

LIGHT RAIN LIKELY



WEATHER TODAY

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over Rangpur, Sylhet, Barisal and Chittagoang divisions and at one or two places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Khulna divisions till 6:00pm today.	Moderately heavy rainfall is also likely at places over the country, Met Office said.		Country's highest temperature 36.7 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rajshahi and lowest 24.2 degree Celsius in Chittagoang.		Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage		Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Day and night temperatures may remain nearly unchanged over the country.		The highest and lowest temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:									
	The sun sets in the capital today at 6:04pm and rises tomorrow at 5:45am.											



Noted urban researcher Prof Nazrul Islam speaks at a conference titled "Dhaka for future generation: Our actions" organised by Bangladesh Institute of Planners and the Centre for Development Communication with the assistance of the German Embassy in Bangladesh at The Daily Star Centre in the capital yesterday.

MOMIN MURDER

Quick disposal of convicts' appeals sought

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



League formed a human chain before the Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday demanding justice after quick disposal of the appeals filed at the High Court challenging the lower court conviction in Kamrul Islam Momin murder case.

They also demanded immediate arrest of the convicts who are now on the run.

Momin, a third-year student of Dhaka Commerce College and vice-president of pro-JSD Chhatra League Dhaka city unit, was shot dead in front of his residence at Ibrahimpur in the capital on September 13, 2005.

A Dhaka court on July 20, 2011 sentenced three people, including former officer-in-charge of Motijheel Police Station Rafique Islam, to death and six others to life term imprisonment for killing Momin. OC Rafique and Momin, who were neighbours, had a dispute over land.

Later, the convicts appealed to the High Court challenging their conviction. The party's central leaders and the victim's family members took part in the human chain.

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AL-QAEDA'S CHAPTERS IN S ASIA

Govt urged to take threat seriously

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a discussion yesterday urged the government to seriously consider the militant threat to the country following al-Qaeda's announcement of opening a South Asia branch, and allegation of Jamaat-e-Islami, Bangladesh receiving Saradha scam money.

The Indian media recently reported that crores of money from Saradha chit fund scam was funnelled to Jamaat to spark violence in Bangladesh last year.

Indian Bangla daily Anandabazar Patrika also reported that the money was sent with help from Ahmed Hassan Imran, a Rajya Sabha member from West Bengal's ruling Trinamool Congress.

The speakers yesterday were addressing the discussion titled "South Asian and International Network of Bangladesh Jamaat and Militants", organised by Ekatturer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee at Women Voluntary Association (WVA) in the capital's Dhanmondi.

"The government will be more alert if public consensus on this issue is raised," said Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Huq, also the chief guest of the programme.

Reminding the government of its 'Zero tolerance' position regarding militancy and extremism, Shahriar Kabir, acting president of the committee, asked why militants, who were arrested after the Jamaat-Hefajat unrest in 2013, are out on bail.

Barrister Tania Ameer and eminent historian Muntasir Mamun, among others, spoke.

NEWS IN brief

Tokyo expresses gratitude for withdrawal of Dhaka's candidature at UN

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has expressed gratitude at the withdrawal of Bangladesh's candidature for non-permanent membership of UN Security Council in favour of Japan.

Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, who is attending "World Assembly for Women (WAW): Tokyo 2014" in Tokyo lauded Prime Minister Abe for his commitment to promote women's empowerment globally, said a release yesterday.

Bangladesh Eye Hospital's branch opens in Uttara

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A new branch of Bangladesh Eye Hospital was launched at Sector-9 in Uttara of the capital on Friday.

Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu inaugurated it. The hospital's Chairman Dr Mahbubur Rahman and Managing Director Dr Niaz Abdur Rahman also were present. The new branch can provide treatment to around 400 to 500 patients and conduct surgery on around 50 ones daily, Niaz told The Daily Star.

DU Modhur Canteen now wi-fi zone

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Modhur Canteen of Dhaka University started offering full free wi-fi access from yesterday with the initiative of Dhaka University Information and Technology Society, and Ericsson telecom group.

State Minister of Post, Telecommunications & Information Junaed Ahmed Polok and DU VC Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique inaugurated the zone.

DSCC's free health service for walkers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka South City Corporation launched a weekly free health service programme in the capital's Ramna Park and Dhanmondi Lake area yesterday.

Walkers can test their diabetes and measure their weight and blood pressure every Saturday, said a press release.

Two medical teams will provide the service from 7:00am to 8:00am at Ramna Park near Hare Road and 5:00pm to 6:00pm in Dhanmondi Lake area opposite the 12/A road. DSCC Administrator Ibrahim Hossain Khan opened the initiative.

BILL FOR EMPOWERING JS TO IMPEACH SC JUDGES

No need to consult stakeholders

Law minister says about govt's stance

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government does not find it necessary to seek stakeholders' opinions on the bill placed before the parliament to restore its authority to impeach Supreme Court judges, but it will consider their opinions while enacting the law, said the law minister yesterday.

"The judiciary does not belong to any individual. So, everyone should contribute," Anisul Huq told reporters after attending a national conference on access to justice in the capital.

On September 7, the government placed the bill in parliament to re-empower the Jatiya Sangsad to impeach Supreme Court judges on grounds of misbehaviour or incapacity.

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PREVENTING SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Form bodies in workplaces

Demands Khelaghar Ashar referring to HC order

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Khilgaon unit of Khelaghar Ashar yesterday demanded implementation of a 2009 High Court directive that asked every workplace and institution to form a committee to prevent sexual harassment.

The HC issued a set of guidelines and the directive in order to prevent any kind of sexual abuse of women at educational institutions and government and non-government organisations.

In the absence of such bodies to where the victims could complain, sexual harassment and stalking of women continue undeterred in the country said the activists of Khelaghar Ashar at a human chain formed at Khilgaon in the capital.

They also demanded immediate arrest and exemplary punishment for them responsible for suicide of Umme Kulsum Ritu, a class IX student of East Point Education School and College at Nandipara.

She killed herself on September 6 by taking pesticide after being repeatedly insulted and verbally abused by local

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Woman sent to jail for torturing domestic help

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday arrested a woman in the capital's Badda over torturing her minor domestic help while a Dhaka court sent the employer to jail after she had been produced before it.

However, the court rejected a prayer seeking a five-day remand for Farzana Begum.



Jhumur, 10, worked in the house of Masud Parvez, who is on the run, and Farzana. The girl's mother Nargis filed a case against the couple with Badda police.

With injury marks on different parts of her body, Jhumur was admitted to ICDDR,B Thursday. Farzana used to beat her frequently, Sub-inspector Jamal Hossain quoted Jhumur as saying.

Jhumur was shifted to the One-stop Crisis Centre at DMCH.

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