

NEWS IN *brief*

**Oct 22 as National Road Safety Day demanded**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nirapad Sarak Chai (NISCHA) yesterday urged the prime minister to declare October 22 as the National Road Safety Day.

Addressing a press conference at Dhaka Reporters Unity, NISCHA Chairman and film actor Ilias Kanchan made the request.

He said the NISCHA will form a human chain before Jatiya Press Club tomorrow and following it will submit a memorandum to the prime minister in support of the demand.

The NISCHA started a social movement against road accident on October 22, 1993 when Kanchan's wife Jahanara Kanchan died in a road accident. The organisation has been observing October 22 as the

**Schoolteacher held for molesting class III student**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A schoolteacher allegedly molested a class III boy student during private tuition at the student's residence at Uttar Kafrul in the capital yesterday evening.

Family members and neighbours caught the teacher, Tazul Islam, 29, and gave a beating before handing over to Kafrul police.

Azharul Haque Ferdous, managing committee chairman of Uttar Kafrul High School, said Tazul Islam was a temporary teacher at the school. He was suspended immediately after the managing committee got complaint from the student's family last night. Tazul had been providing private tuition to the student for a year. Earlier, the student reported the "bad behaviour" of the teacher to his family members, they said.

**Man run over by train**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

A man was fatally run over by a train in Kagojpukur railway crossing area under Benapole Port Police Station in Jessore yesterday.

The deceased was Rokouzzaman Rikon, 25, son of Ali Quader of Benapole College para area.

Police said a Benapole bound commuter train from Khulna crushed Rikon while he was trying to

**Golden jubilee of Ispahani Public College on Sept 29**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The golden jubilee celebration programme of Ispahani Public School and College, Comilla will be held on the college premises at Comilla cantonment on September 29.

Various cultural programmes including memorial speeches will take place in the celebration.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid will preside over the daylong programme.

To attend the programme, former students and teachers of the college can register their names at any branch of Dutch Bangla Bank at golden jubilee celebration fund, ipsc, account no 194.101.68717.

Detail information can also be found at www.ipsc.edu.bd.

**DHAKA TODAY**

**Rally**  
Communist Party of Bangladesh will organise a rally; Venue: in front of Jatiya Press Club; Time: 11:00am.

**Seminat**  
The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry will organise a seminar; Venue: its conferenceroom; Time: 11:00am.

**Sit-in**  
Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Sangskritik Foundation will hold a sit-in; Venue: in front of Jatiya Press Club; Time: 10:30am.

**Conference**  
World University of Bangladesh will

**WEATHER TODAY**

**Rain or thundershowers likely**  
UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at many places over Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi, Rangpur and Sylhet divisions in 24 hours till 6:00pm today.

Moderately heavy falls are also likely at the places, Met Office said.

Day temperature is likely to fall slightly and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

**The sun sets in the capital today at 6:08pm and rises tomorrow at 5:43am.**

Country's highest temperature 38.2 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Bogra and lowest 25.5 degrees at Teknaf.

The highest and the 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	36.5	28.2	58	78
Chittagong	31.0	27.4	88	80
Rajshahi	36.4	26.8	78	82
Rangpur	36.1	28.0	70	63
Khulna	34.5	27.0	86	98
Barisal	34.0	27.5	77	89
Sylhet	37.7	27.5	62	63



Overflowing sewage has created waterlogging on the capital's Chankharpool Road for the last five days due to a poor drainage system. The photo was taken yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

MEGHNA, GUMTI BRIDGES

**Permanent repairs to begin in Nov**  
*Says minister*

UNB, Comilla

Communications Minister Obaidul Quader yesterday said permanent repairs to the Meghna and Meghna-Gumti bridges will begin in November this year.

The minister said this while talking to reporters after witnessing the temporary repair works done on the hinge bearing and expansion joint of both the bridges in the morning.

He thanked Bangladesh Army for completing the weeklong repair works on September 1-7 in time.

Obaidul Quader said there will be no work on the two bridges before Eid-ul-Azha. "Repair works on the bridge scour damage will begin after Eid."

He, however, said the bridges will remain closed to traffic for six hours every 15 days before Eid for maintenance works.

He said Comilla-Brahmanbaria road will be made fit to be used for vehicular movement as an alternative route before the repair works begin.

**Price hike of JU admission forms protested**

JU CORRESPONDENT

Students under the banner of "Sadharan Chhatra Sangram Parishad" of Jahangirnagar University yesterday brought out a procession on the campus protesting price hike of admission forms for the first year honours programmes in 2012-13 academic session.

The university authorities have increased prices of admission forms in the forthcoming admission test which will begin on October 13 and continue till October 18.

The students said they would go for tougher movement if the form prices are not reduced.

They said most of the poor admission seekers cannot buy application forms at the increased rate.

The admission seekers will have to pay Tk 1800 to buy forms of nine sub-units of arts and humanities faculty which was Tk 330. They will have to pay Tk 400 for applying in the faculties of social science, mathematical and physical science, biological science, and business studies which was Tk 330.

**INSTALLATION OF WATER PIPELINE**  
**Ctg Wasa, RHD at loggerheads**

PRABIR BARUA CHOWDHURY, Ctg

In the face of opposition from the Roads and Highways Department (RHD), Chittagong Wasa has failed to start installing pipelines for Karnaphuli Water Supply Project in a 21-kilometre stretch of Kaptai road.

The RHD has said it will cause massive damages if the pipelines are installed in the middle of the six-metre wide road from Godown Ghat in Rangunia upazila and Kuyaish area on the edge of Chittagong city.

Junaed Ahsan Shibli, additional chief engineer of RHD, said it would also create a huge traffic jam during the period of the installation.

He said they had asked Chittagong Water Supply and Sewerage Authority to set up the pipelines on one side along the road preserved for its widening.

Engr AKM Fazlullah, managing director of Chittagong Wasa, said it was not possible to have the pipelines on one side of the road because the roadside soil was not strong enough to withstand the load of the pipelines.

According to Wasa officials, each of the iron pipelines, six metres in length and 1.2 metres in diameter, weighs four tonnes. With water, the weight would be increased to about 18 tonnes, they said.

Engr Fazlullah said the roadside installation also might cause technical problems any time.

Karnaphuli water supply plant located in Rangunia upazila is the biggest ever water

plant of Chittagong Wasa. Scheduled to be completed in December 2013, it will produce 13.6 crore litres of water for supply to Chittagong city.

Over the ongoing stalemate, the RHD and Chittagong Wasa are blaming each other.

The RHD officials say Chittagong Wasa did not take permission from them for installation of the pipelines though the department is responsible for looking after the roads and highways.

The Wasa officials have said they are carrying out the project with the assistance of Japan International Cooperation Agency (Jica) and it has been approved by the Executive Committee of National Economic Council (Ecneec).

When Ecneec approves a project, it gives the right to the designated organisation to do whatever it deems necessary, said the Chittagong Wasa MD.

He said when they worked on the city roads they did not take any permission from the city corporation. Similarly they did not seek any permission from the RHD, he added.

In a bid to work out a solution, two ministries--communications and LGRD--in control of the government agencies have formed a joint survey team.

Both RHD and Chittagong Wasa officials told The Daily Star that it was now up to the two ministries to break the impasse.

Official sources said the joint survey team had already prepared a report in this regard but was yet to release it.

**CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION**  
**New study suggests finance through local govt**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A new study has suggested channeling climate adaptation finance to the local government institutions for helping vulnerable communities more effectively.

"In order to truly assist vulnerable communities facing the impacts of climate change, a substantial proportion of the funding should be made available to local government institutions to support grassroots adaptation," it says.

The research titled "Ensuring Access for the Climate Vulnerable in Bangladesh: Finance Local Adaptation" was launched at the capital's Bangabandhu International Conference Centre yesterday.

ActionAid Bangladesh, Action Research for Community Adaptation in Bangladesh, Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies and International Centre for Climate Change and Development jointly commissioned it.

Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed, chairman of Board of ActionAid Bangladesh, said a major part of climate funds was misappropriated at different levels of the government. So financing Union Parisads would be more effective, he said.

Presently, the Bangladesh government and donors have made climate finance available primarily to two destinations--Bangladesh Climate Change Trust Fund and Bangladesh Climate Change Resilience Fund.

A major portion of these funds goes to the government agencies, while small grants to the NGOs through Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation.

The study says finance flowing from developed countries should first go to the national government through a streamlined system. The money should not stop there, but a substantial proportion of it should go to the local government institutions, it adds.

Dhaka University Professor Salauddin M Aminuzzaman, however, said, "Monitoring and evaluation is not yet in place at local government level and that hinders transparency and accountability in adaptation planning." Climate change expert Dr Saleemul Huq said the more the country was transparent and accountable in spending climate funds, the higher the amount of fund would be available for Bangladesh.



Gono Shiksha Andolon Forum and The Hunger Project form a human chain in front of Jatiya Press Club in the capital to observe International Literacy Day 2012 yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

**BCL men foil DU students' human chain**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Pro-Awami League Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists of Dhaka University unit yesterday foiled a human chain of DU students demanding reduction of the quota ratio in Bangladesh Civil Service and other government job recruitment exams.

Around 100 students had arrived in front of Aparajeyo Bangla around 11:30am to form the human chain.

The BCL activists then arrived and barred the students from holding the programme. The activists claimed that the students were followers of pro-Jamaat-e-Islami student organisation Islami Chhatra Shibir who wanted to create anarchy on the campus.

"The protestors were influenced by Shibir and so were barred from demonstrating," said DU unit BCL General Secretary Omar Sharif.