

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA H 30.4 L 19.5	CHITTAGONG H 31.7 L 20.5	SYLHET H 25.0 L 19.0	RAJSHAHI H 31.2 L 20.1	KHULNA H 33.0 L 20.2	BARISAL H 32.1 L 19.7	RANGPUR H 28.0 L 19.9	COX'S BAZAR H 32.0 L 25.4
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Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty/squally wind is likely to occur at a few places over Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Rangpur and Rajshahi divisions till 6:00pm today. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:16pm and rises tomorrow at 5:45am.

Man killed in his house

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man was killed in his building's roof in the capital's Gendaria in broad daylight yesterday.

Sunny Sarkar, 45, lived on Alamganj Road.

His elder sister Yeasmin Begum said, "Suddenly I saw Sunny appeared there from upstairs clutching his throat and stomach and blood was oozing out of his wounds. I asked him who did this but he could not speak as his throat was partly cut. But when I asked if it was my domestic help, Jummon, Sunny nodded." He was declared dead at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Yeasmin, who owns the building, went to the house with her son Md Mishal and Jummon alias Sagar on Thursday to repair the building.

Police said Jummon is absconding while Mishal was detained for interrogation.



Some of the visiting nine-member team of foreign doctors and paramedics operate on Sakil, a 13-year-old boy who suffered burns in a house fire five years ago, in Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday. Put together by FOR-Bangladesh Association, Germany; and not-for-profit organisation Interplast of Germany, Hungary, and the Netherlands, the team selected five burn victims of recent arson to provide treatment and perform plastic surgery for free.

PHOTO: STAR

NEWS IN brief

10kg of gold seized at airport

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Customs officials yesterday detained five people and recovered 86 gold bars, weighing 10kg, worth around Tk 5 crore, from their bodies at the capital's Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport.

The five, Abdul Halim, Belal Uddin, Sajjad, Alam and Anwar, boarded the Biman Bangladesh Airlines flight which came from Dubai, from Shah Amanat International Airport at Chittagong.

The detainees admitted in primary interrogation that they were supposed to hand those over to some people in Dhaka.

Indian foreign secretary arrives

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Sujata Mehta, secretary (multilateral and economic relations) to the Ministry of External Affairs of India, arrived yesterday in the capital for a three-day visit to review and discuss the ongoing India-Bangladesh development partnership and economic cooperation.

She is expected to call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and other ministers and to hold discussion with Senior Secretary to Economic Relations Division Mohammed Mejbahuddin.

She is being accompanied by Alok Kumar Sinha, joint secretary (development partnership administration), and Sripriya Ranganathan, joint secretary (Bangladesh and Myanmar).

Trader's body recovered in Sylhet

A CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Police recovered the body of a tealeaf vendor from a drain in Rikabibazar area of Sylhet city yesterday.

Police said Ruhul Ahmed, 35 of Barisal went missing after he had left his motorcycle beside a clinic on Saturday night. Finding the vehicle lying there till yesterday afternoon, locals searched the area and spotted his body.

The body with injury marks in the head and throat was sent to Sylhet Osmani Medical College Hospital for an autopsy.

Ctg factory fined Tk 4.4 lakh for polluting environment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Department of Environment (DoE) fined a washing factory Tk 4.4 lakh for polluting environment in Pahartali area of Chittagong city yesterday.

During a drive, a team of DoE officials found Lease Washing Ltd discharging toxic chemical wastes bypassing its effluent treatment plant (ETP).

Another factory in the area, Imam Button Industries Ltd, was issued show-cause notice as its ETP was found inactive, DoE officials said.

WAR CRIMES

Trial of two Netrakona 'Razakars' begins

April 15 fixed for contempt charges against Azharul's lawyer, 5 Jamaat-Shibir leaders

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The war crimes case against two alleged Netrakona "Razakars" began yesterday with the prosecution reading out some parts of the 24-page opening statement, saying they would be able to prove the six charges using documentary evidence and witnesses' testimonies.

Though the prosecution brought their first witness to testify, the three-member International Crimes Tribunal-1 fixed April 12 for recording the testimony as the defence sought more time for preparations.

Obaidul Haque alias Taher and Ataur Rahman Noni were allegedly involved in genocide and crimes against humanity in Netrakona during the 1971 Liberation War.

Meanwhile, the tribunal adjourned until April 15 hearing of a contempt petition against Tajul Islam, a counsel of war criminal ATM Azharul Islam, and five leaders of Jamaat-e-Islami and pro-Jamaat student organisation Islami Chattra Shibir for their statements before the media following a verdict.

Road crashes kill 5, injure 22

CITY DESK

Five people were killed and 22 others injured in road accidents in five districts yesterday and Saturday.

In Dinajpur, A BGB man died when a bus hit his motorcycle on Dinajpur-Rangpur highway in front of Ansar VDP office yesterday.

The deceased was Shafiqul Islam, 25, of Paharpur area.

In Chittagong, Rani Akther, 25, a RMG worker, died when a bus ran her over at sector four inside Chittagong EPZ area yesterday.

Around 16 RMG workers were also injured as the bus carrying them plunged into a roadside canal.

In Natore Sadar, Shawkat Ali, 30, of Bonbelgharia village died and six people were injured when a truck rammed into an auto-rickshaw in Tebaria area yesterday.

In Chapainawabganj, Waheduzzaman, 12, son of Zinnur Rahman of Umarpur village died when a truck hit his bicycle in Kansat area of Shibganj upazila yesterday.

In Panchagarh, Mir Ali, 45, of Nazirjoth village died when a truck hit his motorcyclist on Tentulia-Banglabandha road in Tentulia upazila on Saturday.

61,000 Yaba pills seized, 3 arrested

CITY DESK

Around 61,000 Yaba tablets were recovered and three people were arrested in this connection in Chittagong and Narayanganj yesterday.

In Narayanganj sadar, Rab-11 officials posing as prospective buyers raided Bappi Traders and arrested two people with 50,000 Yaba tablets and Tk 8,000 at Nayaati in Shiddirganj area, said Rab.

The arrestees are Shafiqul Islam, 35, owner of Bappi Traders and Delaware Hossain, 25.

Delaware used to smuggle Yaba from Teknaf and sell them through Shafiqul, Rab added.

In Chittagong, a team of Department of Narcotics Control (DNC), Chittagong, recovered 11,000 Yaba tablets from a pick-up van in Moijjartek area of Patiya upazila.

They also arrested the driver Saddam Hossain, 27, of Cox's Bazar.

Tipped-off, DNC officials searched the van coming from Cox's Bazar around 1:30am and recovered the Yaba tablets worth Tk 63 lakh, said the officials.



Within months of being demolished by the district administration and police, shops return encroaching on the side of the road in Kalurghat BSCIC Industrial Area in Chittagong city and in some places by chopping down trees. A shopkeeper said he bought one structure for Tk 20,000 from influential locals who are being 'assisted' by police. The Chandgaon Police Station officer-in-charge denied the allegation, saying if directed they would again conduct demolition drives. The photo was taken on Saturday.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

DMP plans stringent Construction of Khan

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down death penalty to eight militants of Harkatul Jihad al Islami (Huji), including its top leader Mufti Abdul Hannan and life imprisonment to six others for killing 10 people in the attack.

Abul Kalam Azad, chief of Rab's Intelligence unit, told The Daily Star they have beefed up vigilance ahead of Pahela Baishakh taking into consideration the killing of two bloggers and information gleaned from the arrestees.

At yesterday's meeting, IGP Shahidul Hoque asked law enforcers to remain alert so that people could celebrate the first day of Bangla Calendar in a festive environment.

He called upon everyone to cooperate with the law enforcers at the festival venue.

The IGP also asked law enforcers to take additional security measures in and around the venues of fair, cultural programme, cinema halls and public gatherings where people throng to celebrate the day.

Helicopters will be kept ready to handle any kind of crisis on that day, the release said.

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The then Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Lt Col Faruq Khan engaged experts of Khulna University of Engineering and Technology to prepare the pre-feasibility study report on the project in 2012.

Later, the Kuet expert team submitted the report to the Civil Aviation Authority highlighting the importance of the airport with recommendation for constructing the airport in two phases.

Later, civil aviation and tourism ministry sent their proposal to the prime minister who ordered the construction of the airport on priority basis.

District administration sources said 150 hectares of additional land will be acquired for the project.

Avoid BNP-backed

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meeting.

Hasan Mahmud said arsonists are looking for opportunities to cause violence on the eve of the upcoming city corporation polls.

He urged the law enforcers to conduct extensive drives against arsonists and pickets to ensure a secure environment so that people from all walks of life can cast their votes.

AL-backed mayoral candidate for Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) polls AJM Nasir Uddin was present among others.

Amir Khasru accuses

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of the BNP-led alliance.

Khasru claimed that although the ruling-AL has "destroyed" democracy, they are participating in the elections as they have faith in the public.

He hoped that just as in the last CCC election, people this time would also say "no" to the ruling party by voting for the BNP-backed candidate.

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