

LIGHT RAIN LIKELY

Light rain or thundershowers is likely to occur at one or two places over Rajshahi, Rangpur, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet, Dhaka and Chittagong divisions till 6:00pm today.
Day temperature may fall slightly and

night temperature may rise slightly over the country, Met Office said.
The sun sets in the capital today at 5:24pm and rises tomorrow at 6:02am.
Country's highest temperature 33.9

degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Sitakunda and lowest 18.6 degree Celsius in Chuadanga.
The highest and lowest temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and

	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage			Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening		Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	33.0	22.5	61	65	Khulna	32.5	22.4	62	76
Chittagong	30.7	25.0	79	74	Barisal	31.8	20.5	87	87
Rajshahi	32.0	19.6	85	78	Sylhet	33.2	21.0	63	56
Rangpur	30.7	21.0	74	75	Cox's Bazar	33.3	24.0	73	76



This building and the adjacent structures, left, have been built smack in the middle of what used to be Boiragirbari Khal in Savar on the outskirts of the capital, encroaching upon the canal, which used to be 60 to 80 feet wide, stretching for 2.5 kilometres, carrying rain and flood water to the Dhaleshwari river during the monsoon. Now because of the encroachment even a moderate rainfall creates a 4 to 5 feet deep waterlogging in Bank Colony and Talbagh areas, right next to Dhaka-Aricha highway, right. The encroachment has been going on for the last 20 years by the local influential quarters, building multi-storey structures in and around it. The authorities concerned claimed that the encroachers keep coming back despite their eviction drives. The photos were taken recently.

PHOTO: RASHAD AHAMAD

Teenage girl lured to rape in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A teenage girl was allegedly raped by a man who lured her to the capital from Munshiganj on Friday.
Accused Sumon, whom the 18-year-girl knew for barely a month, told her to come to Dhaka over the phone. After she came to Dhaka alone on Friday morning, they roamed around the city together.
In the afternoon, Sumon took her to a house near New Market, raped her and left the place leaving her alone, said the victim's father.
The girl later called her parents over the phone. They took her to Munshiganj and admitted her to a local hospital. As her condition deteriorated, they took her to Dhaka Medical College Hospital the same night.
Demanding arrest of the culprit her father said he will lodge a case against Sumon once his daughter's condition improved. Police said they heard about the incident and were looking into the matter.

**FIGHT AGAINST MENTAL ILLNESS
Govt, NGOs should join hands**

Roundtable of The Daily Star, IWF, INCIDIN Bangladesh told
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Comprehensive efforts of government bodies and NGOs are necessary to prevent the rapid increase of mental illness among the population in the country, and to ensure better services for the patients, said discussants at a roundtable yesterday.
Still there are different types of social stigma attached to mental illness. In many cases, the stigmas hamper counselling and treatment of the patients. So, public awareness is necessary to address the challenges, they viewed at the roundtable titled "Draft Bangladesh Mental Health Act, 2014: Rights Perspective".
Innovation for Wellbeing Foundation (IWF), INCIDIN Bangladesh, and The Daily Star jointly organised the function at the latter's office in the capital.
Delivering a presentation, IWF Chairperson Monira Rahman said around 16.1 percent adults and 18.4 percent children in Bangladesh are suffering from different types of mental illness at present while around 10,000 of such patients commit suicide annually in Bangladesh.
However, there are only 800 psychiatric beds in different hospitals and 200 psychiatrists in Bangladesh. Besides, only 0.05 percent of the total health budget is

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**WHOLESALE AWARDING OF GPA-5
Nahid urges people not to oppose**

Says nation's health dev depends on agri research
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday urged critics not to denounce the wholesale highest scores achieved by candidates in the secondary and higher secondary public examinations, saying this would "demoralise" the young students.
"Some quarters think that examination is efficiently held if half of the examinees fail," he said while speaking as the chief guest at a conference of the Plant Breeding and Genetics Society of Bangladesh held at Krishibid Institution Bangladesh (KIB) in the capital.
"But how can we deduct the students' marks, if they deserve high scores?" he said. "No matter what the critics say, the students are meritorious," Nahid added.
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Ohdikar's Adilur gets another intl HR award

STAR REPORT
Ohdikar Secretary Adilur Rahman Khan was presented International Bar Association Human Rights Award 2014 by the association President Michael Reynolds at the Rule of Law Symposium at the association's weeklong annual conference's conclusion in Tokyo on Friday.
Adilur, also a Supreme Court lawyer, received the award for his contributions in protecting human rights in Bangladesh, says an Asian Human Rights Commission press release.
In his speech, Reynolds said, "Let us be reminded that lawyers play a vital role in promoting justice, human rights and upholding the rule of law, both at home and abroad. May Mr Khan's courage, determination and resilience be an inspiration to lawyers everywhere."
Addressing the symposium, Adilur said, "The rule of law is under serious threat in my country. Justice for all the ongoing gross human rights violations is inaccessible for victims and their families.
"Their right to access to complaint mechanisms is denied, regardless of whatever

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**BURDWAN BLAST
Nat'l security adviser likely to visit spot**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi
India's National Security Adviser Ajit Doval is likely to visit West Bengal's Burdwan district either tomorrow or Tuesday to assess the progress in probe into the October 2 blast in a house that left dead two persons suspected to have links with Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB).
It is unusual for such an official to personally visit the site of an incident involving suspected terrorists but it indicates how seriously Indian security agencies are viewing the threat posed by reports of presence of terror modules in West Bengal.
India's National Investigation Agency has concluded that all the accused and their associates are members of terror group JMB.
The Bangladesh government has requested sharing the findings and the Ministry of External Affairs informed on Friday that they would do so once they get their hands on the reports from the security agencies concerned.
Indian media reports also said Intelligence Bureau chief Syed Asif Ibrahim and National Security Guard chief JN Choudhury are also likely to visit Burdwan.
Meanwhile, media reports in Kolkata had it that West Bengal police found 800 crude bombs inside a health centre

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Discussants at a roundtable, "Draft Bangladesh Mental Health Act, 2014: Rights Perspective", organised by the Innovation for Wellbeing Foundation, INCIDIN Bangladesh, and The Daily Star at the daily's office in the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Death anniversary

CITY DESK
Today is the 1st death anniversary of Prof Syed Moqsd Ali; a former chairman of erstwhile Political Science and Public Administration department at Dhaka University, dean of Social Science faculty and chairman of Political Science Association.
Born in 1925, Prof Ali was involved in a range of socio-political and cultural activities and was awarded Sher-e-Bangla Gold Medal in 1996 for his immense contributions to publications on political science.
Special prayers will be offered at his hometown in Sujabad, Barisal and at his Gulshan residence on Friday.

Resist attempts to distort

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The speakers condemned former SCF chairman Air Vice-Marshal (ret'd) AK Khandker, whose book "1971: Bhitore Baire" came under fire for a part where he claimed that Bangabandhu ended his historic March 7, 1971 speech with a slogan "Joy Pakistan".
Addressing as the chief guest, Major General (ret'd) KM Safiullah Bir Uttam, currently SCF chairman, said Khandker cannot be called a freedom fighter anymore for he lost that right after writing a distorted history.
Gallantry awards are given to those who do something valiant in the war field. "But he never even went to the war field. Then how can he get an award?" asked Safiullah, who was commander of sector-3 during the

Liberation War.
"It is very unfortunate that at times history of the Liberation War was distorted by people who directly took part in it, but people rejected them," said Dhaka University Vice Chancellor AAMS Arefin Siddique.
The only way history can be prevented from getting distorted is by uniting to establish the truth, he said as a special guest.
More tribunals to try all the war criminals were demanded by other speakers while a number of Chhatra League leaders demanded posthumous trial of former president Ziaur Rahman, blaming him for Bangabandhu's assassination and rehabilitation of war criminals in the country.

War criminal Ghulam Azam's

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Besides none of his five sons, whose expected arrival had kept the janaza and burial waiting, were present at the funeral.
During the janaza, Bangladesh Sommito Islami Jote formed a human chain nearby before Jatiya Press Club protesting the use of the venue.
More protesters of Islami Oikyo Jote, Blogger and Online Activist Network, and Bangladesh Chhatra Moitree were stopped at the Paltan intersection by policemen who halted traffic in several nearby streets. Two crude bombs were also exploded close by.
Only Gayeshwar Chandra Roy joined the mourning procession from BNP.
In the address, Azmi also said his father had to be in jail for around three years in a "false case". "He spent the last days of his life in inhuman condition. It is unforgettable...I hope lakhs of Ghulam Azam will be born in the country through his death. They will uphold the flag of Islam in the country," he said.
Hospital authorities told The Daily Star that Ghulam Azam had been provided the maximum facilities possible, which war crimes trial campaigners and victims have repeatedly protested since it came out of taxpayers' money.

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