

NEWS
in brief

Quamrul gets death threat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

State Minister for Law Quamrul Islam yesterday received death threat over phone.

A caller using a foreign telephone operator's number threatened him to halt his recent activities, otherwise their death squad will kill him, the minister told The Daily Star.

"I received the call at about 9:43am while I was heading toward Rajarbagh Police Lines to attend the programme of Police Week. The caller identified himself as Maulana Zahit Amir, chief of Pakistan-based militant group Lashkar-e-Taiba," said Quamrul. He said the caller number was +65600011111.

President lauds edn policy

UNB, Dhaka

President Zillur Rahman has lauded the education ministry for formulating the National Education Policy-2010, which he said, reflects the spirit of the country's liberation war.

The president made the remark when Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid handed over a copy of the policy to him at Bangabhaban yesterday.

Poush Mela starts on Friday

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Puthi path (story telling), pala (narrative songs) and baul songs would be some of the new additions to be featured in the Poush Mela this year, said the organiser yesterday.

The two-day fair will start at the Ramna Batamul from next Friday and will open for all from 7:30am to 11:00am and 3:30pm to 8:00pm.

Poush Mela Udjapan Parishad told a press conference at the Dhaka Reporters Unity in the city yesterday.

Tajnahar gets Mahatma

Gandhi Gold Medal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Writer Tajnahar Najmul has been awarded the Mahatma Gandhi Gold Medal-2010 for her contribution in establishing women's rights.

She received the medal at a discussion meeting on "Indira Gandhi's Role in Liberation of Bangladesh," organised by Muktijuddho and Swadhinatar Itihas Research Foundation, says a press release.

Tajnahar is currently working as the deputy-registrar of Jahangirnagar University.

In 2009, she received "Shilpacharja" award from Jaynul Abedin Smriti Foundation.

CORRIGENDUM

In the report titled "Nepali team meets army chief" published in The Daily Star on Tuesday, we inadvertently wrote "the chief of Bangladesh army" in place of "chief of general staff of Bangladesh army." We regret the error.

DHAKA TODAY

Human chain

Bangladesh National Awami Party - NAP Bhasani will form a human chain. Venue: National Press Club, Time: 11:00am.

Roundtable

Swadhinata forum will arrange a roundtable. Venue: National Press Club, Time: 10:30am.

Workshop

Naripokkho will arrange a workshop. Venue: Biam foundation, New Eskaton Road, Time: 9:30am.

Rally

Bangladesh Noujan Sramik Federation will organise a rally. Venue: Tajul auditorium, Moni Singh Farhad Trust, Naya Paltan, Time: 3:00pm.

Laptop fair

A laptop fair will be inaugurated. Venue: Sheraton Hotel, Time: 9:00am.

Roundtable

Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad will arrange roundtable. Venue: Cirdap auditorium, Time: 10:00am.

WEATHER TODAY

Cold wave may continue

UNB, Dhaka

Mild cold wave is sweeping over the regions of Srimongal, Jessore, Chuadanga, Barisal and Sitakunda and it may continue in next 24 hours till 6:00pm today.

Weather is likely to remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country, Met Office said.

Light to moderate fog may occur over Rajshahi, Rangpur, Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and moderate to thick fog may occur over the river basins of the country during midnight till morning.

Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5:25pm and rises tomorrow at 6:43am.

Country's highest temperature 24.6 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sitakunda and lowest 08.4 degrees at Jessore.

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	23.0	12.8	95	70
Chittagong	21.8	12.5	97	69
Rajshahi	23.0	11.2	90	72
Rangpur	23.2	12.4	97	84
Khulna	21.6	11.0	90	83
Barisal	22.9	10.0	97	88

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