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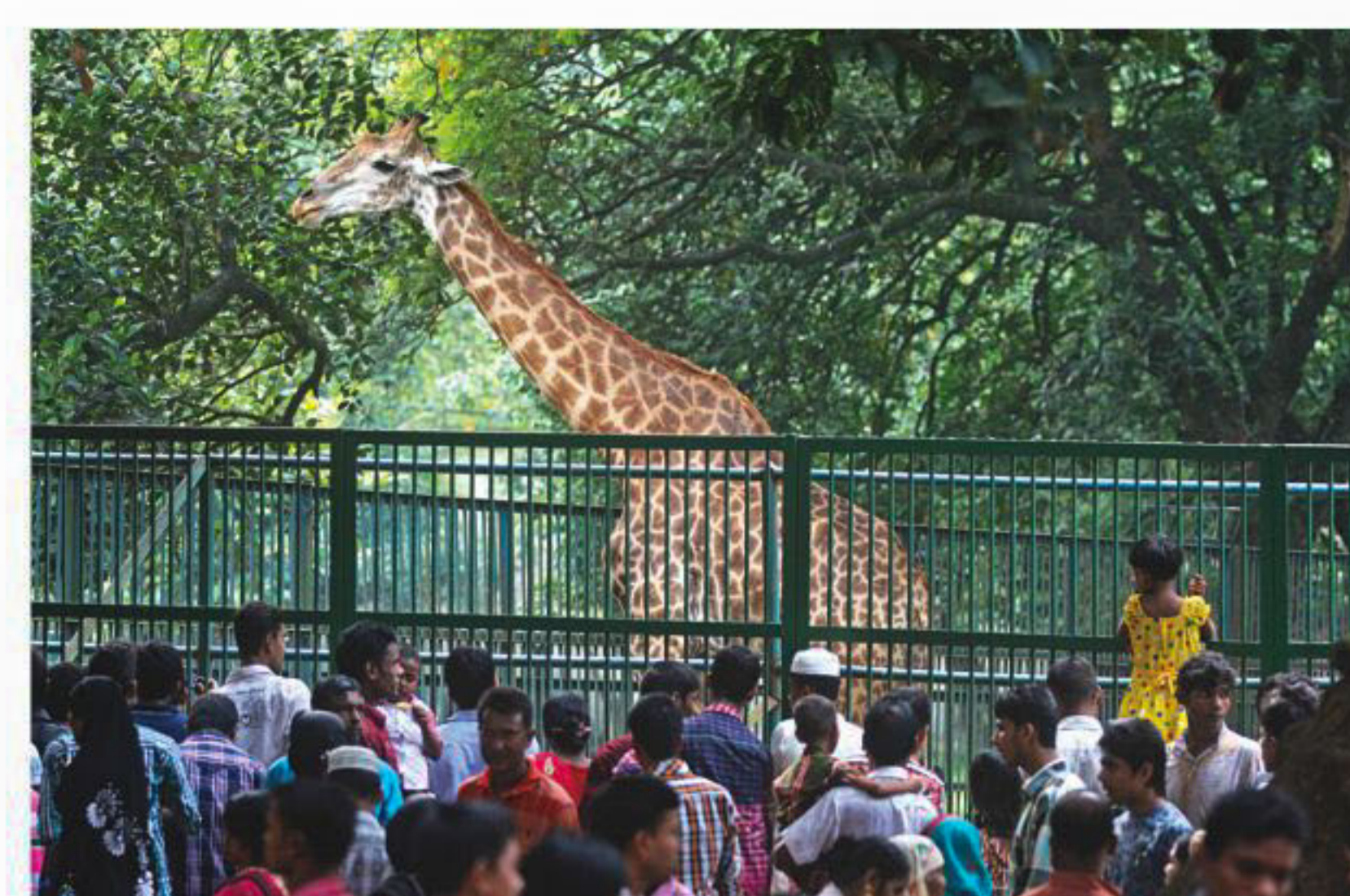


Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at one or two places over Khulna, Barisal, Dhaka and Chittagong divisions till 6:00pm today.
Weather may remain mainly dry with tempo-

rary 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 5:38pm and rises tomorrow at 5:53am.

Country's highest temperature 35.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Sayedpur and lowest 22.8 degree Celsius in Rangamati.
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	33.5	26.2	65	65	Khulna	35.3	25.0	89	73
Chittagong	33.0	23.9	71	80	Barisal	34.0	24.8	71	82
Rajshahi	34.8	23.9	79	85	Sylhet	34.5	24.4	69	73
Rangpur	33.3	25.3	75	71	Cox's Bazar	34.5	25.0	65	80



GLIMPSES OF EID CELEBRATION

(Clockwise from top left) Muslims in traditional embraces after the Eid-ul-Azha morning prayer on Thakurgaon Government Boys' High School ground. In the capital another tradition has cropped up over the years for the two days after Eids, visiting the Mirpur Zoo with families, and yesterday was no different. Shishu Park at Shahbagh of the capital was also abuzz with children yesterday, extending their Eid fun till the last day of official holidays. Some took to boat racing in Satra Beel of Naogaon's Mohabepur on Tuesday, another post-Eid tradition in many places of the country. Others retreated to the waterfall in Moulvibazar's Madhabkunda.

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Movement will be announced at right time
Says Khaleda
UNB, Dhaka

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia has said the programmes for the party's movement will be announced when the time is right.
"The time is looming near. Fixing a date does not make any movement. We are in the movement and will be. I will call for the movement when the time is right. People of the country will join us then. This government must leave," she said while addressing an Eid reception hosted by her at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre on Monday.
The country is not safe at the hands of this "illegal" government and they are destroying the country, she said.
Khaleda urged all the
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LANGUAGE MOVEMENT HERO ABDUL MATIN'S DEATH
Nation mourns

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
President Abdul Hamid, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, and different politicians and organisations have expressed their condolences at the death of Language Movement hero Abdul Matin.
Matin, 88, breathed his last at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) yesterday morning.
Hamid, who is currently in Saudi Arabia, in his message said the nation has lost a legend of the Language Movement.
In a similar message, Sheikh Hasina termed Matin's demise "the end of a living history."
"The first step for the independence of the country was taken through the great Language Movement. Abdul Matin was one of the fighters of that historic movement," she added.
Both the president and prime minister prayed for the salvation of the departed soul and expressed their sincere sympathies to the bereaved family.
Health Minister Mohammad Nasim, Expatriates Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Khandker Mosharraf

Hossain, Land Minister Shamsur Rahman Sharif, and State Minister for Land Saifuzzaman Chowdhury Javed also expressed their condolences.
Meanwhile, BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, in a press note, said the nation lost a real guardian.
"It is because of his uncompromising leadership in 1952 that the very ground of the rulers was shaken and our mother language gained the status of state language," read the statement.
Senior Jatiya Party Presidium Member and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Raushan Ershad and BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir also issued statements to express their sympathies to the bereaved family.
Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, Deputy Speaker Fazole Rabbi Mia, and Chief Whip ASM Feroz condoled Matin's passing away.
Rights organisations Ain o Salish Kendra and Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust; leftist political parties Workers Party of Bangladesh, Gano Sanghati Andolon, and Bangladesh Juba Moitree; citizens' SEE PAGE 5 COL 2

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Khaleda co-opts idea from AL
Claims Tofail
UNB, Dhaka

Appreciating BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia for her "realisation" that a movement can not be waged by fixing a timeframe, Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed yesterday said she co-opted the political idea from the ruling Awami League.
"This is our notion...I congratulate her for realising that any movement can not be launched by setting a deadline," he told journalists at his office after exchanging greetings with officials and employees of this ministry on the first workday after the Eid-ul-Azha holiday.
While exchanging Eid greetings at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre on Monday, Khaleda said BNP would announce the anti-government programmes
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Robbers 'rape' domestic help
Loot apartment in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A gang of robbers allegedly raped a female domestic help and took away valuables including gold ornaments worth around Tk 2.5 lakh from an Elephant Road flat in the capital early yesterday.
Around four people entered the house by cutting the iron bars of its balcony, said New Market police.
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HILSA CATCHING
17 detained for flouting ban

UNB, Dhaka
The newly formed River Police yesterday held 17 fishermen with banned current nets and hilsa, worth about Tk 16 lakh, for flouting the government's 11-day ban on catching, selling, and transporting hilsa between October 5 and 15, the peak time for breeding. The fishermen, detained in Chandpur, Patuakhali and Sariatpur, were sentenced to different jail terms by mobile courts.

Return Hajj flights start today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The return Hajj flights will begin today with an aircraft of Biman Bangladesh carrying 419 pilgrims.
Flight BG-2012 will take off in Jeddah at 10:30am local time, confirmed Tasmina Akter, assistant manager (public relations) at Biman Bangladesh.
Meanwhile, Saudi authorities have asked the Bangladesh government to take punitive steps against 43 private Hajj agencies allegedly for irregularities in services provided to the pilgrims, said an official at Bangladesh Hajj Office in Jeddah.
However, Nasir Uddin Ahmed, deputy secretary at the ministry of religious affairs, said they did not receive any official letter in this regard.
"We will take necessary
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