

DRY WEATHER LIKELY

Weather may remain dry with partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm today. Night temperature may rise slightly and day temperature may remain unchanged over

the country, Met Office said. **The sun sets in the capital today at 5:14pm and rises tomorrow at 6:34am.** Country's highest temperature 31.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in

Chittagong and Sitakunda and lowest 11.8 in Jessore. The highest and lowest temperatures 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	25.4	16.0	91	80	Khulna	27.4	15.4	95	77
Chittagong	31.0	16.5	85	74	Barisal	28.2	14.9	96	84
Rajshahi	22.0	15.4	96	90	Sylhet	25.8	17.0	71	78
Rangpur	24.2	15.5	78	75	Cox's Bazar	30.0	16.0	84	81

NEWS IN brief

AL MP Tipu, wife get bail in case over death of Dr Mahjabin

COURT CORRESPONDENT
A Dhaka court yesterday granted former Awami League lawmaker Khan Tipu Sultan and his wife Jasmine Ara ad-interim bail in a case filed over the death of their daughter-in-law Dr Shamarukh Mahjabin. The court passed the order after the couple surrendered before it as per the High Court, said their lawyers. Mahjabin, 26, was found hanging at her Dhanmondi residence and was declared dead at a hospital on November 13.

Four arrested in mugging case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Detectives on Saturday arrested four youths in Wari who, what they claimed, snatched Tk 20 lakh from the manager of Akota Store after shooting him in the capital's Goran on November 7, said police at a press briefing yesterday. They also seized two motorbikes and two pistols from Mostaq, Sohel alias Banuti Sohel, Rasel and Arzu.

British Council celebrates anniversary

CITY DESK
British Council at Dhaka yesterday celebrated its 80 years of operation and cultural relationship with 110 countries. On the occasion, the council ran a nationwide competition titled "Tell your Tale" and yesterday awarded the participants on its Fuller Road branch in the capital. The best 10 stories about fond memories with the British Council will be published in The Daily Star's Shout magazine. AK Azad Chowdhury, chairman, University Grants Commission, Cultural personality Aly Zaker and British Council's Country Director Robyn Davis were present.

University Laboratory School and College's golden jubilee Dec 25, 26

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
University Laboratory School and College will celebrate its golden jubilee on December 25 and 26, said a press release yesterday. The registration process is going on from 11:00am to 8:00pm on the institution premises. University Laboratory Ex-Students Association (ULESA) will organise the event.

Edexcel awards GCSE, A level students

CITY DESK
Edexcel, the largest awarding body in the UK and a part of Pearson, with British Council Saturday awarded 500 students who achieved outstanding results in international GCSE and A level examinations this year. AK Azad Chowdhury, chairman of University Grants Commission; Robert Gibson, British High Commissioner; Brendan McSharry, British Council acting director; and Manos Kapterian, Pearson senior vice-president, joined the ceremony in the capital.

Viyellatex Group takes over Pledge Harbor International School

CITY DESK
Viyellatex Group took over Pledge Harbor International School, the largest English medium boarding school in Bangladesh, said a press release yesterday. David Hasanat, Viyellatex chairman, announced this at a press conference on the school premises in Gazipur on Thursday.



People from all walks of life gather on the Martyred Intellectuals Memorial premises in the capital's Mirpur yesterday to recall the martyrs.

HONOURING MARTYRED INTELLECTUALS Who's who donate organs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
For the first time in Bangladesh 22 people together announced donating their bodies and organs for medical science and to help others through transplantations after they die. Eminent journalist Kamal Lohani, one of the donors, handed the relevant papers over to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University anatomy department Chairman Prof Khandokar Manzare Shamim. Maronottor Deho Dan Karmoshuchi and Shandhani Jatiya Chakku Samity organised the programme at Shandhani Bhaban paying respect to the martyred intellectuals of the 1971 Liberation War.

Late professors Ahmed Sharif and Noren Bishwas and language movement hero Abdul Matin were beacons, said Kamal Lohani, adding that there was no religious bar and the organ receiver would be proud of the donation. "I could not sacrifice my life in the Liberation War so I decided to donate my body for the country's people," said architect Mobasher Hossain, another donor. Poet Rabiul Husain said he found no reason why one should not do so. Poet Rabindra Gop hoped everyone would follow their example. The samity President Prof Ali Asgar Morol said cornea transplants would help the visually impaired regain their sight. The other donors include Shamsul Wares, Pratiti Debi, Eroma Datta, Reza Shamsur Rahman, Chayti Ahmed, Albart Khan, Boishakhi Roy, Pijush Bandyopadhyay, Gitanko Debdeep Dutta, Shrabonti Datta, Tuhin Kanti, Rezaul Hasn Sujon, Nancy Shompa Banerjee, Urme Lohani, Musarrat Farhana, Pavel Imtiaz, Sagor Lohani, and Rowshan Ara Rukhshana Sarkar.

POLICE BRUTALITY ON BARISAL STUDENTS Superiors lacked control Says departmental probe report

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal
There was excessive use of force while superiors lacked control over field level personnel, states a police probe report on the December 3 baton charge and manhandling by Barisal Metropolitan Police (BMP) on a demonstration, comprising mostly females, before Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital. It stated of issuing notices on three superior officers to explain in 15 days their failure to control subordinates and suggested training personnel again on human rights and on dealing with agitating crowds. The three are Shakhawat Hossain, officer-in-charge, Kotwali Police Station; Abu Zafar, reserve force inspector of police lines; and Sarwar Hossain, assistant sub-inspector and in-charge of female police barracks. Constables Khalilur Rahman, Nure Alam and Rafikul Islam of police lines and Manowar Hossain of Kotwali were suspended on December 11, said BMP Deputy Commissioner Shoyeb Ahamed who headed the three-member probe body which prepared the report.

DEFAMATION CASE Submit probe report on Tarique, Fakhrul by Jan 20

COURT CORRESPONDENT
A Dhaka court yesterday for the third time asked the officer-in-charge of Paltan Police Station to submit a report by January 20 next year on the investigation of a defamation case filed against BNP leaders Tarique Rahman and Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir. They were sued for making "derogatory comments about Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and distorting the history of Bangladesh". On September 8, AB Siddique, president of Bangladesh Jananetri Parishad, a pro-Awami League

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HC orders to stop animal fighting, dog culling in Sunamganj

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The High Court yesterday directed the government to stop animal-fighting competitions and dog-culling in Sunamganj and asked the authorities concerned to explain in three weeks why such acts should not be banned in the country. The court prohibited such acts in Chatak area for the next eight weeks.

The order came following a writ petition filed by Obhoyaronno-Bangladesh Animal Welfare Society. Citing the petition, an associate to Obhoyaronno, Barrister Nadia Choudhury, SEE PAGE 4 COL 4

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Most freedom

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worker, and three brothers Mostafizur Rahman Moznu, a college student, Hasinur Rahman Hiron and Shaheed Azizur Rahman Babu, school students, on April 15, 1971. They were brutally killed at their Railway Government Residence in Saidpur under Nilphamari district for being involved in the liberation war movement. Saidur and his two sisters Dilruba Khatun and Camellia Rahman, however, miraculously managed to escape. Camellia died of cancer in 2012.

Tazreen

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in December 2013. Delwar appeared before the court yesterday at the end of a four-week anticipatory bail from the High Court in the case. The next hearing of the case is today. Delwar is also on bail in the case filed for Tazreen Fashions fire.

10 awarded

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sexual minorities in the country, BSWS has been conferring the award on journalists since 2011. Speaking as the chief guest, Deputy Speaker Fazle Rabbi Miah said, "Discrimination against hijra people starts at the moment of their birth and continues till their death."



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