

MILD COLD WAVE
TO CONTINUE



WEATHER
TODAY

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

Mild cold wave is sweeping over the regions of Madaripur, Rajshahi, Pabna, Sayedpur, Jessore, Kushtia and Srimangal and it may spread over Rangpur division.

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, MetOffice said.

Night temperature may fall slightly over Rangpur division and it may remain nearly unchanged elsewhere over the country. Day temperature may rise slightly over the country.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5:15pm and

risers tomorrow at 6:36am.

Country's highest temperature 27.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rangamati and Teknaf and lowest 08.4 degrees in Chuadanga.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

	Temperature in Celsius	
	Max:	Min:
Dhaka	22.4	12.8
Chittagong	25.0	15.1
Rajshahi	24.6	09.4
Rangpur	24.8	10.4

	Humidity in percentage	
	Morning	Evening
	92	82
Khulna	74	56
Barisal	97	76
Sylhet	96	75
Cox's Bazar		

	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening
	24.5	11.4	78	79
Barisal	24.6	10.7	88	85
Sylhet	24.2	16.3	96	87
Cox's Bazar	26.4	17.2	63	60

NEWSIN
brief

War crimes convict Mobarak challenges his death penalty

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Convicted war criminal Mobarak Hossain yesterday challenged his death penalty given by a war crimes tribunal on November 24 for abducting and killing 33 people of Tanmandayl village of Brahmanbaria's Akhaura during the Liberation War.

Mobarak submitted an 82-page appeal to the Supreme Court, seeking his acquittal of all the two charges on which he was found guilty.

The former Awami League leader also mentioned 77 grounds which he said the court should consider for acquitting him.

Workshop on genocide, justice in Bangladesh begins today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An eight-day workshop titled "From Genocide to Justice in Bangladesh (1971-2014): National and Global Perspectives" begins today at Proshika in Manikganj.

Organised by the Center for the Study of Genocide and Justice, the workshop was inaugurated in the Liberation War Museum in the capital's Segunbagicha yesterday.

Professor Emeritus Anisuzzaman, chairman of the Center; Helen Jarvis, former chief of the Public Affairs Section and head of the Victims Support Program of Extraordinary Chamber in the Court of Cambodia, and Prof Rafiqul Islam of International Law, Macquarie University, Australia, spoke at the inaugural ceremony.

DHAKA
TODAY

Seminar

Bangladesh Heart Research Association will organise a seminar on "Cardiology treatment." Venue: Opsonoin Bhaban, 30 New Iskaton,

Time: 9:00am

Exhibition

Apicultural Society of Bangladesh will organise an exhibition on foreign birds. Venue: National Press Club, Time: 10:00am

Govt must ensure migrant workers' welfare

Int'l Migrants Day seminar in Dhaka, discussion in Barisal told; Malaysia extends legalisation deadline for registered foreign workers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government, recruiting agents and non-government organisations (NGOs) should work together to ensure safe and dignified employment opportunities abroad while migrants' welfare must be guaranteed for their contribution to the economy, speakers told programmes in the capital and Barisal marking International Migrants Day 2014 yesterday.

Meanwhile against the backdrop of Monday's appeal of Malaysian employers and construction contractors, the Southeast Asian country's government granted another year for foreign workers, including Bangladeshis, who registered under an amnesty programme, to get legalised.

Although the government sees to

OTHER DEMANDS

● Safe, dignified jobs

● Jobs at home for returnees

● Seek job markets outside Middle East for women

Development Foundation.

"The government must ensure legal support for migrants at their destination countries and take steps for their rehabilitation while they are coming back home," said Hassan Imam, programme head of the Brac migration programme.

Female migrants face hurdles including harassment and verbal, physical and sexual abuse at workplaces and the government must take effective measures to combat these challenges, he said, presenting a keynote paper on the topic.

"Migrants, who return home after a certain period, have some skills. So the government and private sector can take many initiatives to ensure employment opportunities for them at

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BCL creates panic on RU campus by bringing out illegal bike procession

Police allegedly shirk responsibility

RU CORRESPONDENT

Prompting students and teachers to flee and take shelter in buildings in panic, some 80 Bangladesh Chhatra League men of Rajshahi University (RU) and Rajshahi city units brought out a procession of some 30 motorcycles on the campus in violation of a ban yesterday while police allegedly let the perpetrators go.

Against the backdrop of the February 2 attack by police and BCL activists on students protesting fee hikes and evening master's programmes, the RU authorities on March 3 banned political processions,

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Rural people should be encouraged to use RTI

RIB seminar told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Right to Information (RTI) Act is a powerful tool to know whether institutions which run with public money are functioning properly, said speakers at a national seminar yesterday.

However, the act becomes useless when the public do not use it to exercise their right to know, they added.

The seminar on "Strengthening Citizenship among the Marginalised through Participatory Action Research and RTI Act" was organised by the Research Initiatives Bangladesh (RIB) at Hotel Lake Castle in the capital.

Representatives of marginalised communities who earlier faced difficulties due to a lengthy process of extracting information yesterday

described how they were benefitted when RIB informed them about the act and assisted them in using it.

RIB Chairman Shamsul Bari said rural people's ignorance about the act is the main hurdle.

Some NGOs faced difficulties to engage people as they sometimes hesitate and also even fear to seek information from the authorities concerned.

If the hesitation can be removed by making people aware of the act, they will use it spontaneously, he added.

RIB Executive Director Meghna Guhathakurta said marginalised communities can benefit themselves and also hold government representatives and officials accountable by questioning them, for example, how Vulnerable Group Feeding (VGF) card recipients' lists are prepared.

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