

DRY WEATHER LIKELY

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

Light to moderate fog may occur over the country during midnight till this morning, Met Officesaid.

Night temperature may rise slightly and day temperature may remain unchanged over the country.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5:11pm and rises tomorrow at 6:28am.
Country's highest temperature 29.9

degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Sitakunda and lowest 13.2 degrees in Jessore.

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	28.0	17.8	78	76	Khulna	28.4	16.0	89	84
Chittagong	29.7	17.2	70	62	Barisal	28.1	14.8	94	91
Rajshahi	27.6	14.3	95	86	Sylhet	29.5	17.5	72	71
Rangpur	27.7	15.6	83	77	Cox's Bazar	29.8	17.0	67	77

NEWS IN brief

PM to meet press today

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will brief the media this afternoon about the outcomes of her recent Malaysia visit and joining the Saarc Summit in Nepal. The press conference will be held at her official residence Gono Bhaban, PM's Assistant Press Secretary Noorelahi Mina told The Daily Star. The premier will answer questions about the latest political developments of the country.

Punishment for Pinak-6 launch disaster culprits demanded

Some rights activists, demonstrating before the Jatiya Press Club yesterday, reiterated their demand to punish those responsible for the Pinak-6 launch disaster. The victim families must be paid Tk 10 lakh each as compensation, they demanded at a human chain organised by the National Committee to Protect Shipping, Roads and Railways. Some 48 bodies were recovered and 62 remain missing after the vessel sunk in the Padma river on August 4.

RU prof accused of sexual harassment

A professor of Rajshahi University has been temporarily relieved of overseeing examinations and researchs after a female student accused him of making sexual advances towards her several times despite warning. The professor, however, is allowed to attend classes, according to a decision of the department concerned, which launched an investigation into a complaint, filed on October 29, with its Sexual Harassment Prevention Committee. The student said he tried to persuade her in return of good grades. "I tried to dissuade him again and again, but he kept on harassing me," she told The Daily Star. The accused declined to talk.

AL leader shot in Savar

Unidentified miscreants shot an Awami League leader in Savar while he was returning to his residence from Keraniganj on a motorbike yesterday. Md Alauddin, 55, general secretary of Keraniganj's Hazratpur union unit of AL, was hospitalised.

Illegal diagnostic centre closed

The Directorate General of Health Services closed the diagnostic section of Touhida Hospital and Diagnostic Centre in the capital's Golapbagh yesterday as it has no registration. More drives will be conducted in the capital next week, said DGHS Deputy Director Shapan Kumar Tapadar.

NSU admission test result published

The results of undergraduate admission tests of Spring Semester-2015 of North South University were published on Wednesday. The verification of academic papers of successful candidates will start tomorrow and continue till Thursday. The admission deadline is December 18.

EC, Buet in feud

they can come up with a new EVM with upgraded features," EC Secretary Sirazul Islam told journalists at his EC Secretariat office in the capital yesterday. Created by the Institute of Information and Communication Technology (IICT) of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) in 2007, some 1,100 EVMs were manufactured at Bangladesh Machine Tools Factory costing around Tk 5 crore, borne by the EC. The machines, with no official announcement, have been left unused for the last 10 months. IICT has not even handed over the patent to EC, creating a gap, the secretary added. However, former IICT director SM Lutful Kabir, who played a key role in the EVM development, said they had stopped offering technical support as EC was not using the machines as per their guidelines. Moreover, the patent has not been sought by the EC, he added.



PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ



A pedestrian stepping over a sharp edge of the staircase which could have inflicted gashes on his leg on the dilapidated footbridge at Farmgate, near The Daily Star Centre, in the capital. The Dhaka North City Corporation has fully opened it to the public after partial repairs, also leaving large gaps like the one here, inset, on the landings where pedestrians may misstep anytime. The photo was taken on Tuesday.

DNCC shows blatant disregard for public safety

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) has fully opened a dilapidated footbridge at Farmgate after partial repair recently, disregarding the dangers it might cause to the pedestrians. The renovation of the overcrossing near The Daily Star Centre started two weeks ago, and during the period, the authorities kept one staircase open on each side to let people use it in the meantime. The authorities however replaced the four staircases only and left the landings and other parts of the footbridge as before with holes and gaps visible in the corroded metal planks. Talking to The Daily Star on Wednesday, Chief Executive Officer of DNCC BM Enamul Haque said they did some emergency repairs, and it would take 15 more days to finish all the work. Meanwhile, the footbridge near Ananda Hall has remained abandoned for five months since July 18 after the Bangladesh University of SEE PAGE 4 COL 5

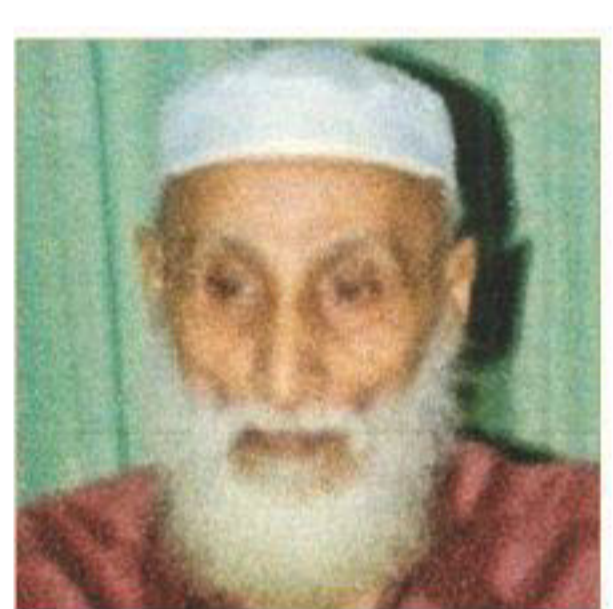
WAR CRIMES TRIAL

Siraj Master stabbed Hindu man dead

Testifies martyr's cousin claiming that he himself was also slashed by accused; six charges taken into cognisance against two other Netrakona accused

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A witness yesterday narrated before International Crimes Tribunal-1 how war crimes accused Sheikh Sirajul Haque alias Siraj Master stabbed to death his cousin and slashed him in Bagerhat's Ranjipur village in May during the 1971 Liberation War. "Siraj Master hit Gobinda (Chandra Das) on the head with the butt of his rifle. When Gobinda fell on the ground, Siraj Master killed him by stabbing him in the chest," said the second prosecution witness Sailendra Nath Das. "Two Razakars held me while Siraj



Siraj Master

Master slashed me from the neck to the belly," he said, showing the scar to the three-member tribunal led by Justice M Enayetur Rahim with members Justice Jahangir Hossain and Justice Anwarul Haque. Sailendra said Sirajul was his teacher at class IX in 1963-64 at Saira Modhudia Collegiate School. "I sought mercy several times but he did not listen," he said. The Razakars took away his clothes but gave a "gamcha" or towel to wear on Sirajul's instructions, he added. The assault took place when Sailendra and SEE PAGE 4 COL 6

Three cops sued for extortion, assault on freedom fighter

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Three policemen were sued yesterday in a Dhaka court on the charge of extorting money from a freedom fighter and assaulting him. Taking the charges into cognisance, the court directed Detective Branch of police (DB) to investigate the matter and submit a report to it by January 25 next year. Sulaiman Sheikh, also an employee of a dealer of open market sale, filed the case against Md Manju, assistant sub-inspector, and constables Rabiul Islam and Anjan Ansar of Khilgaon Police Station. Manju is now posted at Shahjahanpur Police Station while two others at Paltan Police Station. The complainant alleged that the three policemen assaulted him and extorted Tk 6,500 from him in Khilgaon's Bhuiyan Para in the capital on May 5 this year. He said that he submitted a written complaint to the home ministry on May 8 but it did not take any action against the cops. He also alleged that the three cops again beat him failing to extort money several times from him. "I went to file a case against the three policemen with Khilgaon Police Station, but it refused to record it" said Sulaiman in the complaint.

Obituary

CITY DESK
Prof Latifa Akanda, former teacher of Islamic History at Dhaka University, died following a short illness at Birdem Hospital, Dhaka yesterday. She was 89. Born on November 01 1925 in Netrokona, she studied at Lady Brabourne College, Calcutta later at SOAS, London University on Modern Indian History. One of the founders of Women for Women, she was also associated with other NGOs, including Unity for Social and Human Action. Wife of Zaminuddin Akanda, a scientist and metallurgist, she left behind three sons and a daughter. Her namaz-e-zanaza will be held at Dhaka University Mosque today after Jumma prayers.



COP ASSAULT CASE

Charge framing hearing against Fakhrul, 40 others March 12

COURT CORRESPONDENT
A Dhaka court yesterday fixed March 12 next year for hearing charge framing against BNP leaders Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, Moudud Ahmed, Mirza Abbas and 38 others in a case filed on charges of assaulting police and blasting bombs on Bailey Road in the capital during the opposition's agitation programme on March 2 last year. The court passed the order after lawyers of Moudud, Abbas and Sadeque Hossain Khoka, submitted three petitions seeking an adjournment of the hearing. BNP leaders Fakhrul, Abdullah Al Noman, Gayeshwar Chandra Roy, Barkat Ullah Bulu and 34 others, now on bail, were present in the court while Moudud, Khoka and Abbas remained absent yesterday.

Make freshers aware of sexual harassment

Gender experts urge universities
DU CORRESPONDENT

Gender experts yesterday recommended that the universities create awareness about sexual harassment among the freshers to fight the vice. "At the time of their enrolment, newcomers should be introduced to anti-harassment laws and the activities of the centres responsible for taking action," said Tania Haque, chairperson of Dhaka University's women and gender studies department. She was presiding over a programme, "We Demand Violence and Harassment Free Campus for Women", organised by Bangladesh Mahila Parishad and the department in RC Majumder Auditorium. "The university should ensure that the perpetrators and the victims receive proper counselling to deal with the aftermaths," Tania said. "We will place a set of recommendations to the vice chancellor of [DU] and the University Grants Commission." DU pro vice chancellor (education) Prof Nasreen Ahmad proposed setting up of a complaint box at every department of the university to help female students file complaints easily.

The Daily Star's

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Educated in Calcutta, Dhaka and London, he was one of the few Asian journalists who stood out in regional journalism. Ali was born to a Bangalee literary family in Moulvibazar in 1928. He was the eldest son of late Syed Mustafa Ali, an official of the Assam Civil Service, and nephew of famous litterateur Syed Mujtaba Ali and Syed Murtaja Ali. He died in 1993 in a Bangkok hospital at the age of 65. Ali started off as a reporter with the Pakistan Observer while a student at Dhaka University. He went on to hold important positions in various regional publications in Pakistan, Hong Kong, Thailand and Singapore. He later joined the Press Foundation of Asia as its executive director in the 1970s. In 1981, he became Unesco's regional communication adviser for Asia and the Pacific and was based in the Malaysian capital of Kuala Lumpur. Ali returned home in 1989 and had a brief stint with the Bangladesh Observer as editor. He launched The Daily Star in 1991 and worked tirelessly to establish the newspaper as a leading national daily until the day before his flight to Bangkok for treatment.

Disparaging

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Pointing to the Transparency International's recent report, Fakhrul lambasted the government saying that it revealed that corruption had increased in Bangladesh. The country has ranked as the 14th most corrupt nation, from the 16th earlier. Every sector is getting worse day by day, and the nation wants to get rid of this situation, Fakhrul said, stressing the need for a tougher movement and urging people to join in.

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