

**WEATHER FORECAST**

**YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES**

<b>DHAKA</b> H 33.0   L 21.5	<b>CHITTAGONG</b> H 30.8   L 22.1	<b>SYLHET</b> H 32.9   L 21.0	<b>RAJSHAHI</b> H 33.6   L 21.0	<b>KHULNA</b> H 33.6   L 21.0	<b>BARISAL</b> H 33.0   L 20.2	<b>RANGPUR</b> H 29.0   L 21.5	<b>COX'S BAZAR</b> H 31.2   L 21.2
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Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged and night temperature may rise slightly over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:02pm and rises tomorrow at 6:19am. Country's highest temperature 34.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Pataukhali and lowest 17.8 in Sitakunda.

# A PARTING UNACCEPTABLE



1) A one-minute's silence being observed at the base of Aparajeyo Bangla in Dhaka University (DU) yesterday after tributes were paid to writer and blogger Avijit Roy who was killed in an attack by unidentified machete-wielding assailants near Teacher-Student Centre (TSC). 2) Sammilita Sangskritik Jote places a wreath on the footpath where he was attacked. 3) Wreaths being laid on Avijit's coffin at Aparajeyo Bangla by Projonmo '71, 4) Bangladesh Hindu Buddhist Christian Oikya Parishad, and 5) Samprodayikota Jongibad Birodhi Mancha. 6) One of his relatives breaks down in tears while laying flowers on the attack spot. 7) A Facebook-based group stages a demonstration in front of Jatiya Press Club in the capital protesting the murder. 8) DU Vice-Chancellor (VC) AAMS Arefin Siddique, 9) National University VC Harun-or-Rashid, 10) Ekatturer Ghatk Dalal Nirmul Committee and 11) Bangladesh Mahila Parishad pay their respects placing flowers on the coffin.

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## Lord Avebury of UK urges united front against terrorism

Blogger Ted Jeory horrified at the killing

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"The whole world has gasped in horror at the hacking to death by machete-wielding terrorists of the secularist US-Bangladeshi blogger Avijit Roy, close to the heavily-guarded university book fair in Dhaka", said Lord Avebury, vice chair of All Party Parliamentary Group on Human Rights and Chairman of International Bangladesh Foundation, in a statement.

The statement issued on Saturday also said police witnessed the murder but the killers were allowed to escape. Extremist attacks on secularists and religious minorities add an extra dimension to the loss of over 100 lives in the violence connected with blockades and demonstrations calling

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## Avijit's murder product of intolerant politics

Panellists tell BBC Sanglap

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Avijit Roy's grisly murder is an outcome of an increasingly intolerant political atmosphere where no dissenting voice is given space, panellists told the 106th BBC Bangladesh Sanglap yesterday.

Both theists and atheists have the right to live and those who cannot tolerate differing opinions and attack others in the name of religion should be punished, they opined in the capital's Biam auditorium.

Avijit's murder in a guarded place has raised questions about the overall safety of citizens, said Prof Amena Mohsin of Dhaka University's (DU) international relations.

"Both atheists and theists should live safely in the country. It is unsettling even to think otherwise," stressed Amena.

Avijit, a writer and blogger, was killed and his wife Rafida Ahmed Banna badly wounded by unidentified machete-wielding assailants on the

DU campus on Thursday night after the couple came out of Amar Ekushey Granthamela-2015.

Institute of Conflict, Law and Development Studies Executive Director Maj Gen (retd) Md Abdur Rashid expressed doubts over law enforcers' capability to prevent organised attacks.

Prime Minister's Economic Affairs Adviser Dr Moshirur Rahman said Avijit bravely criticised people who distort

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## HRF Bangladesh condemns

Slams cops for 'utter nonchalance'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Human Rights Forum Bangladesh yesterday condemned the murder of blogger Avijit Roy.

The presence of law enforcers near the spot where he was hacked to death reveals their "utter nonchalance", said a statement signed by the forum Convener Sultana Kamal.

"The police's failure to arrest anyone and identify who were behind the crime is a matter of grave concern," added the statement of HRFB, a forum of 19 human rights organisations.

Unidentified assailants killed Avijit and badly wounded his wife Rafida Ahmed Bonya on the DU campus Thursday night after the couple came out of the Ekushey book fair.

Stating that the law enforcement agencies' capabilities

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## New UN country chief meets FM

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The newly appointed UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Bangladesh, Robert Watkins, presented his credentials to Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali at his ministry yesterday, says a UN press release.

His organisation will continue strong partnership with the Bangladesh government and support its national development objectives, the release added.

## Online bill payment for Titas Gas clients soon

UNB, Dhaka

Titas Gas customers will get a facility to pay their bills online as the country's largest gas distribution company is set to sign a contract today with an IT consortium to introduce modern total integrated open architectural (TIOA) system.

After its installation, 1.8 million consumers from households to largest power companies will be able to pay their bills online, without going to bank, Nowshad Islam, managing director of Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution Company Ltd, said yesterday.

He said the new system would take around 10 months to be installed.

At present, Titas Gas has a very old computerised data system which was installed more than 20 years ago with old software from the 80s and does not support the latest online system, said its officials.

The consumers can pay their bills through mobile operators' point of sale (POS) system, bank booths, credit and debit cards and also from mobile banking accounts, Nowshad said.

The consumers can also apply online for new gas connection and can easily track its application and relevant file, he added.

The consortium of "Devine IT Business Land Ltd and Right Brain Solution Ltd" will execute the job at a cost of about Tk 10 crore, officials said.

## Police for removal of Rajshahi city mayor

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police have requested the home ministry to take necessary steps so that the Local Government Division removes Rajshahi city Mayor Mosaddek Hossain Bulbul for his alleged involvement in crimes.

The Police Headquarters yesterday forwarded a related letter of Rajshahi Metropolitan Police (RMP) to the ministry, sources said.

Insiders said the home ministry would forward the letter to the Local Government Division in a day or two.

The RMP on January 23 sent the letter to the Police Headquarters, RMP Commissioner M Shamsuddin told The Daily Star. He however declined to comment further.

A source in RMP said Bulbul was accused in five criminal cases including the murder of police constable Siddhartha Sarker. Three of the cases were filed for allegedly giving orders to throw petrol bombs at passenger buses during blockades, he added. Speaking anonymously, an RMP

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