bangladesh Computer Council (BCC) under the ICT Division and Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) at Information and Communication Technology Division in the capital on Wednesday.

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BIMSTEC

Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation

Bimstec office opens in Dhaka today

It's the first headquarters of an inter-governmental body here

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (Bimstec) is expected to get further momentum with the operationalisation of its secretariat in Dhaka today.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the first ever headquarters of any inter-governmental organisation in Bangladesh at 11:00am today.

The secretariat is located at House 6, Road 53, Gulshan-2. Dhaka considers hosting the Bimstec permanent secretariat as an opportunity and that it will be an "important milestone" in the evolution of this regional group.

It will also enhance the image of Bangladesh globally, officials said.

Diplomatic sources hope that the secretariat would also enable the seven member states to focus on areas that are particularly critical for realising the Bimstec Vision of shared development through cooperation in 14 sector including trade and investment, communication, energy, technology, poverty alleviation, and counter-terrorism.

The member states aim for an early conclusion of the Bimstec Free Trade Agreement.

The inaugural session will be addressed by Finance Minister AMA Muhith, Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali, and Bimstec Secretary General Sumith Nakandala.

According to a press release of the foreign ministry, the prime minister will also unveil a commemorative stamp to mark the inauguration of the headquarters.

A special supplement will be published in the local dailies, which will contain messages from the heads of states or governments of the Bimstec countries.

BIST-EC (Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, Thailand-Economic SEE PAGE 4 COL 6

Pacific army chiefs confce in capital tomorrow

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Senior army leaders from around the Asia-Pacific and Indian Ocean regions will meet in Bangladesh for the 38th Pacific Armies Management Seminar (PAMS) tomorrow.

Army and security officials from approximately 23 nations will attend the seminar co-hosted by the US Army, Pacific and the Bangladesh Army, said a press release of the US embassy in Dhaka.

The theme for the seminar is "A new focus on the Asia-Pacific region: Opportunities and challenges for land forces".

Practicing cooperation, developing interoperability of concepts for non-traditional security; balancing requirements for meeting traditional and non-traditional threats; civil-military and multinational cooperation, the essential elements for future stability; and building response capacity of land forces for issues of environmental security will be discussed at the seminar.

Bangladesh Army Chief General Iqbal Karim Bhuiyan and Commander SEE PAGE 4 COL 4

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REMEMBRANCE

With great love and respect, we remember today our beloved father and founder Chairman, Mr. S. S. F. Ahmed, FCA. He left us on September 15, 2001, for his eternal abode.

May Allah Grant him Blessings and Eternal Peace, and ease our hearts from the pain of his absence.

A Milad Mehfil will be held on this occasion at his village home of Maizbhandar Darbar Sharif today, 13th September, 2014 after Asr prayers. Family, friends and colleagues are cordially invited to attend.

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