

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 over northern part and may remain nearly unchanged elsewhere over the country and day

temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:11pm and rises tomorrow at 6:17am. Country's highest temperature 31.4 degree

Celsius was recorded yesterday in Sylhet and lowest 14.5 degrees in Srimongal. Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

Table with 4 columns: City, Temperature in Celsius (Max/Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning/Evening). Rows include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Rangpur, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet, Cox's Bazar.

Six teachers quit from administrative posts

Besiege VC office for promotion OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Six more teachers of Begum Rokeya University, Rangpur resigned from six administrative posts on Monday for being "deprived" of overdue promotion and related benefits.

However, they are continuing their academic activities.

The teachers besieged the vice chancellor's office yesterday noon.

Dr Sharifa Salwa Dina resigned from syndicate member post; Dr Saidul Haque and Rofiu Azam Khan from finance committee member post; and Shafiqur Rahman, Mohammad Azizur Rahman, and Md Shariful Islam from assistant provost post of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Hall.

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Obaidul claims road crash curb during drive

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Road accidents in the country have decreased since a mobile court drive was launched a week ago as in those seven days only 13 accidents occurred across the country, Road Transportation and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader told the parliament yesterday.

"On an average, 13 accidents occur daily, but since the drive, 13 accidents occurred over seven days," Quader said replying

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Noyakandi of Manikganj on August 14 this year through the lens of a Sir Salimullah Medical College student who won the second prize for the shot, under the theme 'Beautiful Bangladesh' in The Daily Star's photo contest for its readers, 'inPixel'.

PHOTO: ABIR TANMOY



Subhan's lawyer tries to discredit testimonies of PWs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Placing the closing arguments for the second day, the defence of Jamaat-e-Islami leader Abdus Subhan yesterday tried to discredit the depositions of three prosecution witnesses who testified on the first charge regarding the killing of three people during the Liberation War in 1971.

Defence lawyer Mizanul Islam said the witnesses were "not credible", and conclusion should not be drawn on the basis of their "contradictory" testimonies.

Subhan faces nine charges of crimes committed in Pabna during the war. He, however, pleaded not guilty before court.

The three-member International Crimes Tribunal-2 led by Justice Obaidul Hassan adjourned the case proceeding until today, when the defence will place further arguments.

Stop sand extraction from Kirtonkhola

HC asks govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday asked the government to immediately stop sand extraction from the river Kirtonkhola in Barisal within the next six months.

In response to a writ petition, the court issued a rule upon the government asking to explain on why it should not be directed to protect the river from the encroachment and erosion.

In the rule, it also sought explanation from the government as to why the Balu Mohol (piles of sand) on the riverbank at Dopdopiya point in Barisal Sadar upazila should not be declared illegal.

Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela), in the petition on Sunday, said Hasan Hossain Enterprise, a private company, has been extracting sand illegally from the Kirtonkhola, causing serious erosion in the river and hampering free flow of water.

United work to end rights abuses in S Asia vowed

Two-day int'l seminar ends with Dhaka Resolution 2014

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rights activists of South Asian countries at an international seminar in Dhaka yesterday vowed that they would enhance co-operation in finding the issues of human rights violations in the region and work together to resolve those.

In a resolution, they proclaimed that while addressing the rights issues, they would give priority to women and children's trafficking, situation of migrant workers, and global warming.

"We are concerned over an alarmingly increasing trend of human rights violations

in South Asia which is contravening people's lives here deeply," they read from the Dhaka Resolution 2014, through which the seminar concluded.

The two-day seminar, "Towards a South Asian Human Rights Mechanism: Prospects and Challenges", was organised by National Human Rights Commission, Bangladesh at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban of Dhaka University.

Over 100 rights activists including 16 from India, Pakistan, Nepal, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka and the Maldives, took part in the programme, which was divided into seven sessions.

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ACC to quiz water development boss

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission on Sunday summoned Shahidur Rahman, director general of Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB), for interrogating him on allegations that he had obtained the freedom fighter's certificate without following the due process.

He was asked to appear before the commission tomorrow, said an ACC official. In 2010, the liberation war affairs ministry asked BWDB to examine the FF certificates of its officials, and a subsequent investigation revealed that out of the 160 officials claiming to be freedom fighters, 32 including Shahidur did not obtain the documents following due procedure, added the official. Shahidur is now enjoying an extension in his job as a freedom fighter, after he reached his retirement age in December 2013, according to ACC sources.



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Malaysian High Commission and Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP) Alumni in Bangladesh distribute blankets, food items, and money among some 150 orphans of three orphanages in the capital on Saturday. Malaysian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Norlin Othman and MTCP Alumni Coordinator Ali Akber was present at the event. The MTCP has benefited 656 Bangladeshi government officials till December 2013.

Real estate advertisement for ANZ Properties. Lists various commercial and residential spaces in Dhankhondi, Gulshan, Bashundhara, Badda, Shahidbagh, Mohammadpur, Banani, Niketon, and Uttara. Includes contact numbers and website information.

11 YEARS OF BANSHKHALI CARNAGE Victim family seeks PM's help for justice

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The lone survivor of Banshkhali carnage of 2003 yesterday alleged that no "significant initiative" has been taken by the attorney general's office in last eight months to vacate the High Court's stay on the trial of the prime accused in the case.

Stating that Chittagong district public prosecutor appealed to the attorney general on March 10 for taking initiatives, the families also sought the prime minister's intervention in this regard.

Bimal Shil, son of deceased Tejendra Shil, complainant of the case, with his relatives held a press conference yesterday at Chittagong Press Club marking the 11th anniversary of the arson attack that left 11 members of the minority family dead in Banshkhali on November 18.

In December 2011, the HC granted bail to Aminur Rahman, cousin of former state minister for environment and forests of BNP Jafarul Islam, and stayed his trial, said Bimal, adding that they had been repeatedly getting threats from Aminur.

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