



Awami League leaders Abdus Samad Azad, Abdul Jalil and Suranjit Sengupta along with their lawyer Barrister Amir-Ul Islam coming out of the court yesterday after the High Court granted them anticipatory bail in a defamation case for publishing a list of ruling BNP-Jamaat leaders citing them as 'godfathers of criminals.'

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## Dr Mazharul Islam dead

UNB, Dhaka

Eminent intellectual and former Vice-chancellor of Rajshahi University Dr Mazharul Islam died at a hospital in Bangkok yesterday morning.

He had also served as Director General of Bangla Academy.

Dr Islam, who had been suffering from old-age ailments and pneumonia for nearly two months, was admitted to a hospital in the Thai capital last month.

He left behind his wife, two sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death.

Various sociopolitical organisations expressed their shock at the death of Dr Mazharul Islam.

Awami League President and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina expressed her deep shock at the death of Dr Islam.

In her condolence message Hasina said, "His death left a vacuum in the educational and cultural fields and country and the nation suffered an irreparable loss".

She prayed for salvation of his departed soul and conveyed sympathy to the bereaved family members.

Bangladesh Awami League Secretary Secchhasebak League and Bangladesh Centre for Folklore Studies also condoled the death of Dr Mazharul Islam.

# Save LDCs from consequences of climate change

## Experts tell BCAS roundtable

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Developed countries must take mitigation measures to contain global climate change to save the least developed countries from its dreadful consequences, said experts at a roundtable yesterday.

The roundtable was organised by Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies (BCAS) at a city hotel in Dhaka. The Bangladesh delegation comprising top government officials, different NGO representatives and environmentalists will present its view from the perspective of the least developed countries in the face of global warming.

"Fund for adaptation to climate changes should be increased but not at the cost of mitigation measures," said BUET Professor Ijaz Hossain. Mitigation is a global efforts to bring down the emission of hazardous gases

while adaptation implies some local measures to adjust with whatever damage has been done to the climate, he explained.

"Bangladesh, as a low-lying and disaster prone country will present technical and scientific perspectives of climate changes at the conference," said Mahfuzul Haque, deputy secretary of the environment and forest ministry.

"COP-9 is an opportunity to present the concerns of Bangladesh over its climate change," said Claudia Schaefer, project coordinator of CARE Bangladesh.

The Country Representative of the IUCN Ainun Nishat said the experience of COP-8 in New Delhi showed that people are shifting their attention from mitigation to adaptation in climate change management.

"We intend to table the need for assessment of people's vulnerability to climate changes in the local and regional spheres," said Mozaharul Alam, a research fellow of BCAS.

"The COP-9 aims at capacity building of the stakeholders in mitigating and adapting climate changes," said Moinul Islam Sharif, another

fellow of BCAS. Secretary to the environment and forest ministry Sabihuddin Ahmed presided over the roundtable.

## Clash in New Market leaves 35 hurt

BSS, Chapainawabganj

At least 35 people were injured, six of them seriously, in a clash between traders and fish dealers in the New Market area yesterday morning.

Witnesses and police said four shops were set ablaze and Officer-in-charge of Kotwali Police Station Zamir Uddin and constables Abul Kalam Azad and Jatin Chakma were also injured during the clash that erupted after a night guard of the market was beaten up.

Firefighters rushed to the spot and doused the fire. They said fish and fruit shops were also looted during the clash that continued for two hours until police intervened.

# 'Amendment to laws will create judicial anarchy'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Progressive Lawyers Council (BPLC) yesterday said amendment to the Code of Civil Procedure, and enactment of Speedy Trial Tribunal Act and Arthorin Adalat 2003 will create judicial anarchy because of their shortcomings and infirmity of purposes.

At a press conference at the National Press Club, council leaders alleged that major amendment to the laws has been brought for 'party interest' and not for the 'interest of the people'.

"The amendment to the Civil

Procedure Code will increase the legislative problem instead of solving them," said Abdul Momen Chowdhury, president of BPLC.

About the utility of the Speedy Trial Tribunal Act, he said though a murder case is disposed in 90 days but it does not get any priority in the High Court. So there remains a question about its justification, he added.

Regarding the infirmity of the Arthorin Adalat Act 2003, Momen said if a case is not disposed in the stipulated 90 days, it could be extended to 30 more days. But what will be the judicial decision if the case is not disposed even within 120 days, he

asked? Advocate Zohirul Islam and Naser Uddin Chowdhury attended the conference.

## 1335 more held

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Police arrested 1,335 people, including five identified criminals, during their countrywide drive in the last 24 hours till 6am yesterday.

During the drive, they also recovered 10 firearms, four other weapons and six bullets and filed three cases against five persons under the Arms Act, says a press release of police headquarters.

## DHAKA TODAY

### Certificate giving ceremony

The certificate giving ceremony of the Institute of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh (IEDB) will be held with Disaster Management and Relief Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yousuf as chief guest. Venue: IEDB seminar hall, Kakrail. Time: 3.00pm.

### Meeting

Bijoy Online Limited will hold an opinion sharing meeting and iftar. Venue: Silver Tower, Gulshan 2. Time: 3.00pm.

### Chhatra Union discussion

Sabek Biplobi Chhatra Union Punarmiloni Parishad organises a discussion and iftar to mark the 27th death anniversary of Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani with Food Minister Abdullah Al Noman as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Pritom, Purana Paltan. Time: 3.30pm.

### Discussion

Dhaka-based Patharghata Upazila Chhatra Kalyan Samity will hold a discussion and iftar. Venue: Conference hall of Business Studies faculties of Dhaka University. Time: 3.00pm.

## DHAKA TOMORROW

### Discussion

Doctors Association of Bangladesh organises a discussion and iftar with Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain as chief guest. Venue: Sangsad Plaza (near MP hostel). Time: 4.00pm.

### Jubo League meet

A general meeting of the executive committee of Awami Jubo League will be held. Venue: 23, Bangabandhu Avenue. Time: 2.00pm

## WEATHER TODAY

### Dry weather to continue

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Dry weather will continue over the country till 6pm today.

Light to moderate fog may occur over the river basins of the northern and central parts of the country during early morning.

Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said.

Highest temperature 32.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sitakunda and the lowest 13.5 degree Celsius at Srimongal.

**The sun sets in the capital at 5:13 pm today and rises at 6:14 am tomorrow.**

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature In Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	30.7	18.2	63	53
Chittagong	31.5	19.6	67	53
Rajshahi	29.7	17.0	79	92
Khulna	31.0	17.8	71	69
Barisal	30.2	17.0	76	91
Sylhet	30.0	16.7	67	71
Cox's Bazar	31.8	21.0	75	75



Nari Pakkha formed a human chain at Panthapath yesterday marking the International Day for Resistance against Women Repression

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