

**DRY WEATHER LIKELY**

Weather is likely to remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm today. Night temperature may rise by 1-2 degree Celsius and day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said. Mild to moderate cold wave is sweeping over

Rangpur division and the regions of Tangail, Madaripur, Sitakunda, Comilla, Sreemangal, Pabna, Jessore, Kushtia, Barisal and Bhola and it may continue. **The sun sets in the capital today at 5:31pm and rises tomorrow at 6:44am.**

Country's highest temperature 28.7 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Cox's Bazar 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		Humidity in percentage		Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage		
	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening	
Dhaka	26.5	12.6	89	66	Khulna	24.3	11.3	94	75
Chittagong	28.0	14.1	81	66	Barisal	25.6	10.0	87	78
Rajshahi	23.7	11.0	95	81	Sylhet	27.6	12.3	88	68
Rangpur	25.5	10.0	75	69	Cox's Bazar	28.7	15.5	79	73

**NEWS IN brief**

**BFUJ demands 9th Wage Board to raise salaries of journalists**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
A faction of the Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) demanded that the government form the 9th Wage Board immediately to bring balance between the pay structure for newspapers, news agencies and the government pay scale. The faction made the demand at its executive council meeting for increasing salary of journalists and press employees by June this year, says a press release yesterday. The union leaders also expressed concern over non-implementation of the pay scale, fixed by the 8th Wage Board, in some newspapers. The organisation's Secretary General Abdul Jalil Bhuyian and Treasurer Khairuzzaman Kamal presented reports at the meeting with its President Manjural Ahsan Bulbul in the chair.

**Five burnt in N'ganj drum blast**

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj**  
Four children among five sustained burns as a drum filled with varnish exploded in Purba Paindi area of Siddhirganj in Narayanganj yesterday. Miraj, 4, and Niaz, 7, sons of Md Nijam; Khadija, 7, and Jima, 4, daughters of Abdur Rahman; and Milon, 28, helper of a painter, were rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Jasim, the painter, was heating the varnish in the drum with an open flame in the garage of the house of one Abu Sayed, said police. At one stage, the drum exploded injuring the five.

**Two more BGB camps to be set up on Dhaka-Ctg highway**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg**  
Border Guard Bangladesh will establish two more camps on Chittagong-Dhaka highway, between Sitakunda and Mirsarai upazilas, within a few days to safeguard cargo and passengers on the road. BGB officials said this at a press briefing yesterday. The BGB has already set up such camps on different spots including Eidgaon and Chakaria of Cox's Bazar.

**AGM of Serve The People held**

**CITY DESK**  
The 24th annual general meeting of Serve The People (STP), a voluntary organisation, was held on Saturday, said a press release. Begum Shahzadi, STP chairperson, chaired the meeting where she emphasized the urgency of tackling malnutrition among rural children. AKM Farooq, former ambassador and adviser to STP; Syed Ahmed Faruque, STP secretary general; treasurer Hosna Rahman, ATM Kabiruddin Khan, Nilufar Faisal and Tahmina Labib were present among others.



The wreckage of a microbus, which was carrying the copies of the daily Prothom Alo, burnt by blockaders at Sebar Haat Bazar in Senbagh upazila of Noakhali yesterday. The BNP-led 20-party alliance called the indefinite blockade on January 5.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

**PM makes time to call in on live TV show**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
It came as a big surprise birthday gift for celebrated Rabindra Sangeet singer Rezwana Chowdhury Bannya when on the other side of the phone there was none other than the prime minister herself wishing her in a live call-in on Channel I yesterday. "Happy Birthday, Bannya," Sheikh Hasina said after the host took her phone call while the singer was expecting a request for a song in the morning show, "Gaane Gaane Shokal Shuru".

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**POLICE SHOOTING OF TRADER IN CAPITAL**

**It was no accident**

*SI Jaynal shot Dakkin Khan trader as retribution for refusing to pay extortion money, eye witnesses tell The Daily Star*

**RAFIUL ISLAM**

It was no accidental fire. Sub-inspector Jaynal Abedin himself shot Fayeze, a trader, intentionally with his handgun after his two subordinates hauled him out of a house in the capital's Azampur on Monday, at least three eye witnesses told The Daily Star yesterday. "On that day, I opened my shop around 7:00am. More than an hour later, I saw two policemen dragging the man out of the residence while another shot him from behind," said Mohammad Sohel Mia, owner of a tea stall in Madhya Azampur of Dakkhin Khan, in front of which the incident occurred.

Another witness, seeking anonymity, said, "One cop was holding the man by the collar of his shirt and another by his waist belt. The officer Jaynal whose name we knew later shot him." Fayeze is being treated in Dhaka Medical College Hospital for a bullet wound to the hip. Police, however, claimed that the victim was a blockader and was accidentally shot during a scuffle after he was chased and captured on the charge of "trying to carry out destructive activities on the rail tracks" in the area. All the witnesses refuted the police's claim, saying there was no scuffle. Owner of Nipu Enterprise, which

sells construction materials, Fayeze told The Daily Star by phone that SI Jaynal shot him as he refused him to pay Tk 5 lakh as extortion money. "He had been threatening to implicate me in a case on the charge of militancy for around two weeks if I did not pay him. Finally he shot me for the money," he said, adding that he was in his relative Nurul Hasan's house, around 200 yards from the rail lines, from where he was hauled out. Meanwhile, SI Jaynal filed a case with Dakkhin Khan Police Station accusing Fayeze and some unidentified people of "unlawful gathering with lethal arms, rioting, attacking police,"

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**Cruden denied permission to meet Hasina**

*Immediate past Canadian envoy leaves today making way for Benoit-Pierre Laramée*

**DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT**

Like the immediate past US Ambassador Dan Mozena, Canadian High Commissioner in Dhaka Heather Cruden will leave the country today without a goodbye call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, which is customary in diplomacy, because the envoy has been denied permission to do so. Diplomatic sources said the Canadian envoy, who had been discharging her diplomatic assignment in Dhaka since November 2011, would leave Dhaka today to take up her new assignment in Islamabad, Pakistan.

Usually, the ambassador or high commissioner and heads of international bodies on conclusion of their diplomatic assignment and prior to their departure meet dignitaries, particularly the president and the prime minister. Though the Cruden sought an audience with the PM through the foreign ministry several weeks ago and the ministry sent a letter in this regard to the Prime Minister's Office PMO, there had been no response from the PMO.

For the same reason, US Ambassador Dan Mozena, who left Dhaka on December 22, could not meet Hasina. However, both the US and Canadian envoys got an audience with the president before their departure. Both the US and Canada expressed their extreme disappointment following the January 5 general election of last year, when more than half of the country's 300 parliamentary seats were not contested freely and called for an

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**চেম্বার পরিবর্তন**  
বাংলাদেশ ও উপমহাদেশের প্রথম কলোরেকটাল সার্জন  
**অধ্যাপক ডাঃ এ.কে. এম ফজলুল হক**  
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প্রতিষ্ঠাতা চেয়ারম্যান (অবঃ) কলোরেকটাল সার্জারী বিভাগ  
বঙ্গবন্ধু মেডিকেল বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, ঢাকা।  
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**Police raid RU dorms suspecting Shibir mayhem**

*Harass wholesale non-political students past midnight*

**RU CORRESPONDENT**

Around 15 hours into their arrest, police yesterday released 16 resident students of Rajshahi University after their suspicion that they were Islami Chhatra Shibir activists planning acts of violence ahead of the January 18 convocation proved groundless. The students, none of who has any political affiliation, were rounded up at Shaheed Suhrawardy and Shaheed Shamsuzzoha halls in a raid between 12:30am and 2:30am, said police. Responding to the allegation of harassment, Officer-in-Charge of Motihar Police Station Alamgir Hossain admitted that the general students were disturbed. He, however, said police had information that Shibir might create panic centring about the convocation and in support of BNP-led 20-party alliance's ongoing indefinite blockade. It was a deterrence measure, the official told The Daily Star. The detainees, one of them Hindu, were released following the intervention of the proctor and the hall provosts.

**'DEFAMING' BANGABANDHU SC lawyer Tuhin faces arrest order for skipping court**

**COURT CORRESPONDENT**

A Dhaka court yesterday issued an arrest warrant for Supreme Court lawyer Tuhin Malik as he did not appear before it in a defamation case filed for his "derogatory" remarks on Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Golam Rabbani, international affairs deputy secretary of Bangladesh Chhatra League's central committee, filed the defamation case and a sedition case with the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka on December 9 last year. Addressing a public rally in East London on November 30 last year, Dr Tuhin disparaged Bangabandhu's family and the mention of him in the constitution, according to the defamation suit. Tuhin Malik was directed to appear in the case yesterday. The court asked Shahbagh police to submit a report regarding his arrest and an investigation report on the sedition case by February 10.

**RAJSHAHI ADIVASI STUDENT LEADER BABLU KILLING Rights groups demand arrest of killers**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Local grabbers might have killed Babul Hembrom, a Santal student leader of Rajshahi, because he was the only child of his parents and thus the sole heir to their land, an indigenous youth leader told a human chain that demanded the immediate arrest of the killers yesterday. Harendranath Singh, president of Adivasi Juba Parishad, said Bablu's

parents owned about 20 bighas of farmland in Tanore upazila. "We heard that his parents had received anonymous letters demanding Tk 2 lakh about a month before the incident took place," he said. Suspecting that the murderers could be the same people who had sent the letters, he urged the law enforcers to conduct a

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