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

Moderately heavy to very heavy rainfalls are

also likely at places over Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisons, Met Office said. Day and night temperatures may remain nearly

unchanged over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:29pm and rises tomorrow at 5:36am.

Country's highest temperature 34.8 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Chuadanga and

lowest 24.0 degree Celsius at Kutubdia. Highest and lowest temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday Ri

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Dhaka	31.3	25.5	83	73	Khulna	33.2	26.5	90	86
Chittagong	26.7	25.0	92	92	Barisal	30.8	26.0	91	83
Rajshahi	33.0	25.8	84	80	Sylhet	34.0	25.4	83	64
Rangpur	33.2	26.0	82	69	Cox's Bazar	26.5	24.8	99	100





Left, a police tow-truck pulls away a truck which broke down on Dhaka-Tangail highway in Tangail sadar's Shibpur area yesterday. Such incidents and the rush of holidaymakers returning to Dhaka after the Eid-ul-Fitr holidays caused a 70 kilometre tailback on the highway from Friday night till noon yesterday, resulting in the sufferings of passengers onboard vehicles. Right, holidaymakers take up every available space on a train to return to the capital. The photo was taken at Tongi Junction Railway Station yesterday.

### Mozena attends IUB cultural

programme CITY DESK

US Ambassador Dan W Mozena yesterday attended a cultural programme participated by American students at Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) in the capital.

The talent show, reflecting different forms of Bangladeshi culture, was organised by the Bangla Language Institute (BLI) of the university and performed by the students supported by American Critical Language Scholarship (CLS).

The BLI has been organising nine-week-long Bangla language programmes for the American students for nine years.

Through the event, the foreign students exhibited their overall experience in Bangladesh.

Mr Rashed Chowdhury, chairman of Board of Trustees of IUB; Mr Saifur Rahman, chairman of the founding trust of IUB, ESTCDT; and Prof M Omar Rahman, the vice-chancellor,

also spoke at the event.

## if BNP gets power: Matia

UNB, Dhaka

Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury yesterday said the age of darkness would return to the country if BNP came to power again.

"It's possible for Khaleda Zia and her government only to bring about August 17-like serial blast. If BNP comes to power again, the age of Aiame Jaheliat (darkness) will come back," she said.

Matia, also presidium member of the ruling Awami League, was addressing a discussion organised by Awami Jubo League at its Bangabandhu Avenue office in the capital marking the serial bomb blasts in 63 districts on August 17, 2005.

Matia was also critical of Hefajat-e Islam as it had carried out mayhem at Shapla Chattar in the capital on May 5.

She said Hefajat also gave a wrong impression to people through a smear campaign saying that the government had killed many Hefajat men during its programme.

to remain vigilant across the country against the false propaganda by Hefajat against the government. The AL leader also criticised foreign diplomats for their

reactions to the arrest of Odhikar Secretary Adilur Rahman

Matia called upon the Juba League leaders and activists

"A group of people took to the streets for the rights of telling lies. Another group took to the streets in the name of establishing human rights crying for the release of the Odhikar secretary. Their behaviour amounts to devoid of norms and etiquette," she said.

Jubo League Chairman Omar Faruque Chowdhury

## Age of darkness to return Awareness on misuse of ICT may prevent harassment of women

Discussants say at a roundtable

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With advancements in and increasing use of information and communication technology, women are empowering themselves, communicating with their families abroad and receiving foreign remittance from them while those in the garment sector are sending income to their families.

Meanwhile, due to abuse of such information and communication technology, women are also becoming victims of harassment.

Against such a backdrop, speakers at a roundtable yesterday said a collective effort must be taken to stop such violence against women.

Bangla daily Prothom Alo and Bangladesh Federation of Women Entrepreneurs (BFWE) jointly organised the roundtable, "Information and Communication Technology (ICT) to Stop Violence Against Women", at the daily in the capital.

During a multimedia presentation, ICT expert Munir Hasan informed of a recent survey which found that around 2.5 crore of 10 crore cellphones functioning in the country had cameras while 1.2 million of around 5.4 million Bangladeshi Facebook users, until August 14, were females.

As the use of camera-enabled cellphones and Facebook rises, people must become more aware on preventing their misuse, he added.

Former adviser to a caretaker government and BFWE President Rokia Afzal Rahman said by empowering themselves, women were helping their families.

When success comes, it brings money, cellphones and so on but women have to be careful about misuse of their cellphones, she said.

Another former adviser to a caretaker government Rasheda K Chowdhury said technology was like a sharp knife. A criminal would use it to kill someone, while a surgeon would use it to save lives, she said.

Shaheen Anam, executive director of Manusher Jonno Foundation, said technology has been recognised as a tool for women empowerment. Women need support from all, including their families, to prevent violence against them, she said. Abul Hossain, project director of Multi-

Sectoral Programme on Violence Against Women under the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, informed that a helpline --10921 -- was present to provide immediate support to victims and their families.

Prothom Alo Editor Matiur Rahman assured to organise more discussions and roundtables featuring representatives from different sectors to strengthen social awareness to stop violence against women.

Javed Morshed, a cyber crime expert, and Shamima Parveen, senior programme officer, UNFPA, spoke at the programme.

### Rearing autistic children a feat of courage

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Programme of Parents Forum for Differently Able told STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Parents of autistic children should be proud of themselves because they show a feat of courage and dedication by raising their children, said speakers at an "Eid Reunion" programme yesterday.

In a society where there is a stigma attached to autistic children, the parents have to fight a war to rear them, they added.

Hundreds of autistic children along with their parents gathered at the programme organised by Parents Forum for Differently Able at the auditorium of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU).

"It is regrettable that autistic children become known in society for their disability. Autism becomes their identity," said Saima Wazed Putul, chairperson of Bangladesh National Advisory Committee on Autism.

"We must understand first that these children should be recognised are human beings, not as a burden," she added. Announcing that the parents gathered at the programme

are a source of inspiration for her, she congratulated them for trying to open opportunities of a normal life to the autistic children.

The organisers informed that the parents can consult specialist doctors by posting their questions on the organisation's website: www.parents-forum.org

Prof Pran Gopal Datta, vice chancellor of BSMMU, said autistic children could always see doctors at his hospital without having to wait in queues.

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বিশেষ প্রোগ্রাম অনলাইন সাংবাদিকতা ও লিখন কৌশল। ওয়েব হোস্টিং, ওয়েব সাইটের ধারণা।

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১. আবেদনকারীর যোগ্যতা: ভর্তিচ্ছুদের জাতীয় বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় বা স্বীকৃত অন্য যে কোন বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় থেকে ন্যুনতম স্লাতক ডিগ্রি এবং এসএসসি থেকে স্নাতক পর্যন্ত যে কোন দুটি পরীক্ষায় কমপক্ষে দ্বিতীয় বিভাগ/জিপিএ-৩ গ্রেড প্রাপ্ত হতে হবে যে কোন গণমাধ্যম/জনসংযোগ/বিজ্ঞাপনি সংস্থায় কর্মরতদের অগ্রাধিকার দেয়া

লিখিত পরীক্ষা: ২ অক্টোবর ২০১৩, বুধবার, সকাল ১০টা। আসন সংখ্যা :সর্বমোট ৫০।

আবেদনপত্রের সাথে নিমুলিখিত কাগজপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে। ক, এসএসসি ও এইচএসসি অথবা সমমানের পরীক্ষার নম্বরপত্র ও সনদপত্র

খ. স্নাতক/ডিগ্রি পরীক্ষার নম্বরপত্র ও গ. শিক্ষাপ্রতিষ্ঠান প্রধান কর্তৃক সর্বশেষ

পরীক্ষা পাশের প্রশংসাপত্র। ঘ. সংবাদপত্র, বিজ্ঞাপনি সংস্থা ও অন্যান্য গণমাধ্যম প্রতিষ্ঠানে সাংবাদিকতা ও গণযোগাযোগ সংশ্লিষ্ট পেশায় নিয়োজিত প্রার্থীদের কোর্সে অংশগ্রহণের জন্য সংশ্লিষ্ট কর্তৃপক্ষের অনুমতিপত্র

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৫. আগ্রহী প্রার্থীদের আগামী ১সেপ্টম্বর ২০১৩, থেকে ৩০ সেপ্টম্বর ২০১৩ সোমবার (সকাল ৯.৩০ মি থেকে বিকাল ৪.৩০মি) অফিস সময়ের মধ্যে নগদ ৩০০(তিনশত টাকা জমা দিয়ে ভর্তি ফরম সংগ্রহ ও জমা দিতে অনুরোধ জানানো হচ্ছে। বিস্তারিত তথ্যের জন্য যোগাযোগ করুন : সমন্বয়কারী (ফোন: ৯৩৩০০৮৫. ০১৭১৭২৩২০১৬ সাংবাদিকতায় স্নাতকোত্তর ডিপ্লোমা একাডেমিক কমিটি,অথবা পিএ-টু-ডিজি-৯৩৪১৯০৬ বাংলাদেশ প্রেস ইনস্টিটিউট

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

Rescued from a canal in Chittagong city's Halishahar area with severe wounds and two of its flippers cut off, this endangered Olive Ridley sea turtle succumbed to its injuries within an hour of being brought to Chittagong Zoo on Friday night. A Chittagong city resident discovered and brought the turtle to the zoo.

### Endangered sea turtle cruelly killed in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

An endangered sea turtle, weighing about 20kg, succumbed to its injuries at Chittagong Zoo on Friday night, an hour after it was found with severe wounds and two of its flippers cut off.

Md Shahadat Hossain, a resident of the port city's Halishahar area, rescued the turtle from a local canal and sent it to the zoo around 9:00pm on Friday.

Shahadat said the turtle was unable to move as two of its flippers were missing. Monjur Morshed Chowdhury, curator of Chittagong Zoo,

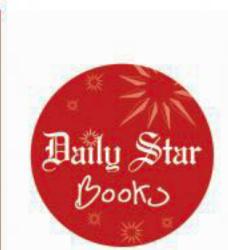
said the turtle was brutally beaten and sustained severe injuries to its back, neck and flippers while two of its flippers were cut off. The turtle was severely bleeding when brought to the zoo.

The turtle died due to excessive bleeding at 10:00pm, despite several efforts to save it, he added. Monjur said the reptile belonged to the species of Olive

Ridley Turtle, which is an endangered species of sea turtles. According to Bangladesh Wildlife (Preservation and Safety) Act of 2012, killing of any endangered wild animal, including sea turtles, is illegal, Monjur added. M Zahirul Islam, member of Marinelife Alliance, an

organisation that monitors nestling of tortoises in the coastal areas of Cox's Bazar and Saint Martin, said this species is found in Cox's Bazar, Sonadia Island, Shah Porir Dwip, Pechar Dwip and Sundarbans. According to Banglapedia, Olive Ridley Turtles,

Loggerhead Turtle, Green Turtle, and Leatherback, four of the five species found in Bangladesh, are endangered while Hawksbill Turtle is on the verge of extinction.



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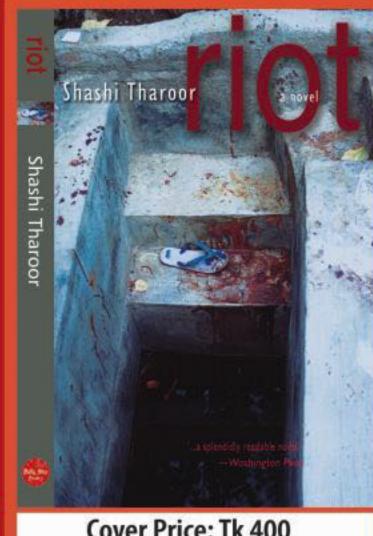
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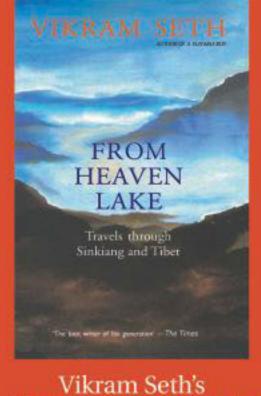


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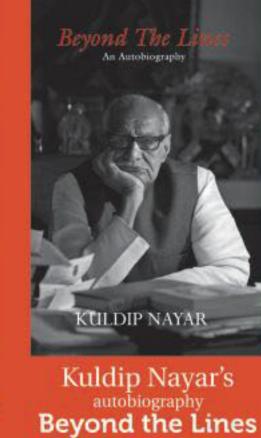
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