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Day and night temperatures may fall slightly over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:21pm and rises tomorrow at 5:39am. Country's highest temperature 34.6 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rajshahi and lowest 24.6 in Sreemangal.

STALKING AT BRUR BCL man held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Police yesterday arrested a student of Begum Rokeya University, Rangpur (BRUR), who has been accused of stalking a female student and threatening her after being rejected. Shaon Ahmed Shuvo, a first-year student of statistics, and an activist of the Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), was arrested on the campus around 12:00noon, said police.

He and five others, all leaders and activists of BCL, were sued by Umme Habiba Asha, a first-year student of computer science and engineering, on Tuesday.

The others are BRUR BCL President Mehedy Hasan Shishir, General Secretary Mostafa Mahmud Hasan, Senior Vice President Ariful Islam Joy, and activists Adnan Ali and Shamim Ahmed.

Shishir told The Daily Star that they would suspend Shuvo from the organisation.

The victim filed the complaint with Rangpur Kotwali Police Station, saying Shuvo and his followers used to harass her since she had rejected his romantic advances five months ago.

Four days back, Shuvo, the main accused, threatened to throw acid on Asha if she did not accept his proposal, the case statement read.

Asha later informed the matter to Md Ali Raj, vice president of the university unit of BCL, and Hadiuzzaman Hadi, expelled vice president of the unit.

After Raj and his men protested against Shuvo's passing comments to Asha on Monday morning, the six with some others attacked them in the evening, leading to a clash.

Four BCL men were injured during the fighting including Raj and Titas Chandra Roy, joint general secretary of the unit, who protested the harassment.

The four were admitted to Rangpur Medical College Hospital.



Makeshift shops line, on both sides, the footpath leading to the emergency gate of Dhaka Medical College Hospital, obstructing pedestrians' movement and patients' entry. Though police had evicted the vendors on June 24, they returned to the place and re-established their stalls a few hours later on the same day. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Bangladesh, Mexico sign MoU to boost relations

DIPLomatic CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh and Mexico have agreed to start a dialogue to expand bilateral relations including strengthening trade and commerce.

The two countries signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on Foreign Office Consultation (FOC) to that effect.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md Shahrar Alam, who is now on a visit to Mexico, and Mexican Foreign Minister José Antonio Meade Kuribrená signed the MoU on Wednesday, said a foreign ministry press release.

Earlier in the day, the Bangladesh state minister had a breakfast meeting with presidents and director generals of leading apparel manufacturing companies of Mexico. The entrepreneurs expressed eagerness to visit Bangladesh at the end of this year for exploring investment opportunities.

UN spl rapporteur due on Aug 31

DIPLomatic CORRESPONDENT

United Nations Special Rapporteur Heiner Bielefeldt will arrive in Bangladesh on August 31 on a nine-day visit to assess the state of freedom of religion or belief in the country.

"I am keen to learn more about the efforts to eliminate root causes of violence, intimidations and vigilantism in the name of religion and developments in promoting and protecting religious freedom, especially initiatives of inter-religious dialogues, following the first country visit by my predecessor in May 2000," Bielefeldt said.

"It will also be a timely opportunity for me to assess the freedom of religion or belief in relation to issues of gender, women, children, and in particular, religious minorities or indigenous communities," he noted, according to a UN press release received from Geneva yesterday.

During the visit, Bielefeldt will meet various government officials, representatives of religious or belief communities, minority and indigenous representatives, civil society organisations and the UN. On conclusion of his tour, he will share his preliminary findings with the media at a press conference on September 9 at Jatiya Press Club.

He will also present a report with his conclusions and recommendations to the UN Human Rights Council in 2016.



Heiner Bielefeldt

16 including police impersonators held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police have arrested 16 people on charges of committing different crimes, including impersonating detectives, in raids across the capital in the last two days.

Police arrested three impersonators in Shanir Akhra, seven members of a fraud gang in Pallabi, five robbers in Kalyanpur and a drug peddler in Jatrabari.

The impersonators were arrested and from them a car, a walkie-talkie and a pair of handcuffs were recovered on Wednesday. Syed Nurul Islam, deputy commissioner of Wari division police, said at a press briefing at the media centre of Dhaka Metropolitan Police. "The gang, pretending to be detectives, used to pick up people who just withdrew money from a bank or collected it from someone, and take their money before releasing them somewhere," he said.

The arrestees are Hafizur Rahman, Monir Hossain, Pikul Sheikh.

Another team of police arrested members of a fraud gang with two toy pistols and

three knives on Wednesday night, said Kaiyumuzzaman Khan, deputy commissioner of Mirpur division police, during another briefing at the same venue.

The detainees are -- Liyakat Ali, Kamrul, Shohidul Islam, Najmul Islam Didar, Ruhul Amin Ripon, Obidur Rahman Batu and Meherunnisa Keya.

Kaiyumuzzaman said the female members, mostly college and university students, used to start relationships with targets through Facebook or over the phone.

Afterwards, the members would ask the targets to meet them in a flat where the gang would take away their valuables," he said.

The police official said they even blackmailed the targets after forcing them to take photos with the females which were sexual in nature.

Meanwhile, Mirpur police arrested five members of an inter-district robbery gang and recovered a pickup van and three knives from them in Kalyanpur. In Jatrabari, a drug trader was arrested and 125kg of cannabis and bottles of Phensedyl were seized.

'MONEY LAUNDERING' SC stays Khandaker Mosharraf's bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday stayed for two weeks a High Court order that granted BNP leader Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain bail in a money laundering case.

The order came after hearing a plea moved by the Anti-Corruption Commission against the HC order.

The apex court also asked ACC to file a leave-to-appeal petition with it against the HC order in two weeks, said ACC lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan.

Earlier on August 18, Mosharraf got permanent bail in the case filed by ACC on February 6, 2014 accusing him of amassing over Tk 9.53 crore between 2001 and 2006 and depositing that into a bank account in the UK.

NEWS IN brief

International Crimes Tribunal delegation visits The Hague

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Four judges of the International Crimes Tribunals (ICT) visited The Hague, Netherlands from August 23 to 26 and exchanged views with hosts of legal institutions in the European country.

According to a press release, the delegation made the visit on their way back from Buenos Aires, Argentina after attending an international conference there. Led by Justice Obaidul Hassan, chairman of ICT-2, the team also included Justice M Enayetur Rahim, chairman of ICT-1, and its members Justice Jahangir Hossain and Justice Anwarul Haque.

They visited the International Criminal Court (ICC), and had a comprehensive dialogue with ICC Judge Chang-ho Chung (South Korea) and Judge Raul Pangalangan (the Philippines). They also visited the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

Savar College student 'abducted'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

A first year student of Savar College was allegedly abducted by unidentified miscreants in Nama Bazar of Savar, outside the capital, yesterday.

Family members claimed the kidnapers demanded Tk 3 lakh as ransom for releasing Md Munser Ali Munna.

His elder brother Md Monju filed a general diary with Savar Model Police Station, saying Munna went to Nama Bazar but did not come back home. Later, unknown callers demanded that the family send Tk 3 lakh through bKash. SM Kamruzzaman, officer-in-charge of Savar Model Police Station, said they were looking for Munna.

Fugitive gets life term for raping girl

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chittagong court yesterday jailed a fugitive for life for raping a 10-year-old girl in Banskhalhi upazila.

The convict, Salimullah, 27, of Chambol village in the upazila, was also fined Tk 50,000. A neighbour, he attacked and raped the girl on April 24, 2010.

Man killed by co-worker in Tongi

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

A person was stabbed to death by his co-worker over previous enmity at a garment factory in Hossain Market of Tongi, outside the capital, yesterday.

The deceased Habibur Rahman alias Hannan, 25, of Ershadnagar was a worker of Pacific Group.

Police said Shahadat Hossain, 22, stabbed Habibur in the factory around 8:00am. Habibur was rushed to Tongi Hospital where doctors declared him dead.

Police arrested Shahadat.

Ctg pharmacy, medicine warehouse fined, 2 other pharmacies sealed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A mobile court yesterday fined a pharmacy and a medicine warehouse Tk 20,000 and sealed off two other pharmacies in Chittagong city on different charges, including selling of expired and unapproved medicines.

The court, led by an executive magistrate of the Chittagong district administration, fined Asha Enterprise, the warehouse, in Reazuddin Bazar and Bhalo Store in Sadarghat Tk 10,000 each.

Meanwhile, Shah Amanat Medical Store and Khaja Medical Store in Notun Bridge were sealed off. Officials of the Drug Administration assisted the court.



Renowned environmentalist Prof Ainun Nishat addresses a workshop on "ICCCAD Pathway to Paris: Activating the Adaptation Work Stream in Bangladesh", organised by the International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) at Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) yesterday.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

Two held over 3yr-old Manik murder in Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Rapid Action Battalion yesterday arrested two persons in Dhaka in connection with the killing of three-year-old Manik a month and a half ago in Savar.

Mohammad Akram, 60, and Bhashani alias Raju, 30, are two of the accused in the case filed with Savar Police Station on July 7, says a press release.

Akram was held in Savar's Hemayetpur and based on his information Raju was arrested in the capital's Shyamoli, said Rab-4 officials at a press conference at its headquarters.

Manik's father Shafiqul Islam filed a complaint with Rab-4 Nabinagar camp on July 1 alleging that his son was abducted near his Baherchar home in Savar on June 30. Later, he filed the case accusing six persons saying that they abducted his son over land dispute.

Shawkat shown arrested

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showed him arrested in eight more arson cases lodged with Paltan and Motijheel police stations. On August 24, he was remanded for a second time, this time for four days, in four arson cases. He now faces at least 10 arson cases.

AVIJIT KILLING Three suspects placed on 3-day fresh remand

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court placed three members of Ansarullah Bangla Team on a three-day fresh remand in connection with the killing of blogger-writer Avijit Roy.

Asaduzzaman Noor, Metropolitan Magistrate passed the order after detectives produced them before the court seeking seven days' remand for each of them.

Earlier in the day, the defence submitted separate petitions seeking bail and cancellation of the remand prayer.

The three suspects were produced before the court yesterday on completion of a seven-day remand.

2 hacked to death in Ctg, Rangpur

CITY DESK

Two people were hacked to death in Chittagong and Rangpur on Wednesday night.

In Chittagong city, Akkas, 30, of Noakhali was killed in Double Mooring area allegedly over previous enmity. He was a day labourer and lived in Pahartali Bazar Mannan Colony in the area.

In Rangpur city, Rakib Hasan Rajib, 20, of New Jummapara Pakarmatha area was killed by miscreants allegedly over previous enmity in Taluk Tampat area, said police.

Opponents of Sust VC write

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The teachers have been demanding VC Prof Md Aminul Haque Bhuiyan's resignation since mid-April, accusing him of misbehaviour, irregularities, and nepotism.

Bhuiyan was a former professor of Dhaka University.

As part of their non-stop movement, his opponents staged a two-hour sit-in in front of the VC's office yesterday.

The platform yesterday wrote to the minister in response to a letter the education ministry sent to Sust on August 24 urging all to restore academic atmosphere on the campus.

Khaleda skips proceedings again

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and two of them were cross-examined.

However, accusing the prosecutors of dictating to the witnesses, Khaleda's lawyers boycotted the courtroom for five minutes, said one of her counsels Taherul Islam Towhid.

The proceedings were adjourned till September 3.

One case statement says Khaleda and

three others abused power to collect Tk 6.19 crore for Zia Charitable Trust during BNP's rule between 1991 and 1996.

According to the other complaint, the BNP chief, her son Tarique Rahman, and four others embezzled Tk 2.1 crore by forming Zia Orphanage Trust that exists only on paper.

The Anti-Corruption Commission filed the cases.

Demos held in Dhaka, Ctg

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minister for being failed to bring Faruqi's killers to book in one year.

BIF president Nurul Huq Chisti said the government had little commitment to ensure justice for the murder. The family told The Daily Star that he was killed by Islamist groups whose religious views were different from his.

"It seems as though the law enforcers as well as the authorities have conveniently forgotten about Faruqi," said his wife Lubna.

Additional deputy commissioner of the Detective Branch of Dhaka Metropolitan Police Ashikur Rahman, who is supervising the investigation, admitted that the investi-

gation found no headway so far but he added that the crime might have been committed by Islamist militants.

Our staff correspondent from Chittagong adds, the Chhatra Sena and Bangladesh Islami Jubo Sena, the youth wing of BIF, organised symbolic road blockades from 12:00 noon to 12:10pm around 100 spots in and outside the city.

Its activists also brought out processions and gave a 13-day ultimatum to the government to arrest the murderers of Faruqi, also then international affairs secretary of Ahle Sunnat Wal Jamaat. Syed Abu Azam, general secretary of the city unit of the Jubo Sena, said police could not arrest anyone yet.

DHAKA TODAY

Discussion
Mahatma Gandhi Smarak Sadan will hold a discussion on "Gandhi and Nazrul." Venue: 166/B Kalabagan (Dolphin Goli), Time: 10:30am

Human Chain
Garment Shomik Trade Union Kendra will organise a human chain on garment workers' right. Venue: Abul

Art and Essay competition
The Geography and Environment Department of Dhaka University will organise two-day "National Environment Olympiad, Art Presentation and Essay Competition." Venue: Dhaka University, Time: 10:00am

Hotel, Malibagh. Time: 3:30pm