

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 nearly unchanged

over the country, Met Office said.
The sun sets in the capital today at 5:11pm and rises tomorrow at 6:18am.
Country's highest temperature 31.3 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday

in Sylhet and lowest 14.0 degrees in Chuadanga.
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	28.7	20.5	70	67	Khulna	30.0	17.5	68	77
Chittagong	29.9	19.4	73	59	Barisal	29.4	17.8	85	95
Rajshahi	29.7	14.7	76	70	Sylhet	31.3	18.0	67	64
Rangpur	30.2	17.5	80	75	Cox's Bazar	31.0	18.7	77	73



Wage tougher anti-govt movement
Urges BNP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Speakers at a discussion yesterday urged all to wage a tougher anti-government movement to free democracy for the time was short and the "illegal" government was grabbing and destroying all institutions.
BNP organised the discussion marking the 50th birthday of BNP Senior Vice Chairman Tarique Rahman in the capital's Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh. BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia did not give any speech.
BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said the government killed "a lot of people" to hold the one-sided January 5 national polls and there was no alternative to the movement to avenge the blood.

Homeless people denied nat'l ID cards
Say speakers, citing it as an obstacle to ensuring their civic rights

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The street dwellers are deprived of civic rights since they are not issued birth certificates and national identity (NID) cards due to a lack of home addresses, speakers said at a discussion yesterday.
The officials concerned refuse to provide the documents if holding numbers or utility bills are not submitted, they told the programme titled "Obstacle to the civic rights of street dwellers".
National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) and Coalition for the Urban Poor, a forum of national and international NGOs working for alleviation of urban poverty, jointly organised it in the capital's Cirdap auditorium.
AKM Saiful Islam Choudhury, project director of Birth and Death Registration Project, said there was no bar to issuing birth certificates to the homeless people. If anyone asks for holding numbers, it is a manifestation of narrow-mindedness, he added.
However, the copy of a utility bill or house rent receipt or holding tax receipt is needed to have an NID card, according to the NID wing under the Election Commission.
The speakers urged removal of such barriers to ensure the basic rights of the homeless people.
Speaking on the issue, NHRC Chairman Prof Mizanur Rahman said, "The state has failed to ensure rights of all people."
He said he would write to the Election Commission soon seeking a remedy to this problem of the homeless people.
Putting the figure of the street

ZIA TRUST GRAFT CASE
Hearing on Khaleda's appeal ends

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The Supreme Court yesterday concluded hearing an appeal filed by BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia regarding the Zia Orphanage Trust corruption case.
The appeal was filed in 2012 against a High Court verdict that rejected a petition of Khaleda challenging a lower court order that accepted charges against her in 2009.
Yesterday, the Appellate Division also started hearing two other appeals filed by the BNP chief regarding Zia Orphanage and Charitable corruption cases filed by the ACC in 2008 and 2011. The court will resume the hearing today.

NEWS IN brief

Man dies falling from roof
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man died after falling from the rooftop of a mosque while asleep in the capital's Jatrabari early yesterday.
Hossain Ali, 28, of Mymensingh, a day labourer, had been sleeping on the roof of the three-storey Madina Mosque in north Jatrabari over the last one year. Locals rushed him to Dhaka Medical College Hospital around 3:00am where he died after two hours, said hospital sources.

Shooting contest of police ends
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A three-day-long shooting competition of Bangladesh police concluded yesterday at Army Shooting Range in the capital where police personnel participated in eight events.
In Inspector General Cup-2014, Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) team led by its Director General Mukhlesur Rahman, became the champion at 0.22 Bore-pistol shooting in group while Armed Police Battalion's team led by Captain Mostafa Kamal became the runner up, says a press release.

I hit your leg, not bicycle
Cop tells biker after mishap

SAM JAHAN
It was around 8:00pm Tuesday. Like thousands of other city dwellers, I was returning home from work, waiting on my bicycle at the Bijoy Sarani traffic signal.
All of a sudden, a pickup van of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (Dhaka Metro Thha 11-6140) smashed into my cycle's rear wheel and my left leg. I was fortunate enough that it was

MILKY MURDER CASE
Bail of 11 accused upheld

COURT CORRESPONDENT
A Dhaka court yesterday cancelled the bail of an accused in Jubo League leader Riazul Haque Khan Milky murder case while upheld the bail of 11 others.
During hearing two petitions of Criminal Investigation Department for canceling bail to 12 accused, the court passed the order saying the 11 have secured bail from higher courts while issued an arrest warrant against Sharifuddin Chowdhury Prakash Pappu as he was absent yesterday.
According to the petitions, among the accused, Jahangir Mondol, Shahidul Islam, Aminul Islam, Sohel Mahmud, Chunnu Mia and Mahbulul Haque Hirok already confessed to their involvement.
Bail of Tuhinur Rahman Fahim, Syed Mostafa Ali Prakash Rumi, Rashed Mahmud, Saidul Islam Prakash Nuruzzaman and



Celebrating the harvest of Aman, an indigenous paddy variety, the Mathua community of Hindus brings out a colourful procession in Barisal city yesterday. As part of the festival, they prepared a mix of rice powder and grated coconut and distributed the food among the participants and guests.

Road accidents kill two
CITY DESK

A person died when a truck hit a van from behind on Thakurgaon Railway Station road at BSIC intersection in the municipality area in Thakurgaon on Tuesday.
The deceased was van puller Alam, 40, of Purbuki village.
Meanwhile, in Gaibandha Azizur Rahman, 72, of Paschim Masta village died when a pick-up van ran him over while he was crossing Bogra-Rangpur highway in Masta village yesterday.

EU envoy visits projects in Barisal
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

European Union Ambassador to Bangladesh, Pierre Mayaudon yesterday visited Barisal to supervise EU-funded three projects addressing skills development nutrition and agriculture.
In Hizla and Koralia, the envoy visited farmers' organisations using innovative and replicable techniques in horticulture, aquaculture and field crops, says a press release.

Women must unite to defend their rights
Launch of campaign for women told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
All women regardless of political and religious views will have to get united and raise voice for protection of their rights and overall empowerment, speakers said at the launch of a women's rights campaign yesterday.
Democracy International (DI) formally launched the "Narir Joye Sobar Joy" (When women win, we all win) campaign at a hotel in the capital, with an aim to advance women's political leadership in Bangladesh.
The speakers also said women should be provided equal opportunity at every sphere of life because sustainable development was impossible without their empowerment.
US Ambassador in Dhaka Dan W Mozena said women's participation in politics must be increased for strengthening democracy in Bangladesh. The four-year campaign, which began unofficially in March 2012, is funded by USAID and UKaid.
Bangladesh Mohila Parishad President Ayesha Khanom said cross-party unity on women's rights issue was very critical for political empowerment of women.

RESTORING SAVAR WETLANDS
Rajuk, housing project owner served legal notice

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela) served a legal notice on Rajuk and owner of Modhumoti Model Town (MMT) in Savar yesterday for not complying with a Supreme Court order to restore wetlands of the area.
Bela's lawyer Iqbal Kabir Lytton sent the notice to Rajuk Chairman GM Zainul Abedin Bhuiyan and former chairman Nurul Huda, and Managing Director of Metro Makers

CHILD ABUSE NEWS
Insensitive portrayal trauma for peers

Selina Hossain tells workshop
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
When presented in an insensitive manner, news reports on child abuse end up traumatising hundreds of other children, said noted author Selina Hossain yesterday.
Showing visual images and revealing identities of child victims may not deter child abusers but will mentally torture child viewers for a long time, she opined.
She was addressing a workshop on ethical reporting on child issues organised by Mass-line Media Centre (MMC) and Save the Children at The Daily Star Centre in the capital.
The noted author also criticised FM radio station jockeys for using English words unnecessarily in an otherwise Bangla sentence.
"They should speak English altogether and stop using the mangled Bangla," she said.

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Make pvt universities genuine learning place
President tells UU convocation

BSS, Dhaka
President Abdul Hamid today urged all to work together to make private universities a genuine place for learning.
Educational institutions should not only focus on making profits, he said at the third convocation of Uttara University.
Prime Minister's Energy Adviser Dr Tawfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury and Vice-Chancellor of Uttara University Prof Dr M Azizur Rahman also spoke. Chairman of the University Grants Commission Dr AK Azad Chowdhury was the convocation speaker.
The president asked the private universities to offer more facilities, including scholarships, to meritorious students from poor families.
He also thanked the Uttara University authorities for providing poor and meritorious students with an opportunity to study for free.
Congratulating the graduates, Abdul Hamid advised them to work for the nation and also urged the university teachers to engage themselves in researches, which play a important role in fulfilling existing demands of the society.

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