

**DRY WEATHER LIKELY**

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

Moderate to thick fog may occur over the river basins and light to moderate fog elsewhere over the country, said Met Office.

Night temperature may fall slightly over southern part and nearly unchanged elsewhere over the country. Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

**The sun sets in the capital today at 5:12pm and rises tomorrow at 6:30am.**

Country's highest temperature 29.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Cox's Bazar and lowest 10.2 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	23.9	16.3	86	81	Khulna	25.5	15.0	92	92
Chittagong	24.9	18.2	94	80	Barisal	26.2	15.3	90	90
Rajshahi	26.0	10.2	100	84	Sylhet	27.7	18.3	85	88
Rangpur	24.5	12.5	98	87	Cox's Bazar	29.5	18.8	84	84

**ANTI-GOVT MOVEMENT**  
**Khaleda's new directives**  
**Dec 18**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia will give fresh directives on the anti-government movement in a gathering of former student leaders in the capital on December 18. "The leadership of Ducusu and Chhatra Oikya Parishad of 1990 will hold a daylong convention in the Institute of Engineers like they did on October 1, 1990 to oust autocrat HM Ershad," BNP joint secretary general Amanullah Aman told a press conference at

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**UP chairmen demand power, raise**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Union Parishad (UP) chairmen and members yesterday demanded adequate authority and a hike in honorarium, saying they were deprived and disrespected now. Without empowering local bodies, particularly UPs, the central government cannot function properly and the Vision 2021 cannot be achieved, they told a human chain of Bangladesh Union Parishad Forum in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club.

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**Rajshahi students protest peers' road death**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Protesting Sunday's two-bus collision that killed three of their peers, the students of Rajshahi Government College blocked the road in the city for four hours yesterday. They demanded capital punishment for the bus drivers who are on the run, purchase of new buses for the college students, and appointment of skilled drivers. Wearing black badges, several hundred students had blocked the road at Rajshahi College and Shaheb Bazar Zero Point since 10:30am.

**More Hindu**

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right knee with a knife... At that moment the accused Siraj Master shot dead my father," he said, adding that Sirajul then turned the gun on villagers Nishi Kanto and Dulal. Around 50 to 60 persons were killed by Razakars that day and he and his family fled to India, added Tapan. Defence counsels will resume cross-examining the witnesses today. Both Sirajul, under arrest, and Hasan, on the run, are facing six charges of crimes against humanity and genocide.

**Japan wants skilled Bangladeshis**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Japan has expressed interest in hiring skilled manpower from Bangladesh ahead of the Summer Olympics 2020 which the Asian economic giant will host.

Kazuo Tsubota, managing director of Japanese International Manpower Development Organisation (IMDO, Japan), expressed his government's interest in a meeting with Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Khandker Mosharrar Hossain at the latter's office yesterday, said ministry officials.

"Japan needs skilled workers in different sectors, including construction and technical, ahead of the Olympics," Mohammad Ibrahim, deputy secretary at the ministry and personal secretary of the minister, told The Daily Star.

The East-Asian country has a demand of around 2,300 technical interns every year and Bangladesh can utilise this opportunity, he added. Quoting the minister, Ibrahim said a ministerial level meeting may be held between the two friendly countries in January or February in this regard.

**Bhutan was first to recognise Bangladesh**

*Even before India, says Foreign Secretary Shahidul Haque referring to historic message that then Bhutanese king sent to Bangladesh's acting president Syed Nazrul Islam*

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Amid confusion in media, Dhaka yesterday categorically said Bhutan recognised an independent Bangladesh on December 6 in 1971.

"There is no controversy about this historical fact... Bhutan first recognised Bangladesh in 1971 and the acknowledgment came on December 6 through a wireless message," Foreign Secretary Md Shahidul Haque told a press briefing at the ministry.

Recently, some of Bangladeshi media outlets reported that Bhutan's recognition

came on December 6 while the others saying it came on December 7, after India recognised Bangladesh on December 6.

"It emerges from our history that Bhutan recognised first... even before Bangladesh's birth," the secretary said. "Both India and Bhutan recognised Bangladesh on December 6 but Bhutan did it first," he said.

This means the recognition by the two neighbours came a few hours apart, but Bhutan was the first country.

In the message of recognition, Bhutan's

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Students and teachers of Dhaka University, members of YES Group, a youth platform of the Transparency International Bangladesh, and TIB officials form a human chain in front of TSC yesterday. Before that, about a hundred university students took a vow not to commit and tolerate corruption. The programme was part of TIB's two-day campaign marking International Anti-Corruption Day today. On the occasion, TIB Executive Director Iftekharuzzaman called on the government to give more space to civil society and people to battle corruption.

PHOTO: STAR

**Cops, soldiers must differentiate mandates**

*US official Brownfield tells journalists before leaving Dhaka; stresses careful use of forces like Rab*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A joint taskforce like the Rapid Action Battalion should act under due scrutiny, US assistant secretary for law enforcement William Brownfield said in the capital yesterday.

Such a force should do its job carefully because it is unfair to deploy military personnel to serve the job of police, he replied to a question from a select group of journalists who discussed the law enforcement and criminal justice system with him at the American Center before he flew to Pakistan on conclusion of his three-day visit to Bangladesh.

"Though such a joint taskforce is not unprecedented in managing law and order, it should be as rare as possible," Brownfield said.

Soldiers are not police, nor are police soldiers; their mission and training is not same either, he said. Soldiers have no authority to arrest and detain a person; it is the job and mandate of police, he said, stressing that police should carry out their

mandate and the armed forces theirs.

"A professional police force does not resort to atrocity and human rights violation nor do they give in to politicisation," he replied.

Their professionalism depends on training and education, required equipment, and a "reasonable salary", he said.

Brownfield said cops should not behave as an external force but as part of the community.

It is true that police personnel are often outnumbered by public crowds and deployed in situations with threat of personal danger, he said, but they too must be held accountable for their actions.

A mechanism within the police force is a must for accountability of its members, and if need be the cops must be brought to trial either for criminal offence or civil rights damage, said Brownfield, who heads the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs in the State Department.

It is also essential to keep the judges, prosecutors and investigators professional and free from political influence to ensure justice for criminal offences, he said.



**Stop charging extra admission fees at schools**

HC asks govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the government to take steps immediately to stop charging students extra admission fees at the schools enjoying monthly pay order (MPO) facilities.

After hearing a writ petition filed by three Supreme Court lawyers, the HC bench of Justice Quazi Reza-Ul Hoque and Justice Abu Taher Md Saifur Rahman also issued a rule upon the government to explain why it should not be directed to ensure collection of admission fees as per its circular issued in November this year.

Citing an example, Shamsul Hque Kanchan, one of the petitioners, told The Daily Star that Biam Laboratory School and Biam Model School in the capital have been charging more than Tk 19,000 as admission fees.

The court also fixed December 15 for passing a further order, he added.

**NEWS IN brief**

**EU inquires about AL's modus operandi**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A visiting European Union delegation yesterday inquired about Awami League's organisational structure, operation, and grassroots leaders' role in nominating party candidates for parliamentary elections, said party leaders.

A four-member team led by Jean Lambert met the leaders at AL chief Sheikh Hasina's Dhanmondi office, and also wanted to know about the nature of Bangladesh Chhatra League's affiliation with AL, efficacy of the current parliament, and rise of religious fundamentalism, and its source of funding. The AL leaders responded that the grassroots always nominated candidates, BCL was an independent organisation, and the opposition was playing an effective role in parliament.

**Bangladesh Betar to celebrate diamond jubilee from Dec 15**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Betar will start celebrating its diamond jubilee for four days from December 15, said a press release yesterday. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the event at Jatiya Betar Bhavan.

**73 illegal structures on Buriganga demolished**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) and the Dhaka district administration in another drive recovered around 12 acres of land by demolishing 73 illegal structures from the banks of the Buriganga river yesterday.

Following a High Court order passed on November 23 the illegal structures, of which 70 are tin-shed shops while the rest are transit sheds of the BIWTA, were demolished from Waizghat to Badamtali area, said BIWTA official, adding that criminal cases will be filed against the culprits.

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**Bishwo Shahitto Kendro books can be read online**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bishwo Shahitto Kendro (BSK) yesterday launched its official website, www.bskbd.org, to ensure better access to its huge collection of books.

With support from BRAC Bank Ltd, the BSK has developed the website to facilitate online reading and free downloads of some particular books.

President Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed launched the website in the capital where Brac Bank's Managing Director and CEO Syed Mahbubur Rahman was present.

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**Ex-BCL men lock**

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Tk 4,500 depending on the student's solvency and for the physically challenged and wards of freedom fighters, said Principal Abul Foteh Fatah.

A teacher seeking anonymity said former college unit vice president Rumel Ahmed had led the act accompanied by around 40 activists. Rumel could not be reached on his cellphone.

Stating that some miscreants impersonating BCL activists were to blame, BCL Sylhet city unit General Secretary Emrul Hasan said the college unit BCL committee was dissolved some four months ago over allegations of misconduct and irregularities.

**DNCC starts**

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within three months. Three organisations -- Protyasha Unnyan Shangha, Su Samaj Foundation and READI and Digitaltake -- would work on this.

A house owner has to pay Tk 370 for a number plate. Residents of the area would be able to pay taxes through mobile phone services once the system is launched, said BM Enamul Haque, chief executive officer of DNCC.

E-tender Faruk Jalil also inaugurated E-tender at the programme.

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