

Weather is likely to remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm

Moderate to thick fog may occur over the river basins and light to moderate fog may occur elsewhere over the country during midnight till

morning, Met Office said.

Miladunnabi

Miladunnabi, marking the

birth and death of Prophet

(pbuh), was observed in

the country on Sunday

with due reverence and

On this day in 570, the

12th of Rabiul Awal of the

Hijri calendar, Mohammad

with divine blessings and

messages of peace for man-

kind. He also passed away

The day was a public

Different Islamic and

socio-cultural organisations

and political parties held

including milad mahfils

and discussion meetings, to

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pharmaceutical companies & other

with "Kalema Taiyeba",

joined the processions

religious organisations.

organised programmes,

held at Bangabhaban in

which President Abdul

Hamid participated.

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while a milad mahfil was

various programmes,

mark the day.

(pbuh) was born in Makkah

observed

Hazrat Mohammad

religious fervour.

on the same day.

holiday.

UNB, Dhaka

The holy Eid-e-

Night temperature may fall by 2-3 degree Celsius and day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5:26pm and rises tomorrow at 6:43am.

Country's highest temperature 28.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Teknaf and lowest 13.8 degrees at Ishwardi.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

T	emperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage		ा	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentag	
	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening		Max:	Min:	Morning	Evenin
Dhaka	23.7	18.0	76	66	Khulna	24.8	16.7	85	72
Chittagong	26.5	20.5	77	64	Barisal	25.2	17.4	85	87
Rajshahi	22.8	14.0	96	82	Sylhet	25.4	18.0	81	72
Rangpur	19.2	15.6	85	81	Cox's Bazar		22.4	81	72

DS journo pummelled by law enforcers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

While Khaleda Zia, leader of the largest opposition party in the country, although not in parliament, was confined to her Gulshan office by law enforcers yesterday in the name of protection, a journalist on way to his office was dragged down from a rickshaw, thrown onto the asphalt of the capital's Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue and indiscriminately kicked and stomped on from the waist downward by lawmen, all in the name of defending the law.

Not willing to risk his car being vandalised or burned, Syed Mansur Hashim, assistant editor of The Daily Star, had little choice but to hire a rickshaw to go to his office.

His rickshaw was stopped by an Ansar member at the intersection near the Bangladesh Navy chief's residence, where Eskaton Garden Road meets Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue. Although prohibited from plying VIP roads on other days, rickshaws are the most common vehicles which usu-

ally run everywhere during any political unrest.
Thus Hashim did not find the Ansar man's order to turn the rickshaw away from the VIP road logical.

However, instead of just settling the matter lawfully, the Ansar man with three policemen carried out the assault for several minutes. They stopped only when Hashim begged

for mercy and asked to be handed over to a police station.

The men took him to a traffic inspector at Bangla Motor, who lent him an ear only when Hashim showed an identity card issued by the newspaper and mentioned the name of a police high-up he knew. The four were then reprimanded by the traffic inspector and Hashim was let go.

"Usually, when a vehicle breaks the traffic rules of plying a VIP road, a case is filed," said a policemen wishing anonymity. SEE PAGE 4 COL 2

Raid on New Age threat to press freedom

Say 44 eminent personalities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Seeing it as a threat to press freedom, 44 eminent citizens yesterday strongly condemned the December 28 unwarranted raid by police on the office of the English daily New Age.

The drive is a "threat to objective journalism and press freedom", and a "clear violation of law and the citizens rights", read a statement, adding that the planned raid was aimed at intimidating the news media. The citizens demanded punishment for the officers who raided.

Signatories included professors Anu Muhammad, Nasim Akhtar Hossain, Seema Haq, Manosh Chowdhury, Geeti Ara Nasrin, CR Abrar, and Tanjim Uddin Khan, photographers Shahidul Islam, Taslima Akhter, columnist Rahnuma Ahmed, and writer Khademul Islam.



Indian held with gold at airport

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Customs intelligence detained an Indian national and seized 9.6kg of smuggled gold worth Tk 4.5 crore at the capital's Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport yesterday.

Zawed Akter, 32, arrived from Bangkok in a BG089 flight. Mostafizur Rahman, deputy director of customs intelligence, said tipped-off, they questioned Zawed and found 8.6kg of gold hidden in the water tank of a bathroom in the airport. The remaining gold was found in a pipe in the bathroom, he said, adding that Zawed said he flushed the gold in fear.

4 selected for Kazi Mahbubullah Award

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

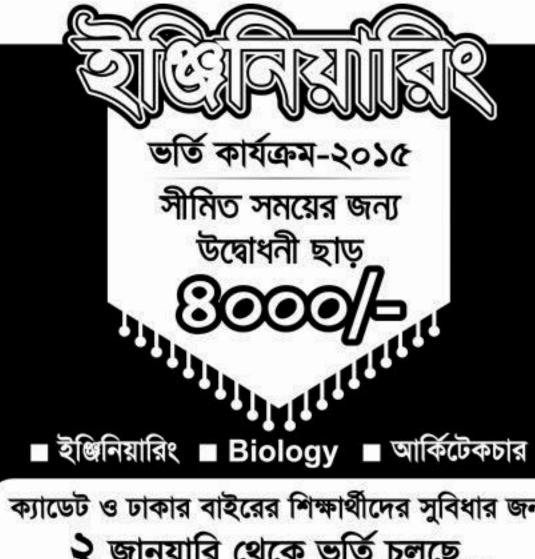
Four eminent persons have been selected for Kazi

Mahbubullah Award 2014.

Poet Asad Chowdhury has been selected for his contribution to literature, Associate Editor of The Daily Observer Syed Badrul Ahsan to journalism

while actor and writer Ataur Rahman to fine arts. The first director general of Bangladesh Television Jamil Chowdhury will be given a special award, announced Begum Zebunnessa and Kazi

Mahbubullah Janakalyan Trust. Each of them will get a crest, a certificate and Tk 1 lakh.



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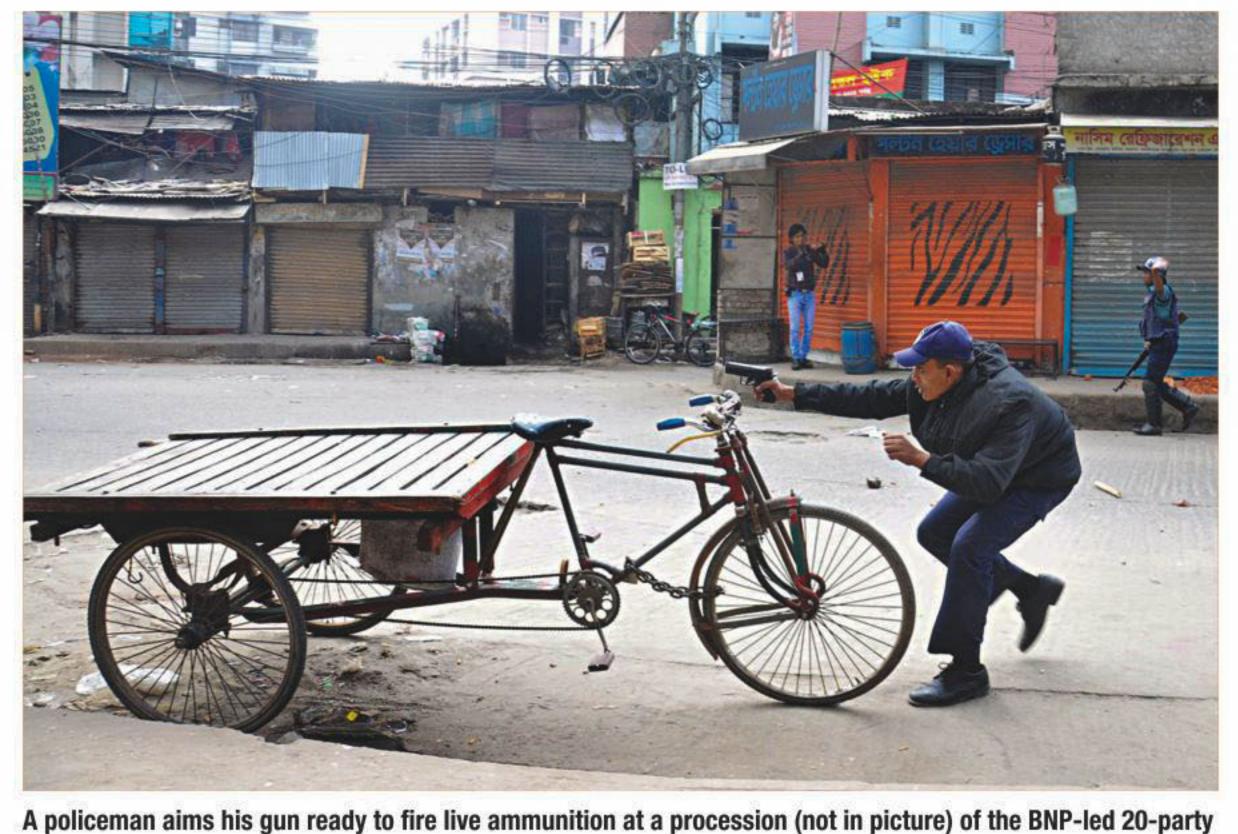


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alliance in the capital's Bijaynagar yesterday. PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

BJRI holds doa

mahfil for scientist

Maqsudul Alam

A dao mahfil for Bangladeshi-born scien-

Bangladesh Agriculture Research Council

auditorium in the capital yesterday after-

Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury

Secretary to the ministry Dr SM Nazmul

Islam, brother of the eminent scientist

family members and a number of scien-

Maj Gen (retd) Manjurul Alam, other

tists participated in the prayers.

tist Dr Maqsudul Alam was held in

noon, organised by Bangladesh Jute

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Research Institute (BJRI).

ARTICLE ON CJ APPOINTMENT Contempt rule dismissed against Prothom Alo editor, joint editor

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday disposed of the contempt of court rule against Prothom Alo Editor Matiur Rahman and Joint Editor Mizanur Rahman Khan after they apologised before it for publishing an article over the appointment of the chief justice.

The Appellate Division on December 15 last year issued the rule against the two for running the article, "Prodhan Bicharpati Bechhe Neowa" (selection of the chief justice) written by Mizanur Rahman Khan on the same day in the newspaper.

Yesterday, Matiur and Mizanur offered unconditional

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ETV off air after airing Tarique's speech

Broadcast not fully restored till 1:30am today STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The country's cable operators, mostly loyal to the ruling Awami League, allegedly stopped the transmission of private television channel ETV yesterday afternoon for giving "excessive" coverage to BNP Senior Vice-Chairman Tarique Rahman. ETV went off the air around 2:00pm, and became

unavailable all over the country within the next one hour, said sources in the network. They said the ruling party men, especially Bangladesh

Chhatra League (BCL), got furious because ETV had live telecast Tarique's speech from London for 50 minutes from 1:30am and relayed it several times. Senior Reporter of the TV Sajed Romel said there was no

problem with uplinking; it lay with downlinking, which the cable operators controlled.

He claimed that the transmission was restored in some places in the evening, and the channel could be seen countrywide soon. However, broadcasting was not fully restored till filing of this report at 1:30am today.

An official of the Prime Minister's Office said there was no instruction about blocking its transmission but said ETV

was doing it to "excess". Sources in the government said ETV might face legal

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BDR CARNAGE CASE

Death reference hearing starts Jan 18 STAFF CORRESPONDENT

January 18 for starting hearing on the death reference and appeals in the BDR carnage case, paving the way for complete adjudication of the biggest ever criminal case in the country's history in terms of the number of accused and convicts.

A special High Court bench yesterday fixed

The bench, comprising Justice Md Shawkat Hossain, Justice Md Abu Zafor Siddique and Justice Mustafa Zaman Islam,

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Don't leave streets

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League. "It only has beside it a section of police and Rab from a particular area. The people back our movement, so it will succeed."

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vowed to establish a "better Bangladesh" if his party was voted to power.

yourself, your families, country, the people, and democracy."

tion of democracy.'

FROM PAGE 3 party.

Tarique, who has been living in London since 2008,

Terming the government "illegal", he said, "There is no alternative to waging movement for safeguarding

"This is not any party's movement but rather for restora-

The AL retained power through a parliamentary election SEE PAGE 4 COL 1 on January 5 last year, boycotted by the BNP.

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