Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at a few places over Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions and at one or two places over Rajshahi, Rangpur, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions in the next 24 hours till 6:00pm today.

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

Moderately heavy falls are also likely at places

2nd Edition

The sun sets in the capital today at 5:43pm and rises tomorrow at 5:52am.

The country's highest temperature 34.7 degree Celsius was recorded on Friday in Khulna, Satkhira and Sylhet and lowest 23.1 degrees in Srimangal. Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday

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į	Chittagong	31.3	26.0	87	78	
,	Rajshahi	33.5	25.0	83	85	
	Rangpur	33.2	25.5	83	80	

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Chittagong	31.3	26.0	87	78	Barisal	33.2	24.0	79	84
Rajshahi	33.5	25.0	83	85	Sylhet	34.7	24.0	76	76
Rangpur	33.2	25.5	83	80	Cox's Bazar	33.2	25.7	86	91

Even though it appears to be a joyous ride with no hood above, the reality is that these rickety vehicles, known as "baby taxies", are dangerous and banned. But, nonetheless, the operators of these vehicles keep making these perilous trips with passengers on Basila road in the capital's Mohammadpur every

day. The photo was

taken yesterday.



BANGLAR CHOKH

POLICE SHOOTING OF JESSORE MAN

Kamal's condition improves

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Condition of Aminul Islam Kamal, who was shot point blank by police, has improved.

In a display of sheer brutality, police shot Kamal, an ordinary garment shop staff, during a clash with BNP-led 20-party alliance activists in Jessore town on Wednesday, witnesses and family members said.

Kamla is undergoing treatment at the National Institute of Chest Disease and Hospital (NICDH) in the capital's Mohakhali. He underwent two surgeries on Thursday.

"My brother's condition is improving," Kamal's younger brother Saiful Islam Jamal told The Daily Star yesterday, quoting doctors. Jamal said his brother had some soup after regaining consciousness. Enamul Haque, officer-in-charge of Jessore Kotwali

Police Station, said Kamal's name will be dropped from the case if the investigation finds him innocent.

He, however, said the process will take about 60 days.

SHAHJALAL AIRPORT

Luggage thief arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Airport police yesterday arrested a thief while he was fleeing with four pieces of luggage which he stole from Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in guise of a passenger. On information, police

officials intercepted a red car at the entrance to the airport in the capital around 10:00am and arrested Mohsin with luggage of four passengers who came in the morning from Sharjah, said Senior Assistant Superintendent Alamgir Hossain of Armed Police Battalion.

Mohsin, claiming that he lost his baggage, collected a

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DHAKA-BARISAL ROUTE

10-day special launch

spend the Eid-ul-Azha and Durga Puja vacations outside the city.

In order to offset their losses for the oneway rush on the occasion when the vessels will cruise towards Dhaka with few passengers, the operators are adding a 20-25 per-

The special service will be available till

Saidur Rahman Rintu, owner of the "Sundarbans" franchise, and vice president of the launch owners association, said usufrom Barisal plied only at night daily, but at

cabin seat, Tk 600 for per sofa, and Tk 250

route, at least three triple-decker vessels will ply between Dhaka and Jhalakathi, Barguna and Patuakhali via Barisal, said owners.

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NEWS_{IN} brief

4 held with 1.43 lakh Yaba pills in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Rapid Action Battalion personnel held four persons with 1, 43,000 Yaba pills, worth Tk 5.69 crore, in Chittagong city in the last two days. They arrested Syed Kashem and Md Ayub, both of

Cox's Bazar, Md Samrat Sardar of Munshiganj, and Rabiul Patwari of Comilla, during drives conducted in Hill View, Fakirhat and Chandgaon areas.

Muggers stab businessman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Muggers stabbed a businessman and took away Tk 4.62 lakh from him in Naiorpul area of Sylhet on Thursday night.

Six muggers on three motorcycles waylaid an autorickshaw and attacked the businessman, Adnan Hossain, who was returning home. The miscreants stabbed Adnan in his right arm. Police said they visited the spot but could not arrest anyone.

Smuggled Indian goods seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Members of Border Guard Bangladesh seized smuggled Indian goods worth Tk 35 lakh in Amrakhali area of Benapole Thursday night.

Deputy commander of 26 BGB Battalion said acting on a tip-off, they seized the goods including cosmetics, imitation jewellery, cumin seeds, clothes, and liquor. A case was filed.

CATTLE MARKETS IN PATUAKHALI

Lessees charging exorbitant fees

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Lessees of the over 150 cattle markets in Patuakhali are whimsically charging buyers exorbitant "hasil" (service charge), flouting the rate fixed by the deputy commissioner's (DC) office.

Moreover, none of the markets have the rate on public display although it was made mandatory by the DC office. Many buyers demand that the administration conduct drives to rein in the lessees.

The DC office sources informed that as per a decision of 2006, the rate is five percent of the sacrificial animal's price but the total amount charged can not exceed Tk 200 in case of cattle and buffalo and Tk 75 in case of goat and sheep. Abul Kalam Azad, a resident of South Sabujbagh in Patuakhali

town, told The Daily Star yesterday that he had haggled over the Tk 1,500 he was asked to pay at Badghat Bazar and finally settled for Tk 1,200 for a cow he bought for Tk 29,000.

"I do not know about the rate," said Kalam on being informed that the lessee could in no way charge him more than SEE PAGE 4 COL 2

Engineering Office

Shahjalal University of Science & Technology, Sylhet

Invitation for Tender (OTM)

Sealed tenders are hereby invited according to PPA-2006 & PPR-2008 (amended till to date) for the undermentioned work as per terms and conditions stated below: Ministry/Division Ministry of Education.

Agency Procuring entity name

Invitation for Invitation reference No. & date Procurement method Budget and source of funds Tender publication date

Tender last selling date & time Tender closing date & time tender opening date & time Tender Lot Nos.

Name and address of the office selling tender document. Receiving of tender document Opening of tender document

Eligibility of tenderer:

Date: 30/10/14, Time: 12:00 noon. Date: 30/10/14, Time: 12:10pm. 01 (one). Sonali Bank Ltd, SUST Branch, Sylhet.

Office of the University Engineer, SUST, Sylhet. Office of the University Engineer, SUST, Sylhet.

Shahjalal University of Science & Technology, Sylhet.

Supply of Furniture for IICT Building at SUST, Sylhet.

Syed Habibur Rahman, University Engineer.

Engg/206(14)/43/2014-2015, Date: 30/09/14.

Open tendering method (OTM-PG3).

Development Fund (GOB).

Date: 29/10/14, Time: 1:00pm.

Within 05 (five) days.

Tenderer must meet the following qualifying and other eligibility criteria stated in the tender documents (attested copies of required papers to be enclosed with the tender as documentary evidence):

(a) General experience not less than 05 (five) years. (b) Minimum 01 (one) No. similar work experience of value not less than Tk 120.00 lac within last 03 (three) years in a single work order (both work order and completion certificate from an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer to be attached). (c) Liquid assets/credit facility or cash flow not less than Tk 110.00 lac to be submitted supported by bank document. (d) Current year trade licence. (e) VAT registration certificate and up-to-date income tax clearance certificate (f) All others as stated in the tender documents. (g) Original money receipt of schedule purchased from bank to be attached.

The tenderers with a consistent history of litigation or a number of arbitration awards against it and/or blacklisted tenderers by this university or any other department/organisation shall not be eligible to tender. Supply of furniture for offices, classrooms, laboratories,

18. Brief description of supply and related services

Price of tender document

20. Amount of tender security

Completion time

of official inviting tender Contact details of official inviting tender

Name, designation & address

Tk 2000.00 (two thousand) only on cash payment (nonrefundable) from mentioned bank in Serial No. 12. Tk 4,00,000.00 (four lac) only in the form of BD/PO/Bank

galleries etc. in IICT Building, SUST, Sylhet.

Guarantee from any schedule bank of Bangladesh in favour of "University Engineer, SUST, Sylhet". 03 (three) months from the date of agreement. Syed Habibur Rahman, University Engineer, Engineering

Office, SUST, Sylhet. Tel: PABX 713491, 714479, Ext. 216, 721988(O), Fax No: 715257.

Special instructions:

GD-3783

(a) The tenderer should submit the tender document in sealed condition, writing the name of work on the envelope. (b) The tenderer is to submit a declaration that he is and was not involved with the tender preparation. (c) This tender notice is brief and the details of the tender can be seen/known from the office of the undersigned during office hours. (d) Tenders not received within the stipulated date and time will be directly rejected. Due to unavoidable circumstances, if the tender can't be received and opened in the schedule date and time, the same will be received and opened on the next working day respectively at the same time at abovementioned office(s). (e) Any Corrigendum (if any) will also be a part of the tender and it will be binding upon the bidders/tenderers. (f) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. Syed Habibur Rahman

University Engineer (Chief Engineer)

service starts ally four launches from Dhaka and four **OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal** A 10-day special service of triple-decker least 13 triple-decker vessels were in operaprivate launches started on Dhaka-Barisal tion now. route on Thursday for facilitating the huge With the additional charge, the fares rush of people departing the capital to now amount to Tk 1,100 for each class-I

cent extra charge to the normal fares.

October 11.

per deck seat. Apart from the special service on the

For ensuring safe trips, the river traffic police and Bangladesh Coast Guard teams are deployed at the terminals, said Murad Ahmed, a member of the committee formed in this regard.



PHOTO: **GALLERI KAYA**

Man jailed for trading in VGF rice, card

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

ul-Azha.

A mobile court sentenced a rice trader to one month imprisonment after seizing 2,650 kilogrammes of rice meant for the Vulnerable Group Feeding (VGF) programme from his room beside the Ramnathpur Union Parishad office in Badarganj upazila of Rangpur district on Thursday night.

Five VGF cards were also seized from the possession of Azmal Ali, 45, of Dangapara village, who was sent to Rangpur Central Jail, said Upazila Nirbahi Officer and Executive Magistrate Khondkar Estiak Ahmed, who led the drive. Sale of rice meant for VGF is illegal and the 51 rice sacks

Azmal admitted that he had bought the rice and cards from VGF beneficiaries. Upazila administration sources said 10 kilogrammes of rice has been provided to each of 5,401 extremely poor and distressed families under the VGF programme marking Eid-

Leprosy far from over

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the diagnosis and treatment of the disease, which is now fully curable through multidrug therapy, or MDT, a drug combination provided free by WHO.

Between 1985 and 2012, about 16 million leprosy patients have recovered taking MDT worldwide. WHO declared leprosy eliminated from the world in 2000. Elimination of leprosy is defined as a prevalence rate of less than 1 case per 10,000

In Bangladesh, it was declared eradicated in 1998 but a few districts including Bandarban, Khagrachhari, Nilphamari, Gaibandha, Rangpur, Lalmonirhat, and Dinajpur, and Dhaka and Chittagong cities still see some occurrences, according to the leprosy mission. Currently, new cases are being detected in Bhola, Comilla, Munshiganj and some southern districts.

have been kept in a government warehouse, he added. The 58-year-old rickshaw-puller, Kabil, is getting free treatment at Gonoshashthaya Hospital in Savar, on the outskirts of the capital, under the sponsorship of TLMIB. Three patients are being treated there.

Several of the patients shared the experi-

ences with this correspondent, which reflected one thing--all had got wrong treatment for a long time and realised their condition only recently.

Although not highly infectious, leprosy is transmitted via droplets, from the nose and mouth, during close and frequent contacts with untreated cases.

According to TLMIB, some 3,800 infections were detected in Bangladesh in 2011, 3,688 in 2012 and 3,156 in 2013.

"These are the known cases, but the actual figure is much higher," said Thomas Singha, project manager of TLMIB. "When no patient comes to us for a long time, we run a door-todoor campaign for leprosy tests. We detect many patients in the process." Singha said, "Recently we got six patients--three at Uttara, one at Savar, and two in Munshiganj."

Dr Safiruddin Ahmed, deputy programme manager of the National Leprosy Elimination Programme, said, "Medical students study only one course on leprosy in their entire academic period, so general doctors have no clear knowledge about the disease. It is one reason why many patients are going unidentified in time."