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WEATHER TODAY

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Moderately heavy to very heavy falls are also likely at places over the country, Met Office said. Day and night temperature may fall slightly over the country. **The sun sets in the capital today at 5:57pm and rises tomorrow at 5:47am.**

Country's highest temperature 33 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rajshahi and lowest 23.9 degrees in Rangamati. Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns today were:

Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage		Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening
Dhaka 28.5	25.2	97	93	Khulna 26.7	25.6	100	100
Chittagong 28.5	26.2	90	96	Barisal 26.4	25.7	98	100
Rajshahi 33.0	25.2	86	90	Sylhet 30.5	24.5	93	97
Rangpur 31.0	25.2	80	96	Cox's Bazar 29.0	25.8	96	92

Sylhet city suffers power outage for 12hr

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Most of Sylhet city and adjacent areas suffered immensely due to a power outage that lasted 12 hours till 3:00am yesterday.

The power supply snapped when a breaker in Kumargaon Grid Substation suddenly cracked at 3:00pm on Friday.

The power cut prevented a local newspaper from being published, while many other papers were delayed.

Once the breaker was repaired, power supply resumed again, said Md Abul Hossain, executive engineer at Power Development Board, Sylhet division.

Ambarkhana, Jalalabad, Topkhana, Sheikhghat Bilopar, Barobazar, and Shahi Eidgah were some of the affected areas.

Four held for cheating in JU admission test

JU CORRESPONDENT

The Jahangirnagar University authorities yesterday caught four students while they were cheating in the admission test of B unit under social sciences faculty.

Among them, Kaiser Ahmed was caught while using his cell phone, which is not permitted, at Old Arts building.

Kaiser said he was waiting to get the answers through SMS from one Rashed who made a deal with him on condition of taking Tk 2 lakh if Kaiser qualifies for admission.

A friend of Kaiser, Shuvo, introduced him to Rashed. Kaiser also claimed that Rashed advised him to meet Bangladesh Chhatra League JU unit President Mahmudur Rahman Jony if anything goes wrong. However, Jony denied his involvement in the incident.

Meanwhile, Md Reza-e-Rabbi and Marzia Mim were detained as they

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British Council's refurbished library opens

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With e-membership facilities and access to online resources, the British Council opened its newly refurbished library in the capital yesterday.

The library on the Fuller Road has been also expanded with new books and materials on English language, arts, education, and society.

Brendan McSharry, country director of the British Council, told the inaugural ceremony on the library premises, that the refurbishment had transformed the library into a cultural centre.

Reflecting on the council's

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Prime Bank Foundation recognises merit, effort

Provides stipend to 401 financially insolvent students

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

She was not even sure if she would be able to sit for her Secondary School Certificate exam some four years ago for she had no money to pay for the fees. Coming from an insolvent family, she could not afford lunch at college most of the time. With an empty stomach she waited till classes ended in the afternoon to go home and have something.

But with sheer determination and assistance from relatives and friends, Bashonti Biswas not only achieved GPA 5 in both SSC and Higher Secondary School exams but also got enrolled at Dinajpur Medical College.

However, even before she had enrolled to become a doctor, family members had become alarmed on hearing that she required Tk 12,000 for admission fees, suggesting she stop studying.

But her endeavours were facilitated by her mother who took loan from a microcredit organisation alongside her teachers and friends who provided monetary assistance.

"A few years later I will become a doctor, something I have been dreaming about since childhood. In the future, my aim is to assist disadvantaged students like me," she added.

The inhabitant of Kelta village under Dhigolia upazila of Khula was talking to The Daily Star yesterday in the capital's LGED auditorium where Prime Bank Foundation provided stipends to her and 400 other disadvantaged children from around the country.

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HAZARIBAGH TANNERIES

Relocation likely to miss deadline

Poba tells media based on recent survey

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The relocation of the Hazaribagh tanneries to Savar outside the capital is unlikely to be completed by the March 2015 deadline, environmental organisation Poribesh Bachao Andolon (Poba) said yesterday, based on its recent spot survey.

Only 15 out of the total 155 tanneries have started construction of their buildings and 19 have just erected the boundary walls in the new industrial zone of Savar, the green activists said at a press conference at Poba's office in the capital.

Poba described the status of the relocation process and expressed its deep anxiety about whether all the 155 factories will be able to shift from the capital in time, which has been set after a second extension.

The organisation has recently conducted a survey at Hazaribagh and Savar and has collected information of the advancement of the project.

Mohammad Abdus Sobhan, executive

general secretary of Poba, urged the government to put pressure on the tannery owners for relocation in due time, as people were being affected day after day--many even died--because of the pollution.

He said the government had acquired 200 acres of land in Savar upazila and developed 205 plots, each measuring 10, 20, 30, and 40 thousand square feet, and all 155 tanneries had got plots there for the construction of their multi-storey factories.

Since it would take a minimum of two years to build a five or six-storey factory, it would be really hard to shift the tanneries in time, he added.

Abu Naser Khan, chairman of Poba, said the European Union would stop importing leather and leather-goods, which were produced at the cost of the environment after 2014. "So we have to be careful about the timeline."

According to Poba's survey report,

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Guests alongside meritorious, underprivileged students who were provided stipends by the Prime Bank Foundation under its Education Support Programme in the capital's LGED auditorium yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Jubo League goes on rampage in Sylhet city

Call from AL high-up finally frees leader's brother from cop custody

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

After an hour of vandalism by Jubo League activists and alleged demands made by high-ups of the ruling party, Sylhet city police yesterday accepted an undertaking to release three arrestees, including the brother of a Jubo League leader.

The Jubo League men vandalised 15 vehicles including auto-rickshaws and trucks and four shops in Ambarkhana area and set old tires on fire barricading Airport Road for an hour till 10:30pm on Friday till police dispersed them.

Yamin Arafat Khan, younger brother of Sylhet city Jubo League Convener Alam Khan Mukti; Ujjol Baksh, a sub-assistant engineer of Bangladesh Education Engineering Department; and an auto-rickshaw driver were arrested on Friday around 5:30pm.

Police had stopped the auto-rickshaw they were on at Salutikor on Airport Road and found eight bottles of liquor, informed an additional deputy commissioner (ADC) of

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CU BCL halts shuttle trains for 2hrs for stolen phone

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Because one of its activists was robbed of his mobile phone at a rail station, Bangladesh Chhatra League of Chittagong University yesterday halted the operation of the university shuttle trains for two hours in protest.

Many of the several thousand students heading for the campus in the morning could not attend classes for the barricade at Sholoshahar station in the port city, said victims.

While students suffered, the BCL protesters called it

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SE Asian economic

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Myo Myint Than, ambassador of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, said priority areas of the BCIM grouping were connectivity, energy cooperation, poverty alleviation and people-to-people contact and Myanmar was working on making the economic corridor successful.

The corridor would provide access to markets in south-east Asia, trade and investment, infrastructure development and tourism, he said.

Dr M Jashim Uddin, senior research fellow of the Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS), said the Chinese premier last October mentioned the Maritime Silk Route across the Bay for the development of the BCIM economic corridor to enable better physical connectivity in the region.

The maritime silk route would revive an ancient route stretching across China through south-east Asia and the Indian Ocean to Europe, he said.

Qu Guangzhou, chargé d'affaires of the Chinese embassy, said China stood ready to cooperate with the regional efforts to build up the regional economic corridor.

Brig PC Thimmaya, defence attaché of the High Commission of India, who was present at the dais representing his country, left the venue halfway through the seminar without saying anything.

The BCIM process was initiated in 1999 and the cooperation area, encompassing road connectivity, stretches from Kunming of China to Kolkata of India and connecting Mandalay of Myanmar and Chittagong and Dhaka of Bangladesh.

Prof Rashed Al Mahmud Titumir of Dhaka University's development studies department also spoke while Prof Shukomol Barua of Pali studies chaired the seminar.

Deceased

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Rubel, son of Abdul Jalil, died at Morton Hall Immigration Detention Centre in Lincolnshire on September 6.

Rubel has been living in the UK since 2009. Rubel was held by the law enforcement agency on July 22 at a restaurant in the Kent city of UK. Since then he had been in the detention centre.

Enamul said Rubel spoke to his mother over the phone on September 2 and said that he was trying to come home.

The reason behind Rubel's death has not yet been unearthed.

NEWSIN brief

JU C unit admission test rescheduled for Sept 27

JU CORRESPONDENT

Admission tests of C unit under arts and humanities faculty of Jahangirnagar University will be held on September 27, instead of tomorrow.

Seat plans and exam timing will remain unchanged, said JU officials.

Exams of other units will be held according to previous schedules. Details are available on JU website: www.juniv.edu.

100 illegal structures along rail tracks demolished in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The railway authorities yesterday demolished around 100 illegal structures along the rail tracks from Banani Sainik Club to Mohakhali Rail gate in the capital.

This drive will continue until railway land on both sides of the rail tracks is recovered from illegal occupation, said railway officials.

They will soon erect barbed wire fence on both sides and start a drive in Narayanganj.

The drive started a day after four people died near the rail crossing at Karwan Bazar kitchen market on September 11 and resumed yesterday after a three-day break.

Domestic help 'commits suicide' at employer's house

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A teenage domestic help allegedly committed suicide by hanging herself from a ceiling fan in her employer's house in the capital's Khilgaon yesterday.

The deceased was Zakia, 18, of Shariatpur.

Quoting her employer Md Shaheen, police said Zakia was alone at home as the family went to attend a wedding ceremony. Despite knocking at the door repeatedly, when nobody opened it, the family with locals broke open the door and found the body.

SOLVING CURRENT POLITICAL CRISIS

Politicians should reach consensus

Says SHUIAN chief Prof Badiul Alam

RU CORRESPONDENT

The country's politicians should reach a consensus to solve the existing political crisis, and for the sake of democracy and sustainable development, SHUIAN secretary Prof Badiul Alam Majumdar said yesterday.

He also stressed economic, political, and administrative reformation of the country, while addressing a dialogue on whether a national charter could be introduced for a permanent solution to political crises.

Rajshahi district and city units of Sushashoner Janney

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