

TEMPERATURE LIKELY TO FALL



WEATHER TODAY

Unb, Dhaka

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 morning, said Met Office. Night temperature may fall by (1-2) degree

Celsius and day temperature may fall by 2-3 degree Celsius over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:11pm and rises tomorrow at 6:30am. Country's highest temperature 30.0 degree

Celsius was recorded yesterday in Sylhet & Sitakunda lowest 12.9 degrees in 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 23.4	17.8	90	82	Khulna 25.4	16.9	90	85
Chittagong 29.0	18.2	78	67	Barisal 27.2	17.0	97	90
Rajshahi 20.7	15.3	92	95	Sylhet 30.0	16.5	69	69
Rangpur 21.2	15.5	88	88	Cox's Bazar 29.5	17.2	77	68

Most of top RU JCD leaders detained

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Police picked up 19 leaders and activists, including president and general secretary, of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal of Rajshahi University unit while they all were holding a meeting outside the campus in the city's Mirzapur area last night. The unit President Imtiaz Ahmed and General Secretary Kamrul Hasan and almost all other top leaders of the unit were detained from Mirzapur School and College premises around 8:30pm, said Alamgir Hossain, officer-in-charge of Motihar Police Station. When contacted, Shafiqul Alam, president of the district unit of JCD, said the JCD men were holding an organisational meeting with the prior permission from the institute authorities. At one stage, some local Awami League men had an altercation with them asking what meeting they were holding there, he said. Later, the AL men beat some of the JCD men and handed them over to police after informing the law enforcers, he alleged. When asked about the charge brought against them, Alamgir, however, said the JCD men were "actually rescued" from locals, who surrounded them. Police are interrogating the JCD men at the station whether they were holding the meeting to plot any subversive activities, the OC added. The city unit AL general secretary W Sarkar could not be contacted for his comment as his mobile was switched-off.

NEWSIN brief

European Commission to help flood-hit people in north-west

UNB, Dhaka

The European Commission has decided to provide an additional one million Euro (over Tk 9.5 crore) for the most vulnerable families affected by floods in north-western Bangladesh. The funds will help the flood-hit people in Kurigram, Gaibandha, Bogra, Sirajganj and Jamalpur districts, said a press release.

SC upholds bail to Tanvir in Sagar-Runi murder case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday upheld a High Court order that on December 2 granted bail to Tanvir Rahman, an accused in Sagar Sarowar and Meherun Runi murder case. The SC upheld the HC order after hearing a petition moved by Attorney General Mahubey Alam seeking stay on it. Sagar, news editor of Maasranga TV, and his wife Runi, senior reporter of ATN Bangla, were killed at their rented flat in the capital on February 11, 2012.

Hult Prize 2015 quarterfinal held at Brac University

CITY DESK

The quarterfinal of Hult Prize 2015, one of the world's largest student competitions for generating social business ideas, was held at Brac University on Saturday. This year's theme of the competition, hosted by the Hult Foundation in partnership with Clinton Global Initiative, was Early Childhood Education in urban slums. Held in Brac Center auditorium, the quarterfinal round was organised with support from The Daily Star and sponsored by Nitol Motors Limited and powered by Radio Foorti.

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Workshop

INTOSAI Development Initiative and other will organise a workshop on "ISSAI Compliance Assessment Tool (iCAT)." Venue: Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel, Time: 9:00am.

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Democracy International, Bangladesh will organise a workshop on "Good practice for reporting public opinion polls." Venue: Best Western La Vinci Hotel, Kawran Bazar, Time: 9:00am.

Thimphu for Dhaka's passage thru India

STAR REPORT

Dhaka and Thimphu have sought Delhi's cooperation in easing movement of trucks through Indian territory to expand bilateral trade and economic relations between Bangladesh and Bhutan. In meetings with Bhutanese ministers, the visiting Bhutanese Prime Minister, Tshering Tobgay, expressed eagerness to export electricity and boulders that will be used for the construction of the Padma bridge. Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed, who met Tobgay, said Bhutanese trucks could now enter Bangladesh through India for export and import. "We need Indian support so that Bangladeshi trucks can also directly go to Bhutan through India," he added. He said Bhutan was going to generate 30,000MW electricity, and Bangladesh wanted to import some of it. After meeting Tobgay, Finance Minister AMA Muhith said Indian cooperation was a must for importing electricity and boulders from Bhutan and stressed the need for a tripartite meeting among Bangladesh, India and Bhutan. He said Prime Minister's International Affairs Advisor Gowher Rizvi had talked to the Bhutanese and Indian sides, and "we are expecting a tripartite meeting soon". PRESIDENT-BHUTANESE PM President Abdul Hamid yesterday sought Bhutan's support in enhancing connectivity in South Asia for mutual benefits of the peoples. He also emphasised Bhutan's active participation in sub-regional cooperation

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Bhutanese Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay and Bangladesh's Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Raushan Ershad meet at Sonargaon hotel in Dhaka yesterday, with the latter calling for Bhutan's cooperation in communication and hydropower sectors. The visiting PM will leave Dhaka today.

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FEMALE VICTIMS OF REPRESSION, TORTURE Mahila Parishad demands support centres at districts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad (BMP) has demanded setting up victim support centres and one-stop crisis centres at every district to ensure all kinds of assistance to women who are victims of repression and torture. It also urged for sufficient budgetary allocation and more skilled manpower for the centres. The demands came at a meeting at Cirdap auditorium in the capital yesterday. BMP organised the views-exchange meeting attended by representatives of Victim Support Centres (VSC), One-Stop Crisis Centres (OCC), Bangladesh Police Women's Network and other service providers. Chairing the function, BMP President Ayesha Khanam said only a joint effort of males and females can minimise repression on women. Tariq-ul-Islam, women and children affairs secretary, urged women who are victims of torture and repression to break the silence and seek help from law enforcers

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GOVT COLLEGES WITH GRADUATE COURSES Public universities agree to oversee

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The University Grants Commission (UGC) yesterday formed an eight-member committee to implement the government's decision to bring all National University-affiliated state-run colleges offering graduate and postgraduate degrees under 36 public universities. The body was formed at an emergency meeting where vice chancellors of the public universities endorsed the decision in principle to ease the debilitating workload that has bogged down the NU, hurting the quality of education and causing long session jams at the colleges. Headed by UGC member Prof Mohammad Mohabbat

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SCBA to tackle imposters on court premises

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Aiming to stop access of impersonators to the Supreme Court premises, Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) yesterday announced that lawyers and their clerks have been asked to wear identity cards, to be provided by SCBA, from December 15. They have also been asked to identify and hand over to law enforcers anyone without a Bachelor of Laws degree but masquerading as lawyers by wearing coats, SCBA leaders told a press conference at the SCBA auditorium. However, people who obtained certificates from Bangladesh Bar Council and working with High Court lawyers as apprentices will be eligible for access to the High Court and lawyers' chambers, they said, adding that the resolution was adopted at an SCBA meeting on November 17. SCBA President Khandker Mahub Hossain said fraudsters, with no relevant background, were cheating people on the SC premises, falsely claiming that they were dealing with cases alongside engaging in forgery. SCBA Secretary AM Mahub Uddin Khokon said one Moslem Mollah, impersonating a lawyer, was handed over to the

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