

DRY WEATHER LIKELY

Weather is likely to remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm today. Night and day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said.

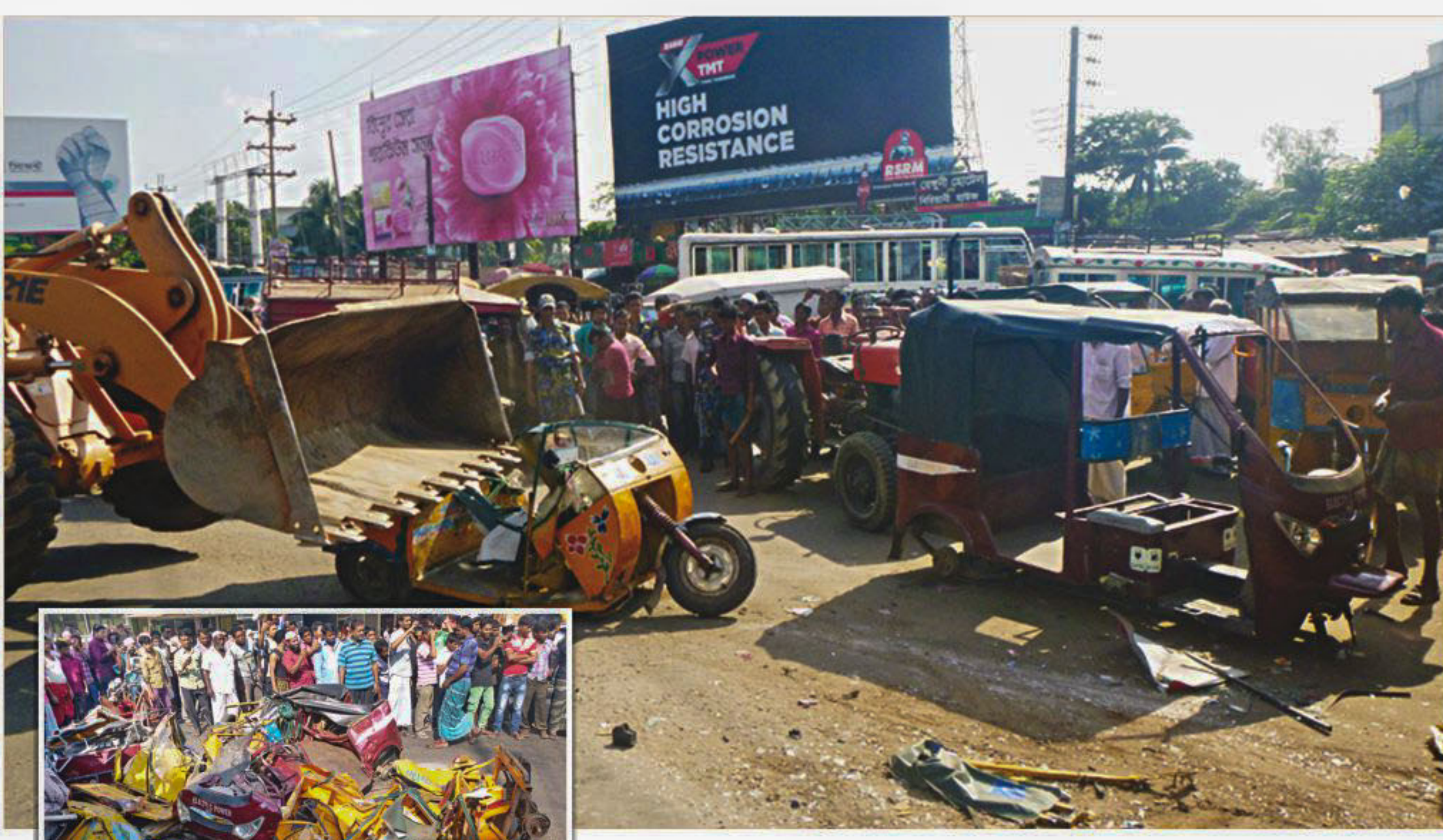
The sun sets in the capital today at 5:14pm and rises tomorrow at 6:11am. Country's highest temperature 33.6 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in

Sylhet and lowest 17.4 degrees in Ishwardi. 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	32.2	23.0	55	48	Khulna	33.0	23.4	56	66
Chittagong	32.0	25.5	76	78	Barisal	32.3	23.8	74	87
Rajshahi	31.9	17.5	73	77	Sylhet	33.6	22.3	67	67
Rangpur	31.4	19.0	72	72	Cox's Bazar	33.0	25.0	77	83

Vendors evicted to free Gulshan footpaths

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Gulshan Society backed by local police and city corporation officials evicted some 50 makeshift roadside vendors from different roads around the south park in a bid to free footpaths and prevent "public nuisance". They also dismantled some unauthorised nurseries and makeshift sheds along the Gulshan Lake, said Gulshan Society General Secretary Delwar Hosain Dulal. Gulshan Society President ATM Shamsul Huda claimed that their other objectives were to prevent peddling of illicit drugs which he said was ongoing under cover of such makeshift shops and to ensure a peaceful environment for the residents. "Of late, the nuisance of



A mobile court in Feni town bulldozing an improvised three-wheeler, known as easy bike, as part of the countrywide clampdown on unfit vehicles and unlicensed drivers launched yesterday. Inset, the mangled remains of some of the 50 unfit vehicles. PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

ASHULIA TEA VENDOR'S DEATH HC asks to record murder case against 3 cops

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The High Court yesterday ordered Ashulia police to record a murder case against its three police personnel in connection with the death of Md Ripon Miah, a tea vendor at Ashulia of Savar, in police custody in May. Earlier, Sathi Akter alleged that his husband Ripon, 26, was killed in police torture for ransom, although police claimed that it was in a road accident, according to a report published in The Daily Star on May 23. She also alleged that police forced Ripon into their pickup van around 10:30pm on May 21 when the couple was crossing a road in Nabinagar. The cops demanded Tk 1,000 from Sathi and she was trying to arrange the money. After being informed by a relative, Kabir, that Ripon had been admitted to Gonoshasthaya Kendra hospital, Sathi rushed to the hospital to find her husband dead. Yesterday, the HC asked the officer-in-charge

Noor Hossain Day observed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The nation yesterday observed the historic Shaheed Noor Hossain Day with due honour, dignity and solemnity, commemorating the supreme sacrifice of the pro-democracy activist. Noor Hossain was shot dead by police at Zero Point in the capital on November 10, 1987, in a procession against the autocratic regime of HM Ershad. Noor Hossain was bearing a slogan "Swarachar Nipat Jak, Gonotantra Mukti Pak" (down with autocracy, let democracy be freed) inscribed in white on his chest and back when a bullet pierced through his body. Later, Zero Point in the capital's Gulistan was renamed as Noor Hossain Chatter (square) in his honour. The cabinet with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina

BNP expels two leaders steering dissent in JCD

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The rift in Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal intensified further as BNP expelled two of the party's dissident leaders known to be pulling the strings of a JCD faction, which is vehemently opposing the recently formed central committee of the student body. Anisur Rahman Talukder Khokan and Abu Sayeed, organising secretary and vice-president of BNP, were expelled for "breaching party discipline", said a BNP release. They lost positions from all levels of BNP, including primary membership, and the party asked all its leaders and front bodies to refrain from maintaining any organisational relation or link with the two, the release added. In addition, BNP asked JCD ex-vice presidents Javed Hasan Swadhin, Tarun De, former joint secretaries Tarikul Islam Titu, Ferdous Ahmed Munna, and ex-assistant general secretary Rakibul Islam Royal to explain today their "activities against party discipline". Royal last night told The Daily Star that the action against the five of them would fuel the tension in JCD, and that they would protest the decision today, gathering before the BNP headquarters. The action against the five dissident JCD leaders came about 20 days after their seven-day demonstration against the new JCD central committee formed on October 14, with Rajib Ahsan and Akramul Hasan as president and general secretary. The dissident and "deprived" JCD men started protests in front of the Nayapaltan office on October 15, calling the new body an "incompetent and pocket committee" and demanding its dissolution. After five days of demonstrations and violent clashes between the dissidents and new committee members, BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhruul Islam Alamgir sat with the warring factions on October 19, and had their protest adjourned following a "fruitful meeting." Later, an annoyed Khaleda assigned BNP Dhaka city convener Mirza Abbas to resolve the JCD crisis but he failed to hammer out a solution despite several meetings with the two groups. On November 7, the rebel JCD men allegedly attacked the vehicle of BNP leaders Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anee and Sultan Salauddin Tuku when they accompanied Khaleda to party founder Ziaur Rahman's grave in the capital, marking "National Revolution and Solidarity Day".

Few ACC cases are influenced DG Salahuddin tells discussion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Contrary to the popular perception by many outsiders, an insignificant proportion of cases taken by Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) are influenced, Director General of ACC Brig Gen (ret'd) MH Salahuddin said yesterday. "I do not deny that. But at best 2-3 percent of the cases may be influenced," he told a meeting at the office of Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG), which was organised to strengthen cooperation among ACC, CAG, and Information Commission. Salahuddin said many people in and outside of the government commented on many institutions based on perception and without proper understanding. He also said media tried to help ACC, but they sometimes also created problems with incomplete reporting. The official stressed partnership between ACC, Bangladesh Bank, the National Board of Revenue to investigate cases related to money laundering and terror financing. It is tough to work on these without their cooperation, he said. ACC Chairman Mohammad Badiuzzaman said there was reluctance in sharing information. "We have a lot of conservatism," he said. "We have to change our mindset. We all want good governance. But mutual cooperation is necessary to ensure that." Both Badiuzzaman and Chief Information Commissioner Mohammed Farooq stressed the need for strong political commitment to establish transparency, accountability and good governance.

27 journalists get DRU-GP award

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Twenty-seven reporters, including Porimol Palma of The Daily Star, have received the DRU-Grameenphone Reporting-2014 Award for their reports on 27 different issues this year. Porimol won the award for his report on the importance of producing safe food through integrated pest management. Julfikar Ali Manik of the daily Dhaka Tribune won for reporting on a corrupt nexus among politicians,



Winners of the DRU-Grameenphone Reporting-2014 Award and guests at the award giving programme held at Sonargaon Hotel in the capital yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

Protesters face DU

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gathering at the Shaheed Minar from around 2:20pm, calling for "saving" the university from the "farce" of the people who were assaulted. Demanding justice, they said the people who were assaulted had lied, hid information, carried out unauthorised activities, while the media sided with them and published biased news. One of them Nakib, who refused to disclose his full identity, said, "We did not take permission to rally here. We are students of this university. We do not need permission." Two assistant proctors present at the scene prevented confrontation, and the group expressing solidarity with the victims of November 5 moved away from the stairs. For about one and half hours the proctor and assistant proctors tried to quell the students. The students also made several attempts to attack the civilian group, but were pushed back by the university authority and police. Brotee's executive Sharmin Murshed, jurist Dr Kamal Hossain, dancer Lubna Mariam, Prof CR Abrar, journalist Zafar Sobhan, among others joined the rally. Brotee concluded its programme at 5:00pm. Though the students denied their involvement with any political group, allegations were rife that BCL leaders backed the rally. Mehedi Hasan Mollah, president of DU unit BCL, said BCL activists were not present at the venue.

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