

NEWS IN *brief*

JU appoints new proctor

JU CORRESPONDENT

Associate Prof Shohel Ahmed of biochemistry and molecular biology department was appointed Jahangirnagar University's (JU) proctor yesterday for two years, replacing Prof Tapan Kumar Shahi of chemistry department.

Prof Tapan, appointed proctor on January 17 after the then proctor Prof Arzu Miah stepped down in the face of protests by teachers and students over Zubair Ahmed's murder, resigned showing personal reasons.

Zubair, of the English department, died a day after being beaten up by Bangladesh Chhatra League activists on January 8.

Pakistan gifts computers to DCAB

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Pakistan High Commission in Dhaka yesterday presented Diplomatic Correspondents' Association, Bangladesh (DCAB) with three computers along with accessories, said a press release.

High Commissioner of Pakistan Mian Afrasiab Mehdi Hashmi Qureshi formally handed over the computers to DCAB President Rezaul Karim, General Secretary Bashir Ahmed and former president Masud Karim at a ceremony.

High Commissioner Afrasiab emphasised that this gesture reflected the deep bonds of friendship that exists between the people of Pakistan and Bangladesh.

Woman 'commits suicide'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A woman allegedly committed suicide in the capital's Mirpur area yesterday.

The deceased identified as Bina Akther, 18, of Sariakandi in Bogra, was a garment worker.

Bina's elder sister Sabina Yasmin, with whom she lived in a tin shed house at Section No-13 in the area, said Bina was found hanging with a scarf from the ceiling in the house at about 9:45am.

Kafrul Police Station Officer-in-Charge Abdul Latif said they treated the incident as a case of suicide.

Boy 'kills himself' in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A 12-year-old schoolboy allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself after a quarrel with his mother in their residence in the capital's Jurain last night.

The victim, Mohammad Kawser, son of Abdus Kuddus, was a student of class IV at London Bridge International School in the area.

Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Shyampur Police Station Abul Kalam Azad said Kawser quarrelled with his mother as she stopped him from going outside to play with his friends and asked him to study.

Following the quarrel, he entered a room and hanged himself from the window grill, he said.

As he was not coming out for around two hours, family members broke into the room and found him hanging, he added.

Kawser was declared dead when he was taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital around 10:00pm.

Family members and neighbours told police that it



Hajj pilgrims protest before the hajj camp in the capital's Ashkona yesterday as over 100 of them failed to travel to Saudi Arabia to perform hajj this year, being duped by some private hajj management agencies.

PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

DCC distributes waste disposal sacks for eid

HELEMUL ALAM

Dhaka city corporations for the first time are distributing environment-friendly sacks among the city people for a systematic collection and disposal of the waste of slaughtered animals on the occasion of Eid-ul-Azha.

Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) is distributing them free of cost but Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) charges Tk 15 for each sack, which can accommodate around 40kg of waste.

Chief Waste Management Officer of DSCC Md Anamul Haque said the sack was given during the payment of Hasil (charge buyers pay on the purchasing price of cattle).

Around half a kilogramme bleaching powder is also given with each bag, he said.

"If people keep the waste of slaughtered sacrificial animals into the sack, the workers of DSCC will be able to collect it easily," he said.

Anamul said they would provide 60,000 sacks each to all the 10 cattle markets under DSCC.

An official concerned of DNCC, Misbahul Karim, said they would distribute one lakh sacks through the authorities of 10 cattle markets taking a nominal price

of Tk 15 for each.

Fifty thousand sacks will be given through Gabtoli cattle market, while 30,000 pieces through nine other makeshift cattle markets under DNCC, he said. Around 20,000 sacks will be kept reserved for emergency distribution, he added.

"We will also distribute 6 tonnes of bleaching powder to different areas of DNCC through our staff."

Around three lakh sacrificial animals are usually slaughtered on the day of Eid-ul-Azha in the capital, generating around 24,000 tonnes of additional garbage that day, said Anamul.

Every day DSCC produces 4000 tonnes of garbage while DNCC generates 2000 tonnes, according to the officials of the city corporations.

Apart from the initiatives, the city corporations will deploy an additional 2000 workers each to collect the extra waste alongside their existing 8,500 garbage collectors and will use water trucks to wash blood-stained streets on the eid day.

The additional workforce of DSCC will start working from today (Tuesday) to remove waste from the cattle markets, while the DNCC's will start working on the eid day noon.

Photo: PMO

Landslide kills 2 girls, injures 2 in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Two girls were killed and two others injured in a landslide while digging in a hill in Chakaria of Cox's Bazar yesterday.

Arjina Akhter, 10, daughter of Rashid Ahmad, and Biki Akhter, 14, daughter of late Sultan Ahmad, hailing from Bakkum village, died on the spot.

Injured Tarjina Munni, 6, daughter of Nurul Bashar, and Nasrin Akhter, 10, daughter of Nurul Alam, of the same village, were taken to Chakaria Upazila Health Complex.

A chunk of land collapsed on the girls around 11:00am while they were digging into the hill near Paschim Nalbaria area to gather earth for their mud houses, said Officer-in-Charge Ranjit Kumar Barua of Chakaria Police Station.

BNP will not sit with EC without neutral govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Standing Committee Member Moudud Ahmed yesterday said the main opposition would not sit with the Election Commission (EC) for talks about holding the next election unless a neutral government was formed.

"The government must amend the constitution for the formation of a non-party and neutral government to hold the next election. Otherwise we will not sit with the Election Commission," he told a discussion on "current politics" at Jatiya Press Club in the capital.

The present EC has failed to earn the trust of the opposition parties as well as the people, so it would mean nothing to sit with them, he said.

The discussion was hosted by pro-BNP organisation Bangladesh Youth Forum.

The senior BNP leader also accused the Awami League-led grand alliance government of establishing the rule of autocracy in all sectors. Top officials, including lawmakers, ministers, have looted thousands of taka from different sectors, he said.

Moudud termed the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) an agent of the government and alleged that it had been working as a safeguard for the ruling party men rather than investigating corruption charges against them.

He also feared that if the construction work of Padma bridge would start during the tenure of the current government, as, he said, the ACC had "failed" to provide proper assistance to the World Bank.

Moudud also slated the prime minister's recent decision to restrict private media's entry to her programmes.

Hajj agencies' fraudulence leaves 100 stranded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

While the last hajj flight left the country yesterday, over 100 hajj pilgrims failed to travel to Saudi Arabia to perform the holy ritual this year due to fraudulence by some hajj agencies, reports Ntv.

Despite making all the financial payments, the hajj agencies failed to manage tickets and visas for the pilgrims, it added.

Meanwhile, bidding goodbye to the pilgrims at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Faruk Khan said a probe committee was formed to investigate the alleged fraudulence.

The phones of Hajj Agencies Association of Bangladesh president and general secretary were found switched off.



Qatari Emir's wife meets PM

UNB, Dhaka

The visiting wife of Qatari Emir Sheikha Moza Bint Nasser met Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at a hotel in the capital yesterday.

Briefing the reporters after the meeting, PM's Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad said Sheikha Moza expressed Qatari interest in more cooperation between the two friendly countries in different fields, including education, health and ICT.

She highly praised Bangladesh's tremendous success in various fields under the able leadership of Sheikh Hasina.

They also discussed issues relating to climate change and food security.

Boy found dead in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man recovered the body of his 10-year-old son from an abandoned house in the capital's Nandipara Balur Math yesterday.

The deceased was Mohammad Sumon, son of Ali Akbar living at Nandipara Chhoto Battala.

Akbar, a community police of Madhubagh in Ramna, said locals informed him around 4:00pm that Sumon was found hanged from the abandoned house's ceiling.

He immediately recovered the body and

rushed it to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors declared Sumon dead.

Sumon was working at a dried food shop at Nandipara Balur Math for over a year. He sometimes complained that his employer used to beat him, said Akbar.

Akbar suspects that his son was killed and the body was later hanged to disguise Sumon's death as a case of suicide.

Contacted, Officer-in-Charge of Khilgaon Police Station Sirajul Islam said they had not heard about the incident yet.

কোরবানির পশ্চর চামড়া/চামড়ার মূল্য
আঞ্জুমান মুফিদুল ইসলামকে দান করুণ

আঞ্জুমান মুফিদুল ইসলামকে আপনার প্রদত্ত কোরবানীর পশ্চর চামড়া অথবা চামড়ার প্রদান করে এতিম, অসহায় দুঃখদের সাহায্যে এগিয়ে আসুন। কোরবানীর পশ্চর চামড়া/চামড়ার মূল্য আঞ্জুমানের কাকরাইলস্ট কার্যালয়ে, প্রেতারিয়াল কার্যালয়ে, মুগন্দাপাড়া সেবাকেন্দ্রে অথবা চামড়া সংগ্রহের জন্য স্থাপিত সার-সেন্টার সমূহে এবং সংস্থার নিজস্ব গাড়ীর ভার্ম্যান ইউনিট কর্তৃক রশিদমুলে সংগ্রহ করা হবে। টেলিফোন অথবা ব্যক্তিগতভাবে সংবাদ পাঠালে আপনার বাড়ী থেকে রশিদ মূল চামড়া/চামড়ার মূল্য সংগ্রহ করা হবে।

আপনাদের সকল সাহায্য ইসলামী শরীয়াত মোতাবেক ব্যয় করা হয়।

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WEATHER TODAY

Dry weather likely

UNB, Dhaka

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country in 24 hours till 6:00pm today.

Day and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5:26pm and rises tomorrow at 6:00am.

Country's highest temperature 34.3 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Cox's Bazar and lowest 19.0 degrees at Rajshahi.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity percentage
Dhaka	33.2	23.0
Chittagong	33.2	24.2
Rajshahi	30.8	19.0
Rangpur	31.2	21.7
Khulna	32.2	22.2
Barisal	32.4	21.5
Sylhet	32.6	21.6