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WEATHER TODAY

Unb. Dhaka

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country in next 24 hours till 6:00pm today. Day and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said.

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	<b>The sun sets in the capital today at 5:27pm and rises tomorrow at 5:59am.</b>	Ishwardi.	<b>Max:</b>	<b>Min:</b>	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Evening</b>	<b>Max:</b>	<b>Min:</b>	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Evening</b>		
	Country's highest temperature 33.8	Highest and lowest temperature and	Dhaka	31.0	23.0	64	66	Khulna	32.5	20.8	58	66
	degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in	humidity recorded in some major cities and	Chittagong	30.2	22.8	80	75	Barisal	31.4	20.7	74	83
		towns yesterday were:	Rajshahi	32.3	18.3	80	75	Sylhet	33.8	21.0	68	73
			Rangpur	31.0	20.0	73	77	Cox's Bazar	32.1	23.0	80	72

# Shibir banned at DU

## Says Vice Chancellor AAMS Arefin Siddique following detainment of eight suspected activists

**DU CORRESPONDENT**

Police detained eight Dhaka University students yesterday for their alleged involvement in Islami Chhatra Shibir, whose activities, Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique says, has been banned on the campus since the post-Liberation War period.

The ban came into force as the pro-Jamaat-e-Islami student organisation played a pioneering role in killing DU students and teachers during the Liberation War in 1971, he told The Daily Star.

Sources said Ruhul of first year, Shimul Hossain, Humayun and Alauddin of second year; Morshedul and Wadul of third year; and Masud Rana and Md Sohul of fourth year were detained from Sir AF Rahman Hall where they all used to reside.

DU acting proctor Prof Amzad Ali also stated that Shibir was banned on the campus and the eight were "involved in antidisiplinary activities on the campus".

The proctor handed over the students and till 8:30pm, no decision was taken on whether to release or place them before a court, said Shabbagh police.

Some Bangladesh Chhatra League activists loyal to the hall unit Secretary Ruhul Amin took them to the latter's room and later handed them over to police.

Ruhul said the students were recruiting activists at the hall for long to create unrest on the campus.

"We checked their phone call lists which showed that they maintained contacts with top Shibir leaders...they admitted their involvement. Later police took them from the hall," he added.



The present state of Jail Khal, a canal in Barisal city, which the High Court yesterday ordered the government to protect through stopping encroachment, earth filling and dumping of waste following a writ petition filed by Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh. PHOTO: STAR

# HC directs govt to free Barisal Jail Canal from encroachment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the government to stop encroachment, earth filling, and dumping of waste in Jail Khal in Barisal city within the next two weeks.

The court also asked the government to submit a report before it, after complying with the order, within the next four weeks.

The HC bench of Justice Moyeenul Islam Chowdhury and Justice Md Ashraful Kamal came up with the order after hearing a writ petition filed by Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh.

The organisation submitted the petition on October 19 seeking necessary orders from the court on the government to protect the canal.

During hearing yesterday, the petitioner's lawyer Manzill Murshid told

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# NEWSIN brief

## National University introduces digital registration card system

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

National University yesterday introduced digital registration card system to allow students to collect their cards online.

The students of its affiliated colleges and institutes now need to submit their photographs and signatures, required for the card, online instead of coming to the main campus in Gazipur.

For details visit [www.nu.edu.bd/admissions/regicard](http://www.nu.edu.bd/admissions/regicard)

NU Vice-Chancellor Harun-or-Rashid, Pro-Vice Chancellor Mohammad Aslam Bhuiyan (Administration), Pro-Vice Chancellor Munaj Ahmed Nur (Academy), director of Information and Technology (ICT) division Mohammed Mominul Islam were present at the inaugural programme.

# Dalits living in fear of eviction from land

## Say community leaders at seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Many people of the Dalit community are living under the threat of being evicted from their land by local influential quarters and the government, said leaders of the minority community yesterday.

They said land grabbers have been eyeing land of the Dalits due to the recent land value hike.

Meanwhile the government has been issuing notices to remove Dalits from khas land where they have been living for many years, they said at a seminar titled "Housing and Land Right: Accessibility and Realities of Dalits in Bangladesh".

Bangladesh Dalit and Excluded Rights Movement, and Nagorik Uddhyog organised the programme at the Cirdap auditorium in the capital.

"We are living like animals in our hut with the fear of being evicted at any moment," said Dalit leader Moni Rani Das.

"We are victims of discrimination in every aspect of life," Das added.

At the seminar, the Dalit leaders demanded allocation of khas land as they are landless, and initiatives to mitigate

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# Khaleda once again talks about 'movement in time'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia last night said BNP must wage an anti-government movement at the right time as the government failed to meet the opposition's demand in the last 10 months on holding a fresh and inclusive national election under a caretaker administration.

"We had stopped our movement after the January 5 election because we wanted a peaceful solution through dialogue...but the government thinks there is no need to hold the election as BNP is not waging movement," she said.

She was addressing a views-exchange meeting at her Gulshan office with the BNP-backed upazila chairmen and vice-chairmen elected from Rajshahi division.

Khaleda said now they would have to go for a fresh movement. "We will have to go to the people...spread our

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# Cops foil Islami Andolon's bid to bring out march without permission

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law enforcers yesterday fired tear gas canisters and charged baton to disperse several hundred Islami Andolon Bangladesh men trying to bring out a procession blocking the capital's Paltan road before the Baitul Mukarram mosque, causing six of the Islamist organisation to fall sick.

The agitators were protesting the bar on them from holding a rally at

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# One held with 30 smuggled gold bars in Dhaka airport

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Customs intelligence officials arrested a man with 30 gold bars weighing around 3 Kilogrammes at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in the capital yesterday evening.

Liton Mia, 35, who came from Singapore by a Tiger Airlines flight, was arrested at a green channel, said Moinul Khan, director general of Customs Intelligence.

The gold bars worth around Tk 1.5 crore were hidden inside his waist belt.

During preliminary interrogation, Liton informed that he was given Tk 20,000 for carrying the gold bars, said Moinul.

# HC stays govt circular

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court on Sunday stayed the effectiveness of a government circular for fresh recruitment of assistant teachers to primary schools.

In response to a writ petition, the court also issued a rule upon the government to explain why the circular for recruiting new teachers without completing recruitments of previous candidates from the waiting list should not be declared illegal.

A total of 52 candidates, who were in the waiting list published after a recruitment test held in 2011, yesterday filed the writ petition.

The court also asked the government to explain why it should not be directed to appoint the writ petitioners, advocate Sk Md Morshed told The Daily Star.

Based on the result published in 2012, the government recruited 12,701 candidates and kept 15, 019 others in the waiting list and issued a circular in March 2013 saying that the candidates of that list will be recruited in phases, Morshed said citing from the petition.

But the primary education department issued the recent circular on September 14 asking for applications from fresh candidates, he added.



Policemen light small fires and wash their eyes with water to ward off the effects of tear gas, canisters of which they had fired just minutes ago to disperse Islami Andolon Bangladesh men trying to block off the Paltan road before the Baitul Mukarram mosque in the capital yesterday protesting a bar on them from holding a rally today to agitate against former post and telecommunications minister Abdul Latif Siddique's remarks on Hajj, Prophet Muhammad (pbuh), and Tablighi Jamaat. PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

# Throat-slit body found in madrasa

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday recovered the body of a boy with the throat slit from the kitchen of a madrase in Keraniganj, outside the capital, where he used to study.

The deceased was Md Raihan, 11.

Police sent the body to Sir Salimullah Medical College morgue for an autopsy and picked up six people including some of the madrasa teachers for interrogation.



Gonosanghati Andolon brings out a procession before Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday protesting the recent government plan to increase the monthly charge on using double burner gas stoves to Tk 1,000 from the current Tk 450. PHOTO: STAR

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