

### DRY WEATHER LIKELY



**WEATHER TODAY**  
Dhaka

Weather may remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm today.  
Night temperature may fall slightly and day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Offices said.  
**The sun sets in the capital today at 5:13pm and rises tomorrow at 6:13am.**  
Country's highest temperature 32.5

	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage			Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening		Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	32.0	20.2	64	53	Khulna	32.0	20.4	76	59
Chittagong	32.5	21.8	70	61	Barisal	31.8	20.2	86	87
Rajshahi	31.0	16.4	76	64	Sylhet	31.8	20.0	72	74
Rangpur	30.5	19.0	76	78	Cox's Bazar	30.0	23.0	70	72

## Qulkhwani of Mainul today

**CITY DESK**  
Qulkhwani of Syed Mainul Hossain, architect of the National Memorial in Dhaka's Savar, will be held at 8-9, Shantinagar, Eastern Point at 5:15pm today, says a press release.  
Mainul breathed his last at the National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases on Monday at the age of 63.

## Obituary

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
Jahanara Begum, mother of Geetara Safiya Choudhury, former adviser to a caretaker government and chairman of Adcomm Ltd, died of old age complications in the capital's Birdem hospital yesterday, aged 92.  
She left behind her three sons and two daughters, said a press release.  
Her namaz-e-janaza will be held at Mirpur's Shah Ali Mazar mosque after Juma prayers today.

## Death anniversary

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
Toady is the 26th death anniversary of Father Charles J Young, founder of the Cooperative Credit Union League of Bangladesh Ltd (CCULB). He died in a road accident.  
**Rejaul Karim Manik**  
**CITY DESK**

Today is the 43rd death anniversary of martyred freedom fighter Bir Pratik Rejaul Karim Manik. He was the commander of Dhaka (east) guerilla-unit and was killed in Manikganj. A fatha will be offered and wreaths will be placed on his grave in Azimpur new graveyard. Milad mahfils will be held at his three sisters' residences.

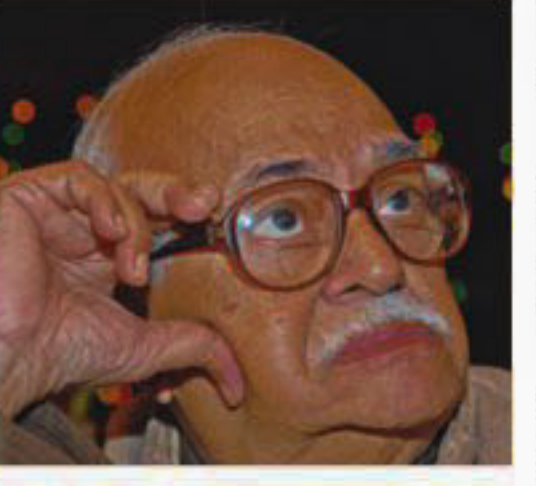
## Doa Mahfil

**CITY DESK**  
The doa mahfil for Rezia Halim Chowdhury, former teacher of Udayan Biddalaya, will be held after Asr prayers today. She was 82 and died on Wednesday.

# Homage paid to Prof Zillur

## He was laid to rest at Banani graveyard

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
People of all walks of life paid their last tributes to Prof Zillur Rahman Siddiqui, a leading educationist, at Central Shaheed Minar in the capital yesterday.  
Queuing up before the coffin, they placed wreaths one after another and stood in silence for sometime to pray for his departed soul when his body was lying in state there for over one hour.  
Prof Zillur, an adviser to the first caretaker government, breathed his last Tuesday night. He was buried at Banani graveyard after the third namaz-e-janaza at Gulshan Azad Mosque after Asr prayers. His second janaza



was held on Dhaka University Central Mosque premises.  
Before that, the coffin was taken to Jahagirnagar University, where he was elected vice chancellor twice.  
Speaking at Central Shaheed Minar, Professor Emeritus of DU Serajul Islam Choudhury said Zillur was meticulous in his writings.  
He promoted free thinking, said Anisuzzaman, another professor emeritus of the university.  
Calling Zillur one of the country's best educationists, jurist Dr Kamal Hossain said he left an example to follow as a teacher and a vice chancellor.

## DU 1969 batch meeting tomorrow

**CITY DESK**  
Shatirtha Unosattor, an organisation of former students of the 1969 batch at Dhaka University, will hold its general meeting tomorrow, says a press release yesterday.  
The meeting will be held at 3:00pm at the university's Dr Mozaffar Ahmed Chowdhury auditorium of the social science faculty.  
Former students of all departments have been requested to attend the meeting.

# 175 water bodies out of 230 dried up

## Says report of Chatham House

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
Some 175 out of 230 large water bodies in the country have dried up or have been illegally occupied creating serious water security issues, according to a report by Chatham House, a London-based international affairs institute, yesterday.  
It also said five major rivers of the country -- the Shitalakkhya, Dakatia, Karnaphuli, Betna and Surma -- have been completely encroached upon.  
The findings of the report on Attitude to Water in South Asia were revealed at a programme organised by Bangladesh Enterprise Institute (BEI) at a hotel in the capital.  
Water Resources Minister Anisul Islam Mahmud was the chief guest.  
The report added almost 1,200 encroachers are in Dhaka even under the watch of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA).

# 65 men of BNP-led alliance indicted

**ARSON CASE**  
**COURT CORRESPONDENT**  
A Dhaka court yesterday framed charges against 65 leaders and activists of the erstwhile BNP-led 18-party alliance, including Nazim Uddin Alam and Amanullah Aman, in an arson case.  
Meanwhile, another Dhaka court again asked the officer-in-charge of Paltan Police Station to complete the probe into a defamation case filed against BNP leaders Tarique Rahman and Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir for "making derogatory remarks about Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, and distorting Bangladesh's history".  
The arson case was filed against the leaders and activists for damaging and torching vehicles on the Dhaka-Aricha Highway at Aminbazar during a road blockade programme enforced by the alliance on December 9, 2012.

## RANA PLAZA COLLAPSE

# Appeal hearing against engineer's bail deferred

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
The Supreme Court yesterday adjourned, till November 16, hearing on a government appeal filed against the High Court order that granted bail to Rokibul Hasan Rashel, an engineer of Savar municipality, in a Rana Plaza collapse case.  
During the hearing, Justice AHM Shamsuddin Choudhury Manik, one of the four-member bench that passed the order, observed that the engineers responsible for planning to make a nine-storey building instead of a five-storey one are either inefficient or corrupt.

## Girl dies in fall trying to escape shelter

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
A teenage girl died in a fall from the five-storey building of the Association for Correction and Social Reclamation, a homeless shelter, in the capital's Mirpur yesterday, after she tried to escape by climbing down a rope made of scarves from the roof.  
Sumi Akter, 16, badly injured her head in the 50-foot fall Wednesday  
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# BAN ON RETAKING DU ADMISSION TEST

## Aspirants continue hunger strike in capital

### Form human chain in Rangpur

**DU CORRESPONDENT**  
A group of aspirants continued their fast-unto-death strike in the capital for the second consecutive day yesterday protesting the decision of Dhaka University to discontinue the opportunity to take the admission test twice.  
The authorities took the decision on October 14.  
Nine protesters fell sick at the venue, Central Shaheed Minar, yesterday.  
To express solidarity with their demand, Gonoforum President Dr Kamal Hossain and former leader of Ducsu Mahamudur Rahman Manna joined them.  
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## TK 21CR BRIBERY CASE

# HC rejects bail of Tarique's APS

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
The High Court yesterday rejected a bail petition of Mia Nur Uddin Apu, assistant personal secretary of BNP Vice-Chairman Tarique Rahman, concerning a Tk 21 crore bribery case involving the murder of Humayun Kabir Sabbir, a Bashundhara Group director.  
Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) filed the case with Ramna Police Station on October 4, 2007 accusing Apu, Tarique and several others of taking part in the bribing to drop the murder charge  
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# Muhith first envoy to Denmark

## Shahab Ullah new to Vietnam

**DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT**  
The government has decided to appoint Muhammad Abdul Muhith, currently serving as deputy chief of mission and minister in Bangladesh embassy in Washington DC, as the first ever Bangladesh ambassador to Denmark.  
Meanwhile, Md Shahab Ullah, secretary to the government and currently placed under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on deputation, will be the next Bangladesh ambassador to Vietnam.  
Muhammad Abdul Muhith, belongs to the 11th batch of BCS (Foreign Affairs) cadre, according to a foreign ministry press release.  
In his diplomatic career, he has also served at Bangladesh missions in Kuwait, Qatar, and Italy, and Bangladesh Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York in different capacities.  
Muhith obtained his master's in sociology from Dhaka University. With the new mission in Copenhagen, the number of missions came to 70 in 54 countries, official sources said.  
The government has already opened its first-ever resident diplomatic mission in Vienna, while the other mission in Warsaw, the capital of Poland, is on the offing.  
On the other hand, Shahab Ullah, in his long career, served as the chairman of Bangladesh Tariff Commission and as a member of the Planning Commission.  
Besides, Shahab Ullah also worked in the cabinet, Export Promotion Bureau, and the civil aviation and tourism ministry in different capacities.

## US praises sustained growth of Bangladesh

**DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT**  
The sustained growth, and political and economic stability achieved by Bangladesh is praiseworthy, said visiting US Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs Ambassador Charles Rivkin yesterday, during a meeting with Foreign Secretary Md Shahidul Haque, according to a foreign ministry press release.  
The US also acknowledged the progress made by Bangladesh in the last one and a half years in ensuring workers' rights and workplace safety, he added.  
Rivkin also hailed Bangladesh's diplomatic success in peacefully resolving the maritime delimitation with both Myanmar and India, and expressed his government's interest in assisting harnessing of the marine resources.

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## Chief Guest: Honorable President Mr. Md. Abdul Hamid

Date: 22nd November 2014 | Time: 6:00PM | Venue: Osmani Memorial Auditorium

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