

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA
H 30.5 L 20.8

CHITTAGONG
H 31.2 L 21.7

SYLHET
H 33.0 L 19.6

RAJSHAHI
H 32.4 L 19.6

KHULNA
H 31.0 L 20.0

BARISAL
H 31.0 L 20.0

RANGPUR
H 31.5 L 21.0

COX'S BAZAR
H 35.0 L 24.0

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty/squally wind is likely to occur at one or two places over Khulna, Barisal, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions and Comilla and Noakhali till 6:00pm today, said Met Office. Day and night temperature may rise slightly. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:18pm and rises tomorrow at 05:43am.

CITY CORPORATION ELECTIONS 2015

RO warns three Ctg councillor candidates for violations
10 more withdraw candidacies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
The returning officer (RO) of Chittagong City Corporation warned three more councillor candidates against further violation of the electoral code of conduct, while 10 more aspirants withdrew their candidacy yesterday. Nazmul Huq of Ward 24, Mizanur Rahman of Ward 39, and Nur Minara Nargis of Ward 4 (Reserved Seat) were served show cause notices for breaking the electoral code earlier, said Assistant Returning Officer Md Shafiqur Rahman.

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One man set to become Ctg city councillor uncontested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
An Awami League-backed councillor candidate in the April 28 Chittagong City Corporation election is going to win uncontested, as his only rival withdrew his candidature yesterday. Mohammad Hossain Hiron remains to be the lone candidate in Ward 13 (Pahartali). Three people applied to run for the ward's councillorship, but the candidacies of Jamaat-e-Islami-blessed Md Mahfuzul Alam, the incumbent councillor, and Jatiya Party-backed Gias Uddin, were cancelled.



Dhaka South City Corporation mayoral candidate Bazlur Rashid Firoz, backed by the Communist Party of Bangladesh and Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal, talks to a voter during his campaign in Central Shaheed Minar area on Dhaka University campus yesterday.

Laws to be changed for full execution of CHT peace accord
Says Gowher Rizvi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The government will amend Chittagong Hill Tracts related laws that are inconsistent with the CHT peace accord of 1997 to harmonise those with the treaty, said Gowher Rizvi, the international affairs adviser to the prime minister. To this effect, 12 CHT specific laws and 26 related laws need to be amended, he said at the opening session of a workshop on "Towards Harmonization of CHT Laws," organised by the CHT affairs ministry and UNDP in the capital yesterday. The laws must be amended in such a way so that the accord can be implemented fully, said Gower Rizvi, adding that a good progress has been made regarding amendments to the CHT land commission law. He also assured Bangalees of CHT region that the lives and properties of the Bangalee will not be affected if the accord is implemented fully. In his keynote speech, Goutam Kumar Chakma, a local government adviser of UNDP, said now the CHT region is governed by three categories of laws—laws those are enacted or amended following the provisions of the CHT accord, CHT specific laws made to rule CHT since the British era and other CHT related laws. Bir Bahadur U Shwe Sing, state minister for CHT affairs, and Pauline Tamesis, country director of UNDP, Bangladesh, also spoke at the event.

SEE PHOTO ONLINE

Dhaka civil society forms two camps for mayoral favourites

STAR REPORT
Two platforms of civil society members affiliated with Awami League and BNP were created yesterday to support the campaigns of the party-blessed candidates for the April 28 city corporation elections in Dhaka. Versatile writer Syed Shamsul Haque and cultural personality Golam Quddus have been made convenor and member-secretary of 146-member "Dhaka Nagorik Samaj". With the slogan, "Build modern Dhaka in the spirit of the Liberation War," the pro-AL platform will support the campaigns of Annisul Huq and

Sayede Khokon, mayoral aspirants for Dhaka north and south city corporation respectively. Addressing a press conference at Dhaka Reporters Unity, Syed Shamsul Haque said, "We think Dhaka dwellers will not choose anyone of any party that undermines Liberation War's spirit." Film director Nasiruddin Yusuf Bachchu, theatre personality Ramendu Majumdar, novelist Panna Kaiser, actor Syed Hasan Imam, and martyr Dr Alim Chowdhury's widow Shyamoli Nasrin Chowdhury are also on the committee. The pro-BNP "Adarsha Dhaka Andolon" of 1,001 members will be led by former vice chancellor of Dhaka

University Prof Emajuddin Ahmed, and journalist leader Shawkat Mahmud as convener and member-secretary. Its creation was announced through a media release. There will be different committees and sub-committees under the platform. It has a 10-member steering committee including lawyer Khandakar Mahub Hossain, founder of Gonoshasthaya Kendra Dr Zafarullah Chowdhury, Prof Mahub Ullah, Prof AFM Yusuf Haider, senior journalist Mahfuz Ullah, Akhter Hossain, journalist Abdul Hai Sikhdar,

Nasir vows to end Ctg waterlogging permanently

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Ctg
Awami League-backed mayor candidate AZM Nasir Uddin started meeting the voters yesterday, promising to end Chittagong city's crippling waterlogging once and for all. "The city is facing two serious problems at present -- waterlogging and poor waste management," he said. "I assure you of ending waterlogging permanently within five years," the AL city general secretary told reporters after visiting the shrine of Hazrat Shah Amanat. AL's Chittagong south district President



Manjur meets BNP grassroots, new female voters

PRANABESH CHAKRABORTY, Ctg
BNP-blessed mayoral hopeful M Manjur Alam, who will start his field-level campaign tomorrow, met party grassroots leaders and new female voters at his residence yesterday, while two top BNP leaders continued seeking votes for him from the general people. Manjur promised to the new female voters that he would free the city from pollution. He will start visiting the residents personally with a manifesto and after allotment of symbols tomorrow.



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