Latif Siddique

Different political and

social organisations yester-

day demanded arrest and punishment of the doomed

Awami League leader Abdul

Latif Siddique for his

Sunday's comments in New

York that he deplored Hajj

and Tablighi Jamaat more

Latif was criticised by the

Latif who was in New

York as part of Prime

Minister Sheikh Hasina's

entourage was addressing a

reception arranged by

Tangail expatriates living in

president Syeda Sajeda

Chowdhury urged all to turn a

acting secretary general

Mirza Fakhrul Islam

Alamgir said he should be

Ershad, also a special envoy

Bangladesh, Ahle Sunnat

Wal Jamaat, Hefajat-e Islam,

'Teenagers' kill

neighbour peer

A teenage boy was beaten to

death allegedly by his neigh-

bourhood peers in the capi-

tal's Pallabi last evening,

following rivalry over a

was a tenth grader at Mirpur

friends had been in fighting

with a group of teenagers led

by one Oli over taking con-

trol of a place at an under-

construction building

where both groups spent

cer-in-charge of Pallabi

Police Station, said Oli's

group beat up Sajal, one of

Mehedi's friends, at noon.

Syed Ziauzzaman, offi-

The victim, Mehedi, 16,

Police said he and his

trivial matter.

Bangla School.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

to the premier, echoed him.

Jatiya Party chief HM

Bikolpodhara

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punished for the remarks.

In a statement, BNP

deafear to what Latif said.

Criticising him, AL acting

than the Jamaat-e-Islami.

party colleagues, too.

the US state.

faces barrage

of criticism

STAR REPORT

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

Day and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, said Met Office.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5:46pm and rises tomorrow at 5:50am.

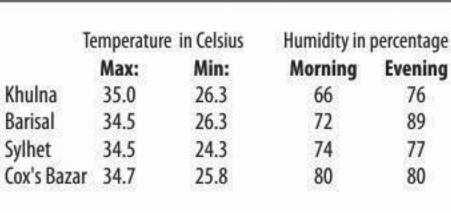
Country's highest temperature 35.6

degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Satkhira and lowest 23.3 degrees in Highest and lowest temperature a ity recorded in some major cities a

yesterday were:

Dinajpur. Ind humid- and towns	Dhaka Chittag Rajshal Rangpi
	Rangp

Te	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage		Temperature in		
	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening		Max:	
)haka	33.4	25.5	69	73	Khulna	35.0	
hittagong	32.8	25.6	81	81	Barisal	34.5	
Rajshahi	34.2	25.2	86	75	Sylhet	34.5	
Rangpur	32.5	24.8	80	73	Cox's Bazar	34.7	



NEWS_{IN} brief

Five fish traders injured in cop firing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Five fish traders were injured yesterday as police fired seven rounds of rubber bullet at some 200 demonstrators, who blocked Rikabibazar-Osmani medical road in Sylhet city protesting "misbehaviour of a constable".

The demonstrators said constable Faruque Ahmed of a nearby district police line was heavy handed with the traders at Rikabibazar fish market as they refused to sell him fishes on credit, which he often does and never pays back.

Kotwali police said they had to fire to control the situation and they told the traders to lodge a complaint against Faruque following which they will take action.

The injured needed first-aid. Faruque was not available for comments.

Physiotherapy centres in all upazilas soon

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Social Welfare Minister Syed Mohosin Ali yesterday said the government would establish physiotherapy centres in all upazilas soon.

The minister disclosed it at the publication ceremony of a report, "Situation Analysis on Children with Disabilities in Bangladesh", carried out by the social welfare ministry and Unicef. Nashima Begum, secretary to the ministry, said they already established 67 centers in different areas of the country.

Two ringleaders of doping gangs held in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detectives yesterday arrested 13 people including two ringleaders of two gangs that rob people after doping them to unconsciousness in the capital's Motijheel.

Mohammad Alam, 44, and his six gang members were nabbed in front of Shah Chandrapuri Hotel around midnight.

Meanwhile, from Shapla Chattar area ringleader Chan Miah and five of his cohorts were arrested at the same time by another team.

BAU extends deadline for honours course admission application

BAU CORRESPONDENT

Duta protests

admission test

Dhaka University Teachers

Association yesterday said

the recent remarks made by

Education Minister Nurul

Islam Nahid about the

university's entry test were

The university authorities

did not prepare the test with

a motive either to harass the

aspirants or to increase the failure rate, said a statement

signed by Duta President

Prof Farid Uddin Ahmed

and General Secretary Prof

were designed to select the

most meritorious aspirants. It reflects the qualitative

skills acquired by the stu-

dents at the SSC and HSC

"Rather the questions

ASM Maksud Kamal.

levels," it added.

cations.

Shakirul observed.

DU CORRESPONDENT

about DU

"unfortunate".

Nahid's remarks

Bangladesh Agricultural University in Mymensingh extended the deadline for first year application for admission to the honours course to October 16 from September 30.

Applicants are asked to apply through online and send Tk 600 as application fee using Dutch Bangla Bank Ltd mobile banking. The admission test will be held on November 8. For details visit

www.admission.bau.edu.bd. Meanwhile, for Eid-ul-Azha and Durga Puja the university will go on vacation for 11 days from today, says a press release.



Dalits still treated as untouchables

Alleges Dalit Parishad

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Although the country's constitution promises equal rights for all citizens, thousands of people of the Dalit community are treated as "untouchables" and are ostracised by the society, said Dalits at a rally yesterday.

As the non-discriminatory values of the constitution are not enough to ensure rights of the Dalits, a law that makes discrimination a criminal offence needs to be enacted soon, they added.

Bangladesh Dalit Parishad in association with Paritran, a Dalit rights organisation, held the programme in BMA auditorium in

the capital. They also urged the government to enact the proposed Antidiscrimination Act soon.

crimination against Dalits, adivasis, hermaphrodites (hijras) and sex workers.

According to the recommendation, the law would include provisions giving a fine of up to Tk 10 lakh or 10 years' imprisonment to anyone displaying an act of discrimination.

Mizanur Rahman, chairman of National

Human Rights Commission (NHRC), said no act of discrimination would go unpunished when the law is enacted. Narrating the plight of Dalits, Nirmal

Chandra Das, a Dalit leader, said, "Teachers in schools do not teach our children, restaurants do not serve us food, and people even avoid our shadows just because we were born in the 'lower caste'."

Presiding over the programme, Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Haque said, "Letting acts of

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arrived with concomitant vehicular rush. But nobody seems to care. Everything with India on right track

Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali tells media in Dhaka, briefing on the outcomes of UNGA

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Referring to the recent meeting of Sheikh Hasina and Narendra Modi in New York, Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali yesterday said everything with India was on the right track.

"The results of the meeting... were very good. We are delighted," he told a press conference on the outcomes of

the 69th UN General Assembly at the Foreign Ministry. Ali said that during the meeting on Saturday, Indian Prime Minister Modi assured that India would always stand

The minister described the relations between Bangladesh and India as most important in South Asia.

Modi said his government was actively and sincerely looking for ways to resolve the 1974 Land Boundary Agreement and the Teesta water sharing deal, he said.

On the question about the exact duration of the Hasina-Modi SEE PAGE 4 COL 1

When Mehedi and three SEE PAGE 4 COL 7

their leisure.

In June, the Law Commission recommended formulating a law to prevent dis-



Bangladesh Dalit Parishad brings out a procession before Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday demanding that the government enact the proposed Antidiscrimination Act soon and ensure the rights of the community.

Mahasaptami today

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by Bangladesh.

adequate security measures at the mandaps, said law enforcers.

State Minister for Home Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal and Inspector General of Police Hassan Mahmud Khandker last evening visited the Dhakeshwari National Temple and directed the law enforcement agencies to perform duties with the maximum alertness.

Around 28,600 mandaps have been set up in the country, including 221 in Dhaka, on the occasion. Additional police and ansars have been deployed at different mandaps.

Bangladesh.

The mandaps at Shankharibazar, Tantibazar, Jagannath Hall of Dhaka University, Ramna Kali Mandir, Dhakeshwari Mandir, and Ramkrishna Mission were a few of the prominently decorated ones exuding the colours of the

festival. Different socio-cultural organisations greeted Hindus on the occasion.

Dhaka Mahanagar Sarbojaneen Puja Committee will distribute new clothes today among the poor people.

Canadian Int'l School gets

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Batighor (01713-304344) and Prothoma (01711-649422), Jamal Khan Road.

general public would have access to the facility on special occasions.

Speaking at the inaugural ceremony, Canadian High Commissioner Heather Cruden said science was making change everywhere in life-at homes, factories, and

"Science fictions are turning into science Industry. facts," she said.

tomorrow's scientists, engineers, and doc-

tors, said Debra Parker, liaison officer at the Manitoba Education Ministry of Canada, curriculum of which is followed at CIS in

The centre will help create a general interest in science education, said Masud Rahman, president of the Canada Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and

CIS Chairman Mohamed Kamaluddin The aim of the space centre is to inspire and lawmaker Golam Dastagir Gazi were also present.

Gabtoli cattle market sees

FROM PAGE 3 to Tk 30,000 for a bull I bought for Tk 1 lakh last year," he said.

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Abu Taher, a resident of Savar, bought a bull at Tk 51,000 at Gabtali but he thought he paid around Tk 7,000 higher this year. Like bulls, goats, Dumbas (fat-tailed

sheep), camels, and "butti" cattle (small-sized

healthy cattle) are also selling at higher prices. Azad Bepari, who brought eight camels from Rajasthan of India, out of the total 19 camels in the market, said he had already sold five at Tk 4 lakh to Tk 6.2 lakh each.

Several large goats, including one priced at Tk 1.3 lakh, are on sale at the market.

"I've brought 40 large goats from Kushtia but only one has sold," said Karim Ali observing that there were fewer buyers this Anzam Ali, who brought 22 "butti" cattle

and 10 Dumbas from India, said a Dumba cost between Tk 2 lakh and Tk 6.5 lakh and a "butti" cow between Tk 2 lakh and Tk 65,000.

Meanwhile, unlike Gabtoli, the 16 makeshift markets in the capital are seeing a surge of supplies.

31pc physically abused

and 43 percent suffered from health compli-

For its research, OKUP interviewed 175 women who returned from abroad, particu-

larly the Middle East, between January 2013 and August 2014. "The victims could not lodge complaints Abul Kalam. against their employers as their passports

were confiscated during their employment,"

triates' welfare and overseas employment ministry, presented a paper on Bangladeshi females' migration abroad. The female migrants are still facing

Kazi Abul Kalam, deputy secretary at expa-

challenges in the destination countries as they lack proper training and skill, said

Expatriates' Welfare Secretary Khondaker Showkat Hossain addressed the programme as the chief guest.

BMP protests

FROM PAGE 4 when child marriage is considered an obstacle to gender equality, humanity

over the world."

Dr Rowshan Ara Begum, vice-president of BMP, said early marriages put girls in risk of premature motherhood, uterus cancer and other pregnancy related problems.

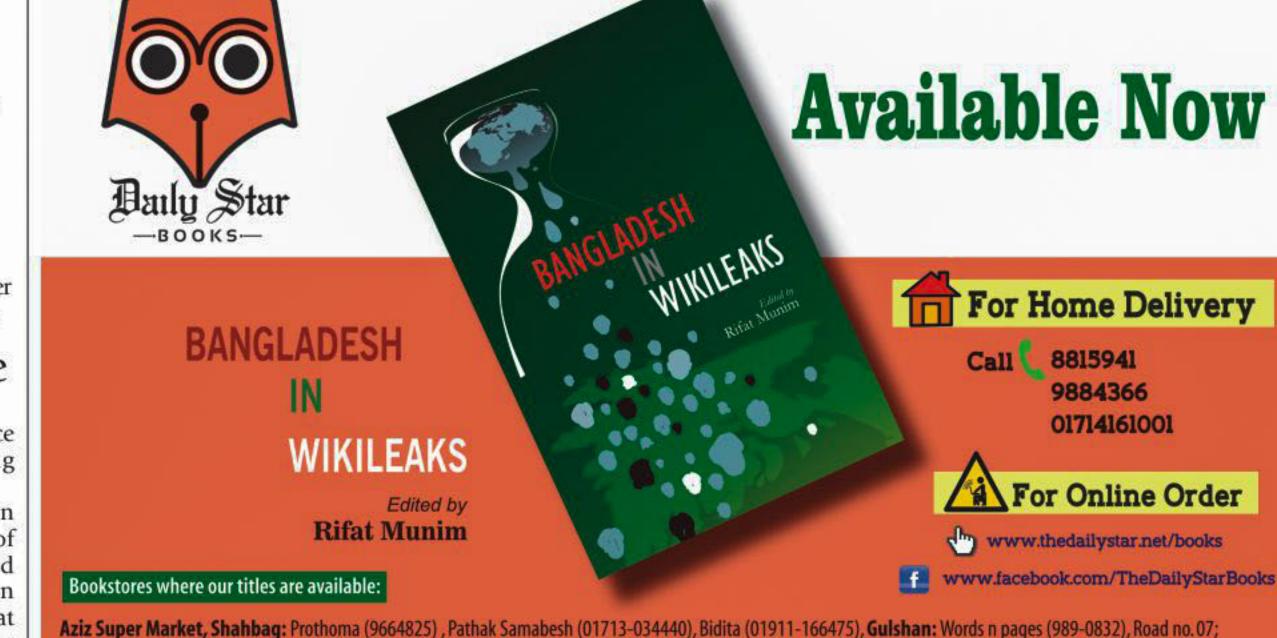
and rights of women all

Fake medicine

FROM PAGE 4 been producing drugs since

2004 without obtaining required licence. The factory had been

producing various types of counterfeit antibiotics and food supplements of its own brand and selling those at about 70 percent cheaper rate than the usual price of the similar drugs in the market, he said.



Dhanmondi: Gyankosh, Road no. 4 (862-3251); New Market: Omni Books, (812-6433) Road no. 27; Baily Road: Sagor Publishers (01716-544444); Banani: Aranya Crafts

Ltd. (988-2542); Old Airport: Book Worm (912-0387); Airport: Omni Books (890-1808); Farmgate: The Daily Star office (01711837719/8124944); Chittagong: