



YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA H 34.0 | L 24.0

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SYLHET H 31.6 | L 21.2

RAJSHAHI H 35.4 | L 22.0

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RANGPUR H 27.1 | L 22.5

COX'S BAZAR H 31.5 | L 22.8

Day and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:12pm and rises tomorrow around 05:54am. Country's highest temperature 35.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rajshahi and lowest 18.4 in Srimangal.

## Convention against political violence today

The host Sammilito Nagorik Samaj urges all to raise voice in unison  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sammilito Nagorik Samaj, a citizens' platform, will hold a national convention in the capital's Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh today to protest the ongoing acts of terror against general people in the name of political movement.

It will start at 9:30am with the slogan "Get united to resist violence, terror and militancy and to build a secular, democratic and prosperous Bangladesh".

Mentioning that many innocent people have been killed and many others injured in arson attacks on vehicles, the platform said the country was now facing a grave crisis and the core principles of independence enshrined in the constitution were under threat.

Alluding to BNP, it alleged that acts of terror were going on, as the political party, which has called hartals and blockade, did not seek a political solution to the existing crisis.

These harmful programmes are taking a huge toll on the economy, trade and education system, while progressive people and free thinkers are coming under attack, the forum said, observing that the government's containing measures are almost failing.

Sammilito Nagorik Samaj asserted that terror could never be a way of politics, and a political crisis should not be treated as a problem of law and order.

The platform urged people from all walks of life including freedom fighters, development activists, professionals, farmers, day labourers, women, youths and students to play a unanimous role to overcome the ongoing crisis.



Unidentified people have long been stealing clay soil at night from the Bangshi River in Savar, outside the capital, allegedly to use it for brick-making. M Shamsul Hoque, general secretary of Nodi O Poribesh Unnayan Parishad, Savar, said unplanned excavation would make the river bottom uneven, inset, and result in a shift of the channel and bank erosion, and rise of shoals hampering navigation of vessels. Informed by The Daily Star, Savar Upazila Nirbahi Officer Mohammad Kamrul Hasan Mollah said the administration would organise night-time patrols, if necessary, to catch the perpetrators. The photos were taken in Balughat and Thanaghat on Tuesday. PHOTO: RASHAD AHAMAD

## Nine killed in road accidents

CITY DESK

Nine people were killed and 21 others injured in road accidents in five districts yesterday and Thursday.

Our Staff correspondent reports, a staff of a Dhaka-based national daily's printing press died and another was injured when a newspaper-carrying pickup-van turned turtle near Kamalapur Railway Station in the capital's Shahjahanpur area yesterday.

The deceased was Mashiur Rahman, 30, a staff of the press belonging to Manobkantha.

Our Rangpur correspondent reports, four people were killed and 20 others injured when a bus fell into a roadside ditch on Rangpur-Kurigram highway in Jummarpar area of Kaunia upazila on Thursday.

The deceased were Azizul Islam, 20, Hamidul Islam, 45, of Lalmonirhat

Sadar, Ramjan Ali, and Raju Mian, 20, of Rangpur city.

A correspondent from Chittagong reports, Bibi Joynob, 72, of South Dulong village died when a truck ran her over while she was crossing Chittagong-Khagrachhari road in Fatikchhari upazila of Chittagong yesterday.

Our Chapainawabganj correspondent reports, Abdul Ahad, 35, of Horinagar village died when a truck hit his motorcycle at Pailing intersection of Shibganj municipal area yesterday.

Meanwhile, Rezaul Karim, 27, of Sahara village died when a truck hit his motorcycle in Saharatola village of the same upazila.

Our Jamalpur correspondent adds Rafiq, 30, of Ranarampur village when a three-wheeler collided head-on with a CNG-run auto-rickshaw on Jamalpur-Mymensingh road in Joyrampur area under Sadar upazila yesterday.

## Dhaka, Delhi ties at its best

Says spokesperson of India

UNB, Dhaka

India has described its current relations with Bangladesh "best" compared to past bilateral relations, said Syed Akbaruddin, spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs, India while replying to a reporter.

Akbaruddin said they are working with Bangladesh on a host of issues, including river water, border management, economic ties, and development partnership.

## NEWS IN brief

### Helpline opens at Bangladesh embassy in Male

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh embassy in Male, the Maldives has opened a 24-hour helpline for Bangladesh expatriates living in the country.

The number of the helpline is +9603320859, according to a media note of the foreign ministry.

### Lightning kills couple

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

A man and his wife were killed after being stuck by lightning while their child escaped unhurt in Vandara Guchcha village in Thakurgaon yesterday.

The union parishad Chairman Mahbub Alam told The Daily Star that lightning struck Md Hanif, 55, and Chanbanu, 45, around 5:00am while they were sitting in their courtyard during heavy thunder shower.

Luckily their eight-year old son was unhurt though he was also sitting with his parents, he added.

### Youth's beheaded body found

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Police recovered the body of a youth with the head missing from Burberia Bill area of Kodla village in Jessore yesterday morning.

Nayon Sheik, 23, was a resident of Sangkorpasa village.

Locals informed police on seeing the body, which was sent to Jessore General Hospital for an autopsy. A case was filed.

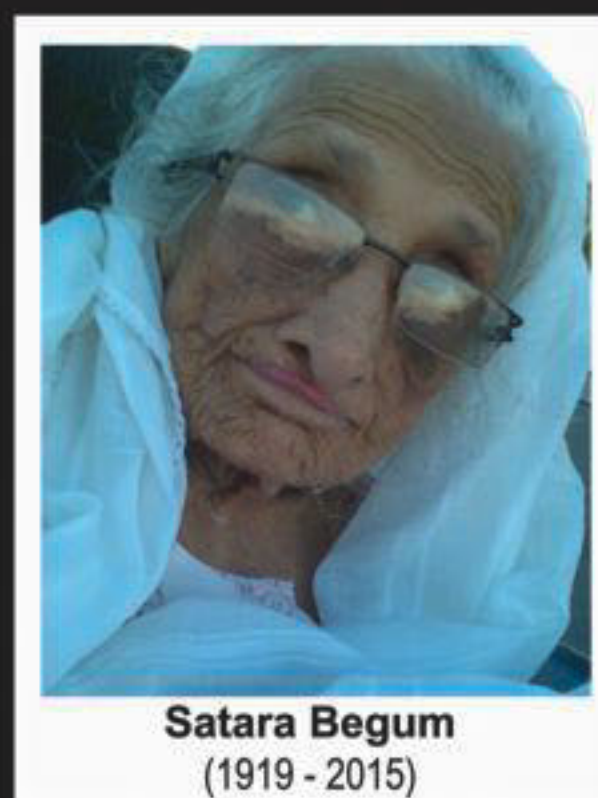
### Woman's body recovered in Savar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Police recovered the body of a woman from her house at Bank Colony in Savar early yesterday.

Bristi Rani, 21, had a quarrel following a family feud at night with her husband Mongal Chandra Das, a tax office assistant in Savar, said police quoting locals. Locals caught the husband while he was fleeing and handed him over to police.

## We deeply mourn



Satara Begum (1919 - 2015)

The Board of Directors and all staff of Mutual Trust Bank Limited (MTB) and its subsidiaries-MTB Securities Ltd., MTB Capital Ltd., and MTB Exchange (UK) Ltd. condole the passing away of Mrs. Satara Begum, wife of Al-Haj Abdus Salam of Dumni, Gulshan, Dhaka and mother of Mr. M. A. Rouf, JP, Vice Chairman of the MTB Board of Directors.

Mrs. Satara Begum passed away at 5:30 am in her residence in Dumni, Gulshan, Dhaka on Thursday, March 26, 2015 (Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi rajiun). She was 96 years old.

Her Namaz-e-Janaza will be held today, Saturday, March 28, 2015 at 2:30 pm after Zohr Prayers at her Dumni residence. She will be buried in the family graveyard.



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A man stands in what is supposed to be a metal seat built for passengers waiting for buses, showing the irony of the situation. The photo was taken yesterday at Ramna Park in the capital.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

## Gender equality foundation of dev

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strides since the country's birth in 1971. They have achieved political empowerment, better job prospects and improved education, and have been the engine behind the amazing growth of the ready-made garment industry, which is now number 2 in the world, he added.

Emphasising the need for keeping the legal minimum age 18 for marriage of females, Thomas said they were quite concerned to see press reports suggesting that the government is thinking of including counterproduc-

tive language allowing 16 and 17 years old children to marry with parental consent.

It would seriously undermine the new law's intended goal -- putting an end to the harmful practice of child marriage once and for all, he said.

Prof Emeritus of DU Najma Chowdhury said, "The present conference is intended to contribute to the ongoing discussion regarding integration of women in any scheme of development goals. We believe that the goals are possible to achieve through timely interventions from the catalysts

-- the state and government, peoples and citizens, scholars, and the academia, in short by all stakeholders of the society."

Tania Haque, chairperson of the host department, said the conference brought together scholars and activists from different countries and regions to have fruitful collaboration, participatory discussions and sharing lessons learned in different socio-economic contexts which would help to create a global platform for achieving gender equity and sustainable development for diverse groups of people.

## Check terror financing

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for Bangladesh and other countries. "You have to be cautious" about that, he asked.

The central bank chief instructed the bankers to comply with "Know Your Customer (KYC)" provisions properly to check illegal fund transfers.

The BB is working based on the new data base of national identity cards prepared by the Election Commission, he said, adding that other commercial banks would connect with the central bank's server immediately to access the data.

The governor hoped that such

measures would help comply with KYC provisions properly and also play an effective role in preventing money laundering.

He also asked the bankers to effectively follow the rule and regulations relating to anti-money laundering and combating financing of terrorism.

## The Daily Star

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