

LIGHT RAIN LIKELY



Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many 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 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 6:02pm and rises tomorrow at 5:45am.

Country's highest temperature 36.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rajshahi and lowest 23.8 degree Celsius in Rangpur.
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	34.6	27.0	69	65	Khulna	34.6	27.2	68	80
Chittagong	32.3	27.0	89	81	Barisal	33.0	26.6	78	84
Rajshahi	36.5	26.4	86	74	Sylhet	34.5	25.2	90	80
Rangpur	29.5	23.8	92	96	Cox's Bazar	33.0	26.0	83	75

Ganges barrage high-priority

Water Resources Minister Anisul Islam Mahmud tells workshop

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is giving a high priority to the construction of the Ganges barrage in Rajbari, which would retain monsoon water and feed many rivers in southern Bangladesh during the winter and play an important role to control salinity, Water Resources Minister Anisul Islam Mahmud said yesterday.

If salinity is reduced in the southern rivers, it would help increase food production in the future, he told the inception workshop on the "Assessment of State of Water Resources" in the capital.

"Rivers mean a matter of survival for Bangladeshi people," said Anisul Islam, adding that people would have to cooperate with the government to protect rivers.

He also stressed reclamation of the rivers which have been encroached upon. "The government never sold any land of rivers to anybody. So, all the structures erected inside the river areas are illegal," he said.

The minister said only the cadastral (related to property boundary) and revisional land documents would be taken into consideration during removal of illegal structures from the river areas.

The workshop was jointly organised by the Water Resources Planning Organization (Warpo) and the Institute of Water Modelling (IWM).

Dr Zafar Ahmed Khan, secretary to the water resources ministry, said it was a challenge to strike a balance between the efforts for conservation of rivers and waterbodies and urbanisation.

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Illegal sand trading going on the shore of the Karnaphuli River, the lifeline of Chittagong city. Sand extraction in an unplanned and unscientific way is responsible for the erosion of banks and damage to the river floor. The photo was taken at Kalurghat yesterday.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

ATTACK ON CU TEACHERS

30 Shibir men sued

Seven placed on 2-day remand; 21 crude bombs recovered

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Thirty Shibir activists of Chittagong University unit and 12 unknown others were sued yesterday in connection with recovery of a petrol bomb from a Shibir mess near Suhrawardi Hall of the university on Saturday.

Meanwhile, seven Shibir leaders, activists and supporters were placed on a two-day remand each regarding recovery of local weapons and crude bombs on Wednesday after an attack on CU teachers.

They seven are: Emam Hossain, Md Mostafa Kamal, Mohammad Yusuf, Tauhidul Islam, Kamrul Barakat, Mamun Kazi and Shah Alam who is a Shibir supporter and a peon at the university's administrative building.

At least 15 teachers of CU were injured when Shibir men allegedly hurled crude bombs at two university

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Human security precedes narrow national interests

Gen Iqbal Karim Bhuiyan tells inauguration of Pacific Armies Management Seminar in Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Army Chief Gen Iqbal Karim Bhuiyan yesterday said rising concerns for human security were often obligating them to think beyond their usual and narrowly focused concerns over national security.

"We are now facing the kind of threats that transcend the geographical border. Famine, diseases, natural disasters, illegal drug cartels, child and woman traffickers, trans-national terrorist organisations, and the likes do not respect national borders. They affect all of us," he said.

He was addressing the inaugural ceremony of the four-day 38th Pacific Armies Management Seminar with the theme, "A new focus on the Asia-Pacific region: Opportunities and challenges for land forces", at Radisson hotel in the capital.

The seminar was co-hosted by the Bangladesh Army and the US

Army Pacific.

Gen Iqbal said non-traditional security threats like trans-national crimes, environmental disasters, and depleting natural resources were gaining momentum in the security discourse.

"Today all nations, weak and strong, rich and poor, and developing and developed, are facing these common enemies, and of course no single nation has the unique capacity to deal with all these threats," he said.

Senior army and security officials of around 25 countries of Asia-Pacific and Indian Ocean regions joined the programme.

Gen Vincent Keith Brooks, the commanding general of the US Army Pacific, said, "We should work together to address common threats that confront us—international terrorism and violent extremism, cyber crime, infectious diseases, environmental changes that threaten the safety of human beings."

He said, "More than ever before, our nations and our interests are connected, overlapped and related... Each of our nations has a stake in the security and stability of the Asia Pacific and should welcome close partnerships that enable us to achieve enduring outcomes."

Later, Gen Brooks called on Lt Gen Mohammad Mainul Islam, the Bangladesh Army chief of general staff.

The two generals also held a press conference at the hotel, where Lt Gen Mainul said, "We expect to develop our military to military cooperation further with the US Army Pacific for more joint training in a progressive way based on joint planning and mutual understanding."

He also recalled the US Army Pacific's post-disaster contributions, particularly after cyclones Sidr and Aila, in Bangladesh.

Gen Brooks said, "Our military partnership with Bangladesh is strong and getting stronger."



Chiefs and top officials of the armies from around 25 Asia-Pacific and Indian Ocean countries on the inaugural day of the four-day 38th Pacific Armies Management Seminar at Radisson Hotel in the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

INTRA-BCL CLASH Barisal Health Technology Instt students protest use of outsiders

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Students of Barisal Health Technology Institute yesterday boycotted classes and demonstrated against a factional clash of Bangladesh Chhatra League the night before and the entry of goons from outside into the campus during the conflict that left at least seven people injured.

They also handed over a memorandum to the principal of the institute demanding punishment for those responsible for the fighting and assurances of safety of general students.

Two groups of BCL headed by Jayed Bin Bashir Adib and Md Sohel, two leaders in quarrel to get the top leadership post in the

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Sylhet BCL leader assaults own guru

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Abdus Samad Shahriar, the newly-made president of Bangladesh Chhatra League's Sylhet district unit, yesterday attacked the unit's immediate past general secretary and his former guru, Farhad Hossain Khan, in an apparent bid to undermine the latter's control over the activists.

A few activists were injured, and were treated in hospital.

Shahriar, who held a not-so-influential leadership post, was a follower of Farhad when the latter led the last district unit as general secretary.

Shahriar was made district BCL president on September 10, while Farhad has been made one of the assistant secretaries of central BCL.

BCL insiders said Farhad still had a substantial amount of control on the activists of the unit, and Shahriar felt threatened about it and attacked him to establish his supremacy.

Around 30 activists attacked Farhad at a

restaurant in Telihaor area of the city when he was having a celebratory dinner with about 25 of his followers from BCL's Osmaninagar Police Station unit, who came to greet Farhad on his being a central leader, said insiders and witnesses.

The attackers also vandalised the restaurant and three other shops.

In a few minutes, police arrived and dispersed the warring activists.

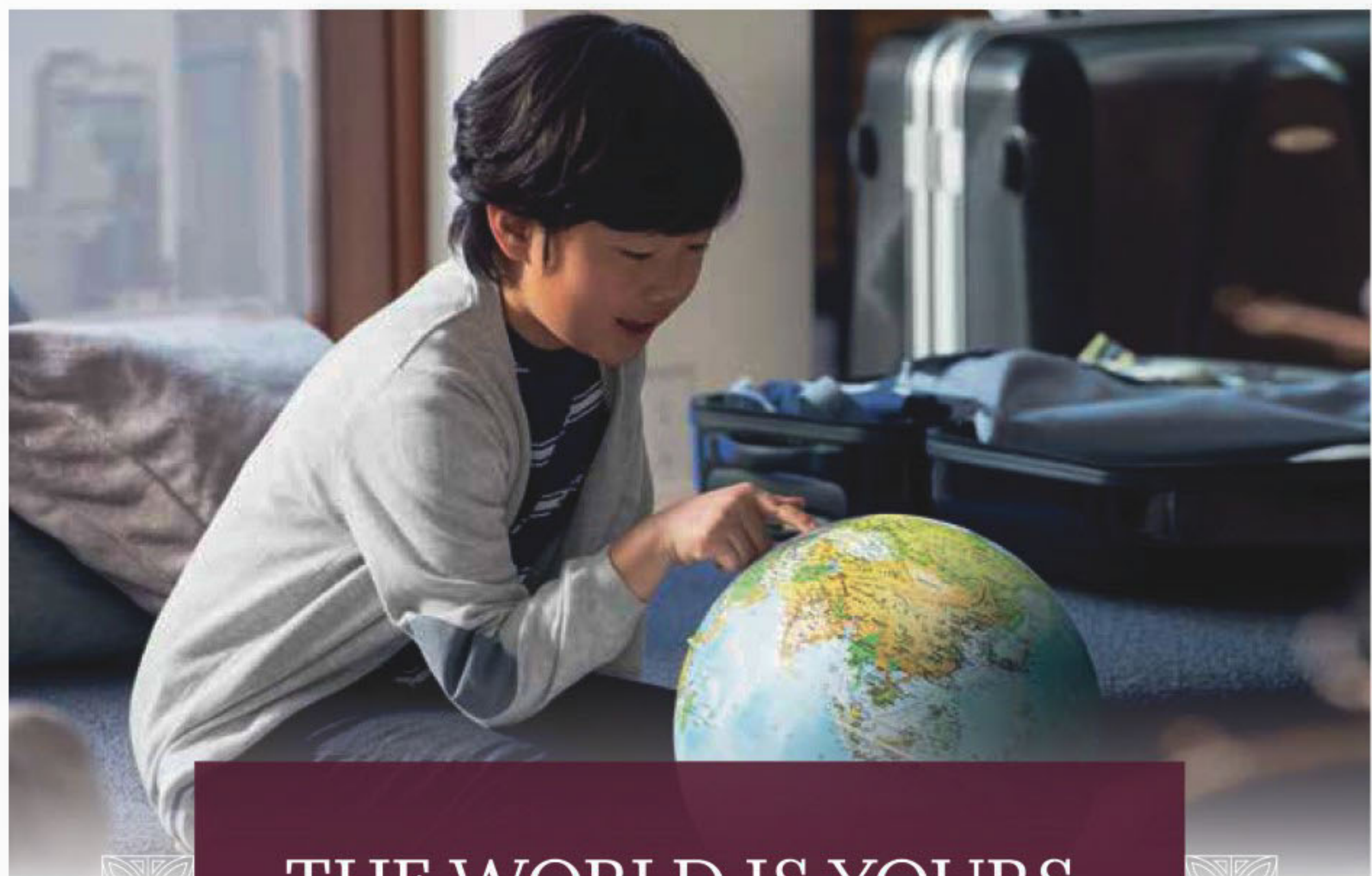
Shahriar denied responsibility of the attack, while Farhad's phone was turned off.

The central BCL president and the general secretary announced a 10-member committee of the district unit on September 10, making Shahriar president and Raihan Chowdhury general secretary.

The rest of the 120-member committee would be announced in one month, said BCL sources.

Meanwhile, a new vice president of district BCL, Nizam Uddin, expressed dissatisfaction over the committee because "only four of the 10 members are residents of

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Doa Mehfil

Saifuddin Ahmed Chowdhury, Founding Chairman of Associated Builders Corporation Ltd. (ABC) and Sponsor Director of Mutual Trust Bank Ltd. (MTB), passed away on September 10, 2014 at United Hospital, Dhaka.

A Doa Mehfil for Late Saifuddin Ahmed Chowdhury will be held at Gulshan Central Mosque (Azad Mosque), Gulshan 2, Dhaka, after Magrib prayers on Tuesday, September 16, 2014.

All relatives, friends and well-wishers are kindly requested to attend the Doa Mehfil to pray for the departed soul.

The family would like to convey its gratitude to everyone who attended the janaza and conveyed their condolences on his sad demise.

Invest in youths' education

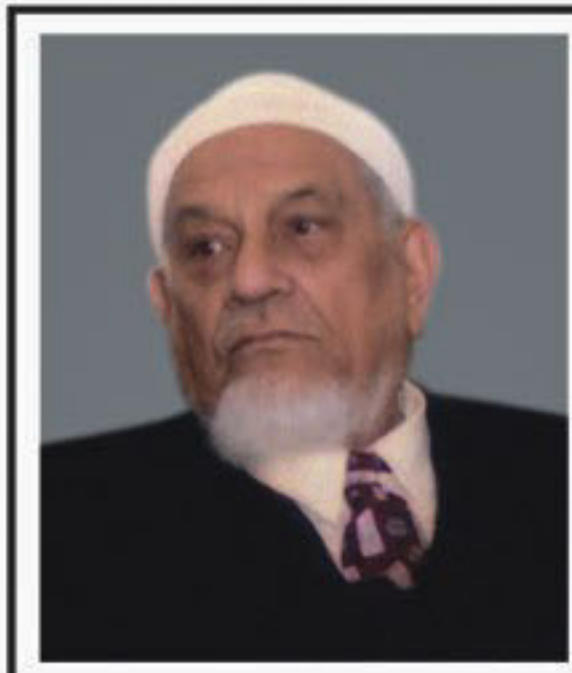
Nahid puts out a call

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Investing in the youth is a must as they are supposed to build a prosperous Bangladesh with their knowledge, efficiency, technology and far-sightedness, Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid said yesterday.

"Modernisation of Bangladesh is not possible with the existing trend of education. We have to provide the youth with world-class education and technology", he told the grand finale and award ceremony of UNFPA Debate Festival 2014, at the capital's National Academy for Educational management.

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Saifuddin Ahmed Chowdhury (1919-2014)