WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA	MYMENSINGH	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	RANGPUR	KHULNA	BARISAL	COX'S BAZAR
H 34.0 | L 25.4	H 32.5 | L 25.0	H 31.2 | L 25.8	H 33.7 | L 24.3	H 36.0 | L 25.3	H 33.8 | L 24.5	H 35.5 | L 27.0	H 30.5 | L 26.7	H 29.2 | L 24.0

Light to moderate rain accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at most places over Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at many places over Rajshahi, Rangpur, Mymensingh, Dhaka and Khulna divisions with heavy to very heavy falls at places over Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions till 6:00pm today, reports UNB. **The sun sets in the capital today at 6:48pm and rises tomorrow at 5:11am, say Met office.**

SYLHET COURT PREMISES

Canteens vandalised for being open during daytime in Ramadan

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Sylhet*

Three youths yesterday vandalised two canteens on the Sylhet district court premises because they were open during the daytime of Ramadan.

Seven people were injured in the incident, and one of them, Juned Ahmed, a betel leaf shop owner, was admitted to Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital.

Lawyers caught two of the miscreants and handed them over to police. The detainees are Shah Md Abdur Rahim, 27, of Mollahpara village under Osmaninagar upazila in Sylhet, and Dulal Miah, 25, of Ratanpur village under Madhabpur in Habiganj.

Quoting witnesses, advocate Hossain Ahmed, general secretary of Sylhet District Bar Association, said the trio entered the Lawyers Association's canteen and asked the manager, "Who did permit you to keep the restaurant open during daytime of Ramadan?"

Following an altercation, they started vandalising the furniture and utensils and beating up people with iron rods before moving to the Collectorate Building canteen and doing the same, the lawyer said.

During the incident, lawyer Ahmed reached the spot with court police and detained two of them while the third one fled.

Gousul Alam, officer-in-charge of Sylhet Kotwali Police Station, said manager of the Lawyers Association canteen, Pavel Mia, filed a case against the detained two and an unnamed person.

Quoting the arrestees, the OC said they vandalised the canteens because they were open during the daytime of Ramadan.

Ahmed said the canteens were open to serve food to non-Muslims and the sick. This incident is alarming because it happened on the court premises, he added, requesting tightened security in the court area.

Clockwise from left, **a man scoops out water over a makeshift brick barrier set at the threshold of his room alongside a road in Poshchim Para area of Sheikhdi under Demra in the capital. The area is experiencing waterlogging following persistent heavy showers over the last few days. A submerged room where a woman chops vegetables sitting on a bed elevated on bricks. Soaked in knee-deep filthy water, a woman is lucky enough to find a rickshaw right at the doorway of her house.** PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

FF shot dead in Khulna

Five others also injured in the gun attack

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Khulna*

A freedom fighter, also an Awami League leader, was shot dead allegedly by his rivals in Hamidnagar of Rayer Mahal area in Khulna city yesterday night.

The deceased, Sahadat Hossain Mollah, 62, Liberation War affairs secretary of Sonadanga unit of Awami League, was also a retired army officer.

Victim's nephew and eyewitness Dilu Khan said Sahadat was drinking tea at a tea stall around 9:00pm when five to six miscreants shot him dead.

Five people who were present on the spot were also hit by bullets.

Sumon Ranjon Sarker, assistant senior commissioner of the city special branch of Khulna police, said locals chased the miscreants and caught one Ajom, 32, a local who was hit by a bullet when Sahadat shot fire in retaliation with his licensed gun.

The injured were sent to Khulna Medical College Hospital. One of them was was later sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for better treatment.

Siddiqur Rahman Bulu Biswas, president of Sonadanga Awami League, said rivals might have killed Sahadat over establishing supremacy in Boyra and Rayer Mahal areas.

Police arrested one who has a long standing dispute with the victim, said Bulu.

No case has been lodged till filing of this report.

Double blow for burnt victims

They suffer again as all ACs at burn unit out of order

KONGKON KARMAKER

RANGPUR MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Burn patients at Rangpur Medical College Hospital (RMCH) are in agony as none of the air conditions (ACs) is working since May 10 in the Burn and Plastic Surgery Unit in the scorching heat.

The 2,000 sq feet unit has eight ACs and eight fans for 14 beds. But, the ACs, just repaired in last July, went out of order this year once again on different dates since April this year.

The last month had definitely been the toughest one for the burn patients at RMCH with only two fans and one AC serving to comfort their burns under bandages. However, the hospital authorities fixed all the fans within Monday.

Moreover, the atmosphere inside the room remains stale as the windows are fixed and cannot be opened, as the room was designed for central air conditioning system, and, therefore, air cannot pass through it.

It is important to maintain a soothing temperature like 22 degree Celsius in the room of burn patients, otherwise chances of getting and spreading of infections increases due to heat and sweat, said a nurse.

A total of eight burn patients died from infections in last two months, the nurse said, seeking anonymity.

Now six patients were being treated at the hospital, she said.

Only ACs can provide a bit comfort to burn patients and help prevent such infections, she added.

Mamata Begum, mother of eight-year-old Sadeq Islam, said, "How a burn patient with bandage all over the body can stay in such hot summer without any means for air flow. A fine person will indeed become sick in this atmosphere."

Sadeq with bandage wrapping his entire body beneath his neck is being treated for 50 percent burns.

"My son yells in pain all the time. I am fanning her continuously, but that is not enough to comfort him", said the mother, adding that ACs could have helped her child feel better.

Mamata said she informed the authorities on last Thursday about the pathetic situation they are living in but no heed had been paid.

Abdus Salam, a resident of Ghoraghat upazila of Dinajpur, who has been undergoing treatment for the last 15 days for over 50 percent burns, alleged that the hot weather and the suffocated room with no air flow made his sufferings even worse.

Meanwhile, Badal Ali of Uttar Mohespur area in Dinajpur Sadar upazila, who suffered 50 percent burns in a boiler explosion in Dinajpur on April 19 and was released last week from the same hospital after 45 days, said, "This is the lone reliable hospital for burn patients coming from eight northern districts. Such situation can ruin people's hope."

Dr Azmal Hossain, registrar of the Burn and Plastic Surgery Unit, said he informed the director of the hospital immediately after the last AC malfunctioned in May. "We fixed two ACs", he said.

AC is mandatory for burn patients, he also stressed.

Dr Moudud Hossain, the director, said he joined the hospital just a month ago. He along with his officials are identifying the problems of the unit and steps would be taken to fix the problems soon.

All the ACs were installed in July 2013 through tender process. The same team who got the tender were in charge of the maintenance as well for a term of three years which expired last year, Dr Azmal said.

For repairing the ACs now tender will have to be invited again which is a lengthy procedure and is one of the reasons responsible for the situation, said sources.

Qulkhwani of Maj (retd) Jasim Uddin today

BSS, *Dhaka*

Qulkhwani of Maj (retd) Jasim Uddin, former president of Bangladesh Cold Storage Association (BCSA), will be held today after the Asr prayers at Allahu Mosque at Dhaka Cantonment.

All are requested to join the special prayers for seeking eternal peace of the departed soul.

Owner of Meghna Multipurpose Himagar and Meghna Packaging, Maj Jasim died of a brain stroke at a city hospital on June 10 at the age of 69.

He left behind his wife, a daughter and a son. He was buried in Banani army graveyard.

Three IT company staff go missing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three employees of an IT company in the capital have gone missing on June 3, said police.

Kamal Hossain, 21, Imam Hossain Rashed, 27, and Hasan Mahmud, 26, who are also friends, used to work at Telex Ltd on Road No-4 at Block-C in Banani.

Their families filed general diaries with Banani Police Station on June 3 and 4. Of the three, Kamal, who completed Dawra Hadith, is an imam and a business assistant at his office. Imam and Hasan completed master's in computer science after graduating from Brac University's electronics and electrical engineering department, police and families said.

Imam's younger brother Faisal Ahmed said his brother is pious but he was never involved in militancy.

Kamal's uncle Rashid, who claimed the same for his nephew, hoped that if any law enforcement agency picked them up they would be released soon.

Sub-inspectors Bazlur Rahman and Sohel Rana said they did not get any information about their involvement in militancy.

During a press conference at the media centre of Dhaka Metropolitan Police yesterday, Abdul Baten, joint commissioner of the Detective Branch of police, said they are investigating the incident and trying to find the missing people.

Say hello to the youngest resident at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Safari Park, Gazipur. The calf, enjoying the company of her mother in the picture, was born on Tuesday morning. This is the first time a giraffe has been born in a safari park in the country. The number of giraffes including the newborn at the park now stands at nine -- three of them females and five males. The park's Wildlife Inspector Anisur Rahman told our Gazipur correspondent that the immune system of a newborn giraffe is usually vulnerable to human-borne diseases. That is why they would wait for up to two weeks before going in close contact with it to ascertain its gender. They would also announce the name of the baby at a later time. PHOTO: COLLECTED

SI closed, one held over extortion

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Barisal*

A sub-inspector was closed and a person was sent to jail on Wednesday night in connection with a case filed over attacking a Saudi expatriate and demanding money from him.

Firoj Kabir, officer-in-charge of Gournadi Police Station, said one Latif Bepari, identifying himself as a police source, demanded Tk 2 lakh from Syed Chunnu after he started construction of a building in Gobordhon village recently.

As Chunnu denied giving the money, Latif with SI Mazharul of the station and others tried to arrest Chunnu by indicting him in a false drug peddling case few days ago.

However, they could not arrest Chunnu as locals resisted.

On Monday night, Latif with his associates attacked Chunnu and snatched Tk 35,000 from him when he was going to pay his dues to the construction material suppliers.

Rescuing, locals rushed him to Gournadi Upazila Health Complex.

Later, following a case, filed over the incident on Wednesday, Officer-in-Charge of Gournadi Police Station Firoj Kabir investigated the matter and found involvement of SI Mazharul with it. He also sent a report to the higher authorities in this regard.

Latif, who was arrested on Wednesday afternoon, was sent to jail after he was produced before the judicial magistrate court, the OC said.

SI Mazharul was closed on that night and attached with Barisal police line immediately, said SM Aktaruzzaman, superintendent of police in Barisal.

I was evicted illegally

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organised the briefing.

Barrister Moudud said some rare things, including a 1,000-year-old bati (bowl) made from Egyptian soil, from his personal collection, and some memorabilia of his two sons who passed away were also damaged or lost during the drive at the residence.

The BNP leader also claimed that the Supreme Court in its verdict had not said the government or Rajuk was the owner of the Gulshan residence where he had been living for 36 years and that they could evict him from the residence.

"Some ruling Awami League leaders have commented about the residence. I am sure they did not thoroughly read the Supreme Court verdict. Rajuk evicted me from the house like those from occupied chars, which is a violation of human rights," he said.

On June 7, Moudud was evicted from the residence on one bigha and 13 kathas of land at Gulshan Avenue in Dhaka where he had been staying for more than three decades.

Rajuk took control of the house after the former law minister lost a long legal battle over the ownership of the residence and the land worth over Tk 300 crore.

Former speaker of Jatiya Sangsad Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar and former SCBA president Advocate AJ Mohammad Ali, among others, were present at the briefing.

'Stalkers' kill man

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Barisal*

A man was allegedly beaten to death on Wednesday night by some youths for protesting stalking of his niece in Charmonoi village under Barisal Sadar.

The deceased, Abdul Khaleq Howlader, 60, was the maternal uncle of the girl, who was allegedly stalked by Tushar Hossain, 20, a polytechnic student, and his friends. Tushar and his 6-7 associates attacked Khaleq with sticks at Chader Baazar on Wednesday night.

Journalists stand by

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between the family of the child and the employee of the judge. Later, the judge's employee filed a case against two people, including uncle of the child.

Two days after publishing the report, Senior Assistant Judge Mohammad Mahbubur Rahman filed the case against Dhruba under the section 57 with Manikganj Sadar Police Station.

The journalists said the report was prepared and published maintaining all journalistic rules and ethics. Dhaka Reporters Unity President Shakhawat Hossain Badsha, among others, spoke. Meanwhile, journalists formed a human chain before Savar Press Club outside the capital with the same demand.

Khaleda calls upon journos

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one-party ruling system. Later, Ziaur Rahman reintroduced multi-party democracy and reinstated freedom of press, she claimed.

"…To ensure security of democracy, freedom of the press has to be ensured," she said.

The former premier alleged that all the media employees have been working amid fear and anxiety.

She also alleged that the dreadfulness of 1975 is still prevailing in the country but in a different form and people have to be ready to wage a resistance against it.

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