



YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

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Rain or thundershowers is likely to occur at one or two places over Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions till 6:00pm today. Day and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, said Met Office. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:03pm and rises tomorrow at 6:17am. Highest temperature was 31.4 degree Celsius in Chittagong yesterday while lowest 16.6 degrees in Srimangal.

# ARSON UNABATED

Locals try to put out the flames engulfing a bus that was attacked by unidentified arsonists in Juri of Moulvibazar early yesterday. *Inset, two vehicles set alight in the same manner in Boda upazila of Panchagarh.*



PHOTO: STAR



# NEWS IN brief

## Rizvi on remand again in arson case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday granted a fresh two-day remand for BNP Joint Secretary General Rizvi Ahmed in an arson case. Rizvi has been on remand several times in connection with different cases since his arrest on January 31.

Metropolitan Magistrate Shamsul Arefin passed the remand order yesterday.

Rafiqul Islam, a sub-inspector of Mirpur Police Station, sought a seven-day remand for Rizvi in connection with an arson attack on a vehicle in Mirpur-2 on January 25.

## Mohsin made honorary consul of South Korea in Gazipur

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

South Korean embassy appointed Mohammed Mohsin, vice-chairman of PHP family, as the honorary consul of that country in Gazipur.

Ambassador of Korea to Bangladesh Lee Yun-young made the appointment at a programme on Tuesday, said a press release.

Among others, ambassadors of Malaysia, Bhutan, and Indonesia, officials of different diplomatic missions, and PHP family Chairman Sufi Mizanur Rahman and its directors were present in the programme.



## Poacher held with five hides of spotted deer, Indian civet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka team of Wildlife Crime Control Unit, a wing of Bangladesh Forest Department, yesterday arrested a wildlife poacher with four hides of spotted deer and one of large Indian civet in Bagerhat.

Ashim Mallik, inspector of the WCCU, said he phoned the poacher, Abdur Rashid, 50, of Bagerhat's Morelganj, a few days ago, pretending to be a customer and conducted a raid in Amtoli Bazar with the assistance of Bagerhat Detective Branch of police. A case was filed.

## Mark Chubb chief safety officer of alliance for worker safety

CITY DESK

The Alliance for Bangladesh Worker Safety has announced the appointment of fire safety expert Mark Chubb to serve as its chief safety officer, says a press release.

He will oversee fire safety operations and training in Bangladesh and guide on remediation efforts in all factories from which the alliance members source.

He has held leadership roles in public safety, firefighting and emergency management across the US and in New Zealand.

# Pluralism can stop genocide

## Argentine expert tells conference at DU

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Genocide, a crime created by the state, may be prevented by adopting policies to integrate different socio-economic classes, religions and cultures into society, Argentine genocide scholar Daniel Feierstien told a colloquium at Dhaka University yesterday.

He gave the observation in reply to questions from the audience.

The aim of genocide, he said, is to transform the whole society by spreading terror, and killing is just the means.

"To oppress the society and transform the social fabric, you need to impoverish the society," he said, drawing a parallel between the Nazi

killings of the Jews during the World War II and the massacre of intellectuals during the Liberation War of Bangladesh.

Though the aim of the perpetrators to eliminate the Bangalee race did not succeed, it put some sort of limit to the characteristic of the Bangalee society, said the president of the International Association of Genocide Scholars.

At the conference, organised by the Department of Criminology in collaboration with the Liberation War Museum in Muzaffar Ahmed Auditorium of the Social Sciences Faculty, Feierstien spoke on "Genocide as Social Practice".



Daniel Feierstien

He said the perpetrators broke the social fabric by killing the Bangladeshi intellectuals who had the understanding and the capability of criticising the reality and common sense.

"The current management of international media is another way of impoverishing the society," he added, citing how one-sided news published repeatedly in international media diminishes the society's power to think critically.

According to the expert, a lack of knowledge of the "other" helps the perpetrators construct the concept of "otherness", which is often used

to convince the society that killing the "other" is justified.

"Once the whole society is convinced that there is a need to kill them and they have started to kill, it is quite difficult to stop it."

With regards to democracy and genocide, the professor said there was no direct evidence that genocide happened only during autocratic regimes.

"In the last decade, democratic governments started using criminal gangs to produce genocide without state implication," he said, citing examples from Columbia and Mexico, where the governments avoided accountability to international community by claiming that the gangs were not linked to the state.

## Baqui Billah passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Baqui Billah, an engineer, died at a local hospital on Friday. He was 90.

He left behind his wife, two daughters and two sons. He was buried at his family graveyard in Nishindara of Bogra.

Born in 1925 in Bogra and educated in Kolkata Shibpur College of Engineering, Baqui Billah was the chief engineer of the Public Works Department and structural designer of several buildings and monuments.

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## Man dies from heart attack as cops raid house to arrest son

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Feni

A man died from a cardiac arrest when joint forces raided his Debipur residence in Sadar upazila of Feni Tuesday night to arrest his son over torching a truck, said relatives.

Mafizur Rahman, 65, father of pro-BNP Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal activist Arifur Rahman, was declared dead in Sadar Hospital. He became unconscious when police allegedly threatened to arrest him as law enforcers could not find Arifur in the house, according to some Mafizur's relatives.

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Tight security measures were taken at a makeshift court in the capital's Bakshi Bazar yesterday as BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia was supposed to appear before it in the Zia Orphanage Trust graft case.

PHOTO: STAR

## Qulkhwani

CITY DESK

Qulkhwani of Zainul Abedin, a social worker, will be held in his residence on Friday after the Maghrib prayers.

He died on Monday at the age of 91, says a press release.

Zainul left behind his daughter Rafeya Khan, and sons Ainul Abedin, Faizul Abedin and Azizul Abedin.

He was founder president of Mashjid Shamaj, an NGO, and founder member of the Cancer Society of Bangladesh.

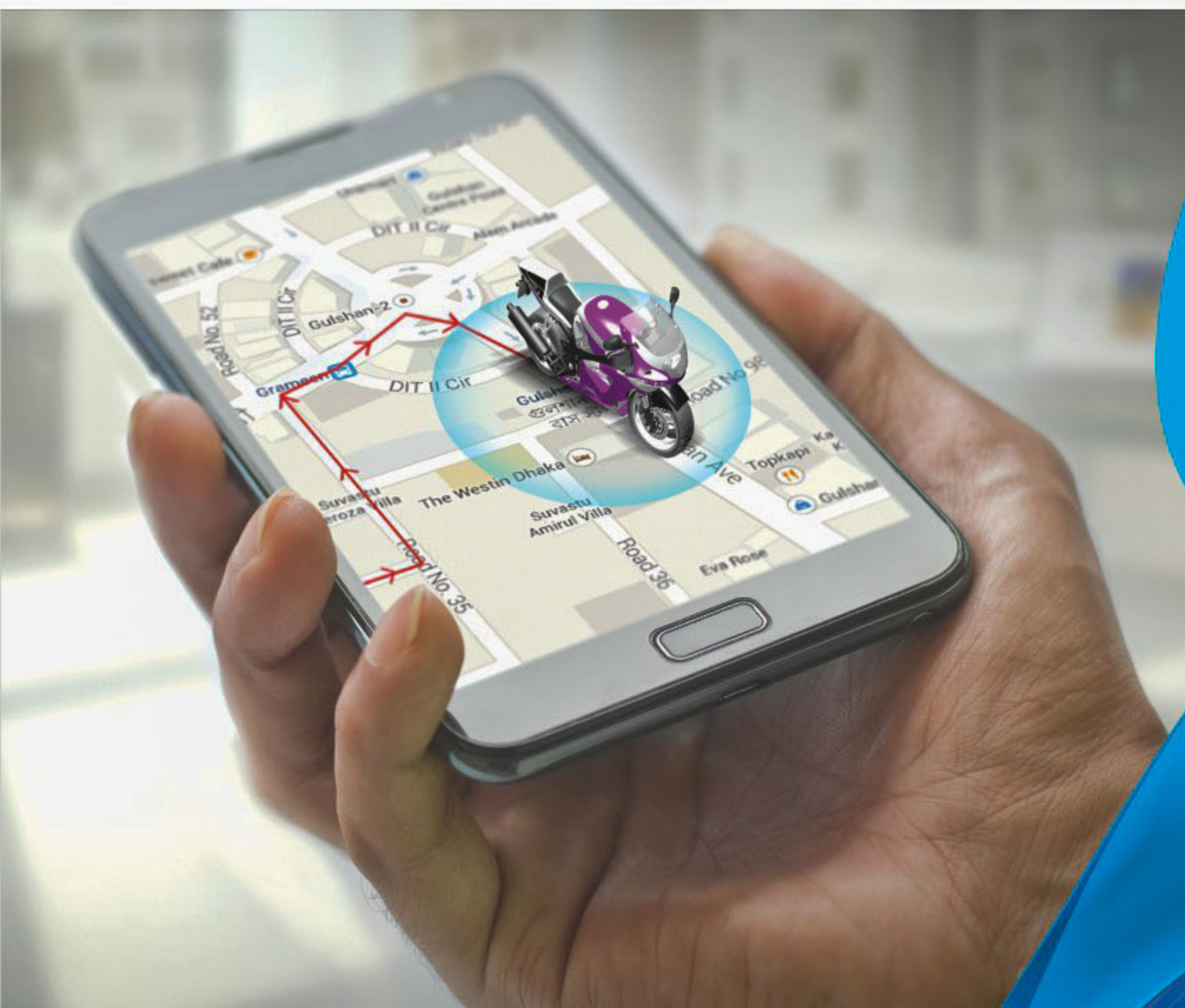


### Seminar

Sushasoner Jonno Procharavizan (SUPRO) will organise a seminar on "National consultation on social audit findings (health and education)". Venue: The Daily Star Centre, Time: 9:00am

### Seminar

Bangladesh Garments Workers Protection Alliance will organise a seminar on women's empowerment. Venue: National Press Club, Time: 10:30am



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