

**DRY WEATHER LIKELY**

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

Light fog may occur at places over the riverbasins of the country during late night till morning, Met Offices said.

Night and day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

**The sun sets in the capital today at 5:10pm and rises tomorrow at 6:23am.**

Country's highest temperature 29.2 degree

Celsius was recorded yesterday in Cox's Bazar and lowest 10.8 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	28.5	15.8	68	73	Khulna	28.4	14.2	78	73
Chittagong	28.6	16.5	75	72	Barisal	27.8	13.6	79	85
Rajshahi	27.7	11.4	96	76	Sylhet	27.4	15.5	77	79
Rangpur	26.2	15.5	90	81	Cox's Bazar	29.2	17.0	71	77

**Try 'killer' Ershad**

**Calls out Dr Milon's mother on his death anniversary, saying his soul will not forgive those awarding and reaching a compromise with the former military dictator**

STAR REPORT

Selina Akhter, mother of Dr Shamsul Alam Khan Milon who was gunned down in 1990 by the armed cadres widely believed to be of the then military dictator HM Ershad, at a commemoration yesterday termed the latter a "killer" and demanded that he be tried.

"The principles that Dr Milon sacrificed his life for have not yet been achieved. General Ershad is still being awarded and used by the government. Milon's soul will not forgive those who reach a compromise with the autocrat," she told another programme.

Communist Party of Bangladesh President Mujahidul Islam Selim seconded her demand.

In response, Health Minister Mohammad Nasim had no direct answer. "A democratic government system has so many limitations. In this system, the government has to face criticism and obstacles at every step," he said.

In the second programme, Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu, pointing at Ershad, said it was time to dump the autocratic ruler.

The commemorative meeting was organised by Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) at Dhaka Medical College's Milon Chattar and the second programme, a discussion, by Shaheed Dr Milon Sangsad before Shoparjito Swadhinata at Dhaka University (DU), both marking Dr Milon's 24th death anniversary.

Dr Milon, the then BMA joint secretary, was shot dead near the DU Teacher-Student Centre in a bid to foil the mass upsurge against the autocratic regime of Ershad.

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**A tailor in his daily struggle for bread or rice at Gol Paharer Mor of Chittagong city. The photographer, who was a finalist in the 'People' category of The Daily Star's photo contest for amateurs, 'inPixel', had taken the shot on April 13.**

PHOTO: AHNAF ADIL



**NEWS IN brief**

**Man held for 'forging visa stickers'**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday presented before the media a man who they say used to provide fake but meticulously detailed visa stickers, including entry and exit seals, for Tk 100 per item to make the passport bearer look like a frequent traveller.

People availed the forgery as some countries with strict visa regimes provide visas without a doubt once they see passports bearing evidence of previous travels, said accused Shamsul Alam Babu, stating to have been involved in the forgery for around a year. Shamsul was arrested at his Khilgaon residence in the capital on Wednesday.

Some 11 seemingly Bangladeshi passports, some monograms, a computer, and a printer were also seized.

**ACC official imposters active again**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A number of imposters claiming themselves as Anti-Corruption Commission's officials are swindling people out of money, said an ACC press release yesterday.

These imposters call government officials, private company employees, and businessmen over the phone to demand money threatening to file corruption allegations against them, or offering to drop existing allegations.

ACC informs every individual through a written letter while initiating investigation. Besides, ACC officials have been told not to contact accused persons over the phone for inquiry, it added.

Every person who has got such calls has been requested to inform the director (observation and assessment) at ACC Head Office in the capital's Segunbagicha, or at 9352552.

**Writ petition filed for declaring**

**Latif's JS seat vacant**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Supreme Court lawyer yesterday filed a writ petition seeking a High Court order on the government and chief election commissioner (CEC) to explain why they should not be directed to declare Abdul Latif Siddique's Jatiya Sangsad seat vacant.

Eunus Ali Akond also prayed for a rule upon the government and the CEC to explain why their inaction in this regard should not be declared illegal. The court is likely to hear the matter on Sunday.

**Bhasani never budged from**

**principles: Prof Serajul Islam**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

During his eventful political career, Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani never budged from his pro-working class principles, said Prof Serajul Islam Choudhury of Dhaka University yesterday.

He joined and left different political parties and also formed his own but his dream of changing the lives of peasants remained consistent, he told the launching of a book, "Maulana Bhashani: His Creed and Politics", in the capital's Jatiya Press Club.

**Woman stabbed, mugged in capital**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Muggers stabbed a healthcare provider and snatched away her handbag in the capital's Mirpur yesterday afternoon.

With injuries to her abdomen, Syed Lovely, 22, a family planning worker, is undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Her husband said Lovely was in a rickshaw with the handbag containing Tk 600, a mobile phone, and some important documents. She refused to give the muggers the handbag, he added.

**QUESTION PAPER LEAK**

**Govt may shut down Facebook during exams**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In the wake of widespread allegations of question paper leaks in public examinations, the government has announced taking stronger measures to tackle the issue, including making Facebook inaccessible during the tests, if necessary.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid made the announcement at an inter-ministerial meeting with law enforcers regarding the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) exams of 2015.

"Check the necessary laws; if needed, Facebook will be made inaccessible," he told the officials present at the meeting.

The ministry yesterday formed a 25-member inter-ministerial committee to oversee the SSC examinations. The SSC examinations are expected to begin on February 2.

Public examinations were recently hit hard by allegations of question paper

leaks. Parents have alleged that sample questions went viral on some Facebook pages before the examination day and they found that many sample questions were identical to the examination ones.

Even the government had to cancel the English second paper exam for the recent HSC examination due to leaks.

The education minister yesterday asked law enforcement agencies to make an all-out effort to arrest the people involved in the crime.

He said the process of printing question papers for the next SSC exam started at BG Press yesterday.

"We have brought BG Press under intelligence watch. Similar steps were taken to keep an eye on coaching centres and Xerox shops," Nahid said.

He said they brought some changes in the printing process of the question papers, but did not elaborate.

**BNP lost confidence in apex court**

*Says Fakhru; calls Hasina regime world's 'worst-ever autocracy'*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP yesterday termed Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's regime the "worst-ever autocracy" in the world and said the party had lost faith in the Supreme Court because it turned down Khaleda Zia's leave to appeal petitions challenging her "false trials" in graft cases.

"We went to the Supreme Court... But the court rejected our pleas. We aren't frustrated; we're aggrieved and our confidence in the apex court has been shattered," said BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir.

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**SUBHAN'S WAR CRIMES TRIAL**

**His counsel may face contempt charge**

*For utterances about constitution*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-2 yesterday came down heavily on a defence counsel of Jamaat-e-Islami leader Abdus Subhan for commenting that the constitution contradicts the law on the issue of justice when it comes to the war crimes trial.

Describing the lawyer's comment as "contemptuous" the three-member tribunal warned him of legal action. The counsel Mizanul Islam immediately withdrew his remarks.

Placing the closing arguments, Mizanul said, "I have completed my arguments. Before drawing a conclusion, I want to say law tells about justice but the constitution bars justice." "Mr Islam, you said a terrible thing," the tribunal Chairman Justice Obaidul Hassan said. The constitution reflects the thoughts and opinions of people, and their elected representatives formulated it, he said.

Mizanul admitted that he said a "terrible thing". The counsel referred to the inapplicability of certain articles, including Article 31, clauses (1) and (3) of Article 35 and Article 44, that deal with right to protection of law, protection in respect of trial and punishment and enforcement of fundamental rights respectively to a person who is being prosecuted for genocide, crimes against humanity or war crimes.

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**RU TEACHER KILLING**

**Cops quizzing four about personal feud**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Police yesterday started interrogating four accused people to get further information on the personal feud, which the law enforcers claim led to the murder of Rajshahi University professor AKM Shafiqul Islam.

"We've gathered some evidence against them. We will see whether they confess or not," said Assistant Commissioner Ifte Khair Alam, spokesperson of Rajshahi Metropolitan Police. "We also need to know how the personal feud of one accused forced others to get involved."

A judicial magistrate's court in Rajshahi yesterday remanded Jubo Dal armed activist Ibrahim Khalil alias Tokai Babu for three days and Islami Chhatra Shibir armed activists Zinnat Ali, Arif and Sagor for two days each, he told The Daily Star by phone.

Three of them were remanded for the third time. In the murder case, law enforcers have so far shown arrested 17 people, six of them belonging to BNP-backed

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**UK transit rules changed**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Several changes have been made to UK transit rules, including reducing the direct airside transit visa fee to £30 and extending its routine validity to two years, to make the transit simpler and easier, said a British High Commission's press release yesterday.

The changes, which will be effective from Monday, also include dropping the en-route requirements for Bangladeshi holders of Australian, Canadian, New Zealand and US visas and thereby enabling them to transit airside via the UK to anywhere in the world without a UK visa, and abolition of the transit without a visa concession, it added.

**Rab creates database of convicted, detained**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

To tackle crimes using technology, Rapid Action Battalion has developed a computerised database of 22,000 convicted criminals and 18,000 detained persons.

Using the database under a network, Rab personnel across the country can know about 150 types of information of a rearrested person, including name, address, photo, occupation and past crime records and fingerprints, in seconds, said Rab officials.

State Minister for Home Asaduzzaman Khan discussed the system at a ceremony at the Rab headquarters in the capital's Uttara yesterday. He said a process is underway to recruit 50,000 more police personnel to strengthen the capacity of the police force.

The database--Criminal Database Management System--has recently been integrated with the national ID cards database.

After making any arrest, Rab will collect the arrestees' fingerprints to submit those to the national ID cards database to find out their personal details. In addition, if any arrestee is held by the elite force for the second time, fingerprints will show the personal profile with criminal records from the Rab database.

At the event, Rab Director General Mukhlesur Rahman said works are in progress to integrate the database with the Department of Immigration and Passports and Bangladesh Road Transport Authority.

Rab Media Wing Director Mufti Mahmud Khan said DNA profiles of criminals will also be included in the database.

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