

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 26.7 L 24.4	H 33.5 L 28.0	H 25.5 L 23.0	H 31.0 L 25.0	H 33.2 L 29.4	H 32.0 L 28.7	H 25.2 L 24.0	H 32.5 L 27.4

Day and night temperatures may fall by 1-2 degree Celsius over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:46pm and rises tomorrow at 05:10am. Country's highest temperature 35.8 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Satkhira and lowest 20.8 in Feni.

Missing boy's skeleton found in Gabtoli

Two arrested
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday arrested "two killers" in the capital and recovered the skeleton of a 14-year-old boy, who had gone missing four months ago, from an abandoned toilet in Gabtoli following their information. The boy, Abul Bashar, had been brought to Gabtoli sweeper colony by his nephew Rabiul Islam from Patuakhali for a job, his family told police, who arrested Rabiul's friends Shahidul Islam and Rocky in Gabtoli. They told police that they and Rabiul stabbed Abdul to death in February to take revenge against the Bashar family as Rabiul had believed that the family caused his parents' divorce. Rabiul is absconding. The bones were sent to DMCH for tests.

5 Ctg DB men suspended

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Chittagong Metropolitan Police yesterday suspended five members of its detective branch for conducting a drive without following due procedures. They are Sub-Inspector Amirul Islam, Assistant Sub-Inspector Jahirul Islam, and constables Golam Samdani, Sohel Mohammed Omar Faruk and Shah Alam. Additional Deputy Commissioner Tanveer Arafat said they took the action following a general diary filed by Nasim Ahmed, owner of a business establishment at Lancet Building, alleging that some DB men conducted the drive in his office on June 8 harassing him over a dispute with his sister's husband. CMP found that the five had conducted the drive without informing their high officials, and without wearing uniforms, both of which are mandatory.



Garbage floats in rain water that submerged many parts of Chittagong city causing immense sufferings to residents yesterday. Despite many photos and stories published in the media urging authorities to excavate canals to mitigate waterlogging, the problem still persists.

Heavy rain brings blessing, curse for Ctg city residents

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Ctg

Heavy rain in Chittagong city yesterday afternoon was a welcome relief for the residents who saw no rain for almost two months. However, the rain also brought misery as many areas of the city were submerged due to poor drainage system. The city dwellers had experienced severe heat with no rain for the last two months. According to Chittagong Met Office, the highest temperature during the period was 35 degrees Celsius while the lowest 28. The relief was short-lived as after half-an-hour of incessant rain, low lying areas of the city, including Chawkbazar, Bakalia, Kapas Gola, Halishahar, Agrabad, CEPZ Mailer Matha, Prabartak, Shulak Bahar, Muradpur, Sholshahar Gate No 2, Katalganj, Dampara, Panchlaish, and Bibirhat, were submerged in knee-deep water. Chittagong Met Office recorded 60mm of rainfall at 3:00pm.

Commuters suffered more as motorised vehicles could not ply roads under water creating a shortage of transport. Jasimuddin of Bakalia said he had to walk through waist-deep filthy water to get to his office. "The drains were overflowing and I could not manage a rickshaw or other vehicles due to waterlogging," he said grimacing. Shop owners also suffered as water flooded many stores hampering trading for the day and damaging goods. An employee of a pharmacy, Tahmid Hossain, said some goods of the shop were damaged by dirty water. Contacted, Mayor AJM Nasir Uddin said he did not have enough time to excavate all the canals in the city, which would facilitate Chittagong's drainage system. He said they need a minimum of four months to excavate the canals and mitigate waterlogging.

Bangladeshi found dead in Maldives

Cops term it murder

STAR REPORT

An undocumented Bangladeshi migrant was found dead with severe head injuries at an uninhabited house in Laamu Atoll Gan Island of the Maldives yesterday, reports Minivan News. Ishaq Yousuf, 65, caretaker of the house, said he discovered the body of farm worker known as Bassan, 30, who had been working in the Maldives for 10 years. Bassan's face was covered with a bloodstained pillow, he said, adding that blood splattered all over the walls up to eight feet. "He (Bassan) told me he had asked the owner who is living in Malé if he could sleep in the house," Ishaq said. House owner Thoha Waheed, however, denied that Bassan sought the permission. Calling it a murder, police said investigation was going on. This is the third apparent murder of Bangladeshis this year. The Human Rights Commission of the Maldives expressed concern over the country's failure in protecting migrant workers. Around 80,000 of total 1.24 lakh migrant workers in the Maldives are Bangladeshis. Some 30,000 are undocumented.

NEWS IN brief

Goldsmith shot, robbed in Old Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Misceants last night shot a goldsmith and snatched his shopping bag carrying gold in Old Dhaka, said police. With injuries in the left leg, Gourango Ghosh, 60, was taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, said Muntasirul Islam, deputy commissioner (media and publication) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police. Gourango was returning home from his Shankharibazar jewellery shop. Police caught one of the miscreants, Asif, 25, with a pistol and six rounds of bullet.

Man dies under crumbling stack of bricks during rain in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man was killed as a pile of several thousand bricks stacked on Mirpur embankment fell onto three tin shacks during yesterday's downpour. The deceased Abdul Malek, 50, a day labourer, was lying on his bed. Malek's son Jamal Hosen, 18, who was also in the shack, was taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital with injuries. Police said the bricks slid downwards as the sand underneath was washed away by rainwater.

Owner killed inside own shop

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A medicine shop owner was killed inside his shop in the capital's Pallabi area early yesterday. Police said a youth entering into Medicare Pharmacy at Avenue-5 around 12:45am shot Jahidul Islam Rasel, 41, in his head and left immediately. Rasel was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him dead. The deceased's father Abdul Mannan, a joint-secretary of ward-3 unit BNP, is a land broker. Police suspect that he might have been killed over his father's previous enmity.

Bangladesh envoy presents credentials to Cambodian king

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Ambassador of Bangladesh to Thailand with concurrent accreditation to Cambodia, Saida Muna Tasneem, has presented her credentials to King Norodom Sihamoni of at the Royal Palace in Phnom Penh. Senior minister for the King's Palace, deputy prime minister of Cambodia and chief of protocol, and high officials were present at the ceremony on Wednesday. Tasneem briefed the Cambodian king of the development and technology oriented policies of the Bangladesh government and emphasised strengthening the common Buddhist heritage shared by the two countries and increasing Buddhist circuit tourism.

Ctg Hizb-ut man held at jail gate

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

An activist of the banned militant outfit Hizb-ut Tahrir was arrested from Chittagong Central Jail gate yesterday immediately after he was released on bail in a case filed under the Anti-terrorism Act. Md Ali, 28, was shown arrest in another case filed under the same act. On December, 2014 police arrested Ali with seven other Hizb-ut men while they were distributing anti-government leaflets in front of Anderkilla Shahi Jame mosque in the city.



Renowned social worker and Magsaysay Laureate Tahrunnesa Abdullah inaugurates Saima Hall of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) on Tuesday in Baridhara of the capital. IUB opened the fully-funded dormitory for female students from outside Dhaka.



Participants at the launch of a special summer course on Global Mental Health for the undergraduate students studying liberal arts and sciences at the Asian University for Women in Chittagong.

AUW starts course on mental health

CITY DESK

The Asian University for Women (AUW) in Chittagong has launched a special summer course on Global Mental Health for its undergraduate students studying liberal arts and sciences. The five-week course focuses on historical treatment of mental illness, mental health in local and global cultural contexts, positive psychology, effect of violence on mental health, and integration of maternal and child health with mental health care delivery. Thirty students from different Asian countries have enrolled for the course which is being taught by visiting faculty members from Harvard Medical School, Yale School of Medicine, National University of Singapore, and London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, and one of AUW's resident faculty members. The course, initiated by Saima Wazed Hossain, member of World Health Organization's Expert Advisory Panel on Mental Health and also daughter of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, was designed by a committee chaired by Prof Arthur Kleinman, the Esther and Sidney Rabb Professor, Department of Anthropology, Harvard University and professor of Medical Anthropology in Global Health and Social Medicine and professor of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School. Harvard University Asia Center, Harvard South Asia Institute, and Ladd Family Foundation have given grants for the course.

Conference on graphic novels in academia at ULAB today

CITY DESK

The Center for Language Studies of the University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh will host the country's first ever conference "Embracing Graphicmedia: The Role of Graphic Novels and Comics in Academia" in the ULAB auditorium at 10:00am today. Artist Ahsan Habib will be the chief guest. CLS Director ATM Sajedul Huq and ULAB Vice Chancellor Prof Imran Rahman will, among others, give speeches, says a press release. Sixteen academics, independent scholars and professionals from the comics industry will present their academic papers on the subject.

No BCL DU unit committee announced in council

DU CORRESPONDENT

Pro-ruling Awami League student organisation Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) yesterday hosted its Dhaka University (DU) unit's council but did not announce a new committee. "We will announce the DU committee after scrutinising the curriculum vitae (CV) of the aspirants later. The new leaders of DU unit will be selected through discussions with policymakers," BCL President Boduzzaman Shohag told The Daily Star. Addressing as chief guest of the council at the base of Aparajeya Bangla, Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader urged

Road crashes kill 6, injure 35

CITY DESK

Six people were killed and 35 others injured in road accidents in three districts yesterday. In Dinajpur, three people were killed and 30 others injured as a bus dashed against a roadside tree on Dinajpur-Dhaka highway in Kushigari village of Ghoraghat upazila. The deceased were bus driver Sultan Alam, 45, of Hakimpur upazila, Abdus Sattar, 22, of Biral upazila and Md Rayhan, 45, of Phulbari Sadar. In Pabna, Hamida Begum, 55, of Nayabari village and another unidentified man were killed while five people injured when a bus fell into a roadside ditch on Dhaka-Pabna highway in Madhpur area. In Lalmonirhat, Zahar Ali, 44, of Gaibandha was killed when a bus hit him on Lalmonirhat-Burimari highway in Sarpukur area of Aditmari upazila.

Obituary

CITY DESK

Azimuddin Ahmad, a former home secretary of the government, died due to a cardiac arrest yesterday. He was 79. He was the son of Late Khan Bahadur Naziruddin Ahmad, the first registrar of Dhaka University. His namaz-e-janaza will be held at Azad Mosque, Gulshan-2, after Jumma prayers today.

Death anniversary

CITY DESK

Today is the 12th death anniversary of Dr S Motahar Ali, founder chairman of M/S New Life and Co (Pvt) Ltd and Khadem of Hakkani Anzuman. On this occasion, a discussion followed by a doa mahfil will be held at Hakkani Masjid Complex, 15/1, Barobagh, Mirpur-2, Dhaka-1216, says at press release.

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