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WEATHER TODAY

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| Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at many places over Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions and at a few places over Dhaka, Rajshahi, Rangpur and Sylhet divisions 6:00pm today. | Moderately heavy falls are also likely at places, Met Office said. Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:47pm and rises tomorrow at 5:11am. | Country's highest temperature 37.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rajshahi and lowest 24.0 degrees at Chittagong. Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were: | | Temperature in Celsius | | Humidity in percentage | | Temperature in Celsius | | Humidity in percentage | |
| | | Max: | Min: | Morning | Evening | Max: | Min: | Morning | Evening | Max: | Min: |
| | | Dhaka | 35.4 | 28.1 | 67 | 57 | Khulna | 34.0 | 27.6 | 80 | 77 |
| | | Chittagong | 33.8 | 24.0 | 80 | 95 | Barisal | 33.2 | 27.0 | 77 | 76 |
| | | Rajshahi | 37.2 | 27.5 | 67 | 65 | Sylhet | 37.0 | 25.9 | 40 | 43 |
| | | Rangpur | 36.0 | 27.4 | 61 | 42 | Cox's Bazar | 33.4 | 25.8 | 73 | 76 |

NEWSIN brief

Woman, daughter die as train runs them over

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A woman and her daughter died as a train ran them over in Joydebpur yesterday.

The dead are Saima Begum, 26, an Islamic history student of Guru Doyal University College, and her eight-year-old daughter, Maisha Akhter.

The duo was crossing the rail tracks when a train, Silk City Express, ran them over, said Dhaka railway police.

Body recovered from Buriganga

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered the body of a boy from Buriganga river in Keraniganj on the outskirts of the capital yesterday.

The victim was identified as Biplob, 18, of Sujannagar upazila in Pabna.

Quoting family members, Keraniganj police said Biplob came to Dhaka on January 1, in search of a job.

His family members could not reach him over cellphone in last four days, they said.

DU public administration dept anniversary events begin tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A two-day programme of public administration department at Dhaka University will begin at Teacher-Student Centre on the campus tomorrow to celebrate the department's 40th founding anniversary.

The programmes include colourful procession, seminar, and cultural events, said a press release.

Current and former students will participate in the programme. DU Vice-Chancellor AAMS Arefin Siddique will be present as the chief guest at the event.

Prof Amin new VC of NSU

CITY DESK

Prof Amin U Sarkar joined North South University as vice-chancellor on Tuesday.

He received a masters degree in Economics in 1983 and a PhD in Research Economics in 1988 from the University of California.

Prof Sarkar's had earlier served as the dean of the Alabama A&M University's College of Business and Public Affairs and also the chairman of the Georgia College & State University's Department of Economics.

PROTHOM ALO JOURNO'S STUDENTSHIP High Court stays Sust suspension decision

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday stayed for three months a decision of the authorities of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (Sust) to suspend the studentship of the Prothom Alo correspondent of the university.

The university administration suspended Misbah Uddin, a fourth year student of computer science and engineering department, on April 22, after his report regarding corruption at Sust was published in the Bangla daily Prothom Alo.

The report under the headline "Shikhhok Nioge Nitimala Longhon (violation of rules in recruitment of teachers)" involving a teacher of biochemistry and molecular biology department of Sust was published on the same day.

The High Court yesterday also issued a rule upon the Sust authorities to explain why their decision to suspend Misbah Uddin should not be declared illegal.

The HC bench of Justice Naima Haider and Justice Zafar Ahmed came up with the order and rule after hearing a writ petition filed by Misbah on May 5 challenging the legality of his suspension order.

Vice chancellor (VC) of Sust, its pro VC, registrar, proctor and two others have been made respondents to the rule.

Zahurul Islam and Aftab Uddin Siddiqui appeared for the writ petitioner while Deputy Attorney General Mokhlesur Rahman represented the government.



BNP Dhaka city unit organises a rally in Suhrawardy Udyan in the capital yesterday demanding, among others, restoration of the caretaker government system.

DEATH OF FELLOW IN ROAD ACCIDENT SAU students go berserk

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BCL engage in factional gunfight at Dhaka College over cricket match

Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University (SAU) students vandalised around 30 vehicles and torched a human hauler around its campus in the capital after a fellow injured in a road accident died yesterday.

Several hundred students barricaded the roads around 8:30pm and then started the vandalism. Police blocked traffic in the area for the next two hours.

Rosna Afrose, 26, a PhD student, suffered an internal head injury after an unidentified vehicle rammed the rickshaw she was on near Bangabandhu International Conference Centre on Tuesday afternoon.

She was on life support at a Dhanmondi hospital at the time of her death. The body was taken to the campus for a namaj-e-janaza and then sent to her village home in Rangpur.

Meanwhile, some 20 shots were fired during a factional gunfight of Bangladesh Chhatra League's Dhaka College unit on the campus as a sequel to a conflict over a cricket match on Tuesday.

The groups, one of the North Hostel and another of the South Hostel, also chased each other, said witnesses. No causality was reported till filing of this report at 1:00am today.

Agrani Bank recruitment test cancelled

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The recruitment test for the post of senior officer at Agrani Bank was cancelled yesterday over question paper leakage.

Confirming the cancellation, Agrani Bank Chairman Khandker Bazlul Haque told The Daily Star that the new date for the test will be announced through the bank's website and newspapers soon.

Some 42,000 candidates took part in the recruitment test held at 15 centres on May 31. The issue of the question paper leakage spread soon after end of the test.

Balaram Padder, a member of the bank's board of directors, said they took the decision following suggestion of the exam core committee.

BUDGET FOR AGRI, HEALTH SECTORS Small allocation to hamper dev process

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The development process in agriculture and health sectors will be hampered due to smaller budgetary allocations for 2013-14 fiscal year than the previous fiscal year, said speakers at a press conference in the capital yesterday.

Allocation of Tk 10,905 crore has been proposed for agriculture in this year's budget. This allocation is 20 percent lower than the revised budget of the previous year, they said.

In the previous fiscal year, the allocation for health sector was 5 percent of the total budget. But this year, the allocation has fallen to only 4.2 percent, they added.

They were speaking at the conference titled "Budget 2013-14 does not comply with climate adaptation" at Jatiya Press Club.

Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (BAPA), Climate Change Development Forum, Campaign for Sustainable Rural Livelihood, Coastal Development Partnership (CDP), Equity and Justice Working Group Bangladesh (EquityBD), Network on Climate Change Bangladesh (NCCB), VOICE, PRAN and HumanityWatch jointly organised the event.

Rezaul Karim Chowdhury of EquityBD, Farzana Akther of VOICE, Atiqur Rahman Tipu of CDP, and Mizanur Rahman Bijoy of NCCB also spoke.

Tarique should face trial

Says law minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Senior Vice Chairman Tarique Rahman should face the trial of cases filed against him in accordance with law, otherwise the public will think that he is not respectful to the law, said Law Minister Shafique Ahmed yesterday.

Tarique Rahman, who is accused in 16 cases, is now staying in London for medical treatment.

"Every citizen should face the allegation if it is raised [against the citizen] on taking opportunity of self defence, and Tarique Rahman also should do it," said Shafique.

He said this while talking to journalists after attending as chief guest the concluding session of a training programme on arbitration at Hotel Sonargaon in the capital.

Bangladesh International Arbitration Centre (BIAC) and International Law Institute (ILI) of Washington DC of the USA jointly organised the four-day long training programme, where a total of 25 trainees participated.

Earlier, the law minister told the occasion that arbitration is a very effective system for disposal of cases within a very short time.

Around 24 lakh cases are pending at the lower courts across the country, he said.

Shafique said the Anti-terrorism (amendment) Bill, 2013 has been passed in parliament on Tuesday to keep discipline in the society and to establish rule of law in the country, not to harass the opposition parties.

The claim of the opposition that the bill has been passed to harass them is false and propaganda, he said.

Lives and properties are damaged through destructive activities, vehicles are burned and police are attacked during or the day before hartals, he added.



Bangladesh Institute of Thyroid Medicine and Imaging Research (BITMIR) Chairman Dr AKM Fazlul Bari, second from right, and Md Dabirul Islam MP, third from right, hold copies of the book "Ultrasound and Colour Doppler in Medical Science" during its unveiling at an international scientific seminar organised by BITMIR and The Thyroid Centre in the capital on Friday.

REVIEWING PUBLICATION Amar Desh yet to approach govt: Inu

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Information Minister Hasanul Haque Inu yesterday said the Amar Desh authorities did not approach the ministry to discuss on reviewing the issue centring its publication and was ignoring going to the proper government authorities for their "ill political purpose".

Inu, addressing as chief guest the concluding session of a training workshop for print and electronic media, also claimed that the government suspended the Bangla daily's publication but did not cancel the daily's declaration.

The Amar Desh authorities should approach the district administration to review the withdrawal of the suspension, he told the workshop, organised by Bangladesh Press Council at its conference room in the capital.

Amar Desh Executive Editor Abdul Ahmad at Jatiya Press Club on Monday alleged that the Dhaka deputy commissioner had told them that the newspaper could not be printed from an alternative printing press.

The government locked the Amar Desh Press on April 11.

RECORDING WITNESS' STATEMENT IN CTG ARMS HAUL CASES IO might have missed points

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The latest investigation officer of the sensational Chittagong 10-truck arms haul cases yesterday said he might have missed some points while recording a witness' statement after interrogation.

While being cross examined by a defence lawyer, Additional Superintendent of Police Md Moniruzzaman Chowdhury of Criminal Investigation Officer gave the statement which was recorded in Chittagong Metropolitan Special Tribunal-1.

On April 2 in 2004, police seized a huge number of arms and ammunition while being unloaded at Chittagong Urea Fertiliser Limited (CUFL) jetty. Later, two cases were filed in this connection.

Advocate Fazlul Karim Bhuiyan, defence lawyer for one of the accused the then CUFL managing director Mohsin Uddin, was cross examining Moniruzzaman.

The lawyer yesterday alleged that the statement of witness Mobin Hossain Khan, the then CUFL assistant security officer, which was recorded by Moniruzzaman, lacks some points.

The lawyer asked whether Mobin during interrogation mentioned when the arms and ammunition were recovered, and had Mohsin told Mobin over the phone that Mobin had nothing to do as the officer-in-charge of Karnaphuli Police Station was present on the spot.

Fazlul also asked whether Mobin stated that another accused in the case former acting industry secretary Nurul Amin and Mohsin told Mobin that he had nothing to do as "the higher authorities" were aware of the arrival of those arms.

The counsel also asked whether Mobin mentioned that he could not say everything in his first statement due to the circumstances. Moniruzzaman replied that Mobin had mentioned those points but he recorded as many he could recall.



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