

TEMPERATURE MAY RISE SLIGHTLY

WEATHER TODAY

Unh, Dhaka

Weather is likely to remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm today.		Country's highest temperature 28.8 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Teknaf and lowest 07.7 in Chuadanga.		Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage		Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
Mild to moderate cold wave is sweeping over the regions of Rajshahi, Pabna, Rangpur, Dinajpur, Kushtia, Jessore and Tangail and it may continue as a mild cold wave, Met Office said.		Night and day temperature may rise slightly over the country.		The highest and lowest temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:		Max: Min:		Max: Min:		Max: Min:	
The sun sets in the capital today at 5:21pm and rises tomorrow at 6:40am.				Dhaka		21.6 13.2		93 82		Khulna	
				Chittagong		23.3 14.4		96 81		Barisal	
				Rajshahi		23.7 08.8		84 76		Sylhet	
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Chest pain takes Jubo Dal chief Alal on detour to hospital on way to remand

STAR REPORT

Jubo Dal President Syed Moazzem Hossain Alal was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) last night after complaining of chest pains while being taken to Chawkbazar Police Station following the granting of a three-day remand.

Examined at Coronary Care Unit around 8:30pm, he was then admitted to the medicine ward, police stationed at DMCH told The Daily Star.

A Dhaka court granted the remand in a case filed for assault on police and obstruction from discharging duties during a clash in Chawkbazar on Wednesday.

The case's investigation officer, Sub-inspector Ilias Hossain, had sought a 10-day remand.

In the remand prayer, Alal was termed an "instigator" although he was not made accused in the first information report.

Claiming innocence, Alal told the court that he was not present during the incident and has been suffering from different ailments for long.

His lawyers submitted a petition seeking bail and cancellation of the remand prayer.

Mohammadpur police picked up Alal from his Lalmatia residence on Saturday night on charge of planning destructive activities.

Awami League MP Chhabi Biswas was also assaulted at DMCH and his car was torched while hearing on two graft cases against BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia and eight others were ongoing at a Bakshibazar makeshift court.

Two cases were filed over the clashes and assault on Biswas.



Poverty could not break the indomitable spirit of Sheikh Mohiuddin, second from left, and his family members. Unable to afford a modern harrow, they use this ancient equivalent, pulling and pushing it themselves instead of using oxen as those are also no more available for breaking up tilled lumpen earth before planting crops. Such is still the story of marginal farmers of Bangladesh. The photo was taken at Srinagar upazila of Munshiganj on Friday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

BSF team arrives for training in managing borders

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A group of 41 members of Indian Border Security Force (BSF) reached Chittagong to receive a 10-day training starting yesterday in border management at Border Guard Training Centre and School of BGB at Satkania in the district.

The training is being held to enhance mutual relation between the two forces, to know about each other's working process and border security issues, BGB sources said.

Ten Border Guard Bangladesh personnel will also take part in the training.

Reciprocally, a team of 15 BGB members went to India for receiving a nine-day training on the same issues at Tekanpur BSF Academy, which started on December 26.

The trainings are going on in line with a decision taken at a director general level conference between BGB and BSF in India last August.

Make special law to try perps of communal violence

Says Ekatturer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee at screening of documentary titled *Wither Bangladesh* by Shahriar Kabir

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Special laws should be enacted and used for cases of communal violence to ensure protection of the victims and witnesses, activists of the Forum for Secular Bangladesh and Trial of War Criminals of 1971 demanded at a programme yesterday.

Addressing the programme as special guest, State Minister for Home Affairs Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal urged everyone to be aware of what was being taught in madrasas, saying that 80 percent of the syllabus includes ideology that incites terrorism and communalism.

The government is also strictly monitoring funds for terrorism and communalism being deposited in Islami Bank Bangladesh Limited from different countries and is taking steps to stop the flow, he said.

Eminent journalist, writer and filmmaker Shahriar Kabir, acting president of the forum popularly known as Ekatturer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee, pointed out that the Hindu-majority villages attacked last year and early this year were mostly surrounded by Jamaat-e-Islami supporters.

As a result the victims were living in constant fear of repeat attacks from communal quarters, he said before screening of his recent documentary, "Wither Bangladesh", at the programme in the Women's Voluntary Association auditorium in the capital's Dhanmondi.

The 43-minute documentary focused on the rise of religion-based extremist forces and the violence perpetrated by them in 2012, 2013 and 2014 and Jamaat's relationship with and BNP's patronisation of such forces.

It highlighted the Ramu communal attack on September 2012, the Hefajat-e Islam rally and subsequent violence on May 2013, attack on Hindu communities after war criminal and Jamaat leader Delawar Hossain Sayedee was sentenced to

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Road crashes kill 5

CITY DESK

Five people died in road accidents in the country yesterday.

Our Savar correspondent reports, Salah Uddin, 38, of Baipail died when a truck run him over on Dhaka-Tangail highway in Unique Bus Stand area of Ashulia.

Our Rangpur correspondent reports, Sohel Rana, 8, son of Shahed Ali of Basradpur-Sakoapara village died as a battery-run auto-rickshaw ran him over on Rangpur-Badarganj road in Bhangamalli area of Rangpur Sadar.

Our Benapole correspondent reports, Abdus Samad, 62, of Bagharpara upazila died when a motorcycle hit him in Chachuakhola village of the upazila of Jessore.

Our Noakhali correspondent reports, Kamal Hossain, 50, of Aviragar area died when a truck rammed into his rickshaw before Laxmipur main post office in the town.

Our Munshiganj correspondent adds, Abdul Karim Patwari, 30, under Matlab Police Station died when a car ran him over on Dhaka-Chittagong highway in Bhaberchar Bus Stand area.

Conserve colonial heritage

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activities.

She directed the ministry's officials concerned to develop a proper housing system following a "master plan" in the capital, divisional cities, districts and upazila towns so that no new slum area was created.

The government wants to make sure that no one remains homeless, she said.

Hasina also asked to ensure the highest enforcement of existing laws, including Bangladesh National Building Code, in building construction.

The proper plan and housing system is to ensure that no arable land is used for other purposes, she said, adding that otherwise this would ultimately create pressure on the country's food security.

She also urged to keep in mind the family size, population and utility services, including gas, electricity and water consumption to be required and sewerage system in the areas, while planning for flats.

Terming hospital waste dangerous for public health, Hasina asked the authorities concerned to make sure, while giving permission for hospital construction, that each one has its own waste management system.

The prime minister also criticised setting up universities in small buildings. "The image of a university that comes to your mind is absent now. You can find more than one university in a small building," she regretted.

Hasina said Suhrawardy Udyan was historically important and asked the authorities concerned to complete the project there, including the construction of Shadhinata Tower and an underground museum.

She also urged to further improve and modernise Hatirjheel area.

Hasina also asked to be careful on approving high-rise apartment construction so that footpaths and nearby spaces cannot be used as entrance corridors.

Housing and Public Works Minister Engineer Mosharraf Hossain was present.

3 more arrest warrants issued

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Bagerhat were filed by district BCL President SM Maruf Tanvir Hossain and district Tatee League President Talukder Abdul Baki respectively.

Another was filed in Gaibandha while the remaining one in Chapainawabganj saw the summons. The three BNP leaders are Joint Secretary Ruhul Kabir Rizvi, the chairperson's Adviser Mir Mohammad Nasiruddin and Mahidur Rahman.

The elder son of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, addressing a programme BNP's London unit organised in East London on December 15 marking Victory Day, said Bangabandhu was a "big Razakar for having banned the Awami League himself dubbing it as a party of thieves."

Till date, over 40 cases have been filed centring the comment.

Architecture reflects national

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Han Tumertekin from Turkey; Kongjian Yu from China; Anupama Kundoo from India; Palinda Kannangara from Sri Lanka; and Hector Fernandez Elorza from Spain, are expected to join the conference along with Shamsul Wares, Bashirul Haq, Saif Ull Haque and Kazi Khaleed Ashraf of Bangladesh.

The participants will also include famous historians, theorists and teachers.

Students and teachers and practitioners of architecture interested in joining the conference can register on www.bengalfoundation.org by January 5 and others after January 5.

Bengal Foundation will announce the launch of Bengal Architecture and Design Institute during the conference.

Architect Kashef Mahbub Chowdhury, director of the upcoming conference, and Bengal Foundation Chairman Abul Khair Litu were also present.

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