

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA
H 31.5 | L 21.1

CHITTAGONG
H 30.0 | L 21.2

SYLHET
H 32.0 | L 19.7

RAJSHAHI
H 32.4 | L 20.8

KHULNA
H 32.2 | L 20.8

BARISAL
H 31.0 | L 21.0

RANGPUR
H 29.5 | L 19.5

COX'S BAZAR
H 29.5 | L 21.0

Day temperature may fall slightly over southern part and it may remain nearly unchanged elsewhere over the country and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:24pm and rises tomorrow at 05:28am. Country's highest temperature 32.8 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Jessore and lowest 19.5 in Rangpur.

Students vow to resist militancy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Students of different schools in the capital vowed to resist militancy and communalism on the 14th Mukti Utsab celebrated yesterday.

The Liberation War Museum organised the event, Mukti Utsab-2015, at Dhaka University.

Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Huq said, "We will resist those who are trying to bring militancy to the country in the name of religion." "You will be the new generation of freedom fighters who has to rise against those trying to establish militancy and destroy democracy in the country," the minister told the students.

Writer Dr Muhammed Zafar Iqbal said, "You have to love your country and study attentively and only then can Bangladesh succeed." War heroine Ferdousi Priyabhashini recited oath to the students.



Like previous years, thousands of students of schools of the capital gather to celebrate Mukti Utsab-2015 organised by the Liberation War Museum on the Dhaka University campus yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Two killed in Benapole clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Two people were killed and four others injured in a clash between two groups of villagers over cutting of a fallen tree at Raghunathpur village in Benapole of Jessore yesterday morning.

The dead were Md Abdullah, 52, former member of Bahadurpur Union Parishad; and Shamsur Rahman, 40, son of Khalilur Rahman of Raghunathpur village, said Benapole police Officer in-Charge Apurba Hasan.

Injured Sumon, 23, Asgar Ali, 35, M Abdullah, 35, and Hafizur Rahman, 35, were rushed to Jessore Medical College Hospital and Sharsha Burujagan Hospital.

The OC said the former UP member was attacked by Nasir Uddin, Alauddin and some others with sharp weapons as he asked them not to take away the roadside tree that fell down in a storm.

Following the incident, the two groups clashed on the spot. Later, police brought the situation under control and arrested two Giasuddin, 45, and Abdur Rahman.

The bodies were sent to Jessore Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsies.

Abducted child found dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

A teenager was found dead in a well at Aragoan village in Ashulia, outside the capital, yesterday after 14 days of abduction.

Md Rassel Rana, 14, son of RMG worker Md Kabir Hosen, did not return home after he went out with neighbour Zameer on April 11. On April 13, an unidentified caller demanded Tk 14 lakh as ransom from Kabir. Kabir alleged that police did not take any step though he filed a general diary. When asked, Sub-Inspector Ruhul Amin of Ashulia Police Station could not ascertain what steps were taken to rescue Russel. Zameer along with his family is absconding.

Few of last Bangladeshis in Yemen want to return

Say govt officials citing low response to evacuation call

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Very few of the remaining 100 or so Bangladeshis in conflict-torn Yemen are contacting to be evacuated and brought back home, prompting government officials to believe that many might not want to return.

"We are continuing communication with the IOM (International Organization for Migration) authorities to evacuate our nationals who want to return home," said SM Mahbulul Alam, counsellor at the Bangladesh embassy in Kuwait, yesterday.

"The IOM already rescued 29 of our nationals," he told The Daily Star over the phone.

The Middle Eastern country has been in turmoil for months since rebels took over

the capital, Sanaa, after bursting out of their northern stronghold, say international media.

Since last month, when the crisis hit, 528 Bangladeshis have been brought back with assistance from the Indian authorities, who have ended their evacuation mission, and the IOM.

The last batch of 165 Bangladeshis reached Dhaka on Wednesday night by two separate flights after being stranded for over three weeks.

Bangladesh has no mission in Yemen. The government set up a temporary mission in Djibouti on April 3 with its embassy officials from Kuwait and Turkey.

Mahbulul said they would continue to run the Djibouti mission until it ceased to be needed.

NEWS IN brief

Indefinite transport strike begins in Mymensingh

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Mymensingh District Transport Owners' Association yesterday called a strike for an indefinite period demanding that Haluaghat police immediately release their truck which they confiscated about a year ago.

According to the association leaders, police detained two trucks, one from Noakhali and another from Haluaghat, as sand was mixed with the consignment of coal.

Noakhali police released a truck few months ago. When contacted, Haluaghat police denied the claim of seizing any truck on Mymensingh-Haluaghat road.

BSF detains Bangladeshi youth

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) picked up a Bangladeshi youth from near Dharmagarh border in Ranishankoil upazila of Thakurgaon on Thursday.

BSF members, during a company commander-level flag meeting between BSF and BCB yesterday, informed that Inuddin, 23, son of Wahab Ali of Uttar Colony village, was handed over to Goalpukur Police Station in Paschimbanga on the charges of intrusion and drug peddling as he was caught inside Indian territory with several bottles of Phensedyl, said BCB sources.

RMC reopens today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Academic activities of Rangpur Medical College (RMC), which were suspended following a clash between two factions of Bangladesh Chhatra League's RMC unit, will resume today after 10 days.

At least 10 people were injured in the clash occurred over establishing supremacy on the campus on April 15.

Dhaka Community Hospital organises health camp

CITY DESK

Dhaka Community Hospital Trust organised a health camp under "Establishing Teghoria Community Clinic and Developing Medical Services for Residents of Disaster Prone Areas in Habiganj City, Bangladesh" programme in Habiganj district yesterday.

Over 2,500 patients were attended at different departments including medicine, pediatric and gynaecology.

Foods were also distributed among unprivileged people of the village. The project is being implemented by DCH Trust in collaboration with Hope Bridge-Korea Disaster Relief and Asia Pacific Alliance for Disaster Management, and supported by Community Chest of Korea while being sponsored by SAMSUN C&T.



Within just one year, almost a half-kilometre stretch of the newly rebuilt drainage canal, known as Rayerbazar Khal, has been completely clogged with a four or five feet deep layer of sludge. Locals said the situation had resulted from a lack of maintenance in the absence of the elected public representatives. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

AL, BNP weighing fears

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activists as well as the voters. "If he had any dissatisfaction, he would have discussed it in the party forum," the leader said.

Another leader of AL said that as Mohiuddin was general secretary of Nagorik Committee, the draft of the manifesto should have been finalised with his suggestions.

Mohiuddin's expression of dissatisfaction proved that he is still "aggrieved" for his "not getting party support" for the mayoral run, he said.

However, Chittagong city AL Vice President Nayeem Uddin Chowdhury brushed aside any negative impact of the remarks. "Mohiuddin bhai is working hard for Nasir's campaign despite his illness. There is no rivalry in the party; we all are unitedly working for Nasir's win," he said.

The BNP camp is particularly apprehensive of a free and fair election.

Ameer Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury, Chittagong city president of the party, said

they had information that the AL camp had "planned to occupy" the polling centres. "We neither get support from the Election Commission, nor from police," he said.

However, he did not say how and from where he obtained the information.

"The EC has asked to submit the names of the agents of the candidates in the polling centres within April 26, which is unprecedented. Previously, we used to submit the names of agents on election day," he said. "We fear that the agents might be harassed by police."

Khasru said, "We are now totally dependent on the common people who are the actual owners of the state."

Contacted, Shafiqur Rahman, assistant returning officer of the city polls, said that as they would send all electoral materials and law enforcers to the polling centres on April 27, they needed some preparations, and so they wanted the list of agents within April 26.

Japan worried at violence

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series of violence that have occurred during the election campaigning for the city corporation elections, which are scheduled for April

28. "Whatever the case may be, we believe such acts are great disservice to the public, to society and to the people seeking for successful elections," the statement said.

Appointment of teachers

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Non-Government Teachers Registration Exam and Certification Rules 2006" for incorporating proposals, including fixing up year-wise number of vacant posts and selection of candidates based on it, said officials sources.

The NTRCA is also considering introducing viva voce exam, preparing upazila, district and country-wise merit lists for appointing teachers, they added.

A top official of the education ministry said the process is at the final stage and expected to be made effective soon.

According to sources, deserving candi-

dates are not appointed as teachers in the educational institutions due to mainly political influence, irregularities and corruption. Talking to the news agency, Education Secretary Nazrul Islam Khan said, "As the number of vacant posts is limited, many candidates with less calibre sometimes manage to get appointment as teachers by applying illegal ways or means."

Chairman of NTRCA Ashish Kumar Sarker said the NTRCA will conduct exams like Public Service Commission in three phases-preliminary, written and viva-voce for the selection and appointment of quality teachers.

Record history of communists

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Anwar Hossain of Khulna.

All except three of the remaining were seriously injured, said Matiur Rahman, adding that the book was based on newspaper reports, articles, interviews of the injured leaders and their relatives.

Speakers lauded the author's relentless efforts to write the book, which they said would fill a historical void.

Stating that it was okay for people as citizens to demand their rights, journalist Kamal Lohani, chairing the ceremony, questioned whether they paid due respect to people who helped achieve the country's independence.

He said Khapra Ward Killing Day was observed in a scattered manner in three to four places, including Rajshahi, but it should be observed nationally.

"Communists have a great role in every democratic movement of Bangladesh but it is almost ignored at national level," he said, calling for documenting the history of the Communist Party of Bangladesh.

Language movement veteran and poet Ahmad Rafiq said Muslim League was ferocious after the 1947 partition which led to the independence of India and Pakistan and the killing was a glaring example.

Many communist leaders were

killed during the Muslim League regime for their progressive movements but little has been documented due to negligence towards history and tradition, he added.

Satta Ranjan Bhattacharya, one of the injured who now lives in India's Shiliguri, in a video message said the murdered victims were in everyone's hearts. As history is being written today, their memories would inspire all, he added.

Gopesh Malakar, present in the jail during the killing; Dripta Roy, daughter of injured Prasad Roy; and Sabirul Islam Biplob, son of another injured leader Amirul Islam, also spoke.



Death anniversary CITY DESK

Today is the 4th death anniversary of Begum Fawzia Samad, wife of Bangladesh General Insurance Co Ltd founder late MA Samad.

Fawzia had been president of Dhaka Ladies Club for about 38 years, says a press release.

She along with her husband founded a magazine "MINAR" for children and youth of the country.

Fawzia was born in Sylhet in 1929. She was the mother of Towhid Samad, chairman of BGIC; Fancy Samad, Tamju Samad and Sabrina Samad.

Manjur's camp files

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Sub-inspector Md Shamim and Patenga Police Station Assistant Sub Inspector Md Sazzad were barring Manjur's campaigners from hanging posters and banners, threatening families of BNP leaders acting as polling agents and intimidating voters, said one complaint.

The platform backing the BNP-supported

Chittagong City Corporation poll's mayor candidate asked for the duo to be "withdrawn" and kept away from election related duties.

The activists were barring campaigners in Polytechnic, Bayezid and Khulshi areas, said the other complaint, signed by the platform's Member Secretary Advocate SUM Nurul Islam. Returning Officer Abdul Baten said they were looking into it.

Ruhul Talukder wins Sony World

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world's largest programmes for photography students.

"It is really a great honour for me to be recognised from among so many good works," Talukdar

said.

The photographer received the award and the latest Sony digital imaging equipment at a ceremony in London.

The winning series will be shown at

the 2015 Sony World Photography Awards Exhibition in London.

The year 2015 attracted record breaking entries in its eight year long journey with 173,444 images submitted from 171 countries.