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WEATHER TODAY

Unb, Dhaka

Light rain is likely to occur at one or two places over Chittagong, Khulna and Barisal divisions till 6:00pm today.
Weather may remain dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country, Met Office said.

Night 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 29.8 degree Celsius

was recorded yesterday at Srimangal and lowest 12.9 degrees at Srimangal.
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
Dhaka	28.6	18.0	66	72	Khulna	28.0	16.5	80	73
Chittagong	28.2	20.0	84	75	Barisal	27.5	15.5	100	91
Rajshahi	28.5	14.5	81	72	Sylhet	29.4	16.8	62	68
Rangpur	27.7	15.6	76	76	Cox's Bazar	28.5	20.5	77	82

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NU exams of Dec 7 rescheduled

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Exams under the National University which were scheduled for December 7 will now be held on December 13. Mathematics (subject code-3753) exam of 4th year honours (2011) and Theory of Practices of Banking (subject code-2205) of BBA 2nd year 4th semester (2012) will be held at 8:30am and 2:00pm respectively. Other exams' schedules which have already been announced will remain unchanged, said a press release yesterday. National university have the right to change scheduled without showing any reason, it added.

Two Bangladeshis arrested in Singapore released

UNB, Dhaka

The two Bangladesh nationals who were arrested earlier in Singapore have been released as nothing wrong was found against them in connection with a recent riot there, said a foreign ministry release last night. Quoting Bangladesh High Commission in Singapore, the external publicity wing of the ministry said around 9:23pm on December 8, a foreign worker was hit by a private bus at Little India between Race Course and Hamshire Road who later died. The accident sparked a chaotic situation involving around 400 people in that area and the High Commission categorically stated that the worker was not a Bangladeshi.



PHOTO: STAR

Family members of condemned war criminal and Jamaat-e-Islami leader Abdul Quader Mollah arrive at Dhaka Central Jail around 8:14pm yesterday after the prison authorities had asked them to see him on an emergency basis by 8:00pm. Shortly after that, the government announced to hang the convict at 12:01am today before a chamber judge of the Supreme Court, just hours later, stayed the execution order till 10:30am today.

EC allows upazila chairmen to join nat'l poll

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission yesterday allowed Upazila Parishad chairmen to contest in the upcoming national poll without resigning from their posts. The EC took the decision after hearing appeals against cancellation of candidatures for being a bank defaulter or upazila chairman among others. A total of 1,107 nominations were filed with the returning officers around the country but 260 applications were cancelled. Of them, 138 appealed against the decision. The EC yesterday completed hearing 60 appeals

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Trader's house robbed in Gazipur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

A gang robbed a wood trader's house at Borobari in Kapasia upazila in Gazipur yesterday. Abul Kashem Bepary, 55, said same 20 robbers broke open the door of his tin-shed house around 1:00pm and demanded Tk 2 lakh. As he refused to give the money, the gang beat him with rods and sticks and looted Tk 40,000, 2.5 vori of gold ornaments, eight cell phone sets and a motorbike. They also threatened him that they will return soon to collect Tk 1 lakh. Abdul took first-aid from a pharmacy. Kapasia police visited the house.

Khokon shot two-year-old girl dead in Faridpur

Brother tells war crimes tribunal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A prosecution witness yesterday testified that BNP leader and fugitive war crimes accused MA Zahid Hossain Khokon shot dead his two-year-old sister while he along with his family members was fleeing for life at Goadi village in Faridpur on May 31, 1971. The 12th prosecution witness, Mannan Munshi, 64, said that when he saw Razakar commander Khokon with local Razakars and the Pakistani army at the village, he ran with his family members to nearby Ghoramara Beel to hide. "Seeing us flee, Khokon and others opened fire," Munshi said, adding that a bullet hit his younger sister Bulu who was in his mother's arms, killing her instantly. Khokon and his men also set fire to Munshi's house, the victim told the International Crimes Tribunal-1. In his deposition, another prosecution witness, Romesh Chandra Roy, said that on that day, his grandfather was caught by Khokon and the Pakistani army in a jute field. The 13th prosecution witness who hid himself in a Palm Garden said he had heard three gunshots, and later found the body of his grandfather riddled with three bullets.

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Portuguese politician lauds war crimes trial

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A visiting Portuguese politician yesterday lauded the judiciary of Bangladesh for its courage to try the individuals who committed crimes against humanity during the Liberation War in 1971. Paulo Casaca, a former member of European Parliament, said impunity always bred more atrocities and caused more sufferings to the people. "The culture of impunity can never be the foundation of peace. Rather, it is justice that brings peace in the long run," he told the opening ceremony of Liberation War Museum's weeklong programme on the occasion of Victory Day. Casaca expressed grave concerns over the killing of Mostafa Hawlader, who had testified against convicted Jamaat-e-Islami leader Delawar Hossain Sayedee in the war crimes trial. "He is a martyr. He deserves great honour from the people

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Body of missing boy recovered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Police recovered the body of a missing boy from a forest at Lutiachhara in Gazipur Sadar upazila yesterday. Sohela Rana, 14, son of Fazal Haque, appeared in the Junior School Certificate exam this year. There were towels tied round his mouth, throat and he was also blindfolded, said police. Sohela went missing on Sunday evening after he had gone to pick his mother from the garment factory she works at, police added. The body was sent to Gazipur Sadar Hospital morgue for an autopsy.

Public safety from political violence demanded

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Several hundred people yesterday held a human chain near the spot where Rana Plaza collapsed in Savar, on the outskirts of the capital demanding citizens' safety from ongoing political violence. Speakers at the human chain organised under the banner of Gono Songothon, a platform of over 10 socio-cultural organisations, said the public is living in insecurity as innocent people are being killed in the name of political programmes. Azom Khan Babu, general secretary of Krishak Samity, Savar-Dhamrai unit, and Abdur Rahim, central committee member of Bangladesh Khetmajur Samity, also spoke.

Christine Cipolla, head of Delegation Bangladesh, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), meets Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at the latter's office in the capital yesterday morning.



PHOTO: PMO

ICRC gives rare 1971 war photos to PM

BSS, Dhaka

The Head of Delegation Bangladesh, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Christine Cipolla, met Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office yesterday morning. PM's Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad briefed reporters after the meeting. He said Cipolla apprised the prime minister of various activities of ICRC in Bangladesh since 1971 including promoting international humanitarian law and restoring links with family members separated by natural disaster or migration. Recalling with deep gratitude the assistance provided by the government of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman after the independence, the ICRC head in Bangladesh said the then government extended huge support to their works during that time. In this connection, she handed over to the prime minister some rare photographs and documents of the ICRC activities during the war and engagements with Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman after the

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Post millennium dev goals should be sustainable

Hossain Zillur Rahman tells consultation meeting in Bangkok

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The post millennium development goals should be centred on sustainable development, said Hossain Zillur Rahman, former adviser to a caretaker government, at a consultation meeting in Bangkok yesterday. International Union for Conservation of Nature organised the meeting titled "Sustainable Livelihood Options for Fisheries: Opportunities and Challenges" at the Imperial Queen's Park Hotel. "The interest of our policy makers is in food security and not in nutrition," he said, adding that the country produces enough rice but people are still suffering from malnutrition. Speakers stated that ensuring protection of local fish habitats is necessary to provide the poor with proteins they require.


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Appeal for help

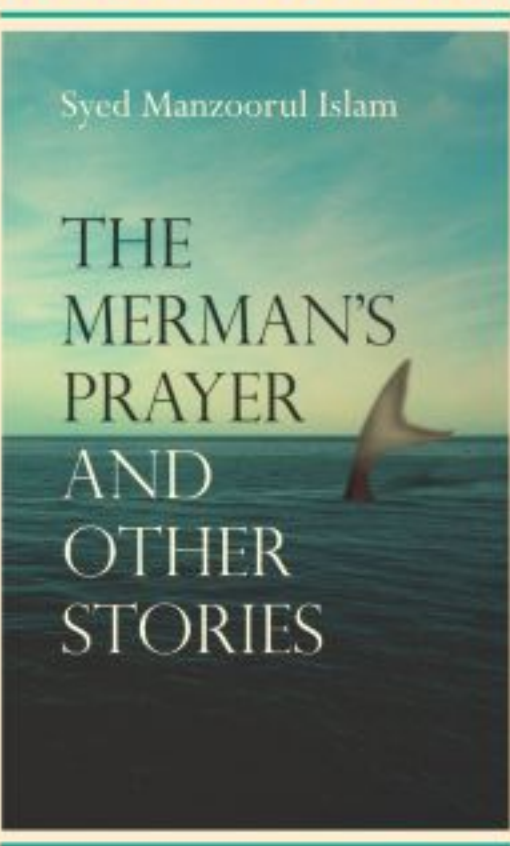
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Maliha Sultana, 12, is suffering from aplastic anaemia, a condition in which the body's bone marrow does not make enough new blood cells. Maliha, currently getting treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital, needs platelet transfusion every day, which costs Tk 30,000. She now needs to go abroad for allogeneic bone marrow transplant, a treatment that costs about Tk 39 lakh. Maliha's family cannot afford her medical expenses and is appealing to the generous and well-off people for financial assistance. Assistance can be sent to account name - KM Foysal, account number - 1520202312634001, Brac Bank Ltd, or to BKash no 01711339609.



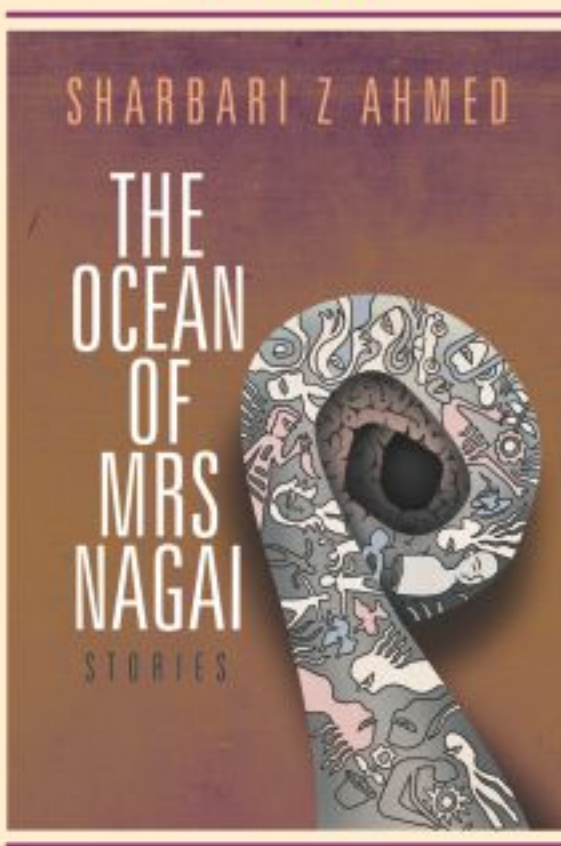
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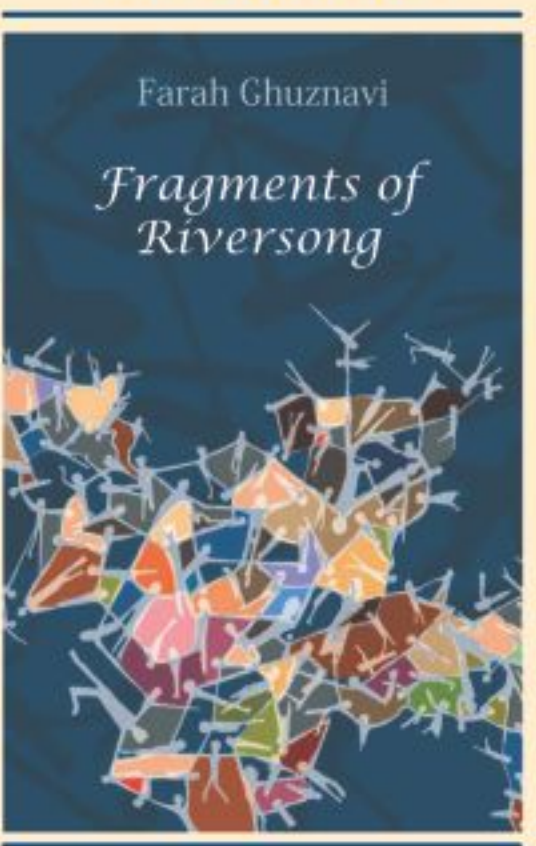
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