

DRY WEATHER LIKELY

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 Office said. **The sun sets in the capital today at 5:12pm and rises tomorrow at 6:16am.** Country's highest temperature 31.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in

Sylhet and lowest 14.4 degrees in Jessore. 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	29.7	18.3	67	67	Khulna	30.0	17.2	77	82
Chittagong	30.2	18.0	59	68	Barisal	29.4	16.8	84	91
Rajshahi	29.6	16.0	73	81	Sylhet	31.5	17.4	75	69
Rangpur	29.8	18.8	78	75	Cox's Bazar	30.3	18.0	61	80

Youth held for 'maligning' PM, son on Facebook

A youth was handed over to police by villagers in Hathazari upazila of Chittagong on Sunday night after he posted derogatory comments and a photo involving Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, her son Sajeeb Wazed Joy, and Railway Minister Mujibul Haque the very night. The arrestee, Md Amran alias Titumir Amran, 23, of South Madarsha village, works as a pipefitter and is a Hefazat-e Islam activist, said police. Villagers said Amran had been putting such derogatory posts for a long time, and the recent incident came to light after he maligning a Sunni Islamic leader on Facebook Saturday. Meanwhile, police showed him arrested in a vandalism case regarding the Hefazat violence of May 6 last year, said Sub-inspector Shentu Mia of SEE PAGE 5 COL 5



Dhaka University Teachers' Association forms a human chain at Aparajeya Bangla on the campus yesterday demanding arrest and speedy trial of the killers of Prof AKM Shafiul Islam of Rajshahi University. Inset, Barisal University Teachers' Association does the same on the campus. Shafiul was stabbed to death near his house adjacent to RU campus on Saturday. The family blamed radical forces for the killing. A group calling itself Ansar Al Islam Bangladesh-2 claimed the responsibility for the murder in a post on its Facebook page. Police detained 20 people, including a local Jamaat leader.



2 'BCL men' held over extortion

Police yesterday arrested two alleged activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) in Chittagong city in connection with extorting transport owners. Shafiul Alam, 30, and Md Selim, 24, were detained at Moizzartek for their suspicious movement and their suspected involvement in demanding extortion money, said Md Mostak, sub-inspector of Karnaphuli Police Station. "Earlier, transport owners of the area had complained of extortion demands on several occasions by people using the name of BCL," he said. The SI said the two did not hold any post but were involved with BCL. Some BCL leaders asked for their release over the phone several times, he said. He, however, declined to disclose the names of the leaders. Karnaphuli unit BCL General Secretary Jibon Manjurul Alam said the two were not activists of the student body.

FEMALE MIGRANTS' RIGHTS Strong govt, recruiter, employer link must

Migration experts and development activists yesterday laid emphasis on strong coordination among government and recruiting agencies and employers to ensure female migrants' rights. A section of Bangladeshi female migrants everyday face different forms of workplace abuse, primarily physical and sexual, and are exploited either by employers or recruiting agents, they observed. Labour attachés at Bangladesh missions are responsible for addressing the problems with government agencies concerned of the destination countries and there is no alternative to them in maintaining an effective system to deal with the issues, they added. The discussants were addressing a dialogue, "Labour Attachés: The Protectors of Female Migrants in the Middle East", jointly organised by the Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU) and Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban in Dhaka University. Stating that the most neglected sector is that of manpower, SEE PAGE 5 COL 6

Higher income futile without quality of life

Says Hossain Zillur urging planned urbanisation during launch of report at Brac Centre. urban poor is visible, their social development remains as deplorable as ever with a lack of dignity and recognition of their informal contribution to urban growth, he said, adding that they lacked access to almost every civic amenities--housing, education, healthcare, public transportation, water, sanitation and recreation. Prof Ishrat Islam, who teaches urban planning at Buet, echoed Hossain. Citing the report, former finance minister M Syeduzzaman said South Asia was the least urbanised with only a third of the population living in a few large cities. Though urbanisation is happening fast in the region, it is going on haphazardly, he said. The report says there is not even casual relationship between urbanisation and human development, as Sri Lanka has achieved better human development with SEE PAGE 5 COL 5

549 foreigners in country's jails

State minister for home tells JS. There are 549 foreigners of 12 countries in different jails of Bangladesh, State Minister for Home Affairs Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal told parliament yesterday. The countries are India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Nepal, Peru, Algeria, Cameroon, Nigeria, Taiwan, Tanzania and Thailand. Of the total foreigners, 76 are serving jails on different terms while trials are going on against 393 and a process is going on to send 80 to their countries, said the state minister while replying to lawmakers' queries.

RANGPUR, THAKURGAON SLUMS Anti-child labour campaign by MJF starts in 2 towns

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur. Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) yesterday launched a programme to eliminate child labour in the slums of Rangpur city and Thakurgaon municipality. The Child Labour Elimination for Real Change in Urban Slum Areas of Rangpur City Corporation and Thakurgaon Municipality of North Western Bangladesh (CLEAR) project will cover the slums of 33 wards in RCC and 12 wards of Thakurgaon municipality. Rangpur city Mayor Sharfuddin Ahmed Jhantu, who inaugurated the project at RCC, said a good number of slum kids in the city were engaged in hazardous work to support their poor families. In his keynote paper, Coordinator of CLEAR Md Mahabul Haque said they hoped to help 5,000 slum children in the two areas. Eco-Social Development Organization (ESDO) will implement the two-year-and-three-month project with an MJF fund of Tk 2.75 crore. Dr Md Shahid Uz Zaman, executive director of ESDO; Mohiuddin Ahmed Talukder, deputy director of Rangpur SEE PAGE 5 COL 6



From left, Sarat Dash, chief of the International Organization for Migration; Tasneem Siddiqui, founder chair of Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU); Shamsun Nahar, director general of the Bureau of Manpower Employment and Training (BMET); Shaheen Anam, executive director of Manusher Jonno Foundation, and Dr Iftekharuzzaman, executive director of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB), at a dialogue on "Labour Attachés: The Protectors of Female Migrants in the Middle East" at the senate building of Dhaka University yesterday, organised by RMMRU.

Alal gets bail

The High Court yesterday granted one year bail to Jubo Dal President Moazzem Hossain Alal and five others in a case filed on charge of planning to carry out subversive activities during hartal on October 26. Now there is no legal bar to release Alal and five others from jail, their lawyer Sagir Hossain Leon told The Daily Star. Police arrested Alal along with 62 activists of BNP and its front organisations from his Lalmatia residence in the capital on October 25. After hearing two bail petitions, the HC granted the ad-interim bail to the six for one year and issued a rule upon the government to explain why they should not be granted regular bail in the case.

SAARC GOALS TIB presses for anti-graft, governance issues

Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) yesterday called upon the government to propose inclusion of issues of governance and anti-corruption as Saarc's distinct goals at the regional platform's forthcoming summit in Kathmandu from November 22. In a statement, TIB noted that the region's governments recognise corruption as a key impediment to economic development, poverty alleviation, rule of law and justice. They urged the Bangladesh government to take the lead in undertaking regional cooperation on effectively controlling corruption. The proactive role will "create opportunities for mutual learning, sharing and collaboration to control corruption, particularly in cross-border dimensions," said TIB Executive Director SEE PAGE 4 COL 2



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