

**LIGHT RAIN LIKELY**

Light rain or thundershowers is likely to occur at one or two places over Barisal and Chittagong divisions till 6:00pm today.

Weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country, Met Office said.

Night temperature may rise slightly and day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

**The sun sets in the capital today at 5:17pm and rises tomorrow at 6:08am.**  
Country's highest temperature 33.7

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      | 31.8                   | 21.9 | 60                     | 64      | Khulna      | 32.5                   | 21.4 | 78                     | 75      |
| Chittagong | 33.5                   | 23.5 | 72                     | 70      | Barisal     | 31.6                   | 20.0 | 70                     | 89      |
| Rajshahi   | 31.9                   | 19.7 | 75                     | 87      | Sylhet      | 33.3                   | 20.9 | 64                     | 73      |
| Rangpur    | 30.5                   | 20.8 | 73                     | 75      | Cox's Bazar | 33.5                   | 25.0 | 76                     | 76      |

**NEWS** IN *brief*

**Interpol's training for police sought**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh is interested in working together with the police of different countries to prevent all sort of crimes including transnational and cyber ones, State Minister for Home Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal told the Interpol's 83rd annual general meeting in Monaco of France on Tuesday.

Addressing a ministerial meeting, Kamal, who is leading a police delegation, also sought help from the Interpol to train up Bangladeshi police with modern techniques.

Over 1,000 officials from different Interpol member countries are attending the five-day annual programme that will conclude tomorrow.

**1 jailed for selling drugs for doping**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mobile court of Rapid Action Battalion gave a member of a gang that dopes people one year's jail after Rab had arrested him red handed while he was selling banned drug "Ativan 2mg" at the capital's Meradia Modhyapara yesterday.

Executive Magistrate AHM Anwar Pasha convicted Md Rohan Ahmed Shamim, 26, of Ruposhipara in Jamalpur.

Rohan confessed to involving in the business of the Indian drug which can make people unconscious, says a press release.

**Youth's beheaded body recovered**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Police recovered the beheaded body of an unidentified youth from Ghoshbag area beside Dhaka-Tangail highway in Ashulia, on the outskirts of the capital yesterday.

The youth, aged around 25 and wearing black t-shirt and jeans, might have been killed elsewhere at night and dumped here, said police. However, police could not find his severed head.

The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for an autopsy.

**Three injured in crude bomb attacks**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three persons were injured in crude bomb attacks by miscreants following a feud over a sale of a house in the capital's Jurain yesterday.

Sumon Sardar, 42, Emon, 18, and Rifat, 13, are undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Police said some eight persons, led by one Shukkur, exploded some crude bombs before Sumon's house on Commissioner's Road where the three were having a chat. An argument occurred a few days ago over the price of the house that Shukkur wanted to buy from Ataur, whom Sumon works for, said police.

**Road accidents kill two**

CITY DESK

Somon, 28, of Netrokona Sadar upazila, died when an oil-tanker ran him over while he was crossing Dhaka-Mymensingh highway in Masterbari area of Sreepur upazila on Tuesday, reports our Gazipur correspondent.

Our Kurigram correspondent adds, Khairul Islam, 50, of Nazirertari village, died when a three-wheeler hit his motorcycle in Ulipur upazila yesterday.

**Strip war criminals of right to presidential clemency**

Nirmul Committee urges govt  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Expressing concern that convicted war criminals might be pardoned following a change in political regime, Ekatturer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee yesterday urged the government to ensure that such persons are stripped of the right to seek presidential clemency.

"We are not asking to curtail the president's power of clemency," said Tureen Afroz, the committee's law affairs secretary, suggesting making amendments to articles 47 (3) and 47 A of the constitution which limit the fundamental rights of war criminals.

The International War Crimes Tribunal prosecutor was addressing a discussion organised by the committee advocating for war crimes

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**Prof Saeed Alamgir Jafar passes away**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Saeed Alamgir Jafar, a former professor at the Institute of Business Administration (IBA), Dhaka University, passed away yesterday morning. He was 67.

After his retirement, he joined a private university as head of its business studies.

He was the only child of the late poet Sikandar Abu Jafar and women's rights activist late Nargis Jafar. He left behind a son and a

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**Injured Rana Plaza workers still cry for proper treatment**

RASHAD AHAMAD, Savar

Many of the injured Rana Plaza victims who were in immediate need of proper treatment but could not afford that are seeing their health conditions deteriorate day by day--some even perished in the meantime--while compensation eludes them even after 18 months of the disaster.

Since the nine-storey building collapsed on April 24 last year, the

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victims have staged demonstrations on a myriad of occasions demanding compensation, but to no avail.

On Saturday, one of the critically injured workers, Zaheda Begum, 25, who had been pressed in the hunks of concrete, breathed her last after vomiting blood four days in a row. Doctors had advised a surgery but it had been virtually ambitious for her poor family.

This correspondent has recently visited 20 of the injured, in Savar, whose health condition is getting worse by the day wanting healthcare.

Feli Begum, 34, is one of the worst cases. Her suffering has been so grave and the pain so excruciating that she wishes to die.

"I cannot sleep for pain in my hands and legs. Sometimes I cry out at mid-night. Death would bring me peace," she said. "Please pray for my death, I cannot bear with this."

Feli had suffered injuries to the spinal cord, and left hand and leg. Recently she was diagnosed with internal infections in the limbs.

After the collapse, she took treatment in different hospitals. Lately she had been admitted to Gonoshasthaya Kendra Hospital in Savar for one and a half months.

Doctors asked her to get admitted to Dhaka Gonoshasthaya Nagar Hospital for a long-term and better treatment. But her husband Hasu



PHOTO: RASHAD AHAMAD

**Feli Begum, standing left, and Nilufa Begum, in the wheelchair, two survivors of the Rana Plaza collapse last year, who are in dire need of proper treatment. They are yet to receive any compensation, which will enable them to avail medical care and thus save their lives. The photo was taken in front of their houses at Rajashon, Savar on Sunday.**

Mia, a rickshaw-puller, who often has to avoid work to move her wife, took her back home instead, late last month. He had no choice.

"If I go to hospital with my wife, my family remains hungry. I have to work to earn the bread," he said, adding that he was already broke paying for medicines when Feli was admitted to Gonoshasthaya Kendra.

The financial plight has taken a toll on their only daughter Bithi, 11, too. She has dropped out of school.

Feli is one of the 221 grievously injured victims who were identified by a committee formed on the

directive of the High Court, a few days after the collapse. These wounded workers either lost one or more limbs, had their spinal cord bruised or require long-term treatment.

The list also includes Nilufa Begum, Runi Akter, Parvin, Maleka, Nasima, Rina and others who are nearly maimed.

Talking to The Daily Star, some victims at Mazidpur, Rajashon and Anandapur said they were given free treatment in many hospitals and clinics but they had to buy medicines. For some days, individuals and organisations had helped

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**BURDWAN BLAST**  
**Dhaka to share all info about JMB with Delhi**  
*Says Gowher Rizvi*

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's International Affairs Adviser Gowher Rizvi yesterday assured India that Dhaka will share with New Delhi all the information relating to Jamaat-ul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB), which is suspected to be behind Burdwan blast.

"Given the fact that Bangladesh and India share 2,400 miles of common boundary and much of these boundary is very porous, it is not uncommon for criminals, terrorists and smugglers to cross the borders to flee from one country to another to take advantage, to destabilise.

"But in the last five to six years, our government has taken a very tough position on cross-border terrorism," said Rizvi who is in New Delhi to attend a seminar on South Asian economic cooperation.

His remarks came ahead of a proposed visit by a team of India's National Investigation Agency (NIA) team investigating the Burdwan blast, to Dhaka on November 9-10 in connection with the explosion which left two persons dead on October 2.

Meanwhile, a court in Burdwan placed Abdul Hakim, an accused of the blast, on NIA remand for 10 days after he had been produced before the court following his release from a hospital where he was undergoing treatment for injuries suffered during the explosion.

The order came following a plea by the agency for 15 days for interrogation.

The other three arrested--Hasem Mollah, Rajia Bibi and Alima Bibi--were remanded to judicial custody till November 20 on a plea by NIA.

In another development, the judicial custody of the six persons arrested from Assam's Bapeta district for alleged involvement in the Burdwan blast was yesterday extended by 14 more days.



PHOTO: STAR

**A car is in flames after activists of Jamaat-backed Islami Chhatra Shibir set it on fire at Sylhet city's Subidbazar area during hartal enforced by Jamaat-e-Islami yesterday.**

**Country needs alternative political force**

*Say politicians*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Some veteran politicians yesterday reiterated the need for an alternative political force, aside from the Awami League and the BNP, with an aim to protect peoples' rights and establish a healthy democratic culture in Bangladesh.

They observed that both the AL and the BNP failed to ensure people's welfare. Instead, the parties made the country suffer injustice, killings, and discrimination. So, the politicians viewed that an alternative political force comprising democratic and pro-liberation quarters was a necessity for the welfare of the country and its people.

They were addressing a discussion organised by Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD-Rob) marking the party's 42th founding anniversary at Jatiya Press Club in the capital.

Addressing as the chief guest, Gonoforum President Dr Kamal Hossain said the common people joined the Liberation War under a national consensus for freeing the country.

Similarly, everyone would come together and join the movement to establish a Bangladesh free of repression, discrimination and injustice, said the eminent jurist.

He viewed that the media should play a pioneering role in conveying the message.

JSD President ASM Abdur Rob strongly criticised the government for the "one-sided" January 5 poll saying the AL took away the people's right to franchise.

"It will be disastrous if a qualitative change cannot be brought in the state's ruling system. We want to form an alternative political force under the leadership of

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