

## RAIN LIKELY



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

Moderately 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 5:47pm and rises tomorrow at 5:50am.**

Country's highest temperature 35.7 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Khulna and lowest 22.4 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 34.2	26.0	74	71	Khulna 35.7	26.4	72	67
Chittagong 32.0	25.7	76	82	Barisal 35.0	26.5	77	84
Rajshahi 34.1	25.1	83	79	Sylhet 33.0	24.1	78	78
Rangpur 31.0	22.5	88	80	Cox's Bazar 34.0	25.7	75	73



A peace procession of Buddhists at Ramu in Cox's Bazar yesterday, marking the communal violence triggered by an anti-Islam photo on a fake Facebook page two years ago and calling for peaceful co-existence of people of all faiths in the country. In an unprecedented hate campaign, the minority community came under attack in Ramu on September 29, 2012, and soon it spread to some neighbouring upazilas, but none of the 19 cases has entered the phase of trial yet.

PHOTO: STAR

## TRANSPORT FOR PUJA, EID RUSH Desperation grows

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With Durga Puja and Eid-ul-Azha holidays knocking on the door, hundreds of Dhaka city dwellers are still in a desperate search for train, bus and launch tickets so as to make it in time to celebrate the festival with near and dear ones. As in the past couple of days, many ticket-seekers yesterday thronged Kamalapur Railway Station, Sadargh Launch Terminal and bus counters around the capital. Most returned empty handed as the operators claimed to have run out of tickets. Private bus and launch operators mainly blame huge public demand against limited capacity for the crisis. Holidaymakers gathered at Kamalapur early morning, SEE PAGE 4 COL 1

## GOVT STAFF INSIDE SECRETARIAT, OUTSIDE End inequalities Demands Sarkari Kormochari Samannay Parishad

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Calling for an end to the discriminations in promotions and salaries between government employees stationed inside the Secretariat and outside, Bangladesh Sarkari Kormochari Samannay Parishad placed a seven-point demand at a press conference at Dhaka Reporters Unity yesterday. A press release signed by Rezaul Mostafa, secretary of the government employees' association, read that the Parishad SEE PAGE 4 COL 7

## 3 Hindu idols desecrated in Sylhet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Three Hindu idols were desecrated in the house of a female ward councillor of Sylhet City Corporation in Jatapur yesterday. Councillor Diba Rani Dey from the reserved seat of wards no 16, 17 and 18 alleged that her neighbour Abdul Matin damaged the idols of Goddess Durga, Saraswati and Ganesha, kept in her prayer room in the yard, after having a heated exchange with her driver. She filed a general diary. However, Matin claimed Diba's husband Manindra Dey vandalised the idols to frame him. There has been a land dispute between the two families, said Sylhet Metropolitan Police SEE PAGE 4 COL 6

## Cops shoot snatchers in capital

Victims claim it was point blank; shooters claim they were fleeing STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two snatchers and Dhanmondi police came up with contradictory claims yesterday, with the former alleging that they were shot in legs point blank in custody while the latter briefing journalists that they shot the two to stop them from fleeing in the capital's Shankar. The snatchers are Shaheed Mia alias Sourav, 38, and Saidur Rahman, 28. Abdul Baten, deputy commissioner (Ramna division) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, said at a press briefing that the two were escaping in a silver car after snatching a handbag of a rickshaw passenger near Kalabagan playground around 6:10am when a patrol team of Dhanmondi police chased them. Meanwhile, another team of Dhanmondi police blocked the road at Shankar with several CNG-run auto-rickshaws. The car then rammed into the barricade, and came to a halt. With no choice left, the snatchers tried to escape leaving the car behind but an on-duty sub-inspector fired four bullets injuring the two, Baten narrated. The DC said the two were first taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital and later shifted to the National Institute of Traumatology and Orthopaedic Rehabilitation (Nitor). However, one of the injured, Shaheed, told The Daily Star at Nitor that they were first taken to Dhanmondi Police SEE PAGE 4 COL 7

## Bangladesh lost sloth bears

Claims IUCN, records two more species of birds STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Last sighted around 70 years back, the reclusive sloth bear was declared extinct yesterday by a group of scientists and conservationists working to update the conservation status of seven animal groups in Bangladesh. "We are sure," said Mohammed Shahed Mahabub Chowdhury, project manager of Updating Species Red List of Bangladesh at the "1st Preliminary Species Assessment Sharing Workshop" in a convention centre in the capital. Over 300 national and international experts and scientists are working under the project, being conducted by International Union for Conservation of



Nature (IUCN), Bangladesh and Bangladesh Forest Department and funded by World Bank. It is scheduled to end around 2014-2015. The solitary and generally nocturnal creature is a resident of South Asian forests, feeding on insects, predominantly termites, and fresh fruit. They are threatened by habitat loss and are sometimes captured for use in performances or hunted because of their aggressive behavior and destruction of crops, states National Geographic. The first Red List for Bangladesh of IUCN, published in 2000, did not have any data on the sloth bear (Melursus ursinus). It contained the status of 1,000 SEE PAGE 4 COL 3

## BSTI to provide online services

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI) has taken an initiative to provide online services to its clients. To this effect, it signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with International Finance Corporation (IFC) at BSTI's office in Tejgaon of the capital yesterday. Kyle F Kelhofer, IFC country manager for Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan; and Iqramul Haque, BSTI director general, signed the MoU on behalf of their organisations. IFC will help BSTI launch e-payment systems, issue certification marks licences online, and enrich the institution's website, said a press release. A company's licence status and its expiry date would be uploaded on the website, said a BSTI official. UNAUTHORISED DRUGS

## Medicine shop sealed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A mobile court in Chittagong city yesterday sealed off a wholesale medicine shop and fined 13 others a total of Tk 1.25 lakh at Hazari Lane for selling unauthorised and expired drugs. Jyoti Pharmacy was sealed off while Eastern Traders, Barua Medico, Piya Medico, Nasima Pharmacy, Lucky Traders, BP Surgical, Palash Pharmacy, Hossain Traders, Chittagong Medicine Hall, Bangladesh Medical Mart, Shaon Medico, Patiya Pharmacy, and Desh Pharmacy were penalised.

## Govt destroying

FROM PAGE 3 she said the government had not caught the real culprits since the ruling party people were involved in the attack. Khaleda said, "No community of the country is safe at the hands of this government. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina gets delighted at the sight of blood... AL activists like to grab the land of the minorities." She also criticised the government for the 16th constitutional amendment, which re-empowers the parliament to impeach Supreme Court judges, and the Broadcast Policy 2014. She urged the people to be united to oust the government through a "peaceful" movement.

## Forget 1971

FROM PAGE 3 secretary Dr Asaduzzaman Ripon said they wanted a fresh national election as per the people's aspirations. "The January 5 election was flawed and farcical. None accepted it. If a fresh election is not held immediately, the prime minister will get more authoritarian," he said.

## Jamaat in league with int'l

FROM PAGE 3 have to resist them wherever there is a chance to do so," Ashraf said. Whether people want it or not, the war against humanity would spread to Bangladesh, and there is no alternative to defeating extremists, he said. The AL leader denounced the violence that he said was carried out by BNP-Jamaat men across the country during the rule of the previous Awami League-led government between 2009 and 2013 and prior to the January 5 general election. People had witnessed such mayhem by the Jamaat in 1971, he added. "The violence committed by the Jamaat [in recent times] is a copy of what they had done in 1971 [during the Liberation War]." No one -- be it journalists, editors or lawyers -- is impartial in the fight against terrorism, Ashraf said.

"During the Liberation War, people either supported it or opposed it. Those who claim to be neutral are actually trying to camouflage their position." Ashraf urged AL men to motivate and mobilise people in the fight against terrorism by showing them the documentary on BNP-Jamaat violence. The DVD is said to have documentation of the violence spread across the country ahead of the last election and during the tenure of the last AL-led government, including attacks on Hindu minorities. Journalist Monjurul Ahsan Bulbul, lawyers Tureen Afroz and SM Rezaul Karim, women leader Rokeya Kabir and AL leader Asim Kumar Ukil also spoke at the programme chaired by Hasan Mahmud, publicity secretary of the Awami League.



Rickshaw-puller Abdul Gafur, who in a recent exemplary act returned around Tk 50,000 to his passenger in the capital's Dhanmondi, being recognised for his honesty by State Minister for Home Affairs Asaduzzaman Khan. Kamal and Magistrate Rokon Ud Daula, standing on the right side of the state minister, at a programme at the Ministry of Housing and Public Works yesterday. The story was published in The Daily Star's weekly magazine The Star on its September 26, 2014 issue.

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## Seven doping gang members held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detectives arrested seven members of a dope gang and seized 280 sedative tablets in the capital's Jattrabari on Sunday. Following the death of two people after being doped recently, detectives have strengthened their vigilance in the capital, said police adding, around five to six such gangs are active in the capital and its adjacent areas. Police are investigating whether the arrestees have any link with the murders of the two men. 23 illegal brokers at BRTA office jailed STAFF CORRESPONDENT A mobile court yesterday jailed 23 illegal brokers for making false documents to manage diving licences and vehicles' fitness certificates from Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) in the capital. They were jailed for different terms, ranging from 10 days to one month. They used to take money from the people in exchange for managing vehicle registration, driving licences and fitness certificates from the regulatory body. The illegal brokers also used to produce false driving licences, fitness certificates and registration papers and harass people, said Rapid Action Battalion Executive Magistrate Mohammad Al Amin who led the drive.

## Three arms traders arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three arms traders were arrested and arms were recovered in separate drives on Sunday. On information, a team of detectives arrested Md Rakibul with four pistols and 12 bullets in the capital's Motijheel, said police. Based on his information, they arrested Md Zaman, 28, and Abdul Hakim, 34, from Mogbari area of Comilla.

## Viqarunnisa receives ISAQ award

BSS, Dhaka

Viqarunnisa Noon School and College has received International Star for Quality (ISAQ) Award for its contribution to leadership, quality and excellence. Business Initiative Directions (BID), an organisation that helps in spreading quality culture through the Quality Mix Plan and the International BID Award for Quality, handed over the award of gold category to Viqarunnisa principal Monju Ara Begum in Geneva on September 21, said a press release.

## OCAS gets new executive committee

CITY DESK

Old Cadet Association of Sylhet (OCAS) on Friday elected its 19-member central executive committee for the year 2014-16 at its annual general meeting in the capital's Mohakhali, said a press release. The committee includes Shahnoor Alam as president, Abdullah-Al-Kowser Sonnet as general secretary, SM Atiqueul Haque as treasurer and Mohiuddin Ahmed Cammelia as senior vice president. Around 231 general members and life members attended the meeting.

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