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Cold wave grips country

Claims 3 more lives; fog disrupts flights, ferry movement

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bone-chilling cold and thick fog hit the people hard, especially in the north, yesterday claiming at least three more lives raising the toll to nine in the last two days.

Hundreds, mostly children and the elderly, are suffering from different cold-related diseases due to this spell.

The weather also disrupted communications via roads, rivers and air yesterday.

Almost all coaches travelling at night took two to three hours more than usual to reach their destinations due to heavy fog, said Khandaker Enayetullah, general secretary of Bangladesh Sarak Paribahan Samity.

Most launches on long routes like Dhaka-Barisal, Dhaka-Patuakhali, and Dhaka-Barguna were stranded in mid river for two to three hours due to the fog, said Rafiqul Islam, deputy director of Sadarghat Launch Terminal.

Two flights from Shahjalal International Airport were delayed for around an hour early yesterday due to thick fog covering the runway, while many passengers got stranded at Shah Amanat International Airport in Chittagong for several hours as flights to Dhaka were diverted there, said an airport official.

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A homeless person and a dog share the same patch of turf under a tree at Suhrawardy Udyan in the capital yesterday as the cold wave continues to shiver the nation, killing nine people in the last two days.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

LOKMAN KILLING Suspect Delwar confesses his involvement

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narsingdi

One more suspect in the Narsingdi mayor killing case gave confessional statement under section 164 before a district court yesterday.

Senior Judicial Magistrate Reputi Kumar Biswas recorded suspect Mir Delwar Hossain's confessional statement in black and white in his office. With this, six of the 12 detained suspects in the murder case confessed before the court.

Delwar was arrested on December 11 at his Chawkhara house in Narsingdi sadar upazila with a .32 bore revolver and 22 bullets.

Police claimed that the firearm had been used in killing mayor Lokman Hossain, also the general secretary of the town unit

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WAR CRIMINALS PM threatens to try protectors

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday threatened to bring under trial those who are trying to protect the war criminals.

She also blamed the opposition parties squarely for the secret killings recently reported from different parts of the country.

Speaking at a discussion on the significance of the Victory Day, the prime minister said, "The trial of the protectors will also be held in this soil along with the war criminals."

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Illegal housing still on display

Rehab fair violates HC order

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Showcasing of illegal housing projects in the ongoing Rehab fair continues even though the state minister for housing and public works on the very inauguration day of the fair promised to immediately stop them.

It is a violation of a High Court judgement that ordered the government on December 7 to stop advertisement and

flat-selling of unapproved housing projects.

Officials of Real Estate and Housing Association of Bangladesh (Rehab), which had organised the four-day-long fair, gave Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakha (Rajuk) the responsibility of preventing the illegal projects in the fair.

Abdul Mannan Khan, state minister for housing and public works, told The Daily

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Poor porcupine

Trapped, killed on CU campus



PHOTO: STAR

Locals hunted and killed this poor porcupine in a bush on the Chittagong University campus yesterday.

SHAHADAT HOSSAIN, Ctg

Locals trapped and killed a porcupine on the Chittagong University (CU) campus yesterday.

Mohammad Jinnah, aged around 45, at about 4:00pm trapped the porcupine from a bush in CU, said witnesses. Tying it up with rope, Jinnah was crossing the building for the faculty of arts and humanities when the prey got off his hold and tried to run away, said Fakhruddin Mehedi, a fourth year student of communication and journalism.

A few of the onlookers started throwing brick chips at the poor creature, resulting in its death, he added.

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FARIDPUR KIDNAP Prime suspect identified

His brother arrested

STAR REPORT

Police yesterday arrested the brother of the prime suspect in the kidnapping of five youths of Faridpur.

Around 4:30pm, a police team went to the house of Syed Masum, 22, in Boro Khardia village of Saltha upazila and detained his brother Syed Mobin, 18, said Miraj Hossain, a sub-inspector of Bhanga Police Station. Masum, son of Syed Badiuzzaman, is the main suspect, Nirob.

Nirob is not his real name and he is a member of a criminal gang, locally

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PRAYER TIMING		December 18
	Asan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-20	5-55
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	3-45	4-00
Maghrib	5-22	5-25
Esha	7-00	7-30

Source: Islamic Foundation



Freedom fighter Aziz sitting in front of the Shaheed Minar he built at his Friday school in Magura to educate children about their mother tongue.

Selfless love

Freedom fighter Aziz still strives to give nation something special after liberation 40 years back

HOSSAIN SERAJ, Magura

It was chilly, foggy and the light breeze was not helping at all. Winter gripped Rawtara village pretty hard. The sun was nowhere to be seen.

But there was colour on this otherwise very grey and dull Friday morning. Children started gathering at a school ground in whatever warm clothes they had. The clothes may seem inadequate for the cold morning but they had colour.

For them, it was not just a cold Friday morning. It was a

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ঢাকা দক্ষিণ সিটি কর্পোরেশন, ঢাকা

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- ২। আপনার বাড়ির ময়লা আবর্জনা সম্পদে পরিণত করে আপনাদের সেবার মানোন্নয়নে ঢাকা দক্ষিণ সিটি কর্পোরেশনকে সহায়তা করুন।
- ৩। কোন ধরনের নির্মাণ সামগ্রী এবং নির্মাণ শেষে রাবিশ/আবর্জনা কোনভাবেই রাস্তায় রাখবেন না। এতে জন দুর্ভোগ সৃষ্টি হয়।
- ৪। সুন্দরভাবে বসবাসের জন্য নিজস্ব এলাকাকে সুন্দর রাখার নাগরিক দায়িত্ববোধ এবং সচেতনতা জাহ্রত করুন।

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প্রশাসক
ঢাকা দক্ষিণ সিটি কর্পোরেশন, ঢাকা

PHILIPPINES STORM, FLOODS Over 400 dead, 200 missing

AFP, Iligan

Tropical storm Washi whipped the southern Philippines, unleashing mammoth floods across vast areas that left 440 people dead and nearly 200 missing, relief workers said yesterday.

About 20,000 soldiers had been mobilised in a huge rescue and relief operation across the stricken north coast of the island of Mindanao, where the major ports of Cagayan de Oro and Iligan were worst hit.

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think BNP leader Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir's allegation that secret killings have been taking place under the shield of the state is justified?

Yes (60.8%)
No (37.2%)
No Comments (2.0%)

TOTAL VOTES: 974

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TODAY'S POLL

Do you think Jamaat-e-Islami's plea for forgiving them and forgetting what they did during the Liberation War is a new tactic to evade the war crimes trial?

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