

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 30.1 degree

Celsius was recorded on Monday in Teknaf and lowest 11.3 degrees in Rajshahi. 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	28.5	16.2	68	56	30.0	15.3	79	66
Chittagong	29.7	17.5	84	60	28.7	14.5	92	88
Rajshahi	28.5	11.3	92	81	29.5	16.3	75	80
Rangpur	27.8	13.8	86	77	30.0	18.7	77	72



An ecstatic child at Kamalapur Railway Station in the capital on July 28 last year, just before starting his Eid vacation journey. The moment was captured by Sayed Zahid Iftekhar, second prize winner in The Daily Star's photo contest 'inPixel', under the theme 'People'.

PHOTO: SAYED ZAHID IFTEKHAR



NEWS IN brief

Female student dies 'in elevator shaft fall' in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A female student recently accepted into Dhaka University's marketing department died after allegedly falling down a six-story empty elevator shaft at a friend's residence in the capital's Azimpur near China Building yesterday evening.

Nazat Saheda Shakta, 18, is the daughter of Associate Prof Mahjabeen Haque of Dhaka University's education and counselling psychology, residing in Fuller Road. Severely injured, she was taken to Dhaka Medical College where doctors declared her dead.

Lalbagh Police Station Officer-in-Charge Nurul Muttakin said they were investigating whether there was foul play.

Another grenade found at Ctg factory

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
One more grenade was found at GPH Ispat Ltd in Kumira of Sitakunda upazila of Chittagong on Sunday. Workers of the steel factory noticed the grenade in the heap of imported scrap metal, said police. Another grenade was found there on Saturday.

Two bodies recovered in Savar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar
Police yesterday recovered the body of a boy from a lake near his house at Kaliaghat in Dhamrai five days after he had gone missing. The victim was Asif Dewan, 11, son of Saiful Islam. Meanwhile, another unidentified youth's body was found under Dautia Bridge on Dhaka-Aricha highway in Dhamrai. Miscreants might have dumped his body after strangling him, said police.

Diagnostic centre owner, technician jailed for fraud

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A mobile court yesterday sentenced the owner and a technician of a diagnostic centre in the capital's Mohammadpur area to different terms of imprisonment for providing fake pathology reports. Abdul Baki Bakul, 40, owner of National Diagnostic Complex and Specialist Consultation Centre, was sentenced to one-year imprisonment while technician Samayan Ali, 22, was sentenced to six months, said Executive Magistrate AHM Anwar Pasha, who led the court. The court also fined Bakul Tk 2 lakh and Samayan Tk 1 lakh, in default to serve three more months in jail. The centre does not have a pathologist and provided pathology reports without conducting any test.

Body of missing boy found

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The body of a boy was found in an underground water tank in Dakkhin Khan of the capital yesterday, two days after he went missing. The deceased was Farhad, 8, of Kashimpur in Gazipur district. Dakkhin Khan police said Farhad, who was visiting relatives, went missing on November 22. The body bore no injury marks. The body was sent for an autopsy.

Two AUW students selected for Unilever scholarship

CITY DESK
To demonstrate Unilever's faith in empowering women, two meritorious students of the Asian University for Women (AUW), Chittagong have been selected for the Unilever Scholarship. The students -- Fariha Mostafa and Kazi Sumaitra Nahar from the class of 2018 -- will get academic expenses for the four year undergraduate programme from 2014 to 2018 at AUW.

'Corrupt' Biman boss enjoying 'impunity' for Hasina

Claims Rizvi
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Though the staff repeatedly accused him of committing corruption, Biman Chairman Jamal Uddin was not removed since he is close to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, BNP leader Rizvi Ahmed said yesterday. "Jamal Uddin was one of the key masterminds of the MiG29 scam. To reward this corrupt man, Hasina appointed him Biman's chairman," he told a press conference at party headquarters in the capital. On Wednesday, detectives arrested five persons including three high officials of Biman Bangladesh Airlines in a major operation to track a gold smuggling ring. The detectives said they had found involvement of more than 60 officials and staff of Biman, Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (Caab), and customs with a gold smuggling racket at the Shahjalal International Airport. Biman staff--from captain to cabin crew--and Caab security officials have links with the syndicate, according to detectives, customs intelligence and Armed Police Battalion. At least 12 other rackets are also active in smuggling gold through the country's premier airport, they said. Meanwhile, one of the arrestees, Mahmudul Haque Palash, the alleged key player in the smuggling ring, used to tell everyone that he was the chairman's godson.

CHAPAINAWABGANJ 'RAZAKARS' 3 charges taken into cognisance

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The International Crimes Tribunal-2 yesterday took the war crimes charges brought against two alleged Razakars of Chapainawabganj into cognisance. Prosecutors pressed three charges against Mahidur Rahman and Afsar Hossain alias Chutu for their alleged involvement in mass killings, arson, looting, abduction, torture, confinement and murder committed in Chapainawabganj during the 1971 Liberation War. The three-member tribunal led by Justice Obaidul Hassan with members Justice Md Mozibur Rahman Miah and Justice Md Shahinur Islam also showed them arrested in the war crimes case. In presence of the accused, the court also fixed December 1 for hearing on the charges to decide whether they would be indicted or not. Mahidur, 84, of Dadanchak village, and Afsar, 65, of Satrosia village, under Shibganj in Chapainawabganj are BNP supporters, states the prosecution. They were arrested on September 16.

Reap digital era's economic benefits

Speakers tell programme announcing Fenox investment in Priyo

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Terming internet's discovery as the biggest revolution after industrialisation, speakers yesterday stressed the need for Bangladesh to step up and reap the economic benefits of this digital era. Quoting different international magazines and journals, State Minister for Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Junaid Ahmed Polok said with the world's largest young population, Bangladesh has been ranked as one of the emerging ICT-based economies. He was addressing a press conference marking an investment of Silicon Valley-based global venture capital firm Fenox Venture Capital Inc (Fenox) in Bangladeshi internet portal company Priyo Ltd (priyo.com). Held at The Daily Star Centre in the capital, the ceremony also saw the launching of a new service of the internet portal called priyo.com/answers. Zakaria Swapan, the company's founder and chief executive officer, said, "Priyo answers will reply to people's queries on anything starting from health to legal and relationship issues." Besides the Priyo team, Swapan named 17 people, academicians, politicians, IT experts,

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State Minister for Information and Communication Technology Junaid Ahmed Polok addressing a press conference at The Daily Star Centre in the capital yesterday marking an investment of Silicon Valley-based global venture capital firm Fenox Venture Capital Inc (Fenox) in Bangladeshi internet portal company Priyo Ltd (priyo.com).

2 to die for killing man in N'ganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj
A Narayanganj court yesterday sentenced two people to death and another person to life term imprisonment for killing a businessman in the district in 2011. Rana and Musleh Uddin were sentenced to death while Amir Hossain was sentenced to life term imprisonment. All three are absconding. The court also fined Rana and Musleh Uddin Tk 2.5 lakh each and Amir Hossain Tk 2 lakh. According to the verdict, one Nazrul Islam began cloth trading in partnership with the trio in Kalagasia area under Bandar upazila. For business reasons, Nazrul lent Tk 1 lakh to the trio. On October 22, 2011, SEE PAGE 4 COL 4

5 suspected militants placed on remand

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
A Chittagong court yesterday placed, on a five-day remand each, five suspected militants, including a Pakistani citizen, who were arrested on Sunday at Lord's Inn Hotel in the city. The court of fifth Metropolitan Magistrate Ahmed Syed granted the remand after the five were produced before it by Detective Branch of Chittagong Metropolitan Police. The arrestees are Mohammed Alam, 44, Abdul Majid, 30, Md Amin, 53, Salamat Ullah, 45, and Shafiullah, 40. Alam, a citizen of Pakistan, claimed to be the director of a voluntary organisation, Global Rohingya Centre, said detectives. Police are investigating whether Shafiullah and Salamat Ullah have connection with Rohingya Solidarity Organisation (RSO).

'FORCED INTERNMENT' IN PABNA MENTAL HOSPITAL HC demands report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The High Court yesterday ordered the director of Pabna Mental Hospital to submit a report before it about the situation of people who are reportedly being forced to stay at the hospital even after recovery. Responding to a writ position, the HC bench of Justice Quazi Reza-Ul Hoque and Justice Abu Taher Md Saifur Rahman asked the director to submit the report on January 6 next year. The bench also asked the director to state in the report the steps taken to release them. The court also issued a rule asking the authorities concerned of the government and the hospital to explain in four weeks why they should not be directed to take steps to release these persons, Mesbahul Islam Asif, lawyer of the petitioner, Lawyer's Society for Law, told The Daily Star. He said 23 persons are being forced to stay at the hospital for several years after recovery as their lawful guardians and addresses could not be found, according to a report published in the local daily "Bibriti".

DHAKA TODAY

Cultural Event
The High Commission of Canada to Bangladesh will organise a cultural event on the international day for elimination of violence against women. Venue: Official residence, High Commission of Canada, Baridhara, Time: 7:00pm

Discussion
Home Economics College will organise a discussion on Elimination of violence against women. Venue: Home Economics College Time 10:00am



From left, Lawmaker Wasika Ayesha Khan, Fazilatun Nessa Indra, Swedish Minister for International Development Cooperation Isabella Lövin, Ambassador of Sweden to Bangladesh Johan Frisell, and Director of Mymensingh Medical College Hospital Brig Gen Md Fashir Rahman at the launching ceremony of "Promotion of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights: Focusing on Safe MR and Reduction of Unsafe Abortion in Bangladesh" in the capital yesterday. RHSTEP and BAPSA with support from the Swedish embassy organised the programme. PHOTO: COURTESY