

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 31.8 L 19.0	H 35.0 L 22.0	H 34.0 L 16.0	H 33.0 L 14.8	H 33.0 L 18.5	H 32.8 L 18.5	H 31.0 L 15.5	H 34.5 L 23.5

Day temperature may rise slightly and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:10pm and rises tomorrow at 6:01am. Country's highest temperature 35.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rangamati and Chittagong and lowest 12.4 in Sreemangal.

TANGENTS

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D-day. PHOTO: ROBERT CAPA

Photographic Mishaps

Robert Capa was one of the greatest war photographers ever. He took many memorable conflict photographs including that of a Spanish soldier at the instant of death in the Spanish Civil War. During the Second World War, while working for *Life* magazine, he landed at Normandy with the Allied forces on D-Day. He took tremendous risks taking photographs of that decisive day in the war.

Capa immediately sent the film to the photographic laboratories of *Life* in New York. In the darkroom, the technician made a processing mistake resulting in grainy and blurred photographs. The magazine published the photographs but instead of confessing their mistake they blamed the poor quality on the photographer. Capa had taken the photographs "slightly out of focus," the magazine claimed.

Capa was not to be outdone. When he wrote his autobiography he called it *Slightly out of Focus*.

Compared to digital photography, there were many more opportunities for mishaps in film photography. The most common was forgetting to load film in the camera. Sometimes the camera back was opened inadvertently with film inside. Leica (film) cameras were notorious for the difficulty in spooling the film properly - you had to watch the film counter carefully to ensure correct loading. In many film cameras, if you forgot to set the shutter speed at 1/60 when shooting with flash, part of each photograph would come out black.

You would think that in today's digital world and foolproof cameras, photographic mishaps would become extinct. Alas, they have simply changed guise. My most common mistake is forgetting to charge the battery. The missing memory card is a close second. I am yet to accidentally erase a card full

of precious photographs, but I am sure that day will come.

Instant display of the photograph is certainly the biggest advantage of digital over film. Yet it can also mislead photographers. First, we are always tempted to examine the screen in the middle of shooting. This becomes a habit for many. However, by doing so, we interrupt the flow of the picture-taking and may miss an important moment. Second, the small screen can give us a false sense of security that the picture is good. It does not show small focusing errors which become evident when the image is displayed on a larger screen or enlarged as a photographic print. However, the screen does warn us instantly about egregious errors.

Digital cameras - particularly the more advanced ones - have numerous "settings" from colour balance to focusing spot to file size. If you, like me, like fine-tuning these controls for optimal results, you must remember to change those settings when the situation you are photographing changes. Otherwise you run the risk of taking a bad picture of the perfect moment.

My most serious brush with photographic disaster came when I was on a boat in the haor with an expensive telephoto lens attached to my camera with an extender. When we reached shore, I inadvertently unlocked the lens extender from the camera. Getting up to disembark, I lifted the camera by the lens. The camera body suddenly separated, fell on the boat, bounced, fell into the ground, bounced again and fell into the water. As I stared in stunned disbelief, the boatman dived and snatched the camera from the water's surface before it sank. The boatman's alacrity saved the day.

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Double blow for arson victims

Robbers attack their ambulances in Comilla on way to Dhaka; loot Tk 4 lakh, cellphones

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chandpur

Five minibuses and two ambulances carrying three arson victims, two of them in critical condition, from Chandpur came under a robbery attack in Daudkandi of Comilla early yesterday.

The gang took away four cellphones from two drivers of the ambulances and two of their associates and looted Tk 4 lakh at gunpoint, around 3:00am near Goalmari Bazar, one driver Mofiz told The Daily Star by phone.

They were intercepted on the Matlab-Daudkandi bypass road by a microbus of the robbers, and the patients were forced to get down from the ambulances during the raid, he added.

Unidentified arsonists attacked a truck in Chandpur sadar upazila early Thursday, burning Khorshed, a cattle trader, Sharif, the truck owner, and Rubel, the truck helper. Khorshed suffered 75 percent burns, Sharif 60 percent,

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BARISAL GENERAL HOSPITAL No water supply for twelve days

Patients suffer terribly, but authorities apparently sluggish in fixing pump, restrict new admissions to tackle situation

SUSHANTA GHOSH, Barisal

Inpatients of Barisal General Hospital have been undergoing untold sufferings due to suspension of water supply for the last 12 days after the water pump and deep tubewell went out of order.

However, prompt initiatives were not seen from the authorities.

Dr Delwar Hossain, resident medical officer (RMO) of the 100-bed hospital, said it would take one more week to restore water supply.

To tackle the situation in the meantime, the authorities have stopped admitting patients, except those in critical condition,

and are asking patients to go to Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital, which is 4km away.

Founded in 1910, Barisal General Hospital is one of the oldest in the southern region and runs a separate diarrhoea ward, unlike other public hospitals.

In the diarrhoea ward, all 16 beds are occupied by critical patients at present.

Family members and relatives of the admitted patients said they were bringing water from a nearby mosque and residences to meet emergency needs.

Describing their sufferings, medicine ward patient Suvas Mistry said, "It has

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The diarrhoea ward, the worst affected in Barisal General Hospital, where water supply has been suspended since March 8 after the hospital's lone pump, inset, went out of order. Authorities said it would take one more week to restore supply. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: ARIFUR RAHMAN

Global cotton summit begins in Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A two-day global cotton summit began in Dhaka yesterday.

Bangladesh is the second largest cotton importer after China and also the second largest garment exporter after China.

With Bangladesh being an important destination for cotton traders, nations exporting cotton are focusing on the country.

Bangladesh Textile Mills Association and Bangladesh Cotton Association organised the summit at a hotel in the capital. More than 250 cotton traders, growers, spinners and millers participated at the summit to discuss the market for cotton.

Delegates from Bangladesh, India, Poland, US, Russia, Pakistan, China, the UK, Turkey, Egypt, Switzerland, Singapore, Hong Kong and France were present.

"The summit is aimed at sharing ideas, exchanging views and understanding the dynamics of growing cotton," said Tapan Chowdhury, president of the textile mills association.

"There are some disputes between buyers and sellers. We hope these disputes will be resolved through face to face conversation at the summit," he said.

"Bangladesh is the second largest importer of cotton and the spinners of the country import 5.5 million bales of cotton a year to meet the demand," Tapan said.

Kazi Akram Uddin Ahmed, president of Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry, among others, spoke.

Miscreants kill sleeping girl

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Miscreants hopped to death a girl while she was sleeping at her home in Kapasia of Gazipur on Thursday night.

The deceased was Mahfuja Akter, 12, daughter of Kabir Hossain. According to locals and police, miscreants broke into the tin-shed house where Mahfuja and her aunt, Rina Akter, were sleeping and attacked them.

Mahfuja died on the spot and Rina was left injured, said police. Locals rushed to the spot hearing Rina's cries.

Mahfuja's body was sent for an autopsy while Rina has been admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Police have not found any leads regarding the incident.

In Loving Memory of

FAIZ MOHAMMAD
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It is a year that you have left us for your heavenly home; Leaving us shattered, helpless and all alone.

May The Almighty keep you In the arms of heaven; We still can't believe that we will never see you again. No my child, I will see you When I join you at your end.

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May Allah rest your soul in peace and grant you Jannat, my child. Ameen Umaire (son), Tanzila Rahman (wife) and Fawzia Mowla (mother)



Parbatya Chattagram Pahari Chhatra Parishad and Hill Women's Federation bring out a procession in front of Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday demanding that the government shut down the newly established Rangamati Medical College.

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