

## DRY WEATHER LIKELY



Weather may remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm today.  
Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged and night temperature may fall

slightly over the country, said Met Office.

**The sun sets in the capital today at 5:21pm and rises tomorrow at 6:04am.**  
Country's highest temperature 31.6 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in

Sylhet and lowest 17.2 degrees in Srimangal.  
Highest and lowest temperature 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 30.4	19.5	62	63	Khulna 30.7	20.5	80	77
Chittagong 29.0	21.3	82	75	Barisal 29.7	19.2	78	91
Rajshahi 30.4	19.7	96	85	Sylhet 31.6	18.4	74	68
Rangpur 29.0	20.8	88	79	Cox's Bazar 30.8	23.0	79	76

## NEWSINbrief

### Two kids of a family drown in Barisal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Two kids drowned in a pond near their home in Noyani village of Barisal Sadar upazila yesterday.  
Family members said Rafi, 4, son of Bazlur Rahman and his cousin Rupa, 5, went missing after they went to play in the courtyard around 9:00am. Later, their bodies were recovered from the pond around 9:30am.  
They were brought to Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital where doctors declared Rafi dead at 10:30am and Rupa at 11:00am.

### Seven 'Shibir' men held in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police detained seven alleged activists of Islami Chhatra Shibir from a madrasa at Dewan Bazar in Chittagong city yesterday.  
On information that Shibir activists were taking preparations to conduct anarchy in the area, a team of police conducted a drive at Darul Ulum Alia Madrasa and detained them around 1:30pm, said police.  
Police are interrogating the detainees at Kotwali Police Station.

### RU folklore dept starts 10-day ethnographic study at Chalan Beel

RU CORRESPONDENT

A total of 60 students of folklore department at Rajshahi University (RU) yesterday started a ten-day ethnographic study in Chalan Beel area of Natore.  
During the field work led by department teachers, M Akhtar Hossain and M Amirul Islam, they will search for folk-instruments and sought for financial aids from different private and public organisations to conduct such types of research works smoothly.

### Discussion on infant, maternity healthcare in Bangladesh held

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A roundtable discussion on infant and maternity healthcare in Bangladesh was held at Hotel Pan Pacific Sonargaon in the capital on Tuesday.  
Issues like importance of breast feeding and child food supplements also came up in the discussion organised by Infant and Young Child Nutrition Association of Bangladesh.  
MS Akbar, chairman of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society; Prof Sirajul Islam, director of Holy Family Red Crescent hospital Dhaka; and Prof Khairul Amin, vice-president of Bangladesh Pediatric Association, were present.

## Youth shot dead

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A youth was shot dead by unidentified miscreants in the capital's Badda last night.  
The deceased was Delwar Bapary, 25, a resident of Dakkhin Badda.  
His wife Lucky Begum claimed that he was a salesperson at a clothing store at Gulshan DCC Market.  
She said the miscreants called Delwar and when he came out of home they shot him in the chest and abdomen behind a nearby club "Jagorani Sangha" around 8:30pm.  
He was declared dead at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.  
Badda police Officer-in-Charge Abdul Jalil claimed that they came to know the names of the callers who were the victim's acquaintances.

## Missing man found with stab injuries

His right leg's tendon severed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A missing man was found with stab injuries in the throat and the right leg's tendon severed before the fine arts faculty building of Dhaka University yesterday.  
Alamgir Hossain Bhuiyan, 55, an account officer of a private company in Motijheel, is undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.  
As he was unable to speak, police could not say anything about the incident.  
His son Anwar Hossain told The Daily Star that Alamgir went missing after he had went out of his Dania residence in Jatrabari to shave around 7:00pm on Tuesday.

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## Media can eradicate violence

Say journalists

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eradication of violence from all spheres of the society requires sustained advocacy campaigns where the mass media will play a crucial role, said journalists at a roundtable discussion yesterday.

The media can raise awareness by disseminating the findings of researches and studies conducted on violence, they added.  
They also urged government authorities concerned, research organisations and NGOs to conduct researches on all sorts of violence.

The roundtable titled "Stop Violence, Build a Peaceful Nation: Role of Media in Raising Awareness of Social Harmony" was organised by Democracy International (DI)

at The Daily Star Centre in the capital.

AMM Harun-ur-Rashid, joint news editor of Dhaka Tribune, said reporting on social issues largely depends on the availability of updated data.

Shishir Moral, special correspondent of Prothom Alo, said, "NGOs working against violence should organise trainings and workshops for journalists and sensitise them first."  
Presiding over the programme, Md Abdul Momen, senior adviser of DI, said DI and its partner NGOs have been running an anti-violence awareness campaign since October 2.

The campaign features street theatre, debate competition for students, photo exhibition, rally and other cultural programmes.

### EU for commuting death sentence of Nizami

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The European Union has called for commuting the death sentence given to Jamaat chief Motiur Rahman Nizami and to introduce a moratorium on executions as a first step towards definitive abolition of capital punishment.  
"The case of Motiur Rahman Nizami has now reached a stage where an execution of the death sentence constitutes a

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Guests apply turmeric paste on the faces of Railways Minister Mujibul Haq and his bride Honufa Akhter Rikta during the couple's joint Gaye Halud yesterday at Krishibid Institution in the capital. The couple are set to get married tomorrow.

## Jubilant minister set to tie the knot tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With live coverage by several private television channels, sexagenarian Railways Minister Mujibul Haq and his 29-year-old bride jointly celebrated their Gaye Halud, a pre-wedding ceremony, in Khamarbari in the capital yesterday.

The minister, now aged 67, is set to tie the knot with Honufa Akhter Rikta, a post-graduate hailing from Chandina in Comilla, tomorrow.

Mujibul, attired in a golden panjabi with a maroon sash, and Rikta, dressed in a yellow sari, sat on separate daises adorned with colourful cloths and flowers at the venue.

During the Halud guests applied turmeric paste on the bride and groom, chatting among themselves with all smiles enjoying the event.

State Minister for Power Nasrul Hamid, State Minister for Women and Children Meher Afroz Chumki, and ruling Awami League leaders -- Jahangir Kabir Nanak, Mirza Azam and Tarana Halim -- were among the guests.

"Everyone is celebrating this occasion. The country's people are happy because they love me," a cheerful Mujibul told journalists.

About people who are unmarried, he said, "All should get married by tomorrow."

The minister said he met Rikta a few months back, and sometime later they decided to get married.

## JESSORE KISHORE UNNAYAN KENDRA

### Inmates clash with cops

Police fire gunshots in the clash over allegation of stealing against inmates; 2 boys among 3 hurt; 2 policemen withdrawn

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jessore

Inmates of Jessore Kishore Unnayan Kendra (correction centre) and on-duty policemen clashed yesterday evening, leaving three injured in the centre located at Pulerhat in Sadar upazila, said sources.

The clash ensued as constable Mostafa blamed all the inmates for stealing his Tk 100 and once hurled abusive words at inmate, Rabbi, who was waiting to leave with his father on bail, Assistant Director (AD) Shahabuddin said.

Reacting to that remark, the other inmates who were playing on a nearby field started throwing brick bats at policemen in the barrack while police in return fired

about 10 bullets and eight tear gas shells leaving one inmate injured, he added.

However, a staff of the centre said two adolescents, Raihan of Noakahli and Rubel of Nilphamari received bullet injuries in the legs and the AD got injured in the forehead by tear gas shell. All the injured took primary treatment, he added.

Officer-in-Charge of Kotwali Police Station Enamul Haque said two members of the eight-member police guard team, Mostafa and Nayek Shaheb Ali, were withdrawn from the centre.

Earlier on May 4, 12 boys of the centre slashed their wrists in protest against harassment by the security policemen, leading to a clash with police which left an inmate injured.

## WOMAN DRAGGED TO DEATH IN CAPITAL

### Police yet to trace muggers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police till yesterday evening could not trace the muggers who from a microbus dragged a woman about 50 yards along the capital's Mirpur Road to snatch her handbag, leading her to succumb to her injuries on Tuesday.

Ayesha Akter Ripa, 27, was on a rickshaw and had the handbag's strap knotted around her hand.

The mother of a six-year-old girl was going to her sister's house at Lalmatia early in the morning, said police.

Three to four muggers were in the moving microbus on her right and one of them pulled Ripa's handbag near Sobhanbagh mosque, they said.

Fatally injured, Ripa, 27, died while being rushed to a hospital.

Helal Uddin, inspector (investigation) of Dhanmondi Police Station, said efforts were going on to nab the culprits.

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Hawkers occupy almost half of this foot bridge on the Dhaka-Chittagong Highway near Chand Market in Kanchpur leaving a narrow space for the pedestrians for whom the bridge was actually built. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

## Ensure standard housing for the poor

### Speakers urge govt at roundtable

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a roundtable yesterday urged the government to provide standard housing for poverty stricken people, mostly those living in slums in urban areas.

They said shelter was a fundamental right, and it was the government's responsibility to ensure that the country's people have proper housing.

The roundtable "Housing, Land Tenure and Services to Low Income People" was organised by Habitat for Humanity

International at The Daily Star Centre in the capital.

John A Armstrong, national director of Habitat for Humanity International, said, "Housing is a significant part of people's material living conditions. The importance of the links among land, housing and poverty deserves greater recognition and attention. Greater access to land for housing is required to overcome poverty."

Prof Dr Nurul Islam Nazem of the geography and environment department of

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### Prof Nurul gets BDI Lifetime Achievement Award 2013

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Prof Nurul Islam, emeritus research fellow at International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), will receive the BDI Lifetime Achievement Award 2013.

Bangladesh Development Initiative (BDI), a non-partisan research and advocacy group of independent scholars based in the United States, will formally present the award at its international conference organised with the Institute for South Asia Studies on the UC Berkeley campus, tentatively scheduled for November, 2015.

The award, established in 2012, is designed to "honour outstanding individuals who, through their scholarly and/or policy and civic engagements, have

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## Irregularities in teachers' recruitment alleged at JU

JU CORRESPONDENT

Some teachers yesterday accused the Jahangirnagar University (JU) administration of irregularities in recruiting 40 teachers and discrimination and harassment in awarding academic titles since Prof Farzana Islam was appointed vice chancellor on March 3.

They demanded reconsidering appointment of six teachers to the biochemistry and molecular biology department, which they said was the most recent among the recruitment anomalies.

The allegations and demands came at a press conference organised under the banner Adhipotto, Boishommo o Nipironer Biruddhe Shikkhak Samaj (teachers' against dominance, discrimination and repression) at the new arts faculty building around 3:00pm.

Although there were candidates with better academic qualifications, the six were unnecessarily

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SEDITION CASE

## SC stays HC order not to arrest BNP leader Fazlur

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday stayed till November 2 a High Court order that asked the government not to harass or arrest Fazlur Rahman, a BNP leader of Kishoreganj, in a sedition case.

Fazlur, the district unit president of BNP, was sued for making derogatory remarks on President Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on March 19 this year while addressing an election rally at the district's Itna. A Kishoreganj court on August 31 issued an arrest warrant against Fazlur in the case.

The HC on October 27 ordered the government not harass or arrest Fazlur until he surrenders to the trial court after coming back to the country from the USA.

Yesterday, chamber judge of the SC, Justice Hasan Foez Siddique passed the stay order after hearing a government petition seeking a stay on the HC order.

The judge also fixed November 2 for hearing the same petition before the full bench of the Appellate Division of the SC.