

Elect honest candidates in next elections

Says Dr Kamal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

Eminent jurist Dr Kamal Hossain yesterday called on the people to elect honest candidates in the next elections so that they can lead the country towards progress and prosperity.

He also said the ongoing process of bringing about changes in the country should continue in the interest of the people.

Dr Kamal, also the president of

Gono Forum, said the people have suffered a lot in the past as they had voted black money holders and hooligans to power.

So, they have to learn from the past and elect good people in national as well as local government elections, he said.

If anybody commits any crimes, they must be punished, he added.

Dr Kamal was speaking at a gathering during the distribution of relief among flood victims at

Malpara Government Primary School in Sadipur, Narayanganj. Bhuiyan Academy organised the relief distribution programme.

Principal of Bhuiyan Academy Dr Rabeya Bhuiyan, Barrister Shafiqul Parvez, Barrister Mahfuzur Rahman, Advocate Subrata Chowdhury and teachers and students of the academy were also present.



Dhaka Club President Salim Bhuiyan hands over a cheque for Tk 10 lakh to Chief of Army Staff General Moeen Ahmed at his office recently for the rehabilitation programme for flood victims. All members of the club made the contribution.

Seven killed in road crashes

STAR REPORT

Seven people were killed in separate road accidents across the country in the last two days.

Our correspondent in Mymensingh reports: Two boys were killed in a road accident in Babor Boro Pukurpar area in Trishal on Dhaka-Mymensingh highway yesterday.

Police said a Mymensingh-bound truck from Dhaka knocked down the two boys as it skidded off the road and fell into a roadside pond after one of its tyres punctured at around 11:00am.

The victims -- Mucha, 12, son of Abdul Latif, and Sohag, 13, son of Ishak Ali, -- died on the spot.

Trishal police rushed to the spot and recovered the bodies. The bodies were sent to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH) for autopsy.

Police also seized the truck, but the driver managed to escape. A case was lodged in this regard.

Our correspondent in Magura adds: A person was crushed to death under the wheels of a speeding truck in Dhuljhuri on Mohammadpur-Babukhali road yesterday.

The victim, Idris Ali, 52, was crossing the road when the brick-laden truck ran over him at around 3:45pm.

He hailed from village Bakshipur in Madhukhali, Faridpur. The body was sent to hospital for autopsy.

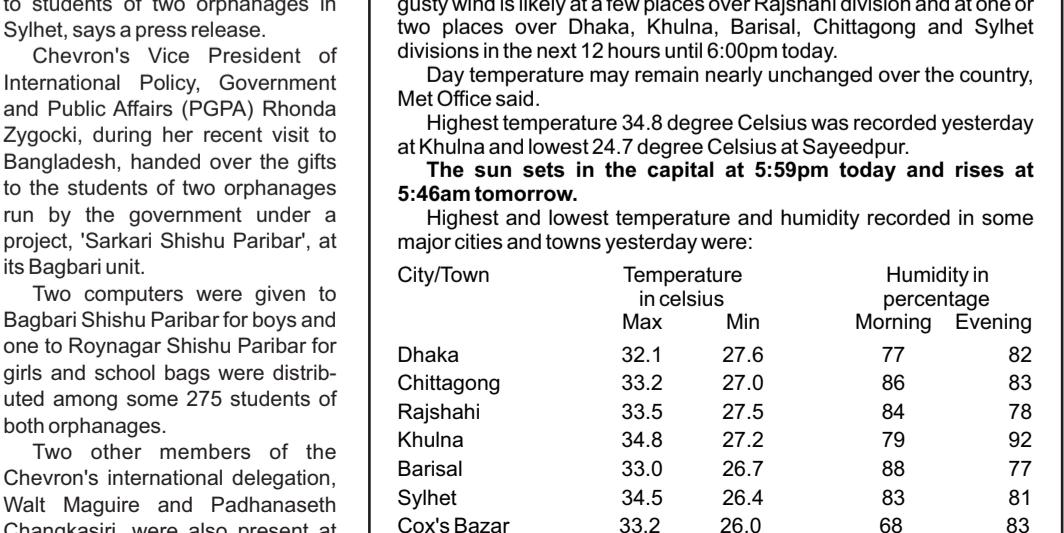
Our correspondent in Sirajganj reports: One person was killed and 12 others were injured when a three-wheeler, locally known as 'Bhulbhuli', overturned on the Kazipur-Sirajganj road in Shimulbari area in Kazipur yesterday.

According to the police, the accident occurred when the driver lost control of the vehicle, killing Suza, 25, on the spot.

The injured were taken to Kazipur and Sirajganj sadar hospital.

Chevron donates computers to Sylhet orphans

Chevron Bangladesh has presented computers and school bags to students of two orphanages in Sylhet.



WEATHER TODAY
Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over Rajshahi division and at one or two places over Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions in the next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country. Highest temperature 34.8 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Khulna and lowest 24.7 degree Celsius at Sayeedpur. The sun sets in the capital at 5:59pm today and rises at 5:46am 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	32.1	27.6	77	82
Chittagong	33.2	27.0	86	83
Rajshahi	33.5	27.5	84	78
Khulna	34.8	27.2	79	92
Barisal	33.0	26.7	88	77
Sylhet	34.5	26.4	83	81
Cox's Bazar	33.2	26.0	68	83

Two computers were given to Bagbari Shishu Paribar for boys and one to Roynagar Shishu Paribar for girls and school bags were distributed among some 275 students of both orphanages.

Two other members of the Chevron's international delegation, Walt Maguire and Padmanaseth Changkasiri, were also present at the handover ceremony.

Miner injured in Barapukuria

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A miner of Barapukuria Coal Mining Company Ltd (BMCML) was critically injured yesterday while working underground.

Sources said Montu Chandra Roy (28), son of Bishendra Chandra Roy, of Chowhati village in Parbatipur upazila, was seriously wounded when he accidentally came in contact with a road header machine while working underground at phase no 1103.

He was rushed to Dinajpur Medical College Hospital.

The doctors said he would be shifted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday night as his condition deteriorated.

5 Bangladeshis held with 50 fake visas

A CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Indian Customs authorities yesterday arrested five Bangladeshi citizens with 50 fake visas at the Indian side of Benapole check post.

A Bangladeshi and two Indian mobile SIM cards were also seized from their possession.

The arrestees were identified as Abdul Majid, Saiful Islam, Bakhtiar Rahman, Shafiqul Islam and Muhammad Yunus.

All of them were handed over to Bongaon police.

Customs Superintendent Horendrakumar Pande said although the arrestees carried valid passports with them, there were 50 fake visas, all issued at the Indian High Commission in Bangladesh, in a bag that was being carried by Majid, the team leader.

A Brac delegation led by Executive Director Dr Mahbub Hossain yesterday met Foreign secretary-in-charge Touhid Hossain to communicate their concern over the abduction of its official Noor Islam in Afghanistan and sought the Foreign Ministry's cooperation in rescuing him.

Other members of the delegation were Brac Deputy Executive Director Aminul Islam and Director, Public Affairs and Communication, Anwarul Huq.

Touhid assured the delegation of all cooperation from the Foreign Ministry in rescuing Noor Islam.

Since Bangladesh has no mission in Kabul, its mission in Uzbekistan simultaneously looks after Bangladesh's interests in Afghanistan.

Anwarul Huq told UNB that they are yet to know the whereabouts of Noor Islam, 38, who hails from Jessor. Brac has been operating in the strife-torn Afghanistan since 2002 in areas of microcredit, health, education and women empowerment.

So far, the NGO has employed over 3,500 local Afghans in its 351 offices in 36 provinces of Afghanistan. Brac has more than 200 Bangladeshi employees working in those fields over there.

Recently, a Bangladeshi Brac employee was killed allegedly by Taliban guerrillas in Afghanistan.

A video presentation on Bangladesh flood was given on the occasion.

Bangladesh community members present on the occasion donated A\$ 10,000 to the organisation.

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