

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA
H 35.6 L 28.3

CHITTAGONG
H 31.1 L 26.4

SYLHET
H 34.3 L 26.2

RAJSHAHI
H 38.2 L 27.7

KHULNA
H 37.0 L 28.0

BARISAL
H 35.3 L 27.4

RANGPUR
H 35.8 L 28.4

COX'S BAZAR
H 29.5 L 26.0

Mild to moderate heat wave sweeping over Rajshahi and Khulna divisions and the regions of Tangail, Faridpur and Dinajpur may continue, said Met Office. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:45pm and rises tomorrow at 05:10am. Highest temperature 39.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Jessore and lowest 24.9 degrees in Sandwip.

Dhaka keeps Modi busy

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi started the concluding day of his two-day visit to Bangladesh by offering prayers at the 12th-century Dhakeshwari temple in Dhaka yesterday.

The sebayeta (chief executive) of the temple, Pradeep Chakraborty, took Modi to the main idol around 8:45am. Modi spent around 15 minutes at the temple, which was closed for nearly an hour to the public.

"An early morning temple visit. PM @narendramodi worships at the Sree Sree Dhakeshwari Temple in Dhaka," External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Vikas Swarup tweeted.

The PM was given a replica of Goddess Dhakeshwari and a shawl besides other memorabilia. The 800-year-old temple in Lalbagh is state-owned, giving it the distinction of being Bangladesh's "national temple".

Liberation War Sector Commander Maj Gen (ret'd) CR Dutta adorned Modi with a white-red sash, while the Puja committee gave him a crest. Modi also visited the adja-

cent temple of Shiva and offered prayers.

The Indian premier then headed to the Ramkrishna Mission at Gopibagh and was greeted by the monks there.

"Paying my respects to Ramakrishna Paramhansa at Dhaka's Ramakrishna Mission," Modi tweeted.

Ramakrishna Mission Headquarters (Kolkata) Chief Swami Suhitananda and Dhaka Mission Principal Swami Dhruveshananda welcomed Modi at the mission at 9:25am. Modi took part in a chorus and was adorned with a saffron sash.

The mission presented the Indian PM with two "commemoratives" and a biography of Swami Vivekananda.

Modi then went to Baridhara at 9:45am and inaugurated Indian High Commission's newly constructed Chancery Complex where he unveiled seven foundation plaques of New Delhi-funded projects.

Indian High Commissioner in Dhaka Pankaj Saran, Dhaka University Vice Chancellor AAMS Arefin Siddique and top officials of the related projects were present.

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Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi spends some time with blind children after inaugurating the construction of the third floor of Blind Education and Rehabilitation Development Organisation of Mirpur, which is partly funded by his government, from Indian High Commission's new chancery complex in Dhaka yesterday.

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Habiganj DC now okays temporary blocking of Khwai river

10 days after ordering halt of road construction through it for transporting Shajibazar power station equipment

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

The Khwai river will temporarily be blocked off and a road constructed over it in Habiganj district's Sayestaganj to transport equipment for a power station, decided Deputy Commissioner (DC) Md Joynal Abedia at a meeting yesterday.

The DC had called the meeting at his office premises, bringing in representatives of Local Government Rural Development (LGRD), Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB), Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB), Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela), Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (Bapa) and Guangdong Power Engineering Corporation (GPEC).

GPEC in China started building the road on May 8 without waiting for BWDB clearance, said a BWDB official.

It cited that it was not possible to transport over a nearby bridge eight pieces of heavy equipment, including a generator weighing 400 metric tonnes, for a 330-megawatt power station it is constructing for BPDB in Shajibazar, the official added.

A BPDB official requesting anonymity contradicted, saying on being unloaded at the Mongla port, the equipment could be transported along the Meghna and then the Kushia rivers through Bhairab.

The DC had stopped the construction on May 28 following numerous media reports but it continued nonetheless from the next day.

Yesterday Bela Sylhet Division Coordinator Shah Shaheda Akhter offered an alternative route, citing possible

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MIRPUR ARSON CASE Arrest of BNP top brass ordered

Another court accepts charges against Fakhru, Moudud, 24 others in vandalism case

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday issued arrest warrants against 27 leaders and activists of BNP-led 20-party alliance, including Rafiqul Islam Mia, in a case filed for instigating arson on a bus in the capital's Mirpur during their anti-government movement on January 28 this year.

Meanwhile, another Dhaka court yesterday accepted the charges against BNP acting Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir, standing committee member Moudud Ahmed and 24 other party men in a case filed for vandalising vehicles in the capital's Paltan on March 2, 2013.

Judge Kamrul Hossain Mollah of Metropolitan Sessions Judges Court

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The family members of late Rezia Begum have requested all her relatives, friends & well wishers to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

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