

DRY WEATHER LIKELY

WEATHER TODAY
Unib, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers is likely to occur at one or two places over Rangpur, Rajshahi, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions and the regions of Jessore and Kushtia till 6:00pm today.
Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky elsewhere over

the country, Met Office said.
Night temperature may fall slightly and day temperature may rise slightly over the country.
The sun sets in the capital today at 5:43pm and rises tomorrow at 6:41am.

Country's highest temperature 31.1 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Sitakunda and lowest 10.8 in Sreemangal.
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	27.7	17.4	71	58	Khulna	27.5	15.6	74	67
Chittagong	30.5	16.4	66	58	Barisal	27.8	13.9	78	69
Rajshahi	22.0	13.6	92	88	Sylhet	28.0	15.0	72	57
Rangpur	17.5	12.6	99	96	Cox's Bazar	29.8	18.0	67	70

HC halts operation of five Ctg factories

Orders protection for groundwater in Habilashdweep Union for its residents

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The High Court yesterday issued an injunction prohibiting five factories in Chittagong from continuing its operations until they obtain environmental clearance certificates from the proper authorities.
The factories, Banoful and Company (Food Products), Banoful Mineral Water, Ambia Paper Mills, Mostofa Paper Products, and Anwara Paper Mills, are located at Habilashdweep union in Patiya upazila.
Responding to a writ petition filed by Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association, the court also ordered a total of eight factories, including the five, to stop unauthorised and indiscriminate extraction of groundwater which has already lowered the groundwater level.
As a result, people of Charkanai,

Hulaine, Pantchuria and Habilashdweep villages of the union cannot extract groundwater by using tubewells, said petitioner's counsel Iqbal Kabir Lytton.
The eight factories, including Ambia Dyeing and Knitting Mills, Hakkani Paper and Pulps, and Shah Amanat Dyeing and Knitting, also have been asked not to dump waste in agricultural land and canals, he added.
The HC also issued a rule asking the authorities concerned of the government and the eight factories to explain in four weeks as to why such hazardous and polluting operations should not be declared illegal.
And the respondents were also asked to explain why the five villages should not be declared water-short areas and why they should not be ordered to arrange drinking and household water for the villagers.



A leading cause for respiratory problems, dust clouds, aided by the dry winter weather, swirl up from earth being dug up by Chittagong Water Supply and Sewerage Authority for the installation of pipes on the Ispahani intersection in Chittagong city around noon yesterday.

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Bangla Academy Sahitya Puroshkar recipients announced

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The "Bangla Academy Sahitya Puroshkar 2014" was announced in seven out of ten categories at a press conference on the academy premises yesterday afternoon, ahead of the Ekushey book fair.
Journalist Shihab Sarkar won in the category of poetry, physician Zakir Talukdar in Katha Sahitya (literature), former professor of Comilla University Shantanu Kaiser in essay, former Bangla professor of Chittagong University Bhuiyan Iqbal in research, journalist Khaleque Bin Zainuddin in juvenile literature, Bangladeshi expatriate writer Mainush Sultan in the biography and travelogue category, and Prof Abu Mohammad Delwar Hossain of Dhaka University's history department for his work on the Liberation War.

The academy could not consider anyone in the categories of translation work, drama and science, and technology and environment.
The awardees will receive the prestigious prize from Prime Minister Shiekh Hasina on Sunday, at the inauguration of the book fair and the international literature festival 2015, said Prof Shamsuzzaman Khan, director general of Bangla Academy.
Each of the awardees will receive an honorarium of Tk 1 lakh, a crest and a certificate.
This year's award-giving committee had Prof Emeritus Rafiqul Islam as the chairperson, while poet Asad Chowdhury and Hayat Mahmud, Prof Syed Manzoorul Islam, and Abul Hasnat, editor of literary magazine Kali O Kalam, as its members.

MPs, families,

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Nilkhet, Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader told the House on Wednesday.
Yesterday, the lone lawmaker from Bangladesh Nationalist Front, SM Abul Kalam Azad, raised the issue. Afterwards, Awami League lawmaker Abdul Matin

Khasru strongly demanded that the government immediately rehabilitate financially insolvent people falling victim to arson attacks during the ongoing blockade of the BNP-led 20-party alliance.
He termed the blockade a criminal offense against the state and suggested taking legal action against BNP.

Govt not yet

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existing crisis."
He was addressing a press conference in Dhaka Reporters Unity, organised by Bangladesh Sramik-Karmachari-Peshajibi-Muktijoddha Samannay Parishad, a newly floated platform of pro-government workers, employees, freedom fighters, and professionals.
Shajahan, its convener, said the Parishad would hold a "grand" rally at the capital's Suhrawardy Udyan today, in a bid to unite the people against the prevailing anarchy.

Denunciation of violence

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She said the BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami's programme in the name of restoring democracy had held the general public hostage. She urged the ruling party to protect the democratic rights of others and the protesters to shun violence.
BMP President Ayesha Khanam said the culprits behind petrol and crude bomb attacks should be given exemplary punishment through speedy trial.
BMP General Secretary Maleka Banu and Joint General Secretary Seema Moslem also spoke.
Meanwhile, Dhaka University Teachers' Association (Duta) demanded that the government hunt down the bomb throwers and bring them to book, and urged the BNP-led alliance to immediately stop violent protests.
Duta General Secretary Prof Maksud Kamal said the government should enact a law to deal with such bombings.
In a written statement, he also said, "The government must rehabilitate the victims of violence including financing their treatment to help them cope with their future livelihoods." With a call for peace, Duta will bring out a procession on the campus on February 2.
Addressing a human chain before the Jatiya

Press Club, leaders of Bangladesh Shikshak Karmachari Oikya Parishad said education at schools had been seriously hampered because of indiscriminate arson attacks that made the roads unsafe for students. Abu Bakar Siddique, its convener, urged the BNP-led alliance to compensate the burn victims.
Speaking at a separate human chain at the same place, Delwar Hossain Saifee, president of Bangladesh Jamiatul Ulama, accused the Jamaat of misinterpreting Islam to perpetuate violence and demanded its banning.
Meanwhile, a faction of the Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists, led by its President Shawkat Mahmud, held a rally on the press club premises and termed the ruling party "autocratic".
Kader Siddique, president of Krishok Sramik Janata League (KSJL), yesterday continued his sit-in for the second day in front of its office at Motijheel, calling for a dialogue and an end to the blockade.
Meanwhile, Bikolpodhara Bangladesh President Badruddoza Chowdhury's ultimatum for a dialogue between Hasina and Khaleda will end tomorrow. On January 25, he threatened to go for a mass hunger strike if they do not sit for talks within seven days.

Another implicates Mahidur

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back rice, pulse, mutton and chicken, said Jakaria. The rest were forced to queue up at the school playground's south-east corner.
"We could see 10-12 bodies nearby and dogs fighting over those," he said.
"Razakar Mahidur shot Sentu. Chutu shot Azhar. My brother Estaj was shot by Mahidur. Chutu shot me...The bullet passed through my back and left rib (cage)," he said, revealing the

scar to the three-member International Crimes Tribunal-2.
He said he fell down and was sent by neighbours to his sister in India for treatment. While being treated at India's Gopalnagar, he heard that Razakars and the Pakistani army had burnt down Kobirajtola and Eradat Biswisher Tola.
Proceedings were adjourned until February 8.

Career Opportunity

Swiss BioHygienic Equipments Limited is a Bangladesh-Swiss joint venture company. It manufactures high-quality water and steam generation equipment as well as distribution systems. For its production plant in Dhamrai, the company is looking for an exceptionally talented person who will be an essential member of the existing team.

Position : Sales Manager

- Job Summary**
- Attain sales performance goals.
 - Maintain liaison with potential customers and organize sales visits.
 - Followup all activities after submitting quotation.
 - Exercise control over the technical and commercial aspect of contract.

- Qualifications**
- M.Sc / B.Sc in Mechanical Engineering with excellent academic background from any reputed university.
 - Minimum 7 years' experience in sales management at national and international level.
 - Sufficient understanding of customer and market dynamics is essential.
 - Excellent communication skill in English & Bangla.
 - Good interpersonal and leadership skills.

Position : Project Manager

- Job Summary**
- Lead the planning and implementation activities of project.
 - Constantly monitor and report on project progress, budget and resource allocation.
 - Implement and manage project works and adopt whatever measures are necessary.

- Qualifications**
- M.Sc / B.Sc in Mechanical Engineering with excellent academic background from any reputed university.
 - Minimum 7 years' experience in project management.
 - Knowledge of project management techniques and tools.
 - Excellent communication skills in English & Bangla.
 - Good interpersonal and leadership skills.

Position : Senior Officer, Procurement

- Job Summary**
- Locate both local and international vendors of materials, equipment and communicate with them in order to determine product availability and terms of sales.
 - Forecasting levels of demand for products and services to meet the business needs and keeping a constant check on stock levels.
 - Liaising between suppliers, manufacturers, relevant internal departments and customers.

- Qualifications**
- Masters in any discipline with excellent academic background from any reputed university.
 - Minimum 4 years' experience in procurement management at national and international level.
 - Negotiating & analytical skills are essential.
 - Excellent communication skill in English & Bangla.

Position : Officer, Engineering

- Job Summary**
- Develop a basic layout, disposition and layout design plans including detailed piping design.
 - Process calculations and control (energy, heating circuits, control valves, air filters, mass flow, etc).

- Qualifications**
- M.Sc / B.Sc in Mechanical Engineering with excellent academic background from any reputed university.
 - Well conversant with MS Office, MS Project, Auto CAD.
 - Good oral and written communication skills in English.

Attractive compensation package will be offered to the deserving candidates. Interested candidates are requested to send their updated resume along with photocopies of educational/ professional certificates and two copies passport size recent photographs. The application must reach on or before **February 11, 2015** to the following address. The position applied for should be marked on the envelop.



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