

## DRY WEATHER LIKELY



Weather is likely to remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country till 6pm today.

Day and night temperatures may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met

Officesaid.

**The sun sets in the capital today at 5:25pm and rises tomorrow at 6:00am.**

Country's highest temperature 34.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in

Sitakunda and lowest 18.5 degree Celsius in Ishwardi.

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	32.0	22.0	58	66	Khulna	33.4	22.5	69	65
Chittagong	31.2	24.4	80	74	Barisal	32.3	21.1	76	89
Rajshahi	32.4	20.0	85	79	Sylhet	33.3	22.0	64	78
Rangpur	31.3	22.0	65	74	Cox's Bazar	33.0	24.5	71	72



For generations Bangladeshis both young and old have made it a habit to be the first to make a beeline for drying water bodies and arable land during the advent of winter, lured by the prospect of catching with their bare hands fish trapped in the mud. The attempt produced a festive atmosphere with children and women assisted by men at Mujaborni village, flocking to a patch of cropfield by Thakurgaon-Panchagarh highway on Wednesday.

PHOTO: STAR



## NEWSINbrief

### BTCL will change 7,000 numbers in Uttara

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Subscribers of Bangladesh Telecommunications Company Limited (BTCL) in the capital's Uttara may face some technical difficulties in their phone connections as the state-run company has begun changing 7,000 telephone numbers.

The seven-digit phone numbers starting with '891' and '892' will be changed to eight-digit numbers to ensure improved service, said a BTCL press release.

Detailed information about the old and new numbers is available at [www.btcl.gov.bd](http://www.btcl.gov.bd). Besides, subscribers can call 8962599 and 7911000 for further enquiries.

### Seven members of robbery gang held in capital

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Detectives arrested seven members of a robbery gang and seized a truck, two machetes, two knives and some tools used for robbery from their possession in the capital's Uttara on Wednesday.

On information that the gang was attempting to rob at sector-12, detectives raided the area around 10:30pm and arrested them, said police.

During preliminary interrogation, they confessed their link with several robbery incidents in the capital and elsewhere, including one in Jatrabari and another in Narayanganj two weeks ago.

### Man found dead in Crescent Lake in capital

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Police recovered the body of an unidentified man from Crescent Lake before Chandrima Uddyan in the capital's Sher-e-Bangla Nagar yesterday.

The man, aged around 20, was clad in a red T-shirt and a pair of black pants.

He might have drowned while bathing, said Sher-e-Bangla Nagar police Sub-inspector Kamal Hossain.

On recovery around 5:00pm, police sent the body to Dhaka Medical College morgue for an autopsy.

### Govt decides to accord Syed Muazzem Ali the status of a state minister

**DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT**

The Government has decided to accord the status of a State Minister in favour of Syed Muazzem Ali, High Commissioner designate to India.

In this connection the Cabinet Division has already issued a notification on October 20, says a press release yesterday.

Muazzem; who served as the foreign secretary of Bangladesh and the ambassador to Bhutan, Iran and France; replaces Tariq A Karim, who had been leading the Bangladeshi mission in New Delhi since August 2009.

## Nijhum Dwip Stop construction, land allocation

### HC orders authorities concerned

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The High Court yesterday ordered a stop to land allocation and construction on Nijhum Dwip, a reserved forest area in Noakhali.

In response to a writ petition, the court asked the authorities concerned of the government to submit every four months a detailed report with pictures containing the list of people in possession of the forest area's land and the area's total size and position.

The HC issued a rule upon the authorities to explain in four weeks as to why their failure to protect, conserve and develop the forest should not be declared illegal.

The court also ordered as to why they should not be directed to submit a report to it on the number of lease deeds and the quantity of land of the forest allocated in favour of individuals or groups so far.

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## Expatriates now can get legal aid thru hotline

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The government is set to provide legal aid to Bangladeshi expatriates alongside the existing legal assistance for the poor and insolvent citizens of the country.

The expatriates living anywhere in the world can get this legal assistance over telephone contact. A hotline service has been opened to this effect under the aegis of the National Legal Aid Services Organisation (NLASO), a law ministry press release said.

Law Minister Anisul Huq formally inaugurated the service at Labour Bhaban in the capital yesterday. The hotline numbers are-- 01799090011 and 01799090022.

Addressing the inauguration, the minister said nearly eight million Bangladeshi expatriates were currently living abroad and there was hardly any forum for them to look into their problems and provide them legal advice and information.

Even these people do not understand where to get legal aid. So, they easily fall victim to various abuses and exploitations, he said.

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## 'ILLEGAL WEALTH' Mannan's wife gets bail

**COURT CORRESPONDENT**

A Dhaka court yesterday granted bail to Syeda Hasina Sultana, wife of former state minister for housing and public works Abdul Mannan Khan, in a graft case filed by the Anti-Corruption Commission.

ACC Deputy Director Nasir Uddin filed the case against Sultana for illegally amassing wealth worth Tk 3.45 crore and concealing information about her properties worth Tk 1.86 crore.

Metropolitan Magistrate Shahriar Mahmud Adnan passed the bail order considering her high social status after she had sought bail in the case.

Mannan also got bail in a similar case on August 24 but the ACC challenged the bail on last Monday.



This road adjacent to the Election Commission Secretariat in the capital has been in this battered condition for long in need of major repairs. The photo was taken yesterday in Sher-e-Bangla Nagar.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

## Appeal for help

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah**

Istiaq Ahmed, 13, son of Motiar Rahman of Gilabaria village in Sadar upazila of Jhenidah, has been suffering from a malignant germ cell tumour in the chest for around a year.

A student of class VIII, he has been brought back home from an Indian cancer research institute recently as his father, who is a human hauler driver, cannot afford his treatment.

His treatment should continue for six more months, which costs Tk 6 lakh. The family is seeking financial help as they cannot afford the expense.

Aid can be sent into savings account no: 002011075, Sonali Bank, Jhenidah Branch or personal bKash account no: 01732719386; mobile: 01763335738.

**Workshop**  
United National Awami Party will organise "Students and Youth Workshop". Venue: Bangladesh Tennis Federation. Time: 10:00am.

**Founding anniversary**  
Kishore Alo, children's magazine of the Bangla daily Prothom Alo, will celebrate its first founding anniversary Kianondo. Venue: St Joseph School premises. Time: 8:30am-5:00pm.

**UN day celebration**  
Bangladesh Poets' Club and Bangladesh Polli Sahityito Gobeshona

Parishad will observe the 66th United Nations Day. Venue: Dhaka Reporters' Unit. Time: 10:00am.

**Rally**  
Bangladesh Garment Sramik Sanghati will organise a rally demanding equal compensation for all Rana Plaza victims. Venue: Before Rana Plaza. Time 11:00am.

**Photography exhibition**  
Photofee Academy will inaugurate the third Sristi-sukher Ullas, festival of fine art photography. Venue: Dhaka Art Centre. Time: 5:00pm.

## ACC grills 3 Muktijoddha

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ACC headquarters in the capital.

Sources, however, could not confirm when the documents would be submitted. The ACC move came following a report titled "Bought out! Fake freedom fighters, war crimes suspect to 'ensure welfare' of war heroes" published in The Daily Star on June 16. The report stated that Wahidur and Mortuja, who have no record of recognition as freedom fighters, allegedly managed false certificates of war heroes to get into the sangsad.

Mahbulul is accused of killing a freedom fighter in 1971 and is allegedly a member of the notorious Al-Badr, an auxiliary force of the Pakistani occupation army during the 1971 Liberation War.

## Ctg Nursing

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But the Chittagong University's ordinance does not permit reviewing any result, he said. The academic council on Sunday will decide on reopening the institute, declared closed on Tuesday. On students' allegations of irregularities and corruption against the principal, Mujibul said necessary steps would be taken after investigation.

On the female teacher doing a six-month course at a different institute, Brig Gen Khondoker Shahidul Ghani, director of Chittagong Medical College Hospital, said talks with higher authorities would be held on transferring her somewhere else.

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