

DRY WEATHER LIKELY



Weather is likely to remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country having chances of light rain or drizzle at one or two places over Khulna and Barisal divisions till 6:00pm today.

Mild cold wave is sweeping over the regions of Tangail, Rajshahi, Jessore, Kushtia, Sayedpur, Pabna

and Sreemangal and it may continue, Met Office said.

Night temperature may rise slightly over the southern part and it may remain nearly unchanged elsewhere over the country and day temperature may remain nearly unchanged.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5:22pm

and rises tomorrow at 6:41am.

Country's highest temperature 29.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Teknaf and lowest 07.5 in Chuadanga.

The highest and lowest temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

Temperature in Celsius	
Max:	Min:
Dhaka 22.4	12.5
Chittagong 27.6	15.2
Rajshahi 24.5	08.8
Rangpur 26.0	11.0

Humidity in percentage	
Morning	Evening
97	83
75	59
83	81
86	74

Temperature in Celsius	
Max:	Min:
Khulna 24.0	11.9
Barisal 23.6	11.3
Sylhet 26.8	12.8
Cox's Bazar 28.5	16.5

Reckless driver gets 3 years in jail for killing pedestrian

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sentenced a bus driver to three years' rigorous imprisonment for reckless driving that left a pedestrian dead in February 2010.

Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Bikash Kumar Saha passed the order in the presence of Md Jamal Hossain, 40, a driver of Shohag Paribahan.

The driver was also fined Tk 7,000, in default of which he will suffer three more months in jail.

On February 15, 2010, a bus of Shohag Paribahan ran over Monowar Hossain, 65, a former general manager of Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC), while he was jogging in front of South Plaza of Sangsad Bhaban in the capital.

The victim's younger brother, Md Momazzad, filed a murder case with Sher-e-Bangla Police Station the same day.

Sher-e-Bangla Nagar police pressed charge against the accused on March 17 of 2010.

Earlier on November 20 this year, the High Court reinstated seven years of jail term as the highest punishment for reckless drivers.

However, Jamal got three years' jail time as the charges were pressed before November 20.



Sangu River in Bandarban with its spectacular charm, and also boulders like the ones on the surface which often cover shallow beds of it as well, posing a threat to unsuspecting rafters' boats. The photo was taken in 2013 by a finalist in the "Rivers of Bangladesh" category of The Daily Star's "inPixel" photo contest.

PHOTO: MOHAMMAD YEARUZZAMAN



Road crashes kill 6, injure 25

CITY DESK

Six people died and 25 others were injured in road accidents in the country yesterday and Sunday.

Our Pabna correspondent reports, three people were killed and 10 others injured as a pick-up hit a three-wheeler on Dhaka-Pabna highway at Sholabaria under Ataikula Police Station yesterday.

The deceased were Ramzan Ali, 50, Helal Uddin, 40, of Madhupur village and Mofazzal Hossain, 35, of Boailmari village.

Our Rangpur correspondent reports, Khodeja Begum, 55, of Rostomabad village died and two people were injured when a tractor collided head-on with a three-wheeler on Badarganj-Madhyapara road in Osmanpur Beltali area under Badarganj upazila on Sunday.

Our Savar correspondent adds, two people were killed and 15 others injured when a bus collided head-on with a three-wheeler on Dhaka-Tangail highway in Moraganj area of Ashulia yesterday.

One of the deceased was Shohel Rana, 22, of Barisal.

Bangalee culture secular, humane

Hasina says while inaugurating Zainul Abedin's birth centenary celebrations

BSS, Dhaka

Bangalee culture's main characteristic is non-communalism or unity irrespective of caste and creed and artists, litterateurs and cultural activists must do more to spread this culture and heritage as only it can bring about a change in inhumane behaviour and hatred and awaken humane values, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said yesterday.

"But questions sometimes arise in my mind whether the Bangalee nation is being directed away from its mainstream culture...Militancy has emerged today. People are being killed in the name of religion...evil forces in the guise of religion are attacking places of worship."

"Last year we witnessed how the holy Quran was burnt on the premises of Baitul Mukarram National Mosque and the national mosque was ransacked," she said, adding that Bangalee culture has nothing in common with militancy,

fanaticism, intolerance and violence.

"Brotherhood, harmony and hospitality...are the Bangalee nation's ideals. The Bangalees may not have much resource but they can enjoy whatever little things they have," she said.

Hasina said Bangladeshis irrespective of caste, creed and religion celebrate Pahela Baishakh with fanfare and festivity and it was an everlasting tradition of Bangalees while people of all faiths celebrate religious festivals together.

"It is like a union of confidence and the Bangalee nation made it possible and set such an example in the world," she said while inaugurating celebrations as part of the cultural affairs ministry's yearlong programmes marking Zainul Abedin's birth centenary in the capital's Bangladesh National Museum.

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Ctg economically untapped

Brac study points out unplanned urbanisation, lack of efficient transport system as two main reasons among many others

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The port city of Chittagong could contribute much more to the national economy had it undergone planned development and had a modern mass transport system, reveals a study of the Institute of Governance and Development at Brac University.

The city's connectivity with the national capital has not grown in proportion to increased trade and passenger movement, causing an economic lopsidedness between the two, and also between Chittagong and the rest of the country.

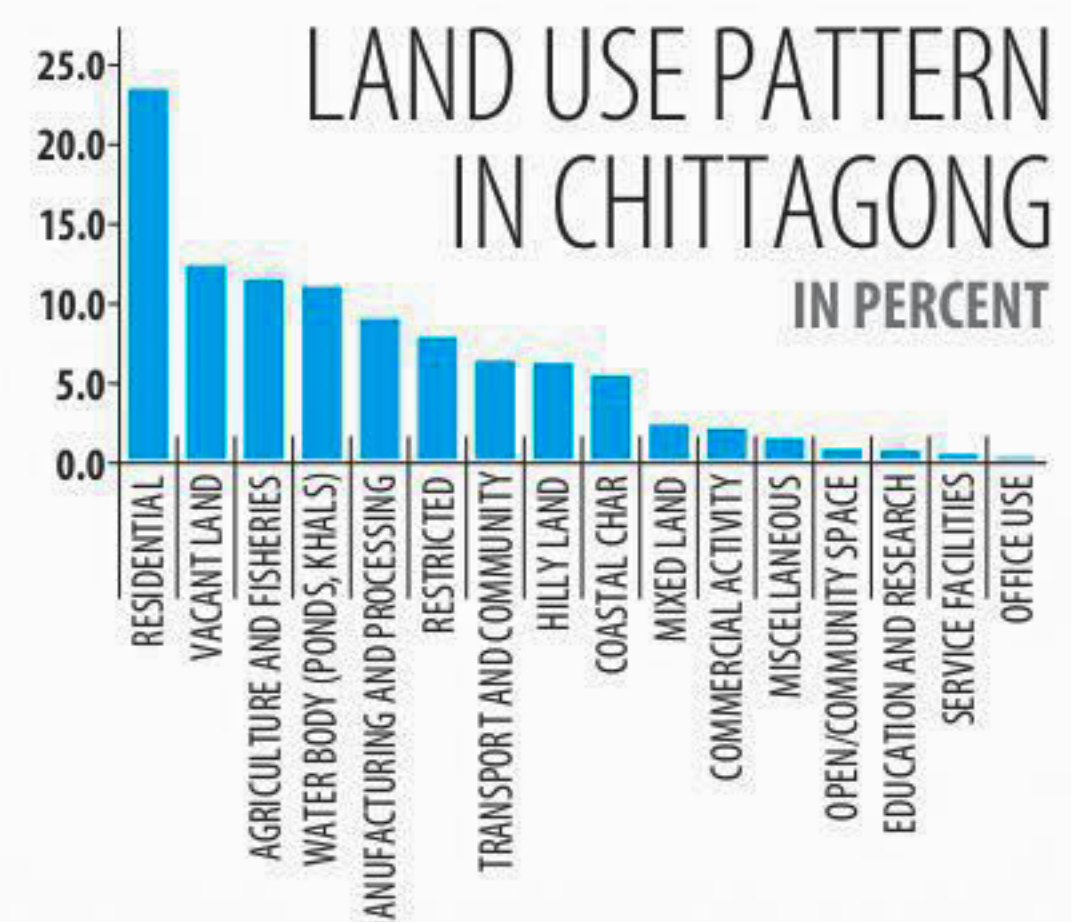
The "State of Cities: Governance for a Liveable Chittagong", prepared as part of IGD's annual research publication and released on Sunday, says piecemeal interventions in scattered loca-

tions have marked the use of land and development in this city, which has the country's biggest seaport and is a commercial and industrial hub.

Chittagong has witnessed soaring economic growth with the concentration of capital, labour, and manufacturing and service industries since the 1960s. But planned use of land with access to utility services is seen only in residential, commercial and industrial areas developed by Chittagong Development Authority, and in port establishments, government housing estates, military installations, some private housing areas, and export processing zones (EPZs).

The rest of the city is characterised by unplanned and undesirable development with an inappropriate use of land. Transport and other

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