

DRY WEATHER LIKELY



WEATHER TODAY

Unb, Dhaka

Weather may remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm today. Day and night temperatures may remain nearly unchanged over the country,	Met Office said.	Khulna and lowest 18.6 degree Celsius in Rajshahi.				Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage		Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage			
	The sun sets in the capital today at 5:28pm and rises tomorrow at 5:58am. Country's highest temperature 33.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in	The highest and lowest temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:													
						Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening		
						Dhaka	31.2	22.6	67	57	Khulna	33.0	22.6	62	69
						Chittagong	29.8	23.6	71	85	Barisal	31.8	21.8	74	86
						Rajshahi	32.2	18.6	69	76	Sylhet	31.6	21.7	77	76
				Rangpur	31.2	21.2	73	64	Cox's Bazar	32.2	24.0	64	85		

Khaleda starts 4 dist visit Thursday

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Khaleda Zia is scheduled to visit four districts during this month and November as part of the countrywide mass campaign of BNP-led 20-party alliance to drum up public support for an inclusive fresh election under a non-party administration.

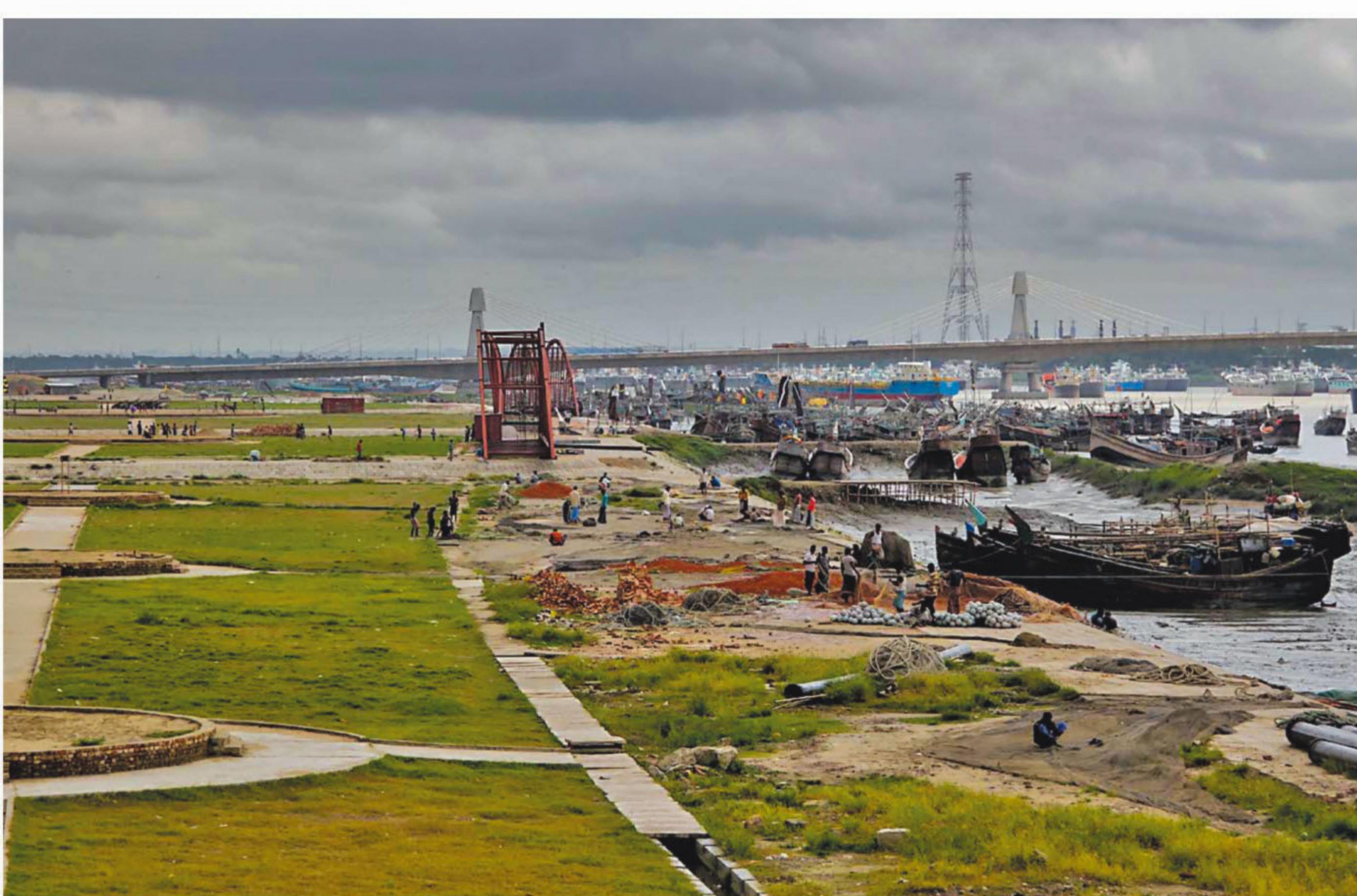
The first two rallies will be held in Nilphamari and Natore on Thursday and October 30 while the last two rallies will be staged in Comilla on November 6 or 7 and in Kishoreganj on November 12.

The announcement came after a meeting of secretary generals of the components in the 20-party alliance held in the capital's BNP's Naya Paltan central office.

Meeting sources said BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul assured the alliance leaders that the BNP chief is likely to announce tougher programmes following her meeting with chiefs of the components after Nov 12.

About the sedition case filed by Bangabandhu Foundation President advocate Moshirul Malek against

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This was supposed to be an entertainment centre, a part of the Chittagong port's capital dredging project. But the contract was cancelled without completion of the dredging of the Karnaphuli river, leaving the adjacent area in this state. The photo was taken on Saturday.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

Sylhet bus strike postponed till Nov 5

Another clash between bus workers, CNG-run auto-rickshaw drivers injures 30

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Bus owners and workers of Sylhet yesterday postponed their divisionwide indefinite strike till November 5.

The decision came following an emergency meeting between the district administration and Sylhet Zila Sarak Paribahan Malik Sramik Oikya Parishad and Sangram Committee, said the committee's Joint Convener Selim Ahmed Folik.

In the meeting with Acting Deputy Commissioner AZM Nurul Haque of Sylhet in the chair at the deputy commissioner's conference room, the officials assured the committee of taking necessary steps to meet its demands including a ban on CNG-run auto-rickshaws and human haulers on the highways in the division and an end to harassment by police and BRTA officials.

Following a clash between the CNG-run auto-rickshaw drivers and bus workers at the city's Badamtoli Saturday afternoon, the committee

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Students continue protesting decision

DU CORRESPONDENT

Around 200 aspirants, who took Dhaka University admission tests this year, yesterday demonstrated on the campus reiterating their demand for cancelling the authorities' decision to discontinue the opportunity to sit twice for the admission tests.

As part of their earlier announcement, they gathered at the base of Raju memorial on the campus and then held a rally before Aparajeyo Bangla around 10:00am.

An hour before the demonstration, police detained five admission seekers on the spot who came to join the demonstration. Police, however, released them in the evening.

Earlier at 9:30am, the law enforcers drove the protesters away from the spot but they regrouped and staged their demonstration amid police presence.

Addressing the gathering, Magruba Tabasum, who passed the HSC exam this year, said they will submit a memorandum to the vice chancellor tomorrow.

The protesters also gave an ultimatum to reconsider the

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Awareness, training, infrastructure must

Roundtable told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Public awareness, regular training for drivers and necessary infrastructure are the prime prerequisites for preventing road accidents, said discussants at a roundtable.

Prothom Alo in association with Nirapad Sarak Chai organised the roundtable titled "Ways to Prevent Road Accidents" at the daily's office in the capital yesterday.

State Minister for Home Asaduzzaman Khan said not only the government, but everyone should act sincerely to check accidents.

The government is planning to set up CC cameras at different spots in Dhaka city for better management of traffic system, he said, adding, "We will take all necessary steps for the development of highway police."

For compelling the people to obey traffic rules, relevant laws must be enforced properly, said Asaduzzaman, focusing on regular training and health checkups for drivers.

Popular film actor Ilias Kanchan, also chairman of Nirapad Sarak Chai, demanded establishment of a government department that will coordinate among different ministries for ensuring road safety.

He also screened a documentary that showed around 18,500 people die and around 4 lakh are injured annually in road accidents in Bangladesh.

Mili Biswas, additional commissioner (traffic) of Dhaka Metropolitan

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SAYEDEE'S DEATH SENTENCE

Gonojagoron Mancha demands reinstatement

DU CORRESPONDENT

A faction of Gonojagoron Mancha yesterday submitted a memorandum to the law ministry seeking government move to file a petition against the Supreme Court verdict that commuted Delawar Hossain Sayedee's death sentence to life term imprisonment.

In the memorandum, the group led by Imran H Sarker also urged the government to disqualify the presidential clemency for all the convicted war criminals and to take steps to ban Jamaat politics.

On behalf of the law minister, Mohammad Shahidul Haque, secretary (Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs); and Jahirul Haque, secretary of Law and Justice Division, received the memorandum.

Earlier, the group brought out a procession from the capital's Shahbagh towards the law ministry.

Police stopped the protesters at Doel Chattar on the campus where they staged a rally.

Later, Imran along with five others went to the ministry and placed the memorandum.



People from all walks of life pay their respects before the body of National Professor and renowned historian Salahuddin Ahmed on the Central Shaheed Minar premises in the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Spreading the world's architecture

FROM PAGE 5

Wales in Sidney and Patrick Bullen from Monash University in Melbourne were selected from their respective universities after an inter-university competition was held between the architecture departments.

"Rafiq came and gave a presentation at Monash University of what he does in Dhaka, which I had attended," says Bullen.

"Our university sent out an email, saying that Rafiq was offering the opportunity to young students to go to Bangladesh to study and explore the architecture there. So, I wrote an essay on the importance of architecture for the future of Bangladesh and how architecture can serve in a positive way. My essay got selected and I won the scholarship."

Felix Saw, on the other hand, was selected based on the project he has been working on for quite some time in Sidney.

His project idea is based on migration, cultural changes and how architecture is relevant to communities thriving and developing in new surroundings.

"I didn't get much of a culture shock when I first got down exploring the architecture of Dhaka," smiles Saw.

"I am originally from Malaysia and many of the cultural traits here are similar to the ones in my home country."

Muhammad Rafiq Azam is a well-known contemporary architect who specialises in modern aesthetics, inspired by the natural resources and the lush beauty of Bengal.

He and Shatotto, his firm, also promote the exploring and learning of ancient architectural heritage of the region. The Rafiq Azam Travel Bursary (RATB) was launched in the year 2008.

The idea of the scholarship had first shaped up at Jadavpur University.

"I was teaching at Jadavpur University in India, a very old establishment," says Azam.

"The students there were very interested to come to Dhaka and explore our architecture. I offered them a chance to do so, and told them that I could support their stay. That's how the scholarship programme actually shaped up. Eventually, I spoke to other schools (universities) in Bangladesh. Brac University was the first one to agree. In fact I remember them saying -- grab this opportunity!"

The Department of Architecture at Brac has been running the scholarship programme for the last five years.

"Selected students go to other parts of the world," he explains. "I believe, last year it was Turkey, previ-

ously the students had visited Malaysia, Bhutan, Nepal, India. This year, the selected students will visit Sri Lanka. I plan to start this scholarship in Pakistan very soon."

The 15-day long scholarship programme required both Bullen and Saw to explore as much as they could of the structures in Dhaka, submit a thesis paper and give a presentation of what they had learnt.

According to Rafiq Azam, the scholarship was mainly launched to have a platform for sharing knowledge.

Sharing of ideas and spreading knowledge amongst small groups will eventually develop into something bigger, he says.

Only then can we make a better Bangladesh, a better world. "I don't believe in working alone," says Rafiq Azam. "I believe in working with a team, always."

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