

**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 5:11 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:19am.** Country's highest temperature 30.2 degree Celsius was recorded in Cox's Bazar and

Jessore and lowest 12.8 in Chuadanga yesterday. 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	29.2	16.5	59	52	Khulna	30.0	16.8	79	72
Chittagong	29.0	19.5	78	65	Barisal	29.4	16.3	87	91
Rajshahi	28.6	13.0	87	81	Sylhet	29.3	18.7	80	79
Rangpur	28.2	14.7	79	86	Cox's Bazar	30.2	19.4	79	76

**NEWS IN brief**

**Maritime Forum formed to deal with common issues**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Six Bangladeshi maritime organisations have recently formed "The Maritime Forum" to deal with common issues of the maritime industry like training and employment of Bangladeshi seafarers, says a press release. Yesterday the forum, comprising Alumni Association of Bangladesh Marine Academy, Association of Maritime Training Institutions of Bangladesh, Bangladesh Merchant Marine Officers' Association (BMMOA), Bangladesh Ship Manning Agents Association, Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology, and The Nautical Institute Bangladesh held their third meeting at Western Marine's Office in Chittagong.

**Dhaka Craft Bazar held at Aussie envoy's residence**

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The 17th Dhaka Craft Bazar took place yesterday at Australian high commissioner's residence in the capital's Gulshan displaying handicrafts of some 30 organisations.

The Craft Bazar was founded in 2011 by the Mennonite Central Committee-Bangladesh's Job Creation Programme and Prokritee, a handicraft shop, with an aim to create business opportunities for rural women artisans of the country.

Pebbles, Sacred Mark, Source, Tarango, Shishu Polli Pulse, CORR and School of Hope, also participated.

**Seminar on scientist Jagadish Chandra Bose held at DU**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A seminar on Jagadish Chandra Bose was held at Dhaka University yesterday, marking the birth and death anniversary of the eminent scientist.

The Centre for Advanced Studies and Research in Biological Sciences organised the event at the Senate Bhaban.

DU Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique inaugurated the programme as chief guest.

Sir Bose was born in Bikrampur on November 30, 1858 and died on November 23, 1937 in India.

**TANGAIL 4-MURDER Prime accused arrested**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Police last night arrested Jahangir Alam, 25, the prime accused in the killing of a woman and her three daughters in Tangail.

He was held near his Dakkhin Sohagpara residence in Mirzapur upazila, said Mirzapur police.

Jahangir was being interrogated at the office of the Superintendent of Police in Tangail till filing of this report at 11:00pm.

On October 7, Hasna Begum, 35, and her three daughters Monira Akter, 14, Meem Akter, 10, and Molly Akter, 7, were burnt alive when miscreants set fire to their house at Dakkhin Sohagpara village in the upazila of Tangail.

The incident happened as Monira, the eldest daughter of Hasna, refused to marry Jahangir, 25, to whom she was engaged three years ago, relatives and neighbours said.

**PM calls for low cost healthcare**

*Inaugurates newly constructed outpatient department complex of BSMMU*

BSS, Dhaka

Urging the faculties of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University to do intense research, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the researchers of medical science must find ways for prevention of new diseases and provide people with low

cost healthcare services.

She said healthcare services were a basic right of the people. Only a healthy person can play a role in the nation building activities, and a doctor is the best friend of an ailing person to ensure the basic rights, she said.

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**BCL INFIGHTING Suranjit blames infiltrators**

*Says Shibir, Chhatra Dal causing factional clashes*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ruling Awami League advisory council member Suranjit Sengupta yesterday blamed infiltrators for Bangladesh Chhatra League infighting.

He, however, also said in many cases BCL activists themselves are involved in criminal activities which is unacceptable.

On the other hand, BNP standing committee member Brig (ret'd) ASM Hannan Shah blamed the government for

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**BCL CLASH AT SUST 31 activists sent to jail**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A Sylhet court yesterday sent 31 activists of Sylhet city unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League to jail in connection with a factional clash at Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (SUST) on Thursday that left one person dead and 20 others injured.

Sylhet Kotwali police and Jalalabad police arrested the activists in 22 raids on Friday and yesterday. The law enforcers also recovered one revolver and 20 machetes.

So far, three cases have been filed regarding the incident -- one by Sust Registrar Md Ishfaqul Hossain, one by mother of Sumon Chandra Das, who was shot dead in the clash, and one by police.

Police and Ishfaqul

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**SHAFIUL MURDER CASE Police made remarkable**

*progress: IGP But he gives no detail; takes salute at passing out parade of 34th batch of new officers*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Inspector General of Police (IGP) Hassan Mahmood Khandakar yesterday said police have made remarkable progress in the investigation into the murder case of Rajshahi University Professor AKM Shafiqul Islam.

"The murder case is our top priority, and we are hopeful of positive results," he said at the passing out ceremony of the 34th batch of outside cadet sub-inspectors-2013 at Bangladesh Police Academy (BPA) in Sardah.

"Police officials have informed me that remarkable progress has been made in the case," he said without mentioning the details.

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**Dancers of Russian Orenburg State Academic Folk Choir perform at an event organised by the country's embassy in Dhaka marking Russian Culture Day in Bangla Academy yesterday. The celebration will continue till tomorrow both in the capital and in Chittagong Theatre Institute Auditorium as part of a cultural agreement signed between the two countries.**

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

**SIRAJGANJ-3 JS BY-POLL AL's Milon set to be yet another uncontested lawmaker**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Awami League nominated Gazi Amzad Hossain Milon is set to be yet another uncontested AL lawmaker from Sirajganj-3.

As he is the only candidate there since the nomination of his rival was cancelled yesterday, according to the returning officer.

Akhtarul Islam Munnu, an independent candidate, was disqualified by the Election Commission due to inadequate support from voters, said Md. Abdur Rahim, assistant returning officer.

The election is scheduled for November 30.

**HT Imam**

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taking down the correspondent's phone number so that Imam could call him back after waking up.

After half an hour, another personal staff of Imam said the boss had gone out. Imam did not pick up his mobile phone nor did he reply to the SMS sent by this paper.

Mahbubul Alam Hanif, joint general secretary of AL, refused to make any comment on Maruf's remarks.

BNP Standing Committee Member Rafiqul Islam Mia, who was the chief guest at the event, told The Daily Star that Maruf had just been making a joke about AL's Imam's gaffe.

At a discussion on Nov 19, Imam said many pro-AL officials, before the January 5 polls, were inducted into mobile courts, and that helped the government hold the election despite BNP-Jamaat's bid to thwart it. "They stood beside us," he said.

BNP-led opposition alliance took Imam's statement as a hotcake of an opportunity to defend their claim that January 5 national polls had been thoroughly rigged and was a monumental farce.

At yesterday's programme Rafiqul also advised BNP leaders and activists to take to the streets instead of chanting slogans inside hall rooms and party offices.

**Grenade found in Ctg factory**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police recovered a grenade from a steel factory at Kumira of Sitakunda in Chittagong yesterday.

It was deactivated by a bomb disposal unit. A worker of GPH Ispat Ltd, first noticed the grenade while he was shifting imported scrap metal, which is used as raw materials. Police said the grenade might have come along with the scrap metal.

**MCCI 110th Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

The 110th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Dhaka (MCCI) will be held on Tuesday, the 25th November 2014 at 12:00 noon in the Chamber Conference Hall (5th floor) of the Chamber Building, 122-124, Motijheel C.A., Dhaka. The AGM will be followed by lunch.

The heads of member-firms of MCCI or their representatives are requested to kindly attend the AGM and the lunch.

**Sundarbans, Sylhet**

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especially cattle, said Dr Tapan Kumar Dey, forest conservator, Wildlife Management and Nature Conservation Division, Dhaka.

Finance Minister Abul Maal Abdul Muhith, who attended the meeting as chief guest, said other harmful drugs of Ketoprofen group will be banned very soon.

The team will also promote use of veterinary drug meloxicam which is safe for the birds.

According to a report of IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) Bangladesh, presented in the meeting, Khulna VSZ is 27,717 square kilometres long and the one in Sylhet zone is 19,663.18 square kilometre.

The report also said the number of white rumped vultures (Gyps bengalensis), last of the three species still available in the country, is only 500.

The other two species- Slender-billed vulture (Gyps tenuirostris) and red-headed vulture (Sarcogyps calvus) have already been died out.

The number of vultures in the Indian sub-continent has decreased to 10,000 from a total of 40 million in last 20 years, the report added.

Yunus Ali, chief conservator of Bangladesh Forest Department, was present among others.

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**“সোস্যাল মিডিয়া আড্ডা’র” বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

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২। উক্ত সোস্যাল মিডিয়া আড্ডায় প্রধানমন্ত্রীর কার্যালয়ের সম্মানিত সিনিয়র সচিব জনাব মোঃ আবুল কালাম আজাদ প্রধান অতিথি হিসেবে উপস্থিত থাকতে সদয় সম্মতি জ্ঞাপন করেছেন। সভাপতিত্ব করবেন বেগম নাছিম বেগম এনডিসি, সচিব, সমাজকল্যাণ মন্ত্রণালয়, গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার।

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