

DRY WEATHER LIKELY

WEATHER TODAY
Unb, Dhaka

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 6:07am.
Country's highest temperature 34.2

degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Sitakunda and lowest 18.5 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	62	64	Khulna	32.2	20.0	73	70
Chittagong	30.8	22.1	61	62	Barisal	32.0	20.3	81	89
Rajshahi	32.3	20.1	80	77	Sylhet	33.4	21.2	79	73
Rangpur	31.7	20.4	74	70	Cox's Bazar	34.0	25.0	71	72

Germany pledges €211 million to Bangladesh

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh will get €211 million for bilateral technical and financial cooperation from Germany, the country's embassy in Dhaka said in a statement yesterday.

Of the total, €140 million will be earmarked for making energy supply more efficient by improving and establishing transmission lines and substations, it said.

Germany pledged the funds during a meeting on development cooperation between the two governments, which concluded here yesterday.

Wolfram Klein, head of the South Asia division of the German economic cooperation and development ministry, and Mansur Md Faizullah, additional secretary (Europe wing) of the finance ministry, led the delegations.

The German funds will be available for three priority areas that include renewable energies and energy efficiency, good governance and human

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Illegal sand trading and encroachment on rivers go hand in hand in most cases in the country. The same is happening to the Shitalakkhya, near Sultana Kamal Bridge in the capital's Demra, where the site of sand trading has been expanding over the years. The musclemen behind such acts are well known--local politicians or powerful businessmen. But their might seemingly outweighs the supremacy of law. The photo was taken on Friday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

ACC strengthens investigation against Moosa Bin Shamsher

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday changed the investigation officer probing the allegations against controversial businessman Moosa Bin Shamsher of amassing wealth illegally, and siphoning off a huge amount of money abroad.

The commission launched its inquiry in 2010 following news reports that Musa allegedly siphoned off over Tk 51,000 crore abroad.

ACC Deputy Director Mir Mohammad Joynul Abedin Shibly has been made the new inquiry officer. He was handed over the reins of the investigation from Deputy Director Sheikh Fyaz Alam.

Joynul Abedin has become the third officer to investigate the allegations. The first inquiry officer, Deputy Director Akhter Hamid Bhuyan, left the investigation due to health reasons.

Talking to The Daily Star, Fyaz said he wrote a letter to Bangladesh Bank (BB) in early 2013, requesting it for

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Father shot dead on Jabbar's orders

17th prosecution witness tells war crimes tribunal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A victim yesterday testified that on instructions of war crimes accused fugitive Abdul Jabbar razakars, an auxiliary force of the Pakistani occupation army, shot dead his father at Noli village of Pirojpur on May 22, 1971.

The 17th prosecution witness, Birendra Nath Biswas, 66, also said former Jatiya Party lawmaker Jabbar shot dead his maternal cousin Sokhanath Khorati on that day.

He testified before the three-member International Crimes Tribunal-1.

Birendra, who took warfare training, said they had formed a Sangram Committee to protect the people of their village. Majority of the population of Noli village practiced

Hinduism.
Local razakars on the direction of Jabbar attempted to attack the village five to seven times but failed, the witness said.

On May 22, 1971 at about 9:00am Jabbar along with local razakars equipped with different weapons attacked the village. "We tried to defend them. On Jabbar's orders razakars opened fire at us indiscriminately," he said. "Many youths fled to save their lives."

Soon after the Liberation War began, Jabbar became chairman of Mathbaria Thana Peace Committee and formed Razakar force. He ordered his fellows to destroy supporters of the Liberation War and make Hindus convert to Islam, he said.

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BURDWAN BLAST PROBE NIA team due next week

STAR REPORT

A team of India's National Investigation Agency (NIA), which is probing the Burdwan blast, will visit Bangladesh next week for studying previous terror cases related to Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB), our New Delhi correspondent reports.

A senior NIA official of the rank of inspector general of police will lead the team to Dhaka tentatively on November 9-10.

With all the main accused of the Burdwan blast having managed to give a slip to the West Bengal police and NIA, the probe agency now wants to visit the neighbouring country to gather more information about the group, officials in Delhi said yesterday.

A request of the NIA is being processed to visit Bangladesh to share inputs about JMB, gathered during the probe and interrogation of a couple of people arrested by Bangladesh police in September.

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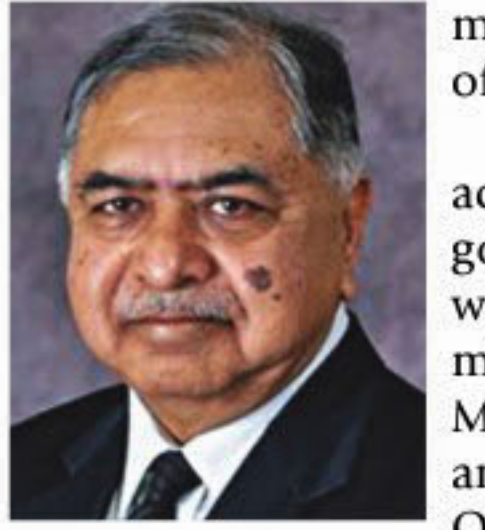
FORCED DISAPPEARANCES, EXTRAJUDICIAL KILLINGS People want govt to explain: Dr Kamal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will have to be held accountable to the people for the killings, forced disappearances and extrajudicial killings that are going on across the country, said eminent jurist Dr Kamal Hossain yesterday.

"We want answers as to why we see news of killings, disappearances and extrajudicial killings in newspapers. It is not my personal query, rather it is the demand of the whole nation," said Kamal, president of Gonoforum.

He was speaking at a discussion organised by Gonoforum at Jatiya Press Club in the capital marking the 39th Jail Killing Day



mourning over the assassination of four national leaders.

Syed Nazrul Islam was the acting president of Bangladesh government in exile in 1971; while Tajuddin Ahmad was prime minister of the same government; M Mansur Ali finance, industry and commerce minister and AHM Quamaruzzaman minister for

home affairs, relief and rehabilitation, civil supplies, agriculture.

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Yet another victory for Gonojagoron Mancha after the Supreme Court yesterday upheld the death sentence on Jamaat-e-Islami leader Muhammad Kamaruzzaman, an Al Badr commander condemned by the International Crimes Tribunal-2 on May 9 last year. The anti-war crimes campaigners celebrate the moment at the capital's Shahbagh, the birthplace of the Mancha.

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LEATHER, PHARMA SECTORS EU can invest

President tells new EU envoy

UNB, Dhaka

President Abdul Hamid yesterday said there is scope for the European Union to invest in Bangladesh's leather and pharmaceutical sectors.

The president said this when newly appointed EU Ambassador to Bangladesh Pierre Mayaudon presented his credentials to the president at Bangabhaban.

The president expressed his hope that bilateral relations between the EU and Bangladesh would strengthen under the leadership of the new envoy.

KAMARUZZAMAN'S DEATH PENALTY Quick execution sought

DU CORRESPONDENT

Both factions of Gonojagoron Mancha yesterday called for quick execution of war criminal and Jamaat leader Muhammad Kamaruzzaman's death penalty upheld by the Supreme Court.

After the news of the verdict had reached Shahbagh, the activists loyal to Imran H Sarker and the other group led by Kamal Pasha brought out separate processions at the intersection.

With a blissful joy, the activists of the factions like the previous times hugged each other, distributed

sweets and staged separate rallies.
Imran said, "When the verdict is executed, justice will be served to those who embraced martyrdom during the Liberation War in the hands of the anti-liberation forces."

Welcoming the verdict, Kamal echoed him.

Earlier, the International Crimes Tribunal-2 gave death penalty to Kamaruzzaman in two charges--for killing 164 civilians and raping several women at Sohagpur and killing Golam Mostafa at Gridda Narayanpur village in Sherpur during the 1971 Liberation War.

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