

RAIN LIKELY



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

Moderately heavy to very heavy falls are also likely at places over the country, Met Office said. Day and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country. **The sun sets in the capital today at 5:54pm and rises tomorrow at 5:48am.**

Country's highest temperature 32.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Cox's Bazar and lowest 23.0 degrees in Sayedpur. Highest and lowest temperature 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 29.7	26.3	86	93	Khulna 30.6	25.5	96	93
Chittagong 31.4	25.4	80	83	Barisal 30.5	25.5	96	90
Rajshahi 28.5	26.2	97	92	Sylhet 27.2	25.7	91	97
Rangpur 25.3	23.3	99	92	Cox's Bazar 32.0	25.5	78	88



The pro-BNP Jatiyatabadi Ainjibi Forum boycotts all activities at the Supreme Court and holds a rally at the Supreme Court Bar Association locking all but two gates of the SCBA building, demanding scrapping of the latest constitutional amendment re-empowering the parliament to impeach SC judges, yesterday. Bangladesh Bar Council called the boycott programme for all courts across the country as part of the protest.

16TH AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION Protesting pro-20-party lawyers boycott courts

STAR REPORT

Pro-BNP and pro-Jamaat-e-Islami lawyers yesterday boycotted the activities at all courts across the country demanding cancellation of the 16th constitutional amendment, through which the parliament has re-empowered itself to impeach Supreme Court judges.

The boycott announced Saturday by the Bangladesh Bar Council coincides with BNP-led 20-party alliance's hartal aimed at pressing the same demand.

During the programme, the agitating lawyers brought out processions and held rallies on different bar association premises.

However, judicial activities went on as usual at the lower courts in Dhaka despite a rally of the lawyers on the district judge's court premises.

Meanwhile, a makeshift court in Dhaka yesterday started recording statements of the prosecution witnesses in the Zia Orphanage Trust and Zia Charitable Trust corruption cases against BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia and others in her absence.

At the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, chamber judge Justice AHM Shamsuddin Choudhury Manik dealt with 28 cases yesterday, said SC sources. The SC is on the annual vacation now.

A vacation bench of the High Court also conducted proceedings although most HC judges usually do not attend the court due to security reasons during hartal, according to the sources.

A group of SC lawyers led by Barrister Rafiqul Islam Mia, president of Jatiyatabadi Ainjibi Forum (JAF), a platform of pro-BNP lawyers, brought out a procession on the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) premises around 11:00am.

They locked all but two gates of the SCBA building and held a meeting in front of its president's office room on the first floor.

JAF leader and SCBA Secretary AM Mahub Uddin Khokon told The Daily Star that the lawyers had boycotted the courts across the country and held rallies at all 81 bar associations.

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CU BCL opens fire on campus

Armed rival factions vie for supremacy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

In an apparent bid to establish supremacy, two factions of Bangladesh Chhatra League of Chittagong University fired blank shots on the campus on Sunday night.

Police said 40 activists carrying firearms and sharp weapons led by Jalal Ahmed, immediate past office secretary of BCL's CU unit, marched to Pagoda around 11:00pm, firing 12 to 13 blank shots.

They were searching for one Rakib, a loyalist of Suman Mamun, BCL's immediate past joint general secretary of the unit, in a cottage on the Pagoda compound where some Buddhist students reside, police said.

BCL insiders said Suman's faction had been away from the campus for quite a while but some of his followers had started residing in the Pagoda cottages recently and Jalal wanted to drive them out.

Jalal denied his faction's involvement in the incident and said junior BCL activists chased away some outsiders who were committing crimes by taking shelter in the cottages.

Officer-in-Charge of Hathazari Police Station Ismail Hossain said that while leaving the campus, Suman's followers fired two blank shots.

Protect indigenous Rakhines

Citizens' group urges govt on the back of the community's dwindling population due to land grabbing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The state must ensure that the indigenous Rakhines, whose population is down to a few thousand now, do not get wiped out from the country, a citizens' group said yesterday, after a recent visit to two southern districts where the minority community lives.

Subjected to land grabbing and faced with discriminations at different administrative levels, many Rakhines have left the country, the group's leaders told a press conference at Dhaka Reporters Unity.

The group comprising academics, writers and activists visited the Rakhine neighbourhoods in Taltoli in Barguna and Kalapara, Khepupara, Kobirajpara and Kalachanpara in Patuakhali and an old Buddhist temple in Kuakata on September 12-14.

One visitor, Robaet Ferdous, an associate professor at Dhaka University, said the Rakhines began settling in the country's south towards the beginning of the 17th century. "Even a few decades ago, lakhs of Rakhines lived there. Today the number has come down to about 2,500," he said.

The report on the visit states that in 1948 there were 144 Rakhaine neighbourhoods in Patuakhali and 99 in Barguna, which are now 26 and 13 respectively.

Robaet said local land grabbers in complicity with land officers had grabbed the Rakhines' arable land, temple site as well as cremation grounds. "Every Rakhine family at least has three to four cases against them filed by the land grabbers," he added.

Dipayan Khisa, who moderated the programme, said there were allegations that the authorities concerned refused to issue voter identity cards to Rakhines terming them Rohingyas.

"How can they use such an excuse, when there is clear distinction between a Rakhine and a Rohingya. They are two completely different ethnic groups and the former following Buddhism and the latter Islam," said noted columnist Syed Abul Maksud.

Rakhine students at primary and secondary levels are forced to study Islam as religion under the pretext that the schools lack books on Buddhism and required teachers, said Khisa.

Describing land grabbing as the main cause of repression of all minorities, Sanjeeb Drong, general secretary of Bangladesh Adivasi Forum, stressed the importance of creating a separate land commission for plain land Adivasis.

The citizens' group placed 13 demands including return of grabbed land to Rakhines, taking legal action against grabbers and withdrawal of false cases against Rakhines, appointing at least three Rakhaine members to the Kuakata Pourashava management committee, while ensuring their representatives at all levels of the administration in Barguna and Patuakhali.

"In fact there must be an administrative officer from an indigenous community in all areas, where indigenous communities live," added Maksud.

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Mr. Iftekharul Islam, Vice Chairman of Uttara Bank Limited handed over a cheque of Taka One crore to the honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina as donation to the Prime Minister's Relief and Welfare Fund for the flood victims at Ganobhaban recently.

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BNP's Mahub Uddin demands damages for 'illegal jailing'

Sends legal notice to govt, 3 judges

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Joint Secretary General AM Mahub Uddin Khokon yesterday served a legal notice to the government and three lower court judges, asking them to give him Tk 5 crore as compensation in 30 days for "illegally" sending him to jail in an arson case in 2012.

Khokon, also secretary of the Supreme Court Bar Association, served the notice to the law and home secretaries, Chief Metropolitan Magistrate of Dhaka Bikash Kumar Saha, its Metropolitan Magistrate Mohammad Erfan Ullah and its former Metropolitan Magistrate Md Harun Or Rashid, now senior assistant judge of Manikganj.

In the notice, Khokon said the court of Erfan Ullah illegally sent him to jail on May 21, 2012 in the arson case

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BCL ATTACK ON OWN Central LEADER Muhith orders suing of attackers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Police recorded a case against 26 Bangladesh Chhatra League leaders and activists of Sylhet on Sunday night, a few hours after Finance Minister AMA Muhith gave a directive to do so regarding a factional attack eight days ago.

On September 13, Abdus Samad Shahriar, the newly-made president of BCL Sylhet district unit, attacked the unit's immediate past general secretary, Farhad Hossain Khan, in an apparent bid to undermine the latter's control over the activists.

But no case was registered though both groups lodged complaints with Kotwali Police Station.

On Sunday night, Farhad met Muhith, also a lawmaker of Sylhet, at his house in the city, and the directive came shortly after that.

The attack had quickly turned into a clash, leaving a few activists injured.

Though the district BCL president Shahriar reportedly led the assault, his name was not in the case, in which 14 were accused as identified and the rest as unidentified. The district BCL vice-president, Sujel Talukder, a loyalist of Shahriar, was made the no 1 accused.

Shahriar has denied carrying out any attack.

Kotwali police said they were trying to arrest the accused.

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