

WEATHER FORECAST

Table with weather forecasts for Dhaka, Chittagong, Sylhet, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Rangpur, and Cox's Bazar.

Night and day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:57pm and rises tomorrow at 6:28am.

NEWS IN brief

BNP's Dudu sent to jail after remand

A Dhaka court yesterday sent Shamsuzzaman Dudu, an adviser to BNP Chairperson Khaleida Zia, back to jail after a four-day remand in an arson case.

BCL scuffles in Ctg AL rally

Bangladesh Chhatra League activists hurled chairs at each other over front-row seats at an Awami League rally in Chittagong city and a man was handed over to police after a crude bomb exploded nearby yesterday.

Kuwait's Nat'l Day observed in capital

The 54th National Day and the 24th Liberation Day of Kuwait was celebrated in the capital yesterday.

Farida president, Aireen secy general of PEN Bangladesh

Dr Farida Hussain and Dr Syeda Aireen Jaman have been elected president and secretary general respectively of the executive committee of PEN International Bangladesh for 2015-2018, said a press release.

DHAKA TODAY Exhibition Monobhumi Art Space and other will organise a group print making exhibition on "print of self reflection."



Books drying in the sun at Suhrawardy Udyan yesterday after a sudden overnight downpour drenched several stalls of the ongoing Amar Ekushey Granthamela in the capital.

Storm wreaks havoc on book fair

With only a few trees protecting the Suhrawardy Udyan, Wednesday night's storm wreaked havoc on the portion of the Amar Ekushey Granthamela-2015 held there.

then through the cracks in the plywood false ceiling and wet the books inside.

left, at night, where they are displayed during the day, but should be kept inside trunks or boxes," said Jalal Ahmed, member secretary of the book fair management committee.

"Next year we will try to use tin sheets to make the roof to mitigate losses," he added.

BOOKS TO LOOK FOR

গণমাধ্যম মুহাম্মদ জাহাঙ্গীর সন্দ্বিপিত Edited by: Muhammad Jahangir Publisher: Nabajuga Prokashani Price: BDT 625

ICT IN AGRICULTURE IN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES Author: Anwarul Azim, Hak-Kyo Lee, Sung Hoon Kim Publisher: Shobdokosh Prokashani Price: BDT 400

সিলেটি নাগরী লিপি বর্ণ পরিচয় ফৌজী বামন্দি বৌদী ববল দুইনোট Author: Mustafa Salim Publisher: Utso Prokashan Price: BDT 125

WAR CRIMES TRIAL Third witness also implicates Hasan in killings of eight

A martyr's daughter yesterday testified that fugitive war crimes accused Syed Hasan Ali himself shot his father and two paternal uncles to death and instructed Razakars to kill five more family members in Kishoreganj on September 27, 1971 when the victims were fleeing to India.

Mina Rani Sarker, daughter of Satis Chandra Ghosh of Kendua upazila of Netrakona, and the 18th prosecution witness in Hasan's case, told the International Crimes Tribunal-1 that she was two-year-old in 1971 and heard about the killings from her mother.

Earlier, two witnesses testified on the massacre. Mina, now 46, said Hasan and his men also looted gold ornaments and cash from her mother and aunts but they were saved by a local union parishad chairman.

"I want justice," she said, breaking into tears. The proceeding was adjourned till March 8 after her cross-examination was completed.

'BCL men' beat up 2 more JCD activists at JU

Two more activists of Jahangirnagar University unit of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal were beaten up allegedly by Bangladesh Chhatra League men early yesterday.

11 burnt in N'ganj spinning mill fire

At least 11 workers of a spinning mill in Rupganj of Narayanganj sustained severe burn injuries in a fire that gutted the mill early yesterday.

The injured were admitted to the burn unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH). Parth Shanker Paul, DMCH residential surgeon, said the condition of seven of them were serious.

Md Momtaz Uddin, deputy director of Fire Service and Civil Defence, Narayanganj suspects the fire originated from a gas leak.

Security at Shaheed Minar

Rab Director General Benazir Ahmed. Rab patrol teams and dog squads are working and check posts have been set up there so that the public can feel safe while going there amid the ongoing blockade, he added.

will restrict the movement of vehicles without the security pass, given by Dhaka University for the period between 9:00pm today and 2:00pm Saturday for Shaheed Minar and its surrounding area, said Commissioner Asaduzzaman Mia at the DMP media centre.

The Rab DG was speaking to the media on the Shaheed Minar premises after visiting the area.

But any political party or socio-cultural organisation, who will visit the Shaheed Minar to pay tributes to the language martyrs, will be given the highest security, he added.

Obituary

Shahab Uddin Ahmed, former headmaster of Lalmonirhat Govt Boys' High School, died due to old-age complications at his residence in Sapatana Bazar area of Lalmonirhat town on Tuesday evening. He was 91.

Public must know

political parties, the mass media too showed reluctance to be transparent and open to public scrutiny.

chairperson of TAG, said a lack of public awareness about the power of the act, people's distrust in public officials, and leniency to the errant government officials still held back the law's success in Bangladesh.

Govt's nod last drag

necessary procedure within next one month to hold the election.

The DCC election has been overdue since May 2007.

In November 2011, the government split the city corporation into two--south and north--and appointed administrators to run them.

days after formation of a new city corporation, but the act says nothing about EC's role after expiry of the 180 day timeframe, the EC secretary said yesterday.

"As it is a long overdue local government election, we can't play a proactive role to conduct the vote. We have to act as per the request and demand of the ministry."

At Monday's cabinet meeting, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina asked LGRD Minister Syed Ashraf Islam to take steps for holding the elections.

On Wednesday, Sirazul Islam said the EC was ready to conduct the vote but waiting for the LGRD ministry's gazette announcing completion of the delimitations.

The newly delimited south has got 32 more paras and mahallas (localities), which were under Hazaribagh and Kamrangirchar police stations before.

Blitz editor Shoab jailed

Hussain had filed the case, accusing Shoab of swindling him out of the money.

in jail after he had been sentenced to seven years' rigorous imprisonment on January 6, 2014 in a seditious case filed over his involvement with Israeli intelligence agency Mossad.

Ex-diplomats question

president of Bangladesh Association of International Recruiting Agencies, disagreed with the observations and claimed that all issues had been taken into consideration before the decision to send the maids was taken.

"We are not sending our women without thinking of their vulnerabilities. Rather we have decided to send them after getting assurance of their safety," said Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun, chairman of the parliamentary standing committee on the ministry.

Lawmaker Israfil Alam said the government was aware of the criticism. Another lawmaker and former foreign minister Dipu Moni observed that the opportunities must be utilised through coordination between the government and private sector.

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