

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 6:20am.** Country's highest temperature 30.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday

in Cox's Bazar and lowest 12.3 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	28.8	16.5	64	67	Khulna	29.6	15.5	95	74
Chittagong	29.6	18.6	76	58	Barisal	29.4	15.3	84	97
Rajshahi	28.6	12.8	97	72	Sylhet	29.3	17.9	100	80
Rangpur	27.8	15.0	78	80	Cox's Bazar	30.2	18.8	79	77

Time is running out for govt

Says Khaleda

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia last night expressed hope that time was running out for the government for "it has been killing people without any reason".

"I prayed to Allah to ensure its collapse as early as possible so that people of the country get back peace as well as democracy," she said while meeting at her Gulshan office in the capital the family of a Jatiyatobadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) leader.

Ibne Azad, general secretary of Cafargaon upazila unit JCD in Mymensingh, died on September 8 after being brutally assaulted with hockey sticks and iron rods at Cafargaon Station Road the day before allegedly by a group of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) men.

Khaleda later handed over a cheque worth Tk 8 lakh to the family members, threatening the government that it would have to face dire consequence and trial "for its crimes".

Referring to the recent factional clash of BCL at Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Khaleda said student and teachers were not safe in the hands of the government.

There is no rule of law for which the ruling party activists dared to carry firearms in broad daylight right before everyone, said the BNP chief.

She asked the BNP leaders and activists not to go anywhere alone as the AL activists have "become mad for blood".

She urged the people to join their movement to oust the government so that they could "live like human beings" in the country.



Lack of government initiatives to dredge the Kapotakkho river, flowing through Jhenidah's Moheshpur upazila, has shrunk it to the size of a mere canal and caused an explosive growth of water hyacinths, reducing navigability and the availability of fish, which in turn is affecting the livelihoods of the communities along its banks. The photo was taken at the Khalishpur bazar area recently.

PHOTO: AZIBOR RAHMAN

PRY TERMINAL EXAMS
1.43 lakh absent on first day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

More than 1.43 lakh examinees, out of nearly 31 lakh, were absent on the first day of the primary terminal examinations for class V of schools and madrasas yesterday.

The students took English on the first day and will sit for Bangla today.

Two students—one from Dhaka division and another from Rajshahi—were expelled, said the Directorate of Primary Education.

Primary and Mass Education Minister Mostafizur Rahman visited several examination centres in the capital. He, however, did not enter any exam

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GRAFT CASE
SC order on Khaleda's appeals today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court will pass its orders today on BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia's appeals challenging two High Court decisions regarding acceptance of charges and charge framing in the Zia Orphanage Trust corruption case.

One of the two leave-to appeal petitions was filed in 2012 challenging an HC verdict that rejected a petition against a lower court order, which accepted charges against Khaleda in the case.

Khaleda filed another petition with the apex court on July 7 this year challenging another HC verdict that upheld a lower court's order framing charges against her

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NEWS IN brief

Medical student's body found

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Police recovered the hanging body of a missing medical student from a hotel in the capital's Fakirpool on Saturday.

Diponkar Debnath, 24, a fourth year student of North East Medical College of Sylhet, son of Dwarokesh Debnath, might have committed suicide, suspect police.

Anwar made German Academic Exchange Service research envoy

CITY DESK

Bangladeshi researcher Dr Anwar Zahid has been selected as German Academic Exchange Service research ambassador, says a press release.



The German national agency for supporting international research and academic co-operation, selected him for his contribution in promoting and intensifying Bangladeshi-German cooperation and exchange in the field.

US, Bangladesh allies in fight against climate change: Mozena

BSS, Dhaka

US Ambassador to Bangladesh Dan W Mozena yesterday said the United States was an ally of Bangladesh in its climate change adaptation efforts.

"With an annual fund of about US\$ 10 to 15 million, our climate change partnership with Bangladesh promotes clean and sustainable development," he said at a programme at Jatiya Press Club in the capital.

INDIGENOUS REPRESENTATION

Bills on formation of CHT dist councils passed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The House last night passed in voice votes three bills stating the number of indigenous people to represent the respective communities in the three Chittagong Hill Tracts district councils.

Another "The Official Vehicles (Regulation of Use) Bill, 2014", tabled by State Minister for Public Administration Ismat Ara Sadeque and annulling "The Official Vehicles (Regulation of Use) Ordinance", was sent to the respective parliamentary standing committee for scrutiny in 90 days.

The bills say an interim district council

will be formed comprising an indigenous chairman and 14 members, including two women, one indigenous and another non-indigenous, and three non-indigenous men.

The "Rangamati Hill District Council (Amendment) Bill, 2014" says the remaining members will include four from the Chakma community, two from Marma, one each from Thanchanga and Kheang, and one from Lusai and Pangkhao.

The "Khagrachari Hill District Council (Amendment) Bill" says the remaining will comprise three members from each of

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CHT PEACE ACCORD

Non-implementation may reignite unrest

Speakers tell CHT Commission, Bangladesh Indigenous Women's Network discussion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government should ensure the full implementation of the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Peace Accord, 1997 before frustration among the indigenous community leads to unrest and instability in the region again, speakers told a discussion yesterday.

"My only urge to the policymakers and government is please implement the CHT accord in its full content and essence before it is too late," said Prof Mizanur Rahman, chairman, National Human Rights Commission.

The discussion, "Marginalization and Impunity: Violence Against Women and Girls in the Chittagong Hill

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AUG 21 ATTACK
HC clears way for Joj Miah to be PW

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday cleared the way for the lower court to record Joj Miah's statement as a prosecution witness in August 21 grenade attack case.

The HC bench of Justice Muhammad Abdul Hafiz and Justice Md Ruhul Quddus court disposed of a petition that sought its directive to expunge the statement of Joj Miah in the case.

There is no legal bar for the trial court to continue recording statement of Joj Miah in the case following the HC order, Additional Attorney General Momtaz Uddin Fakir told The Daily Star.

Mohammad Ujjal alias Ratan, a detained accused of the case, filed the petition with the HC on October 20 challenging the lower court order that rejected his application

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ENCROACHMENT ON BURIGANGA
Demolish structures in 3 areas in 72 hrs

HC directs govt following Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh petition

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the government to demolish and remove all structures from Buriganga river's territory at Dhaka's Badamtoli, Wiseghat and Shyambazar in the next 72 hours.

In response to a writ petition, the court also asked the authorities concerned of the government to run mobile courts to stop encroachment on the river at those areas and submit a compliance report before it every three months.

It also issued a rule upon the authorities to explain in two weeks as to why they should not be directed to evict the grabbers.

The HC bench of Justice Moeenul Islam Chowdhury and Justice Md Ashraf Kamal came up with the order and rule following the writ petition filed by Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh.

During the hearing, petitioner's counsel Manzill Murshid said the HC in June 2009 had directed the government to remove all structures from the river.

But some people constructed structures encroaching on the river at Badamtoli, Wiseghat and Shyambazar areas. Therefore, the HC directives were not implemented, he said.

The environment of the areas will be seriously damaged if the structures are not removed, he added. The petition prayed for necessary directives on the government.

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