

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA H 33.6 L 19.2

CHITTAGONG H 35.1 L 19.5

SYLHET H 35.8 L 18.8

RAJSHAHI H 35.2 L 16.7

KHULNA H 34.2 L 18.4

BARISAL H 34.0 L 16.8

RANGPUR H 34.2 L 17.4

COX'S BAZAR H 33.4 L 21.0

Day temperature may rise slightly and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:11pm and rises tomorrow at 6:00am. Country's highest temperature 37.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rangamati and lowest 14.8 in Srimangal.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina talks to children after inaugurating a nine-day warfare exhibition organised by the Bangladesh Armed Forces at National Parade Ground in the capital yesterday marking Independence Day, to be observed on March 26.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

VANDALISM CASES HC grants bail to Jubo Dal chief Alal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday granted six months' ad-interim bail to Jubo Dal President Syed Moazzem Hossain Alal in two vandalism cases, clearing the way for his release from the Kashipur jail-2.

Alal was arrested on December 24 last year in the cases filed for attacking the ruling party's Netrakona-1 lawmaker, Chhabi Biswas, and vandalising his car, and preventing police from discharging duties in Dhaka Medical College Hospital area the same day.

The incidents occurred when BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia appeared before a court in Bakshibazar in Dhaka and in the Zia orphanage and Zia charitable trust corruption cases on December 24.

ABU SAYEED MURDER CASE
Informer Geda confesses to crime

Points finger at two other cohorts

A CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Ataur Rahman Geda, a source of law enforcers, yesterday confessed to his link to the kidnap and murder of Abu Sayeed before a magistrate's court.

Before the court, Geda also gave information about two others who had connections to the killing, said police who were trying to arrest them.

Earlier two other arrestees, constable Ebadur Rahman of Airport Police Station and Nurul Islam Talukdar alias Rakib, Ulema League general secretary of Sylhet district unit, had also confessed to the crime.

After a three-day fresh remand, Geda was sent to jail, said Md Rahmat Ullah, additional deputy commissioner (media) of Sylhet Metropolitan Police.

Quoting court sources, police said Geda corroborated the statements of Ebadur and Rakib before the court. He told the court that they kidnaped Sayeed for ransom, but later murdered him as Sayeed recognised them.

Criminals kidnaped Sayeed, a fourth grader of Shahi Eidgah Hazrat Shahi Mir Govt Primary School, on the way



Geda

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Academic activities resume at BRUR

After nearly 4 months

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

After nearly four months, academic and administrative activities of Begum Rokeya University, Rangpur resumed yesterday.

A section of teachers students and staff under the banner of "Samannita Odhikar Bastobayan Parishad" put the administrative building under lock and key since December 3 and the academic buildings since February 2 demanding overdue promotions and related benefits of the teachers and staff and holding of the postponed admission test immediately.

The university authorities broke the locks of the buildings in the presence of Executive Magistrate

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Govt must provide basic amenities to urban poor

Development practitioners tell workshop, saying the population deserving for their contribution to economic development

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is duty-bound to provide basic amenities like safe water and housing to the urban poor living in slum settlements for their direct contribution to the country's economic development, leading development practitioners told a workshop yesterday.

The slum dwellers, as per a survey on seven settlements in Dhaka, Chittagong and Bogra, prioritised safe drinking water, adequate quality latrines, sanitation, housing, schools

and job security as needs to escape the vicious cycle of poverty, ill-health and illiteracy.

For these priority needs, including basic hygiene knowledge and medical services, this enormous population living in informal settlements remain trapped in a vicious cycle of poverty and fail to live a decent human life, said the survey.

It was conducted by the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) of the University of Sussex, UK in collaboration with ActionAid Bangladesh and Brac Institute of Governance and

Development (BIGD).

IDS and ActionAid Bangladesh organised the workshop, "Informal Work and Wellbeing in Urban Areas", at a Gulshan hotel in the capital.

Over 90 percent of respondents said to have used shared latrines, said Prof Ferdous Jahan of BIGD.

Farah Kabir, country director of ActionAid Bangladesh, who moderated the consultation, said there were examples of the Indian government providing some basic amenities to slum dwellers in Kolkata and Mumbai.

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We mourn

Al-haj Md. Rezaul Karim Ansari, hon'ble Director, Jamuna Bank Limited passed away on 21.03.2015 at 11.01 pm. at a Hospital in Thailand (Innalillaha Rajeun). The Board of Directors, Management and all employees of Jamuna Bank are deeply shocked and express their deepest sorrow at the sad demise.

We pray for the salvation of his departed soul. May Allah give the grief stricken family members, relatives and friends the solace and strength to bear this sad loss.

We express & convey our deepest condolences to the bereaved family.

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