DRY WEATHER LIKELY

WEATHER TODAY Unb, Dhaka

Weather may remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm today.

Day and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5:19 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:05am.

Country's highest temperature 33.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Sitakunda and lowest 17.5 degrees in Srimangal.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	31.4	20.5	60	58
Chittagong	30.0	24.3	79	79
Rajshahi	31.4	19.0	81	72
Rangpur	30.2	19.8	68	67
Khulna	32.4	20.3	71	62
Barisal	31.3	18.8	79	89
Sylhet	32.7	20.3	59	77
Cox's Bazar	32.5	25.2	61	78

Jhenidah boy abducted in his sleep

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Jhenidah*

Unidentified criminals abducted a boy from his Kapashatia village residence in Harinakundo upazila of Jhenidah on Thursday night.

Son of Murad Ali, an expatriate in Malaysia, Hasan Ali, 13, is a JSC examinee of Valki Secondary School in the upazila.

A gang of five to six abductors wearing masks entered the house and picked up Hasan at gunpoint while he was asleep with his mother Anjira Khatun, said his uncle Younus Ali.

When Anjira tried to resist the culprits, they pushed her away, he said.

A case was filed with Harinakundo Police Station.

Officer-in-Charge Ershadul Kabir said they were investigating the incident.

A devotee holds out a "Chibar", a cotton-made robe weaved overnight by devotees, to offer to monks during Kathin Chibar Dan, one of the largest religious festivals of the Buddhist community, celebrated at the International Buddhist Monastery in Merul Badda of the capital yesterday. Bishakha, a nurse of Gautama Buddha, introduced the festival about 2,500 years ago. It marks the conclusion of a three-month seclusion of monks who meditate inside their monasteries for self-edification and atonement for mankind. PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Ahmed Sofa wrote for underprivileged

Memorial discussion told

DU CORRESPONDENT

Ahmed Sofa was one of the few writers who, in post-liberation Bangladesh, pointed out the concerns of the underprivileged through his writings, speakers said at a discussion yesterday.

They were addressing the 12th memorial discussion on Ahmed Sofa, organised by Ahmed Sofa Rastroshobha, and Centre for Asian Art and Culture at Dhaka University.

Addressing the discussion, noted columnist

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PM'S THURSDAY'S REMARKS

It's indication of early nat'l polls

Says Fakhrul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Referring to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's remarks on Thursday that parliamentary election can be held anytime in a democracy, BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday said the government had begun to bow to his party and people's demand for an immediate national election under a non-party caretaker government.

He was addressing a press conference after a joint meeting at the party's Nayapaltan central office in the capital, a day after the PM briefed on her recent trip to the United Arab Emirates.

In the UAE, Hasina told the media, "According to the constitution, the government's tenure is five years. The election can be held anytime in a democracy and the government has every right to hold it anytime. But I am saying the election will be held at the right time."

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DRAFT NAT'L URBAN POLICY

Approval must to prevent unplanned urbanisation

Speakers tell seminar marking first World Cities Day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Immediate government approval of the draft National Urban Sector Policy is a prerequisite to safeguarding the country from unplanned urbanisation, speakers told a seminar yesterday.

"Around 4.5 crore people live in urban areas, their contribution to the GDP (gross domestic product) measures 60 to 65 percent which can be raised to 70 to 75 percent through planned urbanisation," said urban planning expert Prof Nazrul Islam.

The main objectives of the policy, prepared in 2011, includes ensuring balanced urbanisation, economic development, employment generation, optimum use of land, environment protection, strengthening of local governments, an inclusive decision making process, need-based services, community development, preservation of historical and cultural heritage and reducing poverty.

The Municipal Association of Bangladesh organised the seminar in the capital's Cirdap auditorium in observance of the first World Cities Day 2014.

Themed "Better City, Better Life", the United Nations established the day aiming to promote the international community's interest in global urbanisation, push forward cooperation in meeting opportunities and challenges and contribute to sustainable urban development.

Addressing as chief guest, Housing and

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NEWS IN brief

Cent percent literacy by 2019: Minister

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Dinajpur*

Cent percent literacy will be ensured in the country by 2019 to make Bangladesh a complete developed nation in the world, said Primary and Mass Education Minister Advocate Mostafizur Rahman.

The lawmaker, of Dinajpur-5 constituency, told this while addressing a public meeting as the chief guest at Rudrani Government Primary School in Phulbari upazila of Dinajpur on Thursday.

Khazanur Rahman, president of the school's managing committee, was also present.

Smuggled Tk 10 lakh goods seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Benapole*

Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) in a drive seized Indian goods worth Tk 10 lakh from Amrakhali area of Benapole yesterday.

On information, a team of BGB conducted a drive in the area and seized Indian saris, salwar kamiz, cumin, tea, Phensedyl, liquor, cosmetics and imitation jewellery.

The seized items were deposited at Benapole customs house.

Man stabbed by miscreants

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Sylhet*

A man was stabbed by miscreants in Jalalabad Residential area of Sylhet city on Thursday.

Ishaque Mallik, 22, with stab wounds on his arm, abdomen and thigh was admitted to Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital.

Police said Ali Nur, Faizul and Rubel on a motorbike swooped on Ishaque around 11:00pm and fled after stabbing him.

They are friends of Ishaque and the incident might have occurred over monetary matters, police added.

Boy killed in road accident

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Lalmonirhat*

A boy was killed when a truck hit him while he was crossing the Lalmonirhat- Burimari highway in Kamarhat area of Patgram upazila yesterday.

The deceased was Rokon Islam, 6, son of Safiul Islam of Kamarhat village of Burimari union under Patgram upazila.

Fire breaks out at Barisal godown

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Barisal*

Fire gutted valuables at an incense godown in the Karikar Biri commercial center area of Barisal city yesterday.

The fire originated from an electric short-circuit around 11:30am and was doused around 12:30pm, said fire service sources.

The damage caused by the fire was estimated at Tk 2 lakh, said the sources.

Kathin Chibar Dan concludes in Rangamati

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Rangamati*

Kathin Chibar Dan Utsab (annual robe offering ceremony), a major religious festival of the Buddhist community, ended in Rangamati hill town yesterday.

Hundreds of devotees offered prayers to Buddha and donated Chibar (robe) to the monks during the function held at Furomoun Sadhanatirthya International Meditation Centre.

Chakma Raja Barrister Devashis Roy, Advocate Dipen Dewan, president of district BNP, and Niru Kumar Chakma, secretary of the Kathin Chibar Dan Udjapan Committee, attended the function.

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3 wildcats, 10 doves seized in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three fishing cats (locally known as Mechho Biral) and eight Eurasian collared doves and two common emerald doves were seized from a dairy farm in Beribandh area in the capital's Mohammadpur yesterday.

Wildlife Management and Nature Conservation Department, and Wildlife Crime Control Unit recovered them from Jakir Dairy Farm, said Ashim Mollick, wildlife inspector of the unit.

On information, Sarwar Alam, executive magistrate of Dhaka metropolitan area, rushed in and fined the farm owner Tk 5,000, he added. Later, the wildcats and doves were released in Bhawal National Park in Gazipur.

6,000 DU students likely to get loan to buy laptops

BSS, *Dhaka*

The government is considering providing loans to 6,000 first-year students of Dhaka University (DU) to buy laptops at a low interest rate to help them acquire ICT knowledge.

During a meeting, Education Secretary Nazrul Islam Khan discussed the matter with DU Vice-Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique and Bangladesh Bank Governor Dr Atiur Rahman at the VC's office on October 27. The education secretary assured of becoming the guarantor against the loan, to be provided under a credit programme of Bangladesh Bank.

This is a very good initiative and Dhaka University is very keen to introduce such loans through which students can get an opportunity to establish a knowledge-based society, said Prof Arefin.

Dr Atiur Rahman has shown interest to introduce refinance schemes in the bank to provide laptop loans at 9 percent interest.

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