

DRY WEATHER LIKELY

WEATHER TODAY
UNB, Dhaka

Weather may remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm today.

Night temperature may fall slightly over southern 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 6:21am.

Country's highest temperature 30.0 degree

Celsius was recorded yesterday in Cox's Bazar and lowest 11.2 degrees in Chuadanga & Srimangal.

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	28.4	15.4	62	57	Khulna	29.0	14.2	68	72
Chittagong	28.8	17.6	75	55	Barisal	28.5	13.5	84	86
Rajshahi	28.2	12.5	76	74	Sylhet	29.3	15.5	71	77
Rangpur	25.2	15.5	94	86	Cox's Bazar	30.0	18.5	77	77

Government has confidence in armed forces
Says president

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President Abdul Hamid yesterday said the government has strong trust and confidence in the armed forces.

"This is the reason members of the armed forces are deployed in times of need for the services of the country and the nation. In the same manner, the armed forces would have to contribute in the future in welfare activities," he said.

Hamid made the remarks while addressing the 5th Corps reunion of the Signal Corps and march-past at the Shaheed Captain Abdul Hamid Parade Ground in the capital.

The president inspected



Nepalese Deputy Prime Minister Prakash Man Singh welcomes Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on her arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport in Kathmandu yesterday.

\$9.3 Billion INT'L CLIMATE FUND
Capacity, transparency keys for access

TIB discussion on Bangladesh's chance told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh needs to build capacity and ensure transparency in the implementation of climate projects to win access to the \$9.3 billion international green climate fund which was created in 2012, speakers said at a discussion yesterday.

Bangladesh has not qualified to share the fund because it is yet to develop a national implementation body, they said.

Transparency International Bangladesh organised the discussion on "Good Governance in Climate Financing: Global and National Perspective" at a hotel in the capital, shedding light on Bangladesh's performance in executing the existing projects and malpractices in those.

Speakers said the authorities could not ensure proper implementation of projects under Bangladesh Climate Change

Trust Fund (BCCTF) and Bangladesh Climate Change Resilience Fund, which could send a wrong signal to the world community.

So far Tk 2,067.59 crore was released from BCCTF in 236 government projects but only 56 projects, or 23 percent, have been completed, said Zakir Hossain, senior programme officer of TIB, in a paper titled "Challenge of Good Governance in Climate Financing".

At least 85 projects were supposed to be completed within June 30, 2009, but only 20 percent of works of the 85 projects are finished now, while 70 to 80 percent of the projects' fund is already released, he said, citing newspaper reports.

Under BCCTF, non-government organisations are carrying out 63 projects worth Tk 25.06 crore.

JCD dissidents lock central office again

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dissident Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal leaders locked its central office again at BNP's Nayapalton headquarters in the capital yesterday, a month after the first incident, demanding cancellation of the recently formed central committee of the student body.

"We repeatedly demanded cancellation of the committee and removal of [BNP leaders] Anee and Tuku from their posts. But there is no result. That's why we locked the office," Dabir Uddin Tusher, assistant communication secretary of the former committee, told The Daily Star.

On October 14, BNP chief Khaleda Zia approved a 201-member partial committee with Rajib Ahsan as president and Akramul Hasan as general secretary, but it was vehemently opposed by those who did not get leadership positions. The dissidents first locked the office on October 18.

ELIMINATING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
Families must be pioneers

Say Mahila Parishad leaders

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Every family must play a pioneering role to eliminate violence against women and establish equal rights of male and female, said leaders of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad yesterday.

"In a statistic, we have found that around 76 percent of incidents of women repression occurred inside their homes. So, the first requirement of ending violence against women is to turn each family into the safest shelter for women," said Ayesha Khanam, president of the parishad.

She was addressing a rally organised by Bangladesh Mahila Parishad and the Department of Women and Gender Studies of Dhaka University on the campus to raise awareness among the youth about women's repression and sexual harassment.

In one hand, women are significantly contributing to the country's development, but on the other hand, incidents of repression and violence against women are increasing, she said.

Reading out a written statement, Chairperson of the Women and Gender Studies Department Tania Haque placed a 28-point recommendation to prevent sexual harassment and stalking.

Some of the recommendations are: formation of "complaint committee" at every educational institution, ensuring effective role of law enforcers at and beside educational institutions and massive campaigns.

Dhaka University Vice Chancellor AAMS Arefin Siddique and many teachers, students and women rights activists attended the function.

Probe on Subhan 'flawed, improper'

Defence counsel tells war crimes tribunal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A defence counsel of Jamaat-e-Islami leader Abdus Subhan yesterday told the International Crimes Tribunal-2 that the investigation against his client was "flawed and improper."

"It was a dictated investigation," Mizanul Islam said, while placing closing arguments for the fourth day.

Speaking on the sixth charge relating to a mass killing in Satbaria of Pabna, he said that while most prosecution witnesses said Sindurpur and Kandarpur villages, two crime spots, of Pabna eroded into the river, Investigation Officer Noor Hossain said he had visited a mass grave at Kandarpur during his investigation.

Moreover, while being cross-examined Noor Hossain admitted that the villages had eroded,

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