

DRY WEATHER LIKELY

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

unchanged over the country, Met Office said. **The sun sets in the capital today at 5:18pm and rises tomorrow at 6:06am.** Country's highest temperature 33.5 degree

Celsius was recorded yesterday in Cox's Bazar and Sitakunda and lowest 18.0 in Chuadanga. 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	21.5	67	62	Khulna	32.0	20.6	68	69
Chittagong	31.0	23.0	72	74	Barisal	31.5	19.8	79	88
Rajshahi	31.1	19.2	76	82	Sylhet	33.3	20.5	65	75
Rangpur	30.8	19.8	70	73	Cox's Bazar	33.5	24.0	61	74



PM to visit UK, Italy, Nepal from Nov 16

After staying over two weeks at home, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to begin a three-nation tour to the UK, Italy and Nepal from November 16 to attend various international and regional events. In her latest foreign visit, Hasina was in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) from October 25 to 27. In the first leg of her upcoming tour, Hasina will visit the UK and Italy from November 16 to 20, while Kathmandu in Nepal on November 25-27, sources at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said. The premier, who has paid a three-day visit to the UK on July 21-23 this year to attend the first-ever Girl

Bangladesh's first 'marine protected area' declared

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Swatch of No Ground, a submarine canyon in the Bay of Bengal known as a hotspot for cetaceans, has been declared Bangladesh's first "marine protected area". The declaration on the 1,738 square kilometres area, with an average depth of 900 metres and located south of Dublar Char, was made through an environment and forest ministry circular on October 27 under the Wildlife (Conservation and Security) Act, 2012. The announcement officially restricts fishing and other offshore commercial and any form of unauthorised activities in the area, ensuring long term protection of marine life there. In a press release dated November 1, Tapan Kumar Dey, conservator of forests, Wildlife Circle, Bangladesh Forest Department, lists endangered dolphins, whales, porpoises and sharks found in the area. They include Irrawaddy, pink river, bottlenose, spinner and spotted dolphins; finless porpoise; Bryde's, fin, humpback, sperm, dwarf sperm,



Two acrobatic spinner dolphins dart across the Bay of Bengal's Swatch of No Ground, which has been recently declared Bangladesh's first "marine protected area".

PHOTO: COURTESY

Jail Killing Day today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 39th Jail Killing Day commemorating the assassinations of four national leaders will be observed across the country today. On this day in 1975, four Liberation War heroes Syed Nazrul Islam, acting president of Bangladesh government in exile in 1971, Tajuddin Ahmad, prime minister of the same government, M Mansur Ali, finance minister, and AHM Quamaruzzaman, minister for home affairs, relief and rehabilitation -- were killed in captivity by some Army officers. Different political parties, including the ruling Awami League and its associate bodies, and pro-liberation and socio-cultural organisations have chalked out different programmes to observe the day in a befitting manner. The AL will organise a rally at the Suhrawardy Udyan in the afternoon, which will be addressed by

BNP calls blackout a sham

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Echoing party chairperson, BNP joint secretary general Rizvi Ahmed yesterday alleged that Saturday's countrywide blackout was a sham the government used to block live telecast of Khaleda Zia's rally in Natore town. The rally turned into a human sea, and the people have no doubt that the 12-hour power failure was a conspiracy, he told a press briefing at the party's Nayapaltan head office in the capital. Khaleda herself made the allegation in her address in Natore.

MIR QUASEM'S DEATH PENALTY Gonojagoron Mancha seeks quick execution

Bomb hurled at Ctg procession, 1 hurt

Hailing the death sentence given to Jamaat leader Mir Quasem, both factions of Gonojagoron Mancha yesterday called for its quick execution. The faction led by Imran H Sarker and the other by Kamal Pasha brought out separate processions from Shahbagh intersection to the TSC at Dhaka University. In an instant reaction, Imran said justice had been delivered. "We will remain alert until execution of the judgement." The groups also staged separate rallies at the intersection. Kamla Pasha, addressing their rally, said, "The verdict has reflected the aspirations of the pro-liberation forces." **BLAST IN CHITTAGONG** Unidentified miscreants hurled a crude bomb at a procession brought out by Gonojagoron Mancha in the city. One Md Rafiq was injured in the explosion when the procession reached Cinema Palace intersection. He took treatment at a nearby hospital. Police could not trace the

Huji men being trained in Pakistan

DB tells the press after quizzing three operatives

Commissioner Monirul Islam of DB of Dhaka Metropolitan Police in a briefing at DMP media centre. On October 25, a DB team arrested Rafique and three other Huji men and unearthed a laboratory at Fatullah in Narayanganj, which Huji was using to "make powerful bombs", detectives said earlier. The information given by the four led to the arrest of the trio. Of them, Abdullah and Redwan were preparing to travel to Pakistan to receive training, said Monirul. Abdullah gave his passport to Rafique, which detectives seized during his arrest, for getting visa, while Redwan's passport with visa is now in another's hand, he added. DB is trying to arrest that person, he said. Abdullah and Redwan studied at a Qawmi madrasa in Narayanganj and were

Lowering girls' marriageable age Kofi Annan urges PM to stick to 18 years

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In an open letter addressed to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday, Kofi Annan, as chair of The Elders, urged her to maintain the minimum age of marriage for girls at 18 years. He said the independent group of global leaders brought together by Nelson Mandela in 2007 and working for peace and human rights was concerned on learning about the cabinet's recent approval of the draft Child Marriage Restraint Act 2014, in which the minimum age has been lowered to 16 years. "Such a change in legislation would be a step in the wrong direction as it would undermine efforts to reduce poverty and improve the welfare of girls and women across Bangladesh," he said. Bangladesh's impressive progress in improving maternal and child health over the past decade will also be hindered,



Dhaka opens diplomatic mission in Vienna

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka has opened its first-ever resident diplomatic mission in Vienna, the capital of Austria, aiming to further strengthen bilateral relation and promote Bangladesh's good image in the European country. The mission formally opened on Saturday, and Director General (East Asia and Pacific Wing) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Md Abu Zafar has been appointed as ambassador to Austria.



An illuminated graveyard by Patharghata Church in Chittagong city yesterday morning. Christians paying floral tributes and lighting candles on the occasion of All Souls' Day, a day of prayer for the dead, not exclusively one's relatives.

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