

RAIN LIKELY

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

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

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

The sun sets in the capital today at 5:15pm and rises tomorrow at 6:10am. Country's highest temperature 34.4

degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Srimangal and lowest 18.2 degrees in Dinajpur.

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	33.2	24.4	57	65	Khulna	34.0	23.2	73	75
Chittagong	32.1	26.0	78	76	Barisal	31.1	24.4	76	86
Rajshahi	33.6	19.5	79	75	Sylhet	34.2	22.5	64	70
Rangpur	31.5	19.5	65	72	Cox's Bazar	30.8	25.8	91	80

HOTEL AC BLAST Murder case filed against owner, staff

Gulshan police has filed a murder case against the owner and three staff of Six Seasons Hotel over the Friday's air condition blast at the hotel, killing one and injuring two others. "The case was filed Friday night against four officials including its owner Kazi Ashfaq Shams on the charge of causing death with act of negligence," Rafiqul Islam, officer-in-charge of Gulshan Police Station, told The Daily Star.

In course of investigation, the accused will also be charged with flouting any other laws in the process of erecting such a high-rise commercial building in a core residential neighbourhood, he said. Mechanic Anwar Hossain, 25, died instantly and his assistants Rana and Kartik suffered 50 percent burns as a chiller of the central air conditioner exploded while they were working with it on the 16th floor of the hotel on Gulshan Road-96 around 3:15pm Friday. Police arrested two engineers and the hotel's reservation in-charge Al-Amin on that day. Rajuk Chairman GM Zainul Abedin Bhuiyan said that they needed until today to find out how the commercial hotel was approved in the residential area.



Cars parked on the footpath of Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue in the capital yesterday by customers of Hotel Super Star, near the Saarc Fountain, forcing pedestrians dangerously onto the street and right in the path of oncoming traffic.

PHOTO: STAR

SAFE FOOD ACT 2013 Make the law effective or face hunger strike Threatens Poba

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Poribesh Bachao Andolon (Poba) yesterday threatened to start a mass hunger strike from January 1, 2015 if the government does not start the enforcement of the Safe Food Act 2013 by December 31 this year.

Abu Naser, chairman of Poba, an environmental rights body, made the announcement at a discussion on what should be done to implement the approved measures to ensure contamination-free food, held at the Judicial Administration Training Institute in the capital.

The government is yet to implement the law passed in October 2013, which stipulates formation of a National Pure Food Authority that would work in coordination with different ministries concerned to address all issues and complaints relating to food adulteration and hygiene.

The High Court in July directed the government to put the law into effect within two months.

Reading out the concept paper, Md Abdus Sobhan, Poba's executive general secretary, also urged the government

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President urges increased access to Chinese market Holds talks with Xi Jinping in Beijing

UNB, Beijing

President Abdul Hamid yesterday sought further concession for the access of Bangladeshi products to China and greater Chinese investment in Bangladesh, aiming to address the trade imbalance between the two countries.

The president made the call in a meeting with his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping, held at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing.

"We're happy to see some of the remedial and preferential measures are being taken by the Chinese government to address the existing trade imbalance. We look forward to further concession for the access of Bangladesh products, including more jute and jute products, to the Chinese market as discussed during our prime minister's meeting with you this June," he said.

During the 30-minute discussion, the two presidents emphasised further strengthening the economic and other cooperation between the two countries for mutual benefits, Ehsanul Karim, the president's press secretary, told the news agency.

Describing China as a leading country in the field of oceanography and construction and managing parts, the president said, "We look forward to enhanced collaboration of China with Bangladesh in the sectors."

Hamid said Bangladesh would also appreciate Chinese cooperation in the fields of training on UN peacekeeping and peace-building operation, enhancing defence production capability of Bangladesh Armed Forces, Chinese support in strengthening Bangladesh's capacity to address the challenges related to climate change and

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Prof Alamgir's qulkhwani today

Qulkhwani of Saeed Alamgir Jafar, a former professor at the Institute of Business Administration (IBA), Dhaka University, will be held after Maghrib prayers today in his Labonee Apartments 2, House 24, Road 9/A, residence in the capital's Dhanmondi.

All are requested to attend the programme and to pray for the departed soul.

Prof Alamgir died of a cardiac arrest on November 5 at Ibrahim Cardiac Hospital.

Police informer murdered in his house

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Unidentified assailants killed an informant of the Rapid Action Battalion and police inside his house in the capital's Jatrabari yesterday.

The body of Aslam Shikder, 62, was sent to Sir Salimullah Medical College morgue for autopsy. A bullet wound was seen on his head and stabs on the chest, said police.

The victim's daughter told police, "Around 4:00pm, I saw two men leave the house. We found father lying bloodied in the bed in the evening."

She was in the next room with her mother at that time. She suspected that the two men were known to his father and killed him quietly before leaving.

Sub-inspector Jasimuddin of Jatrabari Police Station told The Daily Star that the old man might have earned the wrath of some gang for supplying their information to law enforcers.



Clouds of dust rise up at Jaina bazar in Gazipur's Sreepur upazila yesterday reducing visibility and making it difficult to breathe. The menace is generated when vehicles run over the under-construction 87-kilometre four-lane Dhaka-Mymensingh highway. Traders had blocked the highway for around an hour yesterday demanding that Project Builders Limited, the firm constructing the section of the highway at the bazar, spray water to ease their sufferings.

PHOTO: STAR

SAMAJIK SHIKKHAKENDRA PRIMARY SCHOOL Students still out in the open

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Although their school was demolished three months ago, the students of Samajik Shikkhakendra Government Primary School still dream of continuing their studies.

The students who have been taking lessons outdoors since the demolition in early August now urge the authorities to restore their school before the annual examinations begin in early next month.

The school on the capital's Bailey Road was demolished by Bangladesh Girl Guides Association (BGGGA) as it had a land dispute with the school authorities.

Teachers, students and members of the school management committee under the banner Samajik Shikkhakendra Government Primary School Rokkha Committee held a press conference on the school premises yesterday, demanding restoration of the school.

"I don't want to sit for the exams in the open. I want my school to have a building like other schools," said Noor Jahan, who studies in class III.

The teachers said nearly half of the school's 43 students had stopped coming to the school now.

Attending the event, eminent educationist and Executive Director of Campaign for Popular Education Rasheda K Chowdhury expressed solidarity with the students.

"The primary and mass education ministry as well as the judiciary of the country should always uphold the children's rights to education above everything else," she said.

In 2002, the government ordered the merger of the school with Nidhu Smriti Primary School in Bijoyagar of the capital but revoked the order in 2008. However, the High Court this February upheld the ministry's earlier order after Bangladesh Girl

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NEWS IN brief

Two women found dead in Savar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Police recovered the bodies of two women from Savar, on the outskirts of the capital yesterday.

In Hemayetpur, the decomposed body of an unidentified woman, aged around 20, was recovered from the field behind the tannery state in Horindhara area. The body, wearing red three-piece, bore no injury marks, said police.

In Ashulia, the hanging body of Lavli Begum, 30, was recovered from her house in Mollabari area. After the incident her husband remains missing.

Three arrested for Nazrul's killing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion on Friday arrested three persons in connection with the murder of Paltan Money Exchange owner Nazrul Islam.

Of the arrestees, Rakibul Islam, 32, was arrested from Mahakhali area, Aminul Islam Sohag, 20, from Farmgate area, and Helal Uddin, 36, from Gafargaon of Mymensingh.

On October 13, Helal and Rafiqul Islam, brother of Rakibul, strangled Nazrul, 45, to death at hotel Amari Dhaka in Gulshan-2 and took away foreign currencies equivalent to Tk 52 lakh that Nazrul brought to sell to the duo, said Rab officials at a press briefing yesterday.

After the incident Rafiqul with his family fled to Malaysian.

Man dies from electrocution in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A man died after being electrocuted while switching on a motor for extracting water at a shrine in Sitakunda upazila of Chittagong yesterday.

The deceased Babul Chowdhury, 42, of Panchlaish area in the city, was the caretaker of the shrine, police said quoting family members.

Locals rushed him to Chittagong Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him dead around 1:30am.

Faujians' reunion from Dec 25-27

CITY DESK

Reunion of Faujdarhat Cadet College will be held for three days from December 25, said a press release.

Alumni of the oldest cadet college are requested to register through the website www.faujdarhatcadetcollege.org.

For more information, they can contact +0312780132 or faujdarhatcadetcollege@gmail.com.

Shahidullah elected FAOPS president

CITY DESK

Prof Mohammad Shahidullah, Pro vice-chancellor (administration) of Bangladesh Sheikh Mujib Medical University, has been elected president of Federation of the Asia and Oceania Perinatal Society (FAOPS) yesterday.

He took the position of David A Ellwood during the 18th congress of FAOPS organised by Bangladesh Perinatal Society at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre. He is also Secretary General of Bangladesh Perinatal Society.

Quotas in education, jobs for Dalits sought

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shahriar Alam yesterday called upon communities of Dalits, which includes Harijans, to learn about their rights, the same ones equally ensured to every citizen by the constitution.

Addressing as chief guest a seminar, "Inclusion of Dalit-Harijan people in the development activities", he also urged them to make proper use of the government benefits and facilities and ensure education for their children.

This year, Tk 9.23 crore will be spent for the development of 14,676 people of the Dalit and Bede communities in 21 districts, which is an increase of over Tk 1.25 crore than the previous year, said Shahriar adding that next year more districts would be included. He urged them not to think that they have been left out of society.

Bangladesh Harijan Oikya Parishad organised the seminar in the capital's Jatiya Press Club with its President Krishna Lal in the chair.

Secretary General Nirmal Chandra Das presented a keynote comprising an 11-point recommendation for the government.

These include immediate enactment of an anti-discrimination law, quotas in educational institutions and government jobs, inclusion in different relevant government projects and allocation under social security programmes.

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