

DRY WEATHER LIKELY

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

over the country, Met Office said. **The sun sets in the capital today at 5:19pm and rises tomorrow at 6:06am.** Country's highest temperature 34.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in

Cox's Bazar and lowest 18.2 degrees in Chuadanga. 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	31.5	20.0	51	58	Khulna	32.5	20.5	71	71
Chittagong	30.4	23.5	80	65	Barisal	32.0	19.3	79	88
Rajshahi	31.2	18.5	76	73	Sylhet	32.8	20.5	66	79
Rangpur	30.6	20.0	75	75	Cox's Bazar	34.0	24.4	74	76



One of the stumps serving as a reminder of the dozen old fruit bearing trees and scores of flowering plants which once stood in the capital's Mohakhali DOHS. The felling was to make way for a Tk 1.5 crore development scheme and beautification work centring a water body by Lake Road. The photos were taken recently.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

Probe on BSEC Bhaban fire starts

Police and a probe committee comprising fire service officials yesterday started independent investigations into the fire incident at the building of Bangladesh Steel and Engineering Corporation. The fire, which allegedly originated from the office of Amar Desh, gutted the offices of the daily and two other private firms on Friday. The five-member probe committee, visiting the spot yesterday, spoke with staff and employees who witnessed the fire. "We are working to learn the cause of the fire by talking to as many witnesses as possible," said Mizanur Rahman, deputy director of

Lake beatification damages Mohakhali DOHS greenery

Dozen of old fruit bearing trees, scores of flowering plants felled

A dozen old fruit bearing trees and scores of flowering plants have been recently felled by the authorities of Mohakhali DOHS, a posh residential neighbourhood for armed forces officers in the capital, to make room for a Tk 1.5 crore "beautification" work, said residents. The trees, including coconut, jackfruit, wood apple, olive, Neem, Kadam and Mahogany, had shaded the west end of a water body by Lake Road, they said. The flowering plants include Joba, Mollika, Shiuli, Kamini, Karabi and Radhachura, said one inhabitant who is among the first ones to have taken up residence by Lake Road.

On condition of anonymity, she said the vegetation of local species was planted over the past two decades. The lake development scheme and beautification work comprises a concrete pavement and beds for foreign flowering plants, said the residents. Other components include tiling and widening of walkways, hedging of the lake bank and lighting. "We are shocked seeing the authorities all of a sudden to have started eliminating an existing oasis of greenery in the name of beautification without any consultation with the inhabitants though we had passionately grown it over many years," she said. "The lake improvement and beautification work could have been carried

out without chopping down so many trees," said Maj Afsar, senior vice-president of house owners' association of Defence Officers' Housing Scheme (DOHS). Following a DOHS proposal, the Dhaka cantonment board hired a landscaping firm named Garden Centre to execute the work and the trees were cut down hurriedly, he said. The trees were brought down on the plea that those were planted haphazardly, said Afsar, but it drew strong public reaction in the neighbourhood. The association President Brig Gen (ret) Md Mosharaf Hossain said except for some coconut trees and a Neem tree, no other tree has been felled.

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Six held with Tk 50 lakh in fake notes

Detective Branch of police detained six alleged members of a gang that makes counterfeit currency and seized forged notes worth Tk 50 lakh from them in the capital's Badda and Rampura early yesterday. The arrestees are Babul Shaikh, ring-leader of the gang, Ferdous Ali, Lutfur Rahman, Md Kabir, Faisal Mollah, and Mohiuddin Khan. Ferdous, Lutfor and Kabir were arrested in Badda with 50 fake notes of Tk 1,000 and Tk 100, said Sheikh Nazmul Alam, deputy commissioner of DB (east), at a briefing in the media centre of Dhaka Metropolitan Police. Based on their information, the DB team raided Rampura area and arrested the other three and recovered the rest of the fake notes from a house rented by Babul, he said. During the drives, the DB team also recovered papers, 10 frames, a desktop, three laptops, and three printers, which were used for making the counterfeit notes, he added. The DB official said they arrested seven members of the same gang before Eid-ul-Azha

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SURGERIES, INTENSIVE CARE BSMMU doubles its capacity

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) yesterday launched an Operation Theatre Complex (OTC) and an Intensive Care Unit Complex (ICUC) more than doubling its capacity to serve patients in dire need. The OTC adds 24 new operation theatres to the existing 18, while the ICUC adds 21 beds to the current 16. "The efficiency of surgeons will multiply with the availability of the operation theatres," Pran Gopal Datta, BSMMU's vice chancellor, told The Daily Star by phone. He claimed that no other medical institution of the country had as many operation theatres and those in a single complex. The OTC set up on three floors of the Cabin Block has three recovery rooms where patients will be kept immediately after surgery, he said. Md Zulfiqur Rahman Khan,

professor of hepatobiliary surgery, said, "Having many operation theatres in a row generally makes all operations safer as surgeons of different disciplines remain at hand. "It also makes the most of available medical equipment," he added. Talking to The Daily Star, BSMMU Director (Hospital) Brig Gen (ret) Abdul Majid Bhuiyan said the additional beds for patients needing intensive care featured state-of-the-art facilities for monitoring each patient's status. Meanwhile, though it was a press conference, few journalists could enter the small room where the event took place, as it was packed with the university staff. After the briefing, press releases were distributed among the journalists waiting outside. The Daily Star collected most of the comments through phone conversations.

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