

**DRY WEATHER LIKELY**

Weather is likely to remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm today. Night temperature may fall slightly and day temperature may remain unchanged over

the country, Met Office said.

**The sun sets in the capital today at 5:13pm and rises tomorrow at 6:14am.** Country's highest temperature 32.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday

in Cox's Bazar and lowest 13.0 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	30.3	20.2	47	46	Khulna	31.5	17.5	57	69
Chittagong	30.9	21.5	79	67	Barisal	30.4	19.0	70	87
Rajshahi	30.1	13.4	76	71	Sylhet	31.6	19.3	73	72
Rangpur	29.0	17.6	76	72	Cox's Bazar	32.2	20.8	67	92

**NEWS IN brief**

**Indian held with 3kgs of gold**

Customs officials yesterday detained an Indian national with three kilogrammes of gold worth around Tk 1.5 crore at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in the capital yesterday morning. Mahesh Kumar Gopal Das, 46, was caught while he was passing through a green channel and the gold was hidden inside the handles of his two pieces of luggage, said Kazi Md Ziauddin, joint commissioner of customs. He came from Dubai from a flydubai flight.

**Woman's body recovered in Savar**

Police recovered the body of an unidentified woman, aged around 25, from beside Dhaka-Aricha highway in Savar, on the outskirts of the capital, yesterday. On information, police recovered the body from a ditch adjacent to the highway at Radio Colony. Miscrants might have been killed the woman after rape and dumped the body here at night, said police. A case was filed.

**UDC entrepreneurs to get training**

The government is planning to send the most successful entrepreneurs of Union Digital Centres (UDC) abroad for training on eCommerce. The decision came after a UDC team met State Minister for ICT Division Zunaid Ahmed Palak and Secretary of ICT Division Shyam Sundar Sikder at their office in the capital. Some 4, 547 one-stop service outlets are providing 60 types of government and non-government services including helping people with land registration, online university admissions, online birth registration, agriculture information and health care.

**Novo Nordisk observes diabetes day**

Marking World Diabetes Day, Novo Nordisk, world's largest insulin maker, yesterday organised a rally in different cities across the country, including one in the capital's Shahbagh, for promoting healthy lifestyle to fight diabetes. The International Diabetes Federation has recently announced that the number of people suffering from diabetes is now around 387 million and is expected to reach 592 million by 2035, said a press release.

**UU convocation logo launched**

A logo launching ceremony of the 3rd convocation of Uttara University was held at the conference hall of the School of Business Administration at NZ Center in the capital's Uttara on Wednesday. Benazir Ahmed BPM (Bar), police commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police and the university's Vice-Chancellor M Azizur Rahman also were present.



Two factions of the ruling Awami League hurl plastic chairs at each other during its Patuakhali district unit council at Shaheed Alauddin Children's Park where Industries Minister Amir Hossain Amu was present as chief guest yesterday morning. At least 20 people were injured. The council, which restarted following police action, concluded with the formation of a new committee.

PHOTO: STAR

**Pollution major cause of disease, disability**

2nd day of int'l IMPACT conference told

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar  
About 50 percent of the disease burden of malnutrition, which refers to the impact of diseases associated with malnutrition as measured in financial cost, mortality and morbidity, is attributable to the environment, according to a presentation at the international IMPACT conference yesterday. Malnutrition is responsible for about half of all child deaths in the world. Anwarul Amin, chairman of IMPACT Foundation Bangladesh (IFB), and Dr Hasib Mahmud, IFB's director, who jointly made the power point presentation, also said developing countries and children accounted for most of the four million environmentally-caused deaths taking place worldwide each year.

With the theme, "Protecting Environment, Reducing Diseases, Preventing Disability", the three-day conference began at Brac Centre for Development Management in Savar on Thursday. Amin said about one-quarter of the global disease burden was due to modifiable environmental factors. Participating in the four sessions yesterday, speakers cited environment pollution as a major contributor to diseases, disabilities, malnutrition, poverty, and deaths. Around 43 delegates from over 10 countries including the United Kingdom, Nepal, India, Switzerland, Cambodia, Norway, and the Philippines are expected to join the conference. In her presentation, Judi Stagg, chief executive of IMPACT Foundation UK, said

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**PROTHOM ALO'S 16TH ANNIVERSARY Dignitaries join celebrations**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As part of its 16th founding anniversary celebrations, the Prothom Alo held a get-together for eminent personalities at the capital's Sonargaon Hotel yesterday. The simple gathering was attended by intellectuals, politicians, government officials, cultural and sports personalities and foreign guests. In the evening, Prothom Alo Associate Editor Anisul Hoque greeted the guests and expressed the newspaper's resolution to march ahead without fear. Later, the crowd sang patriotic songs with a chorus led by singer Bappa Majumdar. Taking to the podium, Trasncom Group Chairman Latifur Rahman thanked all for joining the gathering. He said a daily newspaper had to face a test from its readers every morning. "The readers want to see truth in the newspaper. If they don't get it, they get disheartened, lose faith in the daily." As the Prothom Alo has remained truthful for the last 16

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**Imam's remarks prove govt influenced Jan 5 polls**

Says Fakhrul STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP yesterday claimed the recent remarks of prime minister's adviser HT Imam about the January 5 polls have substantiated its allegation that the then government had used the administration to hold the election. "During the polls we had said the Awami League government used the commission [Election Commission] politically to establish its control over the election. This is the commission that presented us with such an election," BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam

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**Joy calls BNP party of Razakars**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's son Sajeeb Wazed Joy yesterday termed BNP a party of Razakars and said its founder Ziaur Rahman was not a freedom fighter. The person who brought back the war criminals cannot be a freedom fighter, and the party which is politically involved with Razakars is a party of Razakars, he said. Addressing a seminar at the capital's Radisson Hotel, Joy dismissed speculations of any compromise with Jamaat-e-Islami that critics expressed after the Supreme Court commuted its leader Delawar Hossain Sayedee's death penalty to imprisonment till death in September.

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**Child marriage must be stopped**

Norwegian envoy tells event as it affects girls' health

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
Child marriages in the country must be stopped as it has negative impacts on the reproductive health of females, said Norwegian Ambassador to Bangladesh Merete Lundemo yesterday. She added that every woman should have the freedom to make decisions regarding family matters including their reproductive health. The Norwegian envoy was addressing the opening ceremony of a two-day national assembly titled "Skillful, Idealist and Voluntary Organisers Needed to Face Challenges of the 21st Century." Bangladesh Mahila Parishad organised the programme at a hotel in the capital. Lundemo said although Bangladesh has made progress in primary education for all, girls are still repressed in the

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