

RAIN LIKELY



Light rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at one or two places over Barisal and Chittagong divisions till 6:00pm today.

Weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere 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 5:45pm and rises tomorrow at 5:51am.

Country's highest temperature 35.2

degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Chandpur and lowest 23.0 degree Celsius in Sreemangal.

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	34.5	25.7	64	64	Khulna	34.3	26.3	76	75
Chittagong	32.2	26.5	87	79	Barisal	34.2	26.5	79	85
Rajshahi	34.6	24.8	79	74	Sylhet	34.8	23.4	73	77
Rangpur	33.0	24.8	73	73	Cox's Bazar	33.8	26.5	85	76

NEWSIN brief

Cocktail attack on cop in Rajshahi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Jamaat-Shibir activists yesterday hurled three cocktails targeting police during a protest rally in Kadirganj area of Rajshahi.

The rally was brought protesting the recent remarks of Post and Telecommunications Minister Abdul Latif Siddiqui on hajj, Prophet Muhammad (SM) and Tabligh Jamaat. However, police fired 19 rubber bullets and six teargas shells to disperse them, said police. No casualty was reported.

DU disaster management institute gets new trust fund

CITY DESK

Mirza Mohammad Abdullah and Begum Badrunnesa Trust Fund has been formed for awarding insolvent but meritorious students of Institute of Disaster Management and Vulnerability Studies at Dhaka University.

Two types of educational incentives will be given considering highest result in four-year honours final examination and insolvency of the students.

Begum Badrunnesa, honoured as Rotnogorbha, yesterday handed over the fund cheque to DU Vice-Chancellor AAMS Arefin Siddique.

Apollo Hospitals Dhaka to remain open during Eid, Puja vacations

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Apollo Hospitals Dhaka will remain open between October 3 and 7 during the Durga Puja and Eid-ul-Azha holidays.

The accident and emergency department will be open with post graduate doctors for 24 hours for any emergency care with available on-call consultant for special needs, says a press release. For patients suffering from stroke, chest pain and heart attack, road accident or any other emergency conditions, the ambulance service will also be available.

BATB opens workplace childcare centre

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

British American Tobacco Bangladesh Ltd (BATB) yesterday opened a daycare centre, "Angels Nest", for the children of the company's employees, says a press release.

Shehzad Munim, BATB managing director, inaugurated the centre at Mohakhali DOHS in the capital.

BATB's Head of Human Resources Rumana Rahman and other high officials were present on the occasion.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS JBFH gives free treatment to 200

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Japan Bangladesh Friendship Hospital (JBFH) yesterday provided free treatment to about 200 elderly people in observance of the International Day of Older Persons.

Addressing a seminar, Prof Dr Sarder A Nayeem, chairman of the hospital, said, "Elderly people are deprived in every aspect of life in our society."

The seminar organised on the hospital premises was titled "Leaving No One Behind: Promoting a Society for All", which is also this year's theme of the day.

"We should build a society where the elderly can pass a happy life, and this should be ensured not by law but by humanity and love," said Prof Nayeem.

He announced that they will build a 500-bed General and Geriatric Hospital within the next five years.

Addressing as the chief guest, Prof Zillur Rahman Siddiqui, former adviser to a caretaker government, said healthcare facilities for the elderly in the country is very poor.

Prof Mohit Kamal, a psychiatric consultant at JBFH, said there are 12 million people over the age of 60 in the country.

A total of 75 persons were provided with health cards of the hospital. The health cards will give them a 20 percent discount on all kinds of services provided by the hospital.



WHEN ABUSE OF POWER BECOMES ALL TOO PERVERSIVE

An ansar man throws a bag full of puffed rice onto the street snatching it from an errant vendor at Shahbagh in the capital yesterday. The security staff, Al Amin, who was supposed to guard a gate of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU), suddenly flew into a rage and took up an additional responsibility to clear the footpath from vendors in a quite unsavoury manner. Onlookers try to save what remains of the bag and give it back to its poor owner, inset top. Though there were some other ansar men, Al Amin was the only one to accomplish what he started, by throwing the coconuts of another vendor onto the street too, inset bottom.

PHOTOS: PALASH KHAN

Political violence kills 130 this year

509 clashes, says Ain o Salish Kendra

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As many as 130 people have been killed in 509 clashes among political parties in the first nine months this year, according to rights body Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK).

About 6,587 people have also sustained injuries during these clashes.

Of the casualties, 23 have died and 1,134 have been injured in 88 incidents of the ruling Awami League's intra-party clashes.

In its nine-month human rights violation report -- from January to September --

which was released on Tuesday, the rights body said 119 people were killed either in custody or during "gunfights" between their aides and law enforcers.

Among the victims, 52 were killed in "gunfights" with police, 29 in fighting with the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab), one in a clash with both police and Rab, seven in joint forces' action, four by Rab and Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB), three by Bangladesh Coast Guard and six at the

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Traffic cop's power trip in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A parking sign is clearly visible before Farhad Auto Market in Ahsan Plaza on New Eskaton Road in the capital's Bangla Motor.

Syed Ruhul Amin parked his car before it on September 29 around 8:00pm. But to on duty Traffic Inspector (TI) Monir Hossain, the banking consultant has violated traffic rules for, as he told The Daily Star yesterday, "the system is to park the car at an angle".

Ruhul claimed that he had parked as per "the system" but neither he nor the people of the market who came forward could convince the TI.

He said the TI got arrogant and started behaving rudely with him, misbehaving and then pushing away his son who had tried to take a picture of the exact spot the car was parked on.

"He continued to bully me, threatening to impound the car," Ruhul alleged, adding that another subordinate

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Rescued wildlife released in Rajshahi woods

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Some 339 wild birds, fishes and reptiles rescued from poachers and illegal wildlife traders last week were released in the woods behind Rajshahi divisional commissioner's residence in Rajshahi city yesterday.

Divisional Commissioner Helauddin Ahmed released the 76 little egrets, nine pond herons, 160 finches, six Common Moorhens, nine Purple Moorhens, 12 doves, 65 eels

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Garment workers bring out a procession outside Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday demanding that all garment factories including Tuba Group, Beximco, Zaara Composite and ATS Fashion pay arrears and Eid-ul-Azha bonus, which was supposed to be paid by September 28 as per a declaration by State Minister for Labour and Employment Md Mujibul Haque Chunnu. National Garment Workers Federation organised the programme.

PHOTO: STAR

Gandhi's philosophy universal

Says Acting Indian High Commissioner Sandeep Chakravorty

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Acting Indian High Commissioner Sandeep Chakravorty yesterday said the philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi was universal, and that it would remain so forever.

"Every one of us nurtures Gandhi [his beliefs]. Sometimes we show it, and sometimes we suppress it," he said.

Sandeep Chakravorty was speaking at a programme organised to launch a book titled "Gandhi Camp", authored by eminent columnist and writer Syed Abul Maksud.

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