

**WEATHER FORECAST**

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 34.8   L 28.3	H 33.0   L 25.9	H 33.0   L 27.0	H 38.0   L 27.8	H 34.3   L 24.5	H 33.7   L 28.2	H 36.1   L 27.2	H 31.5   L 26.4

Mild heat wave may continue to sweep over Rajshahi and Rangpur divisions. Day and night temperatures may remain nearly unchanged in Rangpur and Rajshahi divisions and it may fall slightly elsewhere over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:44pm and rises tomorrow at 05:10am. Country's highest temperature 38.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Chuadanga and lowest 24.5 in Khulna.

### Another JU teacher 'assaulted' by cop

JU CORRESPONDENT

An assistant professor of Jahangirnagar University was allegedly assaulted verbally and physically by a policeman at Nabingagar bus stand, outside the capital, yesterday.

Hasan Imam, who teaches geological science, filed a complaint with the JU registrar and said the university authorities would take the matter to police officially.

The "assault" came in less than a month after another teacher of JU, Assistant Professor Rakib Ahmed of journalism and media studies, was beaten up by cops at the capital's Uttara.

Hasan Imam wrote in the complaint, "My wife and I were waiting for a bus [to go to Tangail], but we did not find any. After that, around 10:45am, I asked the duty policeman to know if buses were operating on the route. But instead of responding to my query, the cop insulted me and assaulted me physically."

He identified the policeman as Md Alamgir, and said several police officers were there at the moment.

The couple did not travel to Tangail.



Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (Bapa) and Khowai River Water Keeper form a human chain in Habiganj town yesterday demanding free flow of water of the river in the district as a Chinese company started building a road by obstructing the flow of the water body, inset, without waiting for Water Development Board's clearance, citing it was not possible to transport over the nearby bridge heavy equipment for a power station it is constructing for the Power Development Board in Shajibazar.



### Earth filling of Khowai River still on despite DC's halt order

Claims Bapa; forms human chain in protest

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

The Khowai River in Habiganj has to be saved from earth filling for construction of a road, demanded residents at a human chain in the town yesterday.

Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (Bapa), Habiganj unit, and Khowai River Water Keeper organised the programme joined by students, professionals and different NGO representatives.

Despite a prohibition from the deputy commissioner's office on May 28, such malpractice is going on, they said, adding that the river in Sayestaganj had already narrowed down.

Tofazzal Sohel, secretary of the district unit of Bapa, among others, spoke.

Guangdong Power Engineering Corporation in China started building the road without waiting for Water Development Board's clearance, citing it was not possible to transport over the nearby bridge heavy equipment for a power station it is constructing for the Power Development Board in Shajibazar.

Kumar Bonik, deputy director of LGRD in Habiganj, said they called a meeting with the officials concerned and green activists for today in the DC office in this regard.

### Jamaat to demonstrate countrywide tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jamaat-e-Islami announced countrywide "peaceful demonstrations" for tomorrow demanding release of its top leaders, including Secretary General Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed, a war criminal who was sentenced to death, before Ramadan.

The announcement of the key ally in the BNP-led 20-party alliance came through a release yesterday. However, it did not mention any time and venue of staging the demonstration.

# Indian media all about Modi's Bangladesh visit

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The maiden visit of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Bangladesh and his daylong activities and the deals signed between Bangladesh and India in Dhaka hogged the headlines of major Indian news media yesterday.

Top newspapers like the Times of India and The Hindu gave live updates of the visit in their online editions while several newspapers ran multiple stories on bi-lateral issues.

The Times of India under the headline, "Live Blog: PM Modi's Bangladesh visit", gave updates of Modi's tour from time to time, along with photos.

Two of its stories were headlined "Bangla hardliners welcome Modi's visit" and "Three held in Bangladesh for pasting anti-Modi posters".

"PM Modi's B'desh visit: Land boundary

agreement ratified, trans-border bus services launched," was the headline of the top story in Hindustan Times' website.

The newspaper held an online poll asking the question, "PM Modi's Dhaka visit: will India, Bangladesh finally settle their disputes?"

Until 7:45pm Bangladesh time, 82.68 percent of the voters said they would be able to solve the disputes while only 11.39 percent disagreed and 5.93 percent checked "can't say."

The newspaper's another story was headlined, "Oh Teesta! The river which gives Bangladesh heartburns."

"For India, the visit will be a crowning success. But for Bangladesh, the visit without a Teesta deal will be a deep disappointment and a defeat of our diplomacy," the report quoted Abdul Hannan, a former diplomat and columnist, as saying.

The Hindu ran more than a dozen stories, alongside the live coverage of his visit.

One of its report titled, "Mamata Banerjee, the 'mini state head' in Dhaka", shed light on how Mamata was treated in Bangladesh and her "unprecedented" meeting with Modi prior to their meeting with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

The top story of The Statesman's online edition was "India signs historic border pact with Bangladesh". Its another story was headlined, "Modi Dhaka visit: 19 pacts signed".

The online edition of NDTV gave live coverage of the tour when Modi's activities in Bangladesh made major news reports of the TV network.

The top story of Anandabazar's online edition was also on Modi's visit. Besides, international news agencies covered the tour widely.

## Clash between dissolved BCL factions of CU leaves 7 injured

10 detained; machetes, sticks, iron rods seized in raids in two dorms

CU CORRESPONDENT

At least seven persons suffered deep cuts and bruises during sporadic factional clashes of the now dissolved Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) unit at Chittagong University (CU) in the CU rail station area and on the campus yesterday.

Police afterwards detained 10 BCL men and seized some sticks, iron rods and machetes raiding Shahjalal and Shah Amanat halls.

The injured are Rahul Mazumdar of political science, Niyaz of physics, Mithul of chemistry, Jihad of geography, Billal Hossain of the Institute of Education, Research and Training, Jahid of computer science and Nazmul Hossain.

Four were admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital while the rest to the CU medical centre. Police believe the clash was over establishing dominance on the campus.

Activists of shuttle train based group Concord first hacked Rahul of another group, Akakar, in the station area around 2:40pm, Hathazari Police Station Inspector (Investigation) Md Salah Uddin told The Daily Star.

Half an hour later the two groups, each comprising some 100 members armed with machetes and sticks, clashed for around 10 minutes between the halls. Another took place around 6:00pm when Nazmul, a leader of Concord, was hacked, said police.

An Akakar leader, Emam Uddin Faisal Parvez, said it was an "unprovoked" attack on them. Another of Concord, Chowdhury Mohsin Islam, termed it a "misunderstanding".

Apparently in a rhetorical tone, Proctor Siraj-Ud-Doullah said they were taking "measures". Several hall residents said the situation was tense.



In the sweltering summer, sufferings of patients multiplied at Chittagong Medical College Hospital with all ceiling fans, except in a few places, having stopped moving since Thursday noon when the hospital's transformer exploded. Electricity supply was not restored till yesterday. The photo was taken at the cardiology ward.

### CMCH patients without power for third day

Authorities hope to install new transformer today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Misery of patients at Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) continued for the third day yesterday, as the authorities have failed to repair the 60-year-old transformer which exploded on Thursday leaving most of the wards without power.

Only the emergency unit, operation theatre and ICU are being provided with electricity through generators and an alternative power supply, said CMCH sources.

CMCH Director Brig Gen Khondakar Shahidul Ghani said they hope to install a new generator of 2,000KV by today.

Most of the patients had to go home without receiving treatment. One Nurjahan Begum could not get an echocardiogram done.

The dialysis and the pathology units were inactive too. Moreover, heat and a water crisis increased patients' sufferings by manifold.

### Mobiles can keep farmers

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SRDI has scientific research on the nature of soil in different parts of the country and the type of fertiliser appropriate for each type, he said. "The challenge is to let farmers know what we have on our information bank," he said, adding, "Mobile phones can play a key role on overcoming the challenge."

General Manager (digital services) of Grameenphone Mohammad Muntasir Hossain suggested introducing "voice messages" for farmers as he thinks sending texts to them might be ineffective considering the country's low literacy rate.

Sheikh Hemayet Hossain, director of field services at the Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE), said there are about 12,000 union level DAE workers across the country.

Md Jahangir Alam, deputy director of Agriculture Information Service, said the days of disseminating information by going door-to-door are over. "We have to find new methods to reach them," he said.

Nujhat Jannatun Nayeem, senior executive (infrastructure business) of mobile phone operator Banglalink, said, "Finding the right approach to communicate with farmers is a major challenge for service providers."

### Enforce national code

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building design by a professional structural engineer, foundation design by a geotechnical engineer, sanitation design by an environmental engineer and observance of the code's remaining provisions, said Modak.

So, the government should immediately devise some system incorporating private professionals to ensure the code's enforcement, he said.

Abdus Sabur, a former Public Works Department additional chief engineer, believes that 90 percent of Dhaka city's buildings were non-engineered, making them vulnerable to any major disaster during earthquakes.

Brac University Vice-Chancellor Prof Syed S Andaleeb said human lives depend on structural engineers so they should be made to go through a competence test and certification process at a certain interval.

Bangladesh National Building Code was prepared in 1993 and compliance was made legally mandatory in 2006 with the detailed provisions and liability of professionals but the government is yet to designate the required official setup and officials.

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