

## DRY WEATHER LIKELY



Weather may 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 may occur elsewhere over the country during midnight till morning, Met Office said.

Night and day temperature may remain unchanged over the country.

**The sun sets in the capital today at 5:12pm and rises tomorrow at 6:31am.**

Country's highest temperature 28.3

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	
	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	23.5	15.0	92	86
Chittagong	26.4	16.5	84	68
Rajshahi	27.0	11.2	98	82
Rangpur	25.8	14.6	95	74

	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening
Khulna	26.8	13.8	90	85
Barisal	26.2	14.6	100	90
Sylhet	26.7	18.0	90	86
Cox's Bazar	28.3	18.0	90	77

## India fully committed to Teesta, land deals

**President Pranab Mukherjee tells new Bangladeshi envoy Syed Muazzem Ali**

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Indian President Pranab Mukherjee has said his country is fully committed to resolving not only the outstanding issues like the land and boundary and Teesta river water sharing deals but also other issues to take the relations to a newer height.

He made the assurance when newly appointed Bangladesh High Commission to India Syed Muazzem Ali presented his credentials to him at Rashtrapati Bhawan in New Delhi yesterday, said a foreign ministry press release.

The Indian statesman said the relations were elevated to a whole new

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## Court orders IO to submit probe report Dec 30

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday directed the investigation officer (IO) of the journalist couple Sagar-Runi murder case to appear before it along with the case diary on December 30.

The order came after IO Wares Ali, a Rab official, failed to submit any progress report by yesterday.

The court also asked the IO to submit the complete report by that date.

Earlier on September 18, another Dhaka court, expressing its dissatisfaction at the investigation, ordered Rab to record statements of the couple's only son Mahir Sarwar Megh, and Runi's mother and brother, and also to scrutinise the telephone records of the two guards at the residence and interrogate the

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## Contempt of Court Ex-BTCL MD granted bail for 8 weeks

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday granted former managing director of Bangladesh Telecommunications Company Ltd SOM Kalim Ullah bail for eight weeks in a contempt of court case, clearing the way for his release from jail.

The High Court on December 4 sentenced him to four months' imprisonment for ignoring its order.

He was also fined Tk 1 lakh, in default, to suffer one more month in jail.

The HC delivered the verdict after hearing a contempt-of-court petition filed by Oxinnel Services Private Ltd, a telephone company, alleging that Kalim Ullah did not comply with a previous HC order that had asked him to refund OSPL Tk 72 lakh.

Yesterday, chamber judge of the Appellate Division of

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## HC orders probe of Rangpur cops crossfire threat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday ordered the home ministry to probe into the allegations that several policemen of Rangpur had threatened to put a complainant on crossfire for filing a case over cops torturing a woman.

In response to a writ petition filed by the complainant, the court asked the home secretary to submit the probe report before it in four weeks.

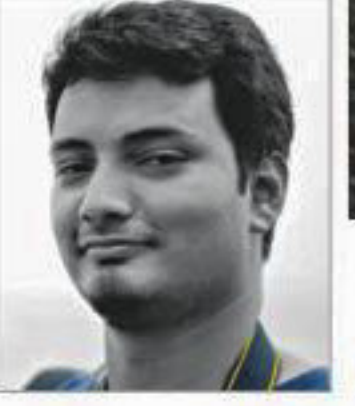
Petitioner's lawyer Manzill Murshid told The Daily Star that the policemen including Sub-inspector Abu Bakar Siddique of Kaunia station sexually harassed and tortured a

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A teeming Buriganga off Sadarghat on the morning of April 4, 2005, captured by a finalist in the "Rivers of Bangladesh" category of The Daily Star's photo contest for amateurs, inPixel.

PHOTO: MOHAMMAD SARFARAZ HYDER



## Six held but Tk 1.1cr not recovered yet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police are yet to recover Tk 1.1 crore muggers snatched in separate incidents in the capital two days ago.

However, six persons were arrested in connection with the incidents.

Police held Al Amin Humayun Kabir and Morshed Khan, all lower-tier staff of E-zone, following the mugging on Sunday in Raupnagar. They were placed on a two-day remand the next day.

Matlubar Rahman, officer-in-charge (investigation) of Rupnagar Police

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## Supreme Court lawyer Tuhin Malik sued

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Two criminal cases were filed against a Supreme Court lawyer Tuhin Malik on the charges of making derogatory remarks on the Bangladesh Constitution and hurting religious sentiment on November 30.

Golam Rabbani, international affairs deputy secretary of Bangladesh Chhatra League Central Committee, filed the cases with Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka.

Metropolitan Magistrate Md Hasibul Haque directed officer-in-charge of Shahbagh

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## Bangladesh shows war crimes trial standards

NHRC boss Mizanur Rahman tells discussion on human rights violation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ripping into the international communities, National Human Rights Commission Chairman Prof Mizanur Rahman yesterday said the International Crimes Tribunal of Bangladesh had set the standards of how to try war criminals transparently.

"You raise questions about the standards...but we have set standards through the fairest of trials of war criminals with the laws of the land, which didn't happen anywhere including Nuremberg, Yugoslavia, Cambodia, and Rwanda," he told a roundtable in the capital's Jatiya Press Club.

The Association for Law Research and Human Rights (ALERT) organised the roundtable on "Worldwide Violation of Human Rights and its Remedies".

Mizanur likened the international communities' criticism of Bangladesh's human rights situation to "shedding crocodile tears", saying that on one hand, they were issuing statements on the rights situation and on the other, were

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## WAR CRIMES TRIAL Another Hindu martyr's son implicates Siraj Master

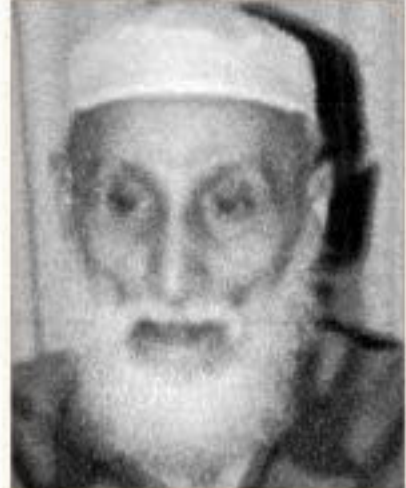
*Says accused chopped off his father's fingers before killing him*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The son of a martyr yesterday narrated how war crimes accused Sheikh Sirajul Haque alias Siraj Master chopped off his father's fingers before shooting him dead in Bagerhat during the Liberation War.

Arun Das, the fifth prosecution witness in the case against Sirajul, told the International Crimes Tribunal-1 that his father Kanek Das had begged for life.

On the noon of May 13, 1971, father



Siraj Master

came out of the house hearing commotion in the village, Ranjitpur, he said. "I saw many armed people. Some held rifles and some machetes. My father ran for life."

"Among the armed men, I identified Siraj Master," said Arun, 55, adding that he knew Siraj Master who once played volleyball at his school playground.

Looking for his father, he and his mother went to a nearby place and found his father caught by Sirajul and his associates.

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## Qayyum was a silent warrior

Friends tell memorial event at DU

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Artist Qayyum Chowdhury was a silent warrior in different movements, including the one for language in 1952, that culminated in an independent Bangladesh, his friends told a memorial meeting yesterday.

He played with the native colours and was a vanguard in a free cultural movement, recalled Mustafa Monowar, addressing the meeting at the Faculty of Fine Arts at Dhaka University.

Artist Hashem Khan said the maestro had changed the cultural taste of the society.

Qayyum portrayed the struggle and the beauty of Bangladesh through his poster designs, said painter Samarjit Roy Chowdhury. His death is a permanent loss, he added.

Artist Rafiqun Nabi and art critic Dr Nazrul Islam also spoke.

Qayyum died on November 30, at the age of 82.



Bangladesh Chhatra League activists on a rampage in front of the Awami League office in Teknaf upazila of Cox's Bazar yesterday afternoon. Two rival groups, one led by Abul Kalam Abu, the president of one faction of the BCL's upazila unit, and the other by Sarwar Alam, president of the other faction, chased each other after the loyalists of the former tried to gather there to hold a rally, showing off their might ahead of the December 13 district BCL council. The rowdies vandalised a few auto-rickshaws and motorcycles. Teknaf upazila has at least four factions of BCL, each struggling to overpower the other and establish supremacy.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

## DHAKA-TONGI ROUTE Demu train inaugurated

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Diesel Electric Multiple Unit (Demu) train service on the Tongi-Dhaka route was inaugurated at Tongi Railway Station yesterday.

At the event, Director General of Bangladesh Railway Tofazzal Ahmed said two more rail tracks would be set up between Dhaka and Tongi soon.

Abdul Mazid, station master of Kamalapur Railway Station, the demu train will run on the route twice a day.

## Equal rights

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neglected women are educated and made self-reliant. "Her dream was mostly materialised. She remains alive and would remain alive in the hearts of every educated woman," she said.

She said the government has given priority to women participation in state policy, projects and programmes and female education.

"Today, the country's prime minister, the opposition leader and Speaker of parliament all are women and there is a strong presence of females in cabinet, administration, army, navy and air force, judiciary, police and other posts," said the premier.

The women and children affairs ministry organised the function with its state minister Meher Afroze Chumki in the chair.

## Gowher Rizvi for 'self-regulation'

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Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) at the capital's Drik Gallery. Journalists must present true and evidence-based information and follow a code of ethics as well as accountability, the chief guest added.

He also called upon journalists to remain cautious about not being used only to fulfill the purpose of their institutions' owners.

Arup Roy of the daily Prothom Alo, and HM Alauddin of the Dainik Purbanchal were awarded along with Sazzad Parvez of Jamuna Television who got the prize for his report telecast on SATV.

In a separate prize giving ceremony of

the anti-corruption cartoon competition-2014, organised by the TIB at the same venue in the evening, SM Asif Bin Gaffar, Mahmudul Hassan Emon, MD Faridur Rahman Razib, Arafat Karim and Mehedi Haque were awarded. Besides, 35 others also received certificates and prize money.

TIB's Chairperson Sultana Kamal, and its Executive Director Dr Iftekharuzzaman, attended both the events while Denmark Ambassador to Bangladesh Hanne Fugl Eskjaer and Swedish Ambassador to Dhaka Johan Frisell attended the latter.

Fifty nine cartoons, submitted in the competition, are on display at the gallery, from 3:30pm to 8:00pm till December 16.

## NEWS IN brief

### 3 renowned persons given Rotary Vocational Excellence Award

CITY DESK

Rotary Club of Dhaka Cosmopolitan gave Rotary Vocational Excellence Award to three renowned persons on Sunday.

Recipients of awards are Nurun Newaz Selim, Dr AF Mohiuddin Khan and SM Shiblee Noman.

Rotary Governor Safina Rahman gave away the awards at a ceremony in the capital.

### Catholic Church starts its first university in Dhaka

CITY DESK

Catholic Church in Bangladesh has started first university, Notre Dame University Bangladesh (NDUB), in the capital, said a press release yesterday.

The orientation programme of the university was held on Sunday, and classes began the same day.

A total of 290 students have enrolled and 31 teachers have been appointed in the university.

Initially, it started off with bachelor programmes on business studies (BBA), English, economics, law and philosophy. Later more disciplines will be introduced.

## Road crashes kill

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Shajahanpur upazila on Monday.

Our Dinajpur correspondent reports, Hasim Ali, 35, of Bizora village died a microbus hit a rickshaw-van carrying him on Dinajpur-Biral road Baniapara village in Biral upazila on Monday.

Our Moulvibazar correspondent adds Najmul Islam, 28, of Dipia village in the district, died his motorcycle hit a roadside tree as he lost control over the vehicle in Paloiimal area of Italy yesterday.