


DRY WEATHER  
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TODAY

Light rain is likely to occur at one or two places over Chittagong, Khulna, Barisal and Sylhet divisions till 6:00pm today.

Weather may remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country, Met Office said.

Night temperature may rise slightly and day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

**The sun sets in the capital today at 5:13pm and rises tomorrow at 6:31am.**

Country's highest temperature 30.2 degree Celsius

Temperature in Celsius

	Max:	Min:
Dhaka	28.5	17.0
Chittagong	28.0	19.5
Rajshahi	28.5	16.0
Rangpur	27.2	15.0

Humidity in percentage

Morning	Evening
79	73
89	76
76	76
76	77

Temperature in Celsius

Max:	Min:
28.4	6.5
28.2	16.5
27.3	17.2
29.5	21.0

Humidity in percentage

Morning	Evening
76	73
7	86
70	2
84	79

# Rizvi, Hannan denied bail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday denied bail to BNP leaders Ruhul Kabir Rizvi Ahmed, ASM Hannan Shah and Belal Ahmed and sent them to jail in three cases.

The court also refused the remand prayers for the BNP leaders but allowed the investigators to grill them at the jail gate within 10 days.

Motijheel and Paltan police produced them before the court with the remand prayers in the cases filed by police.

BNP standing committee member Hannan Shah and its executive committee member Belal have been made accused in two cases, out of the three, on charges of torching vehicles and preventing police from their duties as well as

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# 10 Santals hurt, 5 houses burnt in attack over land in Rajshahi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

At least 10 Santals were injured and five of their newly-made tin-roofed houses were burnt after being ransacked in an attack by some 30 miscreants in Rajshahi's Godagari upazila at the dead of the night yesterday.

The injured were admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital and Godagari Health Complex while police arrested one local, Saiful Islam, in this connection.

The victims of Bautia Pothaharpur village accused a local influential wealthy farmer for the attack, taking place around 3:00am.

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# Govt to execute Quader Mollah as soon as possible

Tuku tells The Daily Star

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

The home ministry is examining the process and laws regarding this, Tuku said, adding that the war crimes convict, however, could seek presidential mercy.

According to legal experts, the president is supposed to approve or disapprove a mercy petition within 15 days of its filing.

The attorney general said Mollah could not file a review petition as per the International Crimes (Tribunals) Act, 1973 and the constitution. He further said war criminals could not get relief under Article-47A (2) of the constitution.

Now, the government will

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Visiting UN Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs Oscar Fernández-Taranco calls on Leader of the Opposition and BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia at the latter's Gulshan residence in the capital for the second time yesterday. Their first meeting took place on Saturday after which Taranco met Awami League and Jatiya Party leaders and the chief election commissioner.

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## CONTINUATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST INDIGENOUS WOMEN

# Law enforcers' negligence to blame

Speakers tell Hill Women's Federation discussion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Violence by Bangalees, including killing, rape and sexual assaults, against indigenous women and girls continues in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) as negligence of law enforcers allowed past perpetrators to go scot-free, speakers told a discussion yesterday.

Since Kalpana Chakma's abduction and disappearance 17 years ago, Bangladesh as a state apparently failed to ensure security for indigenous women, both in the hills and

# Reinvestigation of Kalpana Chakma abduction demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rights activists yesterday demanded a proper reinvestigation into the abduction of indigenous women's leader Kalpana Chakma and quizzing of the persons accused by witnesses.

The state will have to take the responsibility, as it failed to rescue the woman kidnapped from in front of her family members 17 years ago, they said in a statement.

As witnesses, brothers of Kalpana Chakma mentioned the names of Lt Ferdous and members of Ansar and Village Defence Party (VDP) to the probe commission members but none of the probe reports mentioned those names, they said.

"Rather those probe reports say the perpetrators could not be identified even without asking those law enforcers who were identified as alleged kidnappers," said the statement.

Kalpana Chakma, the then organising secretary of Hill Women's Federation, was kidnapped from her house in Baghaichhari upazila, Rangamati on June 12, 1996 just seven hours before the seventh national election and the government faced pressure to rescue her.

Later the government formed a probe committee in September 1996, which submitted its report on February 27, 1997 without naming any perpetrators. It said there was no reason to take any legal action against anybody.

Astonishingly, the probe report said, "Kalpana Chakma had been kidnapped either on her wish or by force but it was not possible to identify the kidnappers due to lack of proper witnesses."

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# Milk Vita urges picketers not to attack its vehicles

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Finding no other way, the state-run cooperative dairy firm Milk Vita tagged its milk tankers with white flags appealing to all the political demonstrators to refrain from attacking its vehicles during hartal and blockade.

Mohammad Munir Chowdhury, managing director of Milk Vita, in a statement yesterday made the appeal. He said the white flag has been tagged as a symbol of peace.

Milk supply from the country's largest dairy producer fell by around 6.5 lakh litres in the first nine days of December due to the opposition's blockade, he said.

Milk Vita could supply only 4.24 lakh litres of milk in Dhaka and Chittagong during the nine days while it stood at 10.61 lakh litres during the same period last year, said the statement.

## NEWSIN brief

### NU exams postponed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

The National University has postponed all examinations scheduled for today due to "unavoidable circumstances".

The revised schedule will soon be announced on the university's websites -- [www.nu.edu.bd](http://www.nu.edu.bd) and [www.nubd.info](http://www.nubd.info) --, said a press statement yesterday.

### Barisal University admission tests rescheduled

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

The admission tests for honours programmes at Barisal University have been rescheduled for December 21 due to unavoidable circumstances.

Test for "Gha" unit will be held at 10:00am, "Ga" unit at 1:00pm while "Ka" at 4:00pm, said a press release.

## APPEALS AGAINST POLL CANDIDATURE CANCELLATION EC starts hearing today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission will start hearing from today 138 appeals filed by aspirants whose candidatures for the January 5 parliamentary polls had been cancelled, said the EC officials.

Of 1,107 nominations filed for the 300 constituencies, returning officers cancelled 260 for different flaws.

Besides, the EC will hold a meeting at the National Economic Council on December 19 on the law and order situation and to decide on the duration of army deployment during the polls.

Chiefs of law enforcement and intelligent agencies, principal staff officer of Armed Forces Division, returning officers and districts police supers, among others, will attend.

## JU teachers lock VC's house

JU CORRESPONDENT


Agitating teachers of Jahangirnagar University yesterday locked the vice chancellor's official residence and declared the incumbent, Prof Anwar Hossain, unwanted on the campus.

With his spouse, Prof Anwar left JU on December 5 under police escort in the face of relentless protest by teachers and students. The university administration, however, said he had gone on a "five-day sick leave".

The embattled VC faces allegations of committing irregularities in teachers' recruitment, spoiling teacher-student relations, and misusing the university funds.

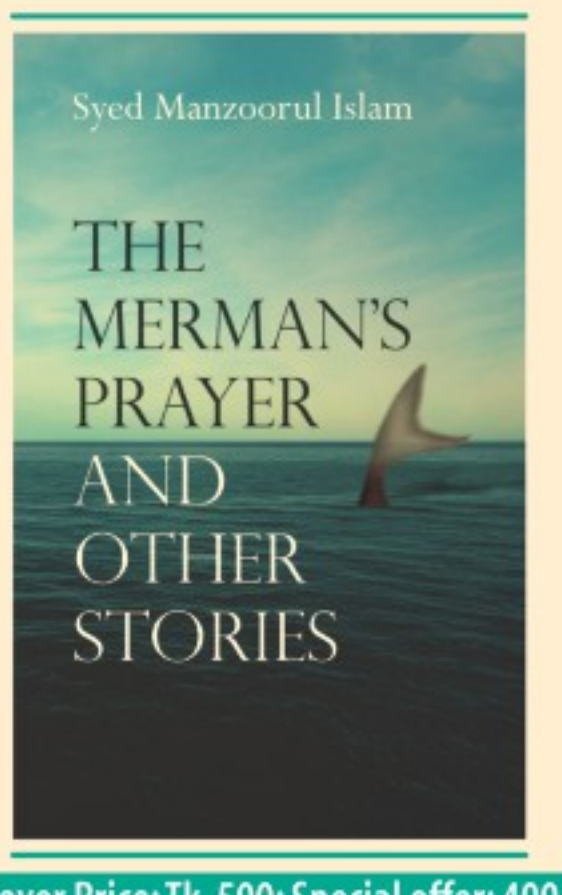
The agitators, who vowed to resist Prof Anwar's entry to JU, also besieged the administrative building demanding an immediate VC panel election to find his successor.

Majority of JU teachers have been demanding his resignation since February, less than nine months after the Dhaka University professor took over on May 20 last year.



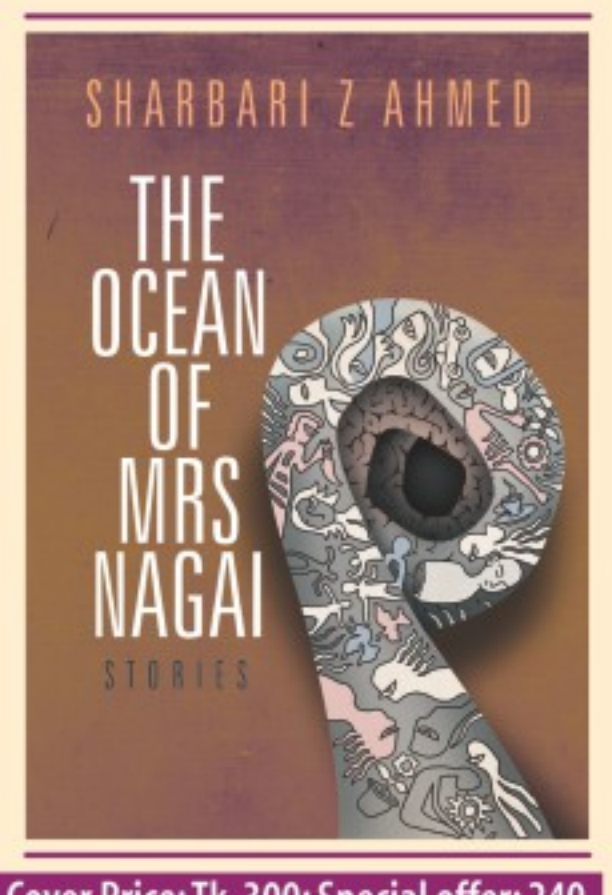
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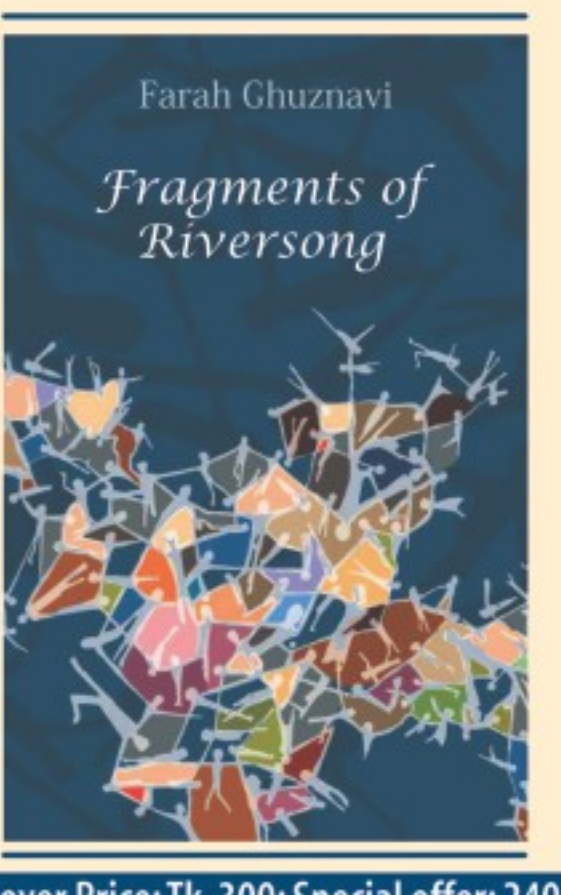
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