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WEATHER TODAY

Unb., Dhaka

Moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at most places over Rajshahi, Rangpur, Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions till 6:00pm today.  Moderately heavy to very heavy rainfall is also	likely at places over the country, Met Office said.	Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rajshahi and Satkhira and lowest 24.2 degree Celsius in Teknaf.	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage		Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage			
	Day and night temperatures may fall by (1-2) degree Celsius over the country.		Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening		
	The sun sets in the capital today at 6:50pm and rises tomorrow at 5:15am.	The highest and lowest temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:	Dhaka	31.4	26.4	75	89	Khulna	32.2	26.4	90	93
			Chittagong	28.0	25.0	92	93	Barisal	30.8	26.4	97	96
			Rajshahi	33.5	27.9	93	86	Sylhet	31.8	26.0	86	93
			Rangpur	31.0	26.8	89	83	Cox's Bazar	29.0	26.0	95	83

A grand Jagannath Rath Jatra (chariot procession) passing the Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday. The festival celebrated every Ashar (first Bangla month of the monsoon) recalling the annual journey of three Hindu deities from their garden palace to a temple is seen as an auspicious occasion when devotees take a glimpse of their lookalikes and carry the triad on decorated chariots as an act of piety. The centuries-old ritual was organised by the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON).



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## BCL leader 'threatens to kill' journo

For not having his phone number; GD filed

RU CORRESPONDENT

A journalist has lodged a general diary against the general secretary of Bangladesh Chhatra League of Rajshahi University unit for allegedly threatening to kill him.

Amzad Hossain Shimul, a staff reporter of Daily Amader Shomoy at Rajshahi and also a fourth year student of mass communication and journalism department, filed the GD with Motihar Police Station Saturday night against SM Tawhid Al Hossain alias Tuhin.

Shimul in the GD alleged that when Tuhin phoned him Saturday afternoon, he could not recognise him. Later, Tuhin threatened to kill him during the phone conversations for not having the BCL leader's phone number in his cell phone, he said.

He also alleged that Tuhin also threatened him with dire consequences if any report is published in this regard.

Alamgir Hossain, officer-in-charge of the police station, told The Daily Star that taking the GD as a complaint, they would take action against the BCL leader after investigation.

Contacted, Tuhin told that Shimul had misbehaved with one of his friends and he had just uttered these words as a fun, adding: "Why didn't he (Shimul) save my cell number in his phone? I am the general secretary of Bangladesh

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## Subhan abetted killing of my father, five uncles

Man testifies at war crimes tribunal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A prosecution witness yesterday testified that 11 people, including his father and five paternal uncles, were killed after the Pakistani army led by Jamaat-e-Islami leader Abdus Subhan took them away from their village in Pabna Sadar during the liberation war.

Ali Rana Sheikh, the 17th prosecution witness in Subhan's case, said Subhan ordered the Pakistani army to kill one of his uncles.

"I witnessed the killing," Rana told the International Crimes Tribunal, as he described the abduction, torture and subsequent killings of his family members and co-villagers.

Rana was the second witness to testify about the killing of the 11. Earlier, Akkas Sheikh, brother of one victim, gave deposition about the same killings.

The Jamaat leader faces nine charges over crimes including genocide in Pabna during

the war. Subhan, however, pleaded not guilty before court.

Rana, a 56-year-old businessman of Bharara (Purba Jamua) village in Pabna Sadar, said around 8:00am of the fifth of Bangla month Jaistha, the occupation troops besieged their village.

"At one stage, the Pakistani army, under the leadership of Subhan Moulana, entered our home and detained my father Rustam Sheikh, uncles Jabbar Sheikh, Nurul Sheikh, Siraj Sheikh, Abdul Majid Sheikh, Taleb Sheikh and others before taking them to Bharara Shahi Masjid," he said.

Then the Pakistani army also detained and took Siraj Sheikh, Dilbar Sheikh, Gedan Sarder, Khedan Sheikh, his son Kader Sheikh, Hakim Sarder, Keta Sarder, Akbar Sheikh, Harun-or-Rashid Sheikh, Manik Kha, Utken Sheikh, and others to the mosque, the witness said.

"When my uncle Abdul Majid Sheikh started altercation with Moulana Subhan in

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## BNP wants int'l probe into Swiss Bank deposits

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday demanded an "international neutral investigation" to reveal the list of Bangladeshis who had laundered money and deposited it in the Swiss Bank.

He alleged that the ruling Awami League Leaders kept the money they looted from the state coffers in the Swiss Bank.

Quoting news reports, Fakhrul also said AL leaders

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## JCD LEADER MURDER 32 co-activists sued in Sylhet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Thirty-two Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal activists were sued yesterday over JCD leader Zillul Haque Zillu murder.

The victim's elder brother Ahmed Ahsan filed the case with Sylhet Kotwali Police Station, said Officer-in-Charge Md Ataur Rahman.

The accused are city JCD Vice-president Mahbub Kadir, Madan Mohan College JCD President Meraj Ahmed, activists Jamal Ahmed, Zainal Abedin, Md Sadik, Gazi

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## BERATING OF COP BY SHAMIM OSMAN Poll probe body asked to enquire

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The electoral enquiry committee has been asked to investigate allegations of a police officer being threatened by ruling party lawmaker Shamim Osman on the day of the Narayanganj-5 by-polls.

"We have sent the matter [threat allegation] to the committee today [Sunday] for an investigation into it," Mihir Sarwar Morshed, returning officer of the by-polls, told The Daily Star yesterday.

"After getting the committee's report, we will take further steps on this issue," he said.

Shamim is alleged to have verbally abused and threatened Bashir Uddin, an assistant superintendent of police in Narayanganj, when the law enforcers foiled a bid to cast false votes for Shamim's brother Selim Osman at the by-election.

Bashir later filed a general diary in this connection.

As per Representation of People Order (RPO), the enquiry committee will submit its report within three days, Sirajul Islam, acting secretary to the Election Commission, said.

The two-member enquiry committee, led by a joint district judge, was formed before the election to prevent and control polls-related irregularities.

Jatiya Party nominee Selim Osman won Thursday's by-polls, defeating renegade Awami League leader and independent candidate SM Akram by 16,742 votes.

Huge numbers of fake votes were cast by supporters of Selim Osman, according to news reports and election observers.

Selim Osman ran for parliament from Narayanganj-5 constituency on a Jatiya Party ticket. His brother Shamim is the Awami League MP from Narayanganj-4.

The Narayanganj-5 parliamentary seat fell vacant after their brother Nasim Osman died.

## LAW, ORDER DETERIORATION Asaduzzaman draws JS flak

Independent lawmaker acknowledges extortion by law enforcers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The state minister for home yesterday came under fire from lawmakers in parliament when he sought budgetary allocation for his ministry for the upcoming fiscal year.

Six Jatiya Party and independent MPs lambasted Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal for seeking the allocation at a time when "the law and order situation has drastically worsened and law enforcers are involved in extortion".

Independent parliamentarian Tahzeeb Alam Siddique went so far as to say that the home ministry's expenses and the salaries of police members could be paid from the money extorted by policemen.

"The law enforcement agencies have become a symbol of

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## Lawyers thwart 'kidnap' by cop

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A group of lawyers yesterday stopped a plainclothes policeman from "abducting" a man in front of a Dhaka court.

Sub-Inspector of Ashulia Police Station Shawkat with another man tried to wrestle Iqbal Hossain, a Bangladeshi expatriate living in Germany, into a nondescript microbus before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, said the lawyers.

The man accompanying Shawkat was identified as Mahbubur Rahman Majumdar, an employee of Iqbal's relative Rashed Morshed, a businessman, with whom Iqbal is entangled in a legal battle.

Iqbal said his relative Rashed borrowed Tk 15 lakh from him last year but is yet to pay him back. Last April, Iqbal filed a case against Rashed in this connection.

Iqbal said he was just coming out after hearing on the case when he was attacked.

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## Meltdown in AL, BNP to harm democracy

Says TIB chief Iftekharuzzaman


A CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

If ruling Awami League and BNP are crumbling as organisations, the continuation of democracy in Bangladesh will be hampered, said Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) Executive Director Iftekharuzzaman.

As a result, a third unwanted and organised force might cash in on the situation, he told a view-exchange meeting with the representatives of Swajan, YES, and YES Friends at Sachetan Nagorik Committee in Faridpur town yesterday morning.

The country is passing through a critical time, he said.

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Ramadan Kareem

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