

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 33.5 L 26.6	H 28.0 L 26.0	H 31.6 L 25.4	H 31.0 L 25.3	H 33.0 L 26.5	H 28.2 L 25.9	H 30.7 L 25.0	H 36.0 L 25.0

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at most places over Khulna, Barisal, Rangpur, Mymensingh, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at many places over Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions in the next 24 hours. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:37pm and rises tomorrow at 5:54am.

Two JMB men jailed in N'ganj

A CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

A Narayanganj court yesterday sent two operatives of the banned militant outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) to 20 years' imprisonment in a case filed with Bandar Police Station under the Explosive Substances Act. They are Saiful Islam and Mahabub.

The court also fined each of them Tk 20,000, in default of which they will have to suffer six more months' rigorous imprisonment.

Additional District and Sessions Judge Kamrun Nahar of Special Tribunal Court-7 gave the verdict in the presence of the convicts.

On January 7, 2007, a Rapid Action Battalion team arrested Saiful in Tangail for his link with JMB. Gleaning information from him, the team arrested Mahabub after raiding Farazikanda village of Bandar area of Narayanganj the same day.



A boat procession at Katakhal point of the Meghna river in Haimchar upazila of Chandpur yesterday, organised by the Upazila Parishad. The fleet travelled 10km to raise public awareness on saving mother hilsa.

Sampan procession held to save mother hilsa in Chandpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chandpur

A massive awareness rising campaign to protect mother hilsa has been undertaken in Haimchar upazila of Chandpur, as the government banned netting hilsa between October 12 and November 2 in an area stretching 100 kilometres in the Meghna river.

With slogans like "Won't catch mother hilsa, won't harm the country; Protect mother Hilsa, increase national wealth", Haimchar Upazila Parishad yesterday organised two separate rallies -- one on its premises and another on the river's coast -- attended by people from different strata, including politicians and fisherfolks.

Starting at the Katakhal point at 11:00am, the river rally paraded through a 10-kilometre route and ended at Char Bhairabi.

On Sunday, the Upazila

PHOTO: STAR

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BOOSTING GREEN ENERGY Abu Dhabi offers funds to Dhaka

UNB, Dhaka

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has offered Bangladesh to take advantage of the Abu Dhabi Fund for climate change and renewable energy for introducing new technologies for solar and other forms of renewable energy to strengthen its green energy portfolio.

The offer came during a bilateral meeting between State Minister for Foreign Affairs M Shahriar Alam and the Head of the UAE delegation to the Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) Summit, Cabinet Member and Minister of Climate Change and Environment of the UAE Dr Thani bin Ahmed Al-Zayudi in Bangkok.

The second Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) Summit was held in Bangkok on October 9 and 10, said the foreign ministry of Bangladesh yesterday.

Bangladesh Ambassador to Thailand Saida Muna Tasneem was present during the bilateral meeting on Sunday.

Both ministers discussed a wide range of issues of mutual interest, including technical cooperation with the UAE in climate change and renewable and sustainable energy technologies, mutual support at international level and reopening of UAE's labour market for Bangladeshis and the welfare

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Girl dies as sawed-off tree falls on her

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An eight-year-old girl was killed after a tree collapsed on her in the capital's Mirpur yesterday.

Tania Akter, 8, daughter of Alfu Mia from Kishoreganj, had migrated to their Uttar Pirebagh residence in Mirpur three months ago.

Some men were felling a mango tree in the neighbourhood around 1:30pm, and it abruptly tumbled on her, said local people.

Tania was rushed to the National Institute of Traumatology and Orthopaedic Rehabilitation (Nitor) and later shifted her to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where she died around 5:30pm, said police.

Chinese president likely to arrive Friday

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Chinese President Xi Jinping is expected to arrive in Dhaka on a state visit Friday morning.

The visit is deemed significant because Xi is the first Chinese president to visit Bangladesh in the last 30 years. The last visit took place in 1986.

Xi's visit to Bangladesh will be a "milestone," Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs Kong Xuanyou said in Beijing yesterday, noting that both sides would make deals and bilateral relations would be improved.

Making announcement of the official visit, Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Lu Kang said Xi was invited by Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni and Bangladeshi President Abdul Hamid, respectively, to pay state visits to the two countries, reported Chinese state news agency Xinhua.

During his visit, Xi will meet with President Abdul Hamid, Parliament Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chowdhury, and hold talks with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Assistant Minister Kong told reporters at a press briefing in Beijing.

It is part of the Chinese president's three-nation visit. He will first go to Cambodia and then visit Bangladesh before heading for India, to attend the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India,

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Brainwashed into militancy? Wonder relatives of two missing youths

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two young cousins have remained missing since leaving unannounced their Mirpo Monipur residences in the capital over two months ago while their families and relatives fear they might have been brainwashed into taking the path of militancy.

Ahmed Rafid al Hasan, 20, and Aiad Hasan, 21, became good friends, sharing everything while growing up in the same neighbourhood, another cousin told The Daily Star yesterday.

They went traceless on August 9, he said along with some other relatives who all wished not to be named while the families declined talking to the media.

The cousin said the suspicion arose afterwards and general diaries were filed with

police by the families, who had noticed that the duo had limited conversations with others but often talked in whispers with each other.

The Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime unit of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) initially suspected that the duo was among the seven suspected militants killed during an anti-militancy crackdown at Noagaon Patartek in Gazipur on Saturday.

However, the cousin dismissed it, saying the families yesterday felt sure seeing photos of the seven in the media. Police are verifying the identities of the seven, said sources in the DMP specialised unit.

The cousin along with the other relatives urged law enforcers to find their whereabouts

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TWO YEARS PAST KALSHI BIHARI CAMP FIRE

Girl battling trauma, burn complications

SHAHEEN MOLLAH

Farzana Akter, who had survived a deadly blaze that killed eight of her family members in 2014, has been admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital with various ailments.

Quoting doctors, her relatives said she was suffering from kidney related problems and her body and hands which were burnt in the fire got swollen.

Zaheda Begum, wife of one of her maternal uncles, waits on her at DMCH.

Zaheda said they had admitted her to a local hospital a few days earlier but shifted her to DMCH as her condition deteriorated.

Following the fire that engulfed their tin-roof single-room house at Kalshi, Farzana, now 18, was staying with the family of her maternal aunt



Farzana Akhter at Dhaka Medical College Hospital with various ailments.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Another Bihari man died after being hit by bullets during the attack.

Farzana's father Yasin Ali was killed in a road accident in the capital's Mirpur in September that year. Along with other Bihari people, he had been demanding justice for what he said "an arson attack", killing almost all her family members.

Farzana herself had suffered 17 percent burns to her body, from which she later developed various complications. However, defying all this, she enrolled in class VII at

Dhaka Presidency High School in Mohammadpur early this year to continue her study.

"I want to be a teacher," she told The Daily Star yesterday.

Farzana now lives with the family of Aslam Khan, the husband of her mother's sister.

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