

Metropolitan

Weather

Thundershower likely

Moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at many places over Chittagong, Sylhet and Barisal divisions and at a few places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Khulna divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met office says slight fall in day temperature is expected throughout the country.

The sun sets today at 6:49 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:12 am.

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Former president of Naogaon district Jatiya Party presenting a bouquet to BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia on joining the party at her Minto Road residence yesterday. — Star photo

Health Minister tells JS

Overdue bills with BOC for supply of medical gases to be cleared

The health ministry has made special arrangement to pay Tk 1.6 crore to a British company which threatened to stop supply of medical gases to government hospitals because of overdue bills, reports UNB.

The BOC (Bangladesh) Ltd has also been assured that all the overdue bills would be cleared. Health and Family Welfare Minister Salahuddin Yusuf said in parliament yesterday responding to a call attention notice moved by Aleya Afroz.

The company earlier warned that it would stop supply of

medical gases, including oxygen, under credit purchase scheme from June 10 if 18 government hospitals failed to pay their outstanding bills.

"Gas bills never remained unpaid in the past," he said arguing that the company cannot stop the gas supply. The government is a shareholder in the company, so it cannot unilaterally stop the supply, Yusuf added.

The minister, however, stressed the need for increasing allocations for the hospitals so that they can purchase their required medical gases by themselves.

He also informed the House that the supply of gas was not stopped in the government hospitals and they were functioning normally.

Earlier, in her call attention notice, Aleya Afroz said it was reported that gas bills totalling Tk 1.77 crore remained outstanding with different government hospitals for a long time.

As the BOC threatened to stop gas supply from June 10, she wanted to know the government measure to pay the huge amount of money to avoid an abnormal situation in the hospitals.

Meanwhile, Salahuddin Yusuf, while replying to a question from Mohammad Shahidul Islam (Jhenidah-BNP), said the government plans to increase the number of beds in the 50-bed Dhaka Cancer Institute and Hospital, the lone hospital of the country to treat cancer patients.

Besides, the government has a plan to set up a new modern cancer hospital, he added.

Replying to another question from Harunur Rashid Khan Monon (Manikganj-BNP), Yusuf informed the House that only one person died of Kala-azar in the 1997 calendar year.

According to a study carried out between January and March 1997, the number of Kala-azar patients is now 1,577, he said.

He replied to Mohammad Wajuddin Khan (Pabna-Awami League) that the government has no plan to set up new medical college in the country.

Replying to Syed Mehedi Ahmed Rumi (Kushtia-BNP), Yusuf said the government recently issued a circular to take special measures to treat drug-addicts in the country's general and district hospitals.

Presently, the government has no plan to set up drug addiction treatment wards in the general hospitals, he added.

Workshop on gas equipment held

A workshop on "Gas Equipment and Safety" was organised by BOC Bangladesh Ltd for its customers in the city recently, says a press release.

The workshop was inaugurated by Akhter Matin Chowdhury, Director (Gases) of the company, and conducted by M. Shihabuddin, National Sales Manager, Richard Benson, Export Manager of Murex, UK, presented a session on the proper use of gas equipment, and the safety considerations that must be applied.

Envoy to Qatar presents credentials

The newly appointed Bangladesh Ambassador to Qatar, Abdul Aziz, presented his credentials to Vice-Emir of Qatar Sheikh Jasssem Bin Hamad Bin Khalifa Al-Thani in the capital Doha on June 16, according to a press release, reports BSS.

2 dacoits held

Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) of 12 Battalion arrested two dacoits along with three local made cut-rifles from Kutupalang in Ukhiya thana on Teknaf-Cox's Bazar highway on Wednesday, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip-off, the jawans in a drive arrested the two of a gang of 12 dacoits, as they were allegedly preparing to commit a highway robbery.

USAID provides \$154,600 for cyclone victims

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has so far provided a total of 154,600 US dollars for emergency relief following the May 19 cyclone, reports UNB.

The money, said a USIA press release yesterday, enabled CARE, a US-based NGO, to distribute survival packets to 14,000 cyclone affected families.

CARE mobilised 26 teams across the cyclone-hit coastal belt from Noakhali to Teknaf to assess damages.

Digital phone bills to be paid by June 25

The bills of digital telephones within the capital and outside for the month of May have been sent on June 5 and 9 and the subscribers have been asked to pay the bills by June 25 and 29 respectively, reports BSS.

Similarly, bills for analog telephones were sent on June 15, which have to be paid by June 30, a press release said.

Meanwhile, disconnection of telephone lines for non-payment of bills continues and the subscribers have been advised to pay bills including arrears.

'Music day' tomorrow

"Fete de la Musique," a music day, will be held in Dhaka and Chittagong tomorrow, reports UNB.

The day, organised by French Embassy and Alliance Francaise, is being celebrated for the first time in Bangladesh. 'Music day' is observed in France and 83 other countries.

Open musical concerts will be held at the Alliance Francaise in the city from 3 pm tomorrow. The gates will open at 2 pm.

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60 wheelchairs distributed

State Minister for Social Welfare, Women and Children Affairs Dr Mozammel Hossain has emphasised on creating mass awareness to improve condition of disabled people, reports UNB.

Their condition can be improved by ensuring their equal opportunity to take part in national development activities," he told a function at Planning and Development Academy yesterday.

Sixty physically disabled people were given wheelchairs donated by Ashahi Shimbun Welfare Society of Japan, Bangladesh Protibondhi Kallyan Samity, an NGO, organised the programme.

The state minister stressed the need for integrating disabled people in national activities through giving them proper education and training.

Land Secretary Syed Margub Morshed and Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh Yoshikazu Kaneko also addressed the function presided over by Samity chairman Khandakar Jahurul Alam.

Graduation of Gunnery Staff Course held

The graduation ceremony of the first Air Defence Officers' Gunnery Staff Course of the Artillery Centre and School was held at Halishahar in Chittagong yesterday, reports UNB.

Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen Muhammad Mahbubur Rahman attended the ceremony as chief guest and distributed certificates among the passed-out student-officers, said an ISPR press release.

Major Mohammad Anwarul Islam was adjudged the best among the 10 students who included two foreigners, one from Pakistan and another from Sri Lanka. Islam was awarded a special trophy.

Commandant of the Artillery Centre and School Brigadier AAK Mahbub Hasan and the Chief Instructor also spoke on the occasion. Local Area Commander Maj Gen Muhammad Abdul Matin was present among others.

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২। প্রত্যেক কর্মসূচির অধীন চলাকালীন সময়ে দরপত্র দলিল নির্ধারিত মূল্যে (অফিসের/ফরমের) আগামী ২৫-০৬-৯৭ তারিখ পর্যন্ত অত্র কর্পোরেশনের কোষাগার, বিভাগীয় কমিশনার - রাজশাহী বিভাগ, রাজশাহী, উত্তরা ব্যাংক - কবির সপার মার্কেট, সাহেব বাজার শাখা, দাবলী ব্যাংক - নিউ মার্কেট শাখা থেকে সংগ্রহ করা যাবে। দরপত্র দাখিলের দিন কোন দরপত্র দলিল বিক্রয় করা যাবে না।

৩। দরপত্র আগামী ২৬-০৬-৯৭ তারিখ পূর্ব ২-০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে বিভাগীয় কমিশনার, রাজশাহী ও পুলিশ কমিশনার, রাজশাহী মেট্রোপলিটন পুলিশ, রাজশাহী'র কার্যালয়ে এবং অত্র কর্পোরেশন কার্যালয়ে (প্রকৌশল বিভাগ) রক্ষিত দরপত্র বাস্তব দলিল করে হবে এবং ৬ দিনই পূর্ব ২-০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে সারারাত্রে খোলা হবে। দরপত্র দলিল দাখিলের নির্ধারিত তারিখ সরকারী ছুটি হিসাবে বিবেচিত হবে পরবর্তী কর্ম দিবসে একই সময়ে দলিল গ্রহণ ও সারারাত্রে খোলা হবে।

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