

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 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 28.6 degree

Celsius was recorded yesterday in Satkhira and lowest 10.4 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	23.7	14.7	93	89	Khulna	28.0	15.4	100	89
Chittagong	27.2	16.1	97	66	Barisal	27.4	15.4	100	86
Rajshahi	23.4	10.4	89	93	Sylhet	26.3	17.0	98	88
Rangpur	18.4	12.0	91	93	Cox's Bazar	28.2	18.0	86	77

VANDALISM CASE
13 BNP men charged

Indictment hearing against 23 others including Fakhru, Moudud Dec 28 in another case

A Dhaka court yesterday framed charges against 13 BNP leaders and activists, including Habibun Nabi Khan Soheli and Sultan Salahuddin Tuku in a vandalism case.

The case was filed with Ramna Police Station against the 13 BNP men, now on bail, on the charge of vandalising vehicles, assaulting police and preventing them from discharging duties on November 13, 2010.

Sohel is a member secretary of BNP convening committee of Dhaka city unit while Tuku is assistant student affairs secretary of the party.

Metropolitan Magistrate Md Mahbubur Rahman fixed March 10 next year to start the trial of the case.

CASE AGAINST MOUDUD BNP Standing Committee Member Moudud Ahmed avoided an arrest warrant after appearing before a Dhaka court in another vandalism case.

Mohosin Miah, a counsel for Moudud, submitted a petition to the court in the morning saying that his client could not face it yesterday for his busyness.

Rejecting the petition, Metropolitan Magistrate Tareq Mainul Islam Bhuiyan asked Moudud to face the court by 4:00pm yesterday.

The case was filed against 23 BNP leaders and activists, including Moudud, BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir and Mirza Abbas on the charge of torching and vandalising vehicles in the capital's Shahjahanpur on March 2 last year.

Sixteen other leaders were also in the dock yesterday. Six of the 23 are absconding.

The court also fixed December 28 for hearing on charge framing against the 23 in the case.



New and old both generations look at exhibits of "1971: Genocide and Torture", jointly organised by 1971: Genocide-Torture Archive and Museum Trust, and Bangladesh National Museum in the latter's Nalini Kanta Bhattasali auditorium yesterday. The exhibition will go on till December 16.

REMARKS ON KHALEDA
BNP demands that acting ACC chief retracts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP yesterday brushed aside Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) acting chief Shahabuddin's Tuesday's statement about its chairperson, Khaleda Zia, but demanded that he withdraws it, stating that a person holding such a constitutional post cannot speak in such an "indecent" way and violate state norms.

"The Anti-Corruption commissioner spoke like a political leader although the post is a constitutional one. He has crossed his limit," BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir told a press briefing at the party's Naya Paltan office in the capital.

Addressing a programme in the capital, Shahabuddin slammed Khaleda and Transparency International Bangladesh for speaking against the anti-graft body and personally attacked Khaleda for "shelving corruption" during her last tenure.

In her recent public meetings, Khaleda lambasted ACC, terming it an organisation giving a clean chit to corrupt Awami

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WOMEN'S LIBERATION
Fight for unpaid work's recognition new frontier

Changing society's perspective prerequisite; MJF-Brac, MJF-Samakal discussions told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A change in the discriminatory perspective of people in the society is required for recognising women's work and value, and recognition of women's unpaid work and contribution to the country's GDP should be at the core of women's rights advocacy in future, said speakers yesterday.

At a discussion organised by Brac and Manusher Jonno Foundation at the capital's Brac Centre Inn, speakers observed that full acknowledgement of women's contribution

to the economy would reduce incidents of domestic violence against women as underestimating women's work has reduced their worth in society.

The discussion was organised marking the international fortnightly campaign for elimination of violence against women.

Shaheen Anam, executive director of MJF, emphasised that unpaid work of women should not remain invisible just because it takes place at home.

Rokeya Kabir, director of Nari Progati

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VISA PROCESSING
Man held for masquerading as Indian govt rep

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Criminal Investigation Department yesterday arrested a man from a Rupnagar residence in the capital allegedly for masquerading as a representative of the Indian government for processing visa.

Miyad Hossain, 22, has been cheating people with false promise of processing Indian visa for around five months, according to a CID press release.

He opened a Facebook page "ABC Indian Visa Processing-Dhaka" where he uploaded the emblem of India as the profile photo.

On December 4, another Shfiqul Alam Boni was held on the same charge.

Browsing Facebook, this correspondent found that the page user uploaded a post on November 26

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Siphoning of charities a way of terror financing

Dan Mozena tells three-day S Asian conference's closing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

One source of financing terrorism and extreme violence is by siphoning charities through different charitable organisations and financial institutions, US Ambassador Dan W Mozena told the closing of a three-day South Asian regional conference in the capital yesterday.

The US embassy organised the conference on "countering financing terrorism and violent extremism in the NGO and charitable activities", attended by some 40 participants from Bangladesh, the Maldives, Nepal and Pakistan at a hotel.

There is a vast network of charitable organisations thriving in the region with generous contributions from good-hearted people but there has to be a strong vigilance against any possible exploitation of money, meant for charitable cause but being abused for terrorist acts, said Mozena.

People of South Asian nations share a common trait of generosity and they generously donate at many charitable organisations with a view to doing good for the less fortunate, he said.

"It is one of the reasons why I have chosen to live 13 years of my life in South Asia,"

he said. But sadly, there live in South Asia and around the world such terrorists who seek to destroy everything and impose a false ideology of hatred, fear, violence and death, he said.

They seek to destroy the families, communities and everything that cherish peace, stability, diversity and tolerance with fear, intimidation and death, said Mozena.

So, the champions of peace and tolerance, prosecutors, financial institution leaders and activists all must stand together against those who advocate and perpetrate terror and violence through exploitation of financial institutions, he said.

Echoing similar concerns, Law Minister Anisul Huq said millions of dollars were collected every year in the name of benevolence and charitable activities but a portion of it, either by design or exploitation of organisational structure, was diverted to fund acts of terrorism.

The fight against terrorism should be a global and collaborative effort so that charitable and non-government organisation (NGO) activities do not turn into a safe haven for terrorism, he said.



National Human Rights Commission Chairman Prof Mizanur Rahman leads a procession the commission brought out from Teacher-Student Centre in Dhaka University yesterday in observance of Human Rights Day. PHOTO: STAR

TANGAIL AL LEADER FARUK MURDER
No bar on arresting MP Rana, 3 brothers

Following extension of stay on HC order by SC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

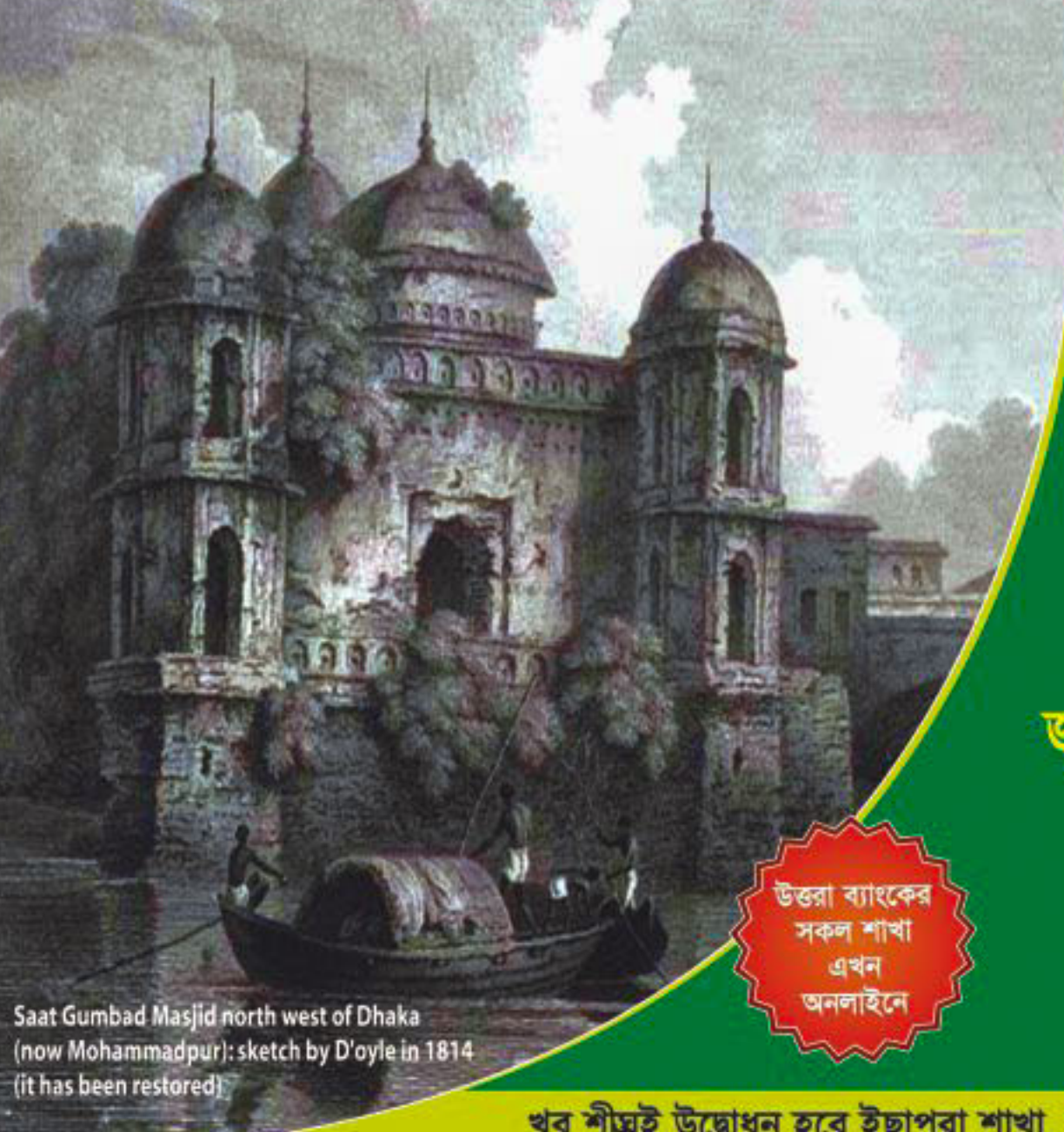
The Supreme Court yesterday extended its stay, till further order, on a High Court directive asking law enforcers not to harass or arrest Amanur Rahman Khan Rana, lawmaker from Tangail-3 constituency, and his three brothers in Faruk Ahmed murder case without "due process of law".

The brothers are Jahidur Rahman Khan Khokon, Samiad Khan Bappa, and Sanowar Hossain.

The order came following an appeal moved by Attorney General Mahbubey Alam. Now there is no legal bar to arrest the four, the attorney general said.

The daily Prothom Alo on September 14 reported that police had found involvement of pro-AL Rana and his

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Saat Gumbad Masjid north west of Dhaka (now Mohammadpur): sketch by D'Oyley in 1814 (It has been restored)

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