

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 33.9 L 26.0	H 32.8 L 25.5	H 28.2 L 20.9	H 34.9 L 23.5	H 35.5 L 24.8	H 34.2 L 25.4	H 30.6 L 21.0	H 33.3 L 25.0

Rain or thunder showers accompanied by temporary gusty/squally wind is likely to occur at one or two places over Rajshahi, Rangpur, Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions till 6:00pm today. Day and night temperature may rise, said Met Office. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:27pm and rises tomorrow at 05:24am.

Reinstate two expelled BCL leaders of Buet
Pro-AL student body asks university authorities
 DU CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) yesterday demanded that the Buet authorities reinstate its two expelled top leaders and terminate Prof Jahangir Alam for his "links to Jamaat-e-Islami". BCL president Shuvro Jyoti Tikader and general secretary Aby Sayeed Kanak of Buet unit led an assault on the civil engineering professor on April 12 and were expelled for this on April 20. The BCL men defended their action, saying the professor made "provocative" remarks on Facebook following the execution of war criminal Muhammad Kamaruzzaman on April 11. BCL general secretary Siddique Nazmul Alam said, "What Shuvro, Kanak and other BCL leaders did was 100 percent logical."



Holding high lit candles, people from all walks of life including children at Central Shaheed Minar in the capital yesterday at the call of Shomman, to pay tribute to the workers on the eve of May Day. Since its establishment in 2012, social organisation Shomman has been promoting the cause of the countless "helping hands" who assist others in domestic work day in and day out. According to the organisation's founder, Dr Rubaiul Murshed, the "helping hands" are often victims of mental and physical abuses, and their work is still not recognised as "labour" in Bangladesh.
 PHOTO: STAR

Report on steps to ensure Bangla in media ads
HC asks cabinet, info secretaries
 STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday ordered the government to submit a report to it by May 27 on the steps taken to ensure Bangla language in advertisements of media and on vehicles' registration plates, signboards and billboards. Cabinet and information secretaries have to mention in the report whether there is any legal provision for English advertisements dubbed in Bangla by electronic media in the country, Deputy Attorney General Tapash Kumar Biswas told The Daily Star. He said the HC yesterday did not say anything about using English advertisements by print media, particularly English newspapers. During hearing a rule issued on February 17 last year, the HC bench of Justice Quazi Reza-Ul Hoque and Justice Abu Taher Md Saifur Rahman fixed May 27 for passing a further order, said Tapash. On that day, the HC following a writ petition issued the rule upon the government to explain why it should not be directed to make Bangla mandatory in all sectors, including offices and courts, as per Bangla Language Introduction Act, 1987. It also directed the government to take necessary measures in a month to ensure Bangla in all advertisements of electronic and print media and also on the nameplates of vehicles' registration, signboards and billboards in the country.

Apex court extends status quo on Jamuna Resort
 STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday extended its chamber judge's order till May 17 that issued a status quo on April 26 on the possession of Jamuna Resort. The resort on the south bank of the river Jamuna in Tangail will remain under the possession of Bangladesh Bridge Authority (BBA) following the SC order, Attorney General Mahbubey Alam told The Daily Star. He said BBA had already took the possession of the resort through canceling a 30-year lease with Jamuna Resort Ltd, a consortium of Bangladeshi and foreign companies. The SC passed the order during hearing a petition filed by the BBA against a High Court order in this regard. The SC also asked the BBA to submit a leave to appeal petition against the HC order to SC by May 17. Following a petition, the HC on April 23 allowed JRL to run its lawful business at the resort for next three months. It also stayed a Dhaka court order that upheld the BBA notice that on April 1 canceled the 30-year lease of the resort with JRL.

Tribunal seeks charges May 17 against Habiganj 'Razakars'
Fourth prosecution witness cross-examined in Taher-Nani case
 STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Following a prosecution prayer seeking three-week's time for preparations, International Crimes Tribunal-2 yesterday asked it to submit on May 17 the formal charge, if any, against two Habiganj "Razakar" brothers over crimes they allegedly committed during the 1971 Liberation War. Muhibur Rahman Boro Mian, 65, the former chairman of Baniachang upazila's Khagaura union parishad, and Mujibur Rahman Angur Mian, 60, the incumbent, were produced before the court yesterday. Earlier in the day, the tribunal's investigation agency handed over the probe reports and other documents to the prosecution. The agency completed investigations on Wednesday, saying four charges involving killing, rape, abduction, confinement, torture, looting, arsons and rape "have primarily been proved" against them. Meanwhile, defence counsels Abdus Subhan Tarafder and Syed Mizanur Rahman completed cross-examining the fourth prosecution witness, Abu Taher, in another case against two alleged Netrakona Razakars - Obaidul Haque alias Taher and Ataur Rahman Nani. International Crimes Tribunal-1 adjourned proceedings until May 17.



Muhibur Mujibur Nani Taher

NEWS IN brief

Aircraft glitch prevents firefighters from leaving for Nepal
 STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A search and rescue team of Bangladesh Fire Service and Civil Defence could not leave for earthquake-hit Nepal due to a technical glitch in the aircraft of Bangladesh Air Force which was supposed to carry them. The fire service authorities for the first time in history were sending a team to a foreign country, said Maj Shakil Newaz, fire service director (operations and maintenance), who is leading the 22-member team. Saturday's devastating quake killed over 5,000 people and injured more than 10,000.

Justice Hasan Foez new Judicial Service Commission chairman
 CITY DESK

Justice Hasan Foez Siddique, sitting judge of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, has been appointed the chairman of Bangladesh Judicial Service Commission. The president has made the appointment and published a gazette notification to this effect yesterday. As per Bangladesh Judicial Service Commission rules, the chairman of this 10-member body is appointed by the president in consultation with the chief justice from the judges of the Appellate Division of the SC.



The sitting Buddha, a 30-foot tall concrete statue inclusive of the pedestal height of four feet, was unveiled on the premises of Jagannath Hall of Dhaka University last evening, ahead of Buddha Purnima on Sunday. It was designed by artist Mong Khi Mong Rakhaine and financed by Swapan Barua Chowdhury, general secretary of Bangladesh Buddhist Association. The construction costing over Tk 50 lakh and took about 10 years to be complete.
 PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

NIKO, GATCO GRAFT CASES
Hearing of Khaleda's challenges adjourned again till May 6
 STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday adjourned for six more days the hearing on two seven-year-old writ petitions filed by BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia challenging the legality of Niko and Gatco corruption cases. It fixed May 6 for resuming the hearing. The Anti-Corruption Commission filed the Niko case on December 9, 2007, accusing Khaleda and four others of abusing power to award a gas exploration and extraction contract to Canadian company Niko during BNP-led government's tenure. The Gatco graft case was filed by the ACC against the BNP chief and 12 others on September 2, 2007 on charges of corruption in awarding Global Agro Trade (Pvt) Co Ltd (Gatco) a contract for container management at inland container depots in Dhaka and Chittagong. Following the writ petitions filed in July 2008, the HC stayed the proceedings of the cases and issued a rule upon the government and the ACC to explain why the case proceedings should not be declared illegal.

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banner "Nipironer Birudde Jahangirnagar", they also accused Proctor Prof Tapan Kumar Saha of failing to take punitive measures against Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) men who assaulted visitors in the past. The JU authorities have suspended eight students and JU BCL unit five activists while an investigation has been initiated under an "Anti-Sexual Harassment Cell" of JU. Meanwhile, the university syndicate last night decided to distribute the floors of a newly constructed building to three depart-

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ments -- computer science and engineering (CSE), geological sciences, and environmental sciences. The first two will share the ground and first floors, while the environmental sciences department will get the second floor, said Prof Syed Kamrul Ahsan, a syndicate member. Aggrieved at the decision, the teachers of the CSE department, which is long opposed to environmental sciences department's entry into the building, decided to resign en masse while its students started a hunger strike, said a CSE teacher seeking anonymity. The prime minister also noted that measures have been taken to produce skilled manpower through thirty-seven technical training centres and imparting training to the prospective migrant workers. "Thirty more technical training centres are awaiting launch." Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid was the special guest at the inaugural session of the conference. Chairman of the Steering Committee of the conference IDEB President AKMA Hamid chaired the function, while CPSC Director General Dr Mohammad Nain Yaakub was the co-chair.

69 hurt as CU's dissolved BCL factions clash
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They assaulted Shakawat Hossain, CU correspondent of the daily Kaler Kantha, and smashed his cellphone when he tried taking pictures, added the witnesses. Later, the 69 group's activists beat up Masud and Rifat at the

station. Police fired a tear gas canister and dispersed the warring factions. A tense situation was prevailing on the campus till filing of the report in the evening. Leaders of both groups accused each

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each other by disproving that the incident never took place. Hasan Tareq also criticised the VC for claiming earlier that no DU student was involved in the sexual assault of women on the campus.

"Please, don't make comments until the investigation into the matter is complete," he said, alluding to the VC. Witnesses said 30 to 40 rowdy youths sexually assaulted around 20 females at the Suhrawardy Udyan gate near TSC during the Pahela Baishakh celebrations.



A nine-member medical team of Dhaka Community Hospital led by Golam Mostafa, project director, right before leaving for Nepal with surgery equipment, medicines and dry food for the earthquake victims there. Other members of the team are Prof ASM Monirul Alam, consultant, orthopaedic; Dr Abdul Malek, medicine specialist; a child specialist, two medical technologists, and three nurses.
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