

**WEATHER FORECAST**

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

**DHAKA**  
H 34.0 L 25.9

**CHITTAGONG**  
H 32.4 L 24.0

**SYLHET**  
H 29.4 L 23.0

**RAJSHAHI**  
H 35.0 L 25.0

**KHULNA**  
H 35.7 L 25.2

**BARISAL**  
H 33.2 L 21.5

**RANGPUR**  
H 31.8 L 23.6

**COX'S BAZAR**  
H 33.5 L 25.6

Day and night temperatures may rise slightly over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:28pm and rises tomorrow at 05:23am. Country's highest temperature 35.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rajshahi and lowest 21.2 in Khepupara.

## Rival BCL factions at CU sue each other

CU CORRESPONDENT

Two factions of now dissolved Bangladesh Chhatra League unit at Chittagong University sued each other on Friday over Thursday's clashes between the two on the campus.

Mohammad Mohsin, an activist of campus based group Banglar Mukh, filed a case with Hathazari Police Station against 24 members of Sixty Nine, a faction based on shuttle train.

In the case, he named 14 including the dissolved committee's finance secretary Abu Kaiser Rony and activists Ariful, Tipu and Tamjid, said Inspector (Investigation) Md Salah Uddin.

Suruj Haldar of Sixty Nine lodged the other case accusing 25 of Banglar Mukh naming 13 including Soumen, Rashedul Islam Jisan and Sumon, he said.

Both the groups are Chittagong City Corporation Mayor-elect AJM Nasir Uddin's followers.

On Thursday, at least eight students and a policeman were injured while a journalist and a train operator assaulted during intermittent clashes between the two groups over establishing supremacy.

The CU authorities formed a three-member committee, headed by law department Dean Prof Abdullah Al Faruk to investigate the incident, said Proctor Siraj-Ud-Doullah.

## Battery-run rickshaws return to Ctg city roads

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

After a nearly one-and-a-half months break, banned battery-run rickshaws started plying across Chittagong city again.

Hundreds of these rickshaws were seen on almost all the roads of the city, including in GEC, Golpaha, New Market, Agrabad, EPZ, Katghar, Alanker and Bahadderhat areas yesterday.

Abdul Kader Majumder, president of Chhattagram Battery Chalito Rickshaw Chalok Malik Forum, a platform of 15,000 rickshaws, said they secured an order from the Supreme Court that extended a High Court stay order on the ban till June 18.

The HC order expired on March 15 this year. The SC extended the stay order on April 22.

Masud Ul Alam, deputy commissioner of Traffic Division (North) of Chittagong Metropolitan Police, said they received a copy of the order and would take action accordingly after scrutinising it.



Concrete structures including a community centre, Wasa staff quarters, a club and part of a mosque stand in the place of Narinda Park, making it impossible to visualise that it was an open space once covered with greenery. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

# Community centre wipes out another park

**DISAPPEARING DHAKA PARKS**

**NARINDA**  
EST: 1960s  
SIZE: 0.33 ACRES  
WARD: 77 (OLD)

How many parks does Dhaka city need? According to rules, it should be 92, one for each ward. But we have only 54, with several of them having ceased to exist and many threatened. At least 10 parks have been replaced with a community centre, kitchen market, mosque, rickshaw garage or truck parking lot, mostly by the city corporation itself. This is the picture when an urban expert, Prof Nazrul Islam, says every 10,000 city residents need an open space of four acres -- park or playground -- for healthy development of children and prevention of diseases related to physical activities. The Daily Star reports how and why we are squeezing our breathing spaces in our metropolis where 15 million people cram in. The fourth report of the series is published today.

HELEMUL ALAM

Another park fell victim to Dhaka city corporation's community centre "project" and another locality in the capital lost an open breathing space.

The park on Narinda Road, adjacent to Binoti Bibir Masjid, was small but had greenery that would soothe minds and give kids an opportunity for healthy sports activities, said locals.

Advocate Tajuddin Ahmed, chairman of Dhaka municipality during 1961-64, constructed the park. But in the late 1990s, the two-storey community centre was built on its land. Later, the rest of the park was occupied by Narinda Junior Lions Club, Wasa staff quarters, and partially by multi-storey Narinda Boro Masjid.

It was the only park for the residents of Narinda, Sharat Gupta Road, Dakkhin Moshundi, and Dholaikhal.

Nazrul Islam, a resident of Sharat Gupta Road, said, "My daughter, Mariam Islam, a class IV student, has no place to play outdoor games which are mandatory for her physical growth, whereas I played cricket, badminton, and other games in the park during my teenage years."

Around 300 children used to



play in the park every day, and the number would increase on Fridays, he added.

Md Nazimuddin, former president of Narinda Junior Lions Club, which supervises the community centre, said the community centre has been non-operational for the last two and a half years, as the locals who went to the mosque

complained about the noise and smoke produced during cooking.

But an NGO runs a school on the ground floor of the community centre, he added.

Amzad, a resident of Narinda, said it was a nice green park and was suitable for all ages.

Chief Executive Officer of Dhaka South City Corporation

Ansar Ali Khan said the structures were built way before the corporation came under the supervision of administrators in November 2011.

The residents of Narinda said they were never consulted before destruction of the park. They added that if asked, they would certainly have voted for the park to exist.

## NEWS IN brief

### Chief justice urges young lawyers not to chase money

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Justice SK Sinha yesterday urged young lawyers not to run after money and advised them to become good human beings.



"Money will come to you," he said while speaking as chief guest at a ceremony organised to give certificates to young lawyers at Officers' Club in the capital. He further said, "If you run after money, you will never become a lawyer." Bar Council organised the programme where 2,720 young lawyers got certificates.

### Ctg school students demand arrest of Pahela Baishakh molesters

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Students of different English medium schools of Chittagong city on Friday demanded immediate arrest of perpetrators who were involved in the mass molestation of females at Dhaka University during Pahela Baishakh celebrations this year.

They formed a human chain in front of the press club under the banner of "16 Koti" (16 crore), a platform of English medium school students of Chittagong.

### Bangladeshi gets shot in Benghazi as two local groups exchange fire

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Bangladeshi suffered bullet injuries during a gunfight between two local factions in Libya's Benghazi on Friday night.

Anowar, who hails from Naogaon, was admitted to a hospital there, Rakib Jahan Jasim, another Bangladeshi expatriate in Libya, told The Daily Star yesterday.

Contacted, Ashraful Islam, counsellor at Bangladesh embassy in Tripoli, said they were trying to know the details of the incident.

### Man dies in Dhanmondi lift crash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man died after a lift fell to the ground from the third floor with him inside due to snapping of its cable in an apartment building of the capital's Dhanmondi yesterday.

The deceased, Nuru Miah, 45, was the chauffeur of a resident on the third floor of the six-storey building, police said. The accident occurred when he was descending from his employer's flat. Nuru, with serious head injury, was rushed to Bangladesh Medical College Hospital and later shifted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where he succumbed to the injury.

### Man falls to death in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A person died after falling from the first floor of Kidney Foundation Hospital and Research Institute in the capital's Mirpur yesterday.

Nazrul Islam Talukdar, 50, a local of Mirpur, went to the hospital for regular check-up of his transplanted kidney, victim's brother said.

He fell on the concrete surface of the ground while looking for something below around 12:30pm, hospital sources said.

He died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital around 1:30pm.

### Obituary

CITY DESK

MA Mazid Khan, former deputy governor of Bangladesh Bank, died from a cardiac arrest yesterday, aged 72, says a press release.



His namaz-e-janaza will be held after the Zohr prayers today in Al Magfara Mosque on Road-18, Sector-3, Uttara, Dhaka.

All are requested to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

### 98pc centres saw

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"This government does not believe in people's votes," he said as a panellist at BBC Bangladesh Sanglap.

Dismissing the allegations, another panellist, Awami League advisory council member Suranjit Sengupta, said the BNP is making such claims as the elections did not end in its favour. "You [BNP] participated in and won five elections when Awami League was in power. You did not complain then," he said.

Hannan Shah, however, was of the opinion that the election was a moral victory for the BNP as people now know that the ruling party is incapable of holding a fair and credible election.

Manusher Jonno Foundation Executive Director Shaheen Anam demanded a detailed account of irregularities during the polls.

"We are yet to receive a full picture of rigging from the Election Commission, Election Working Group, BNP or the government," she said.

EWG Steering Committee members Nazmul Ahsan Kalimullah and Taleya Rehman said "a level playing field" was not ensured before the polls. 98pc centres saw codeviolation



PHOTO: COLLECTED

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid presents gold medals to graduates of North South University on the occasion of its 18th convocation on its Bashundhara campus in the capital on Friday. Prof Randy L Beutler of Southwestern Oklahoma State University delivered the convocation speech. NSU Vice Chancellor Prof Amin Sarkar and UGC Chairman Prof AK Azad Chowdhury were present among others.

## NSU's convocation held

CITY DESK

The 18th convocation of North South University (NSU) was held at its Bashundhara campus in the capital on Friday.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid presided over the ceremony and conferred degrees to 2,034 graduates while Prof Randy L Beutler, president of Southwestern Oklahoma State University, delivered the convocation speech.

Nine gold medalists, including valedictorian Muneera Chowdhury, from the undergraduate and graduate programmes were awarded chancellor's and vice-chancellor's gold medals.

Among others, Prof AK Azad Chowdhury, UGC chairman, as the special guest; Benajir Ahmed, BOT chairman; and Prof Amin Sarkar, NSU vice chancellor, were present at the programme.

## Salahuddin's wife again seeks

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residence.

Earlier, a BNP delegation led by the party's international affairs secretary Asaduzzaman Khan Ripon visited Hasina Ahmed to console her.

In March, Hasina submitted two memorandums to Sheikh Hasina seeking her intervention to trace Salahuddin.

On March 10, some 20 to 30 people picked the BNP leader up from a house at Uttara introducing themselves as law enforcers, particularly as Detective Branch of police personnel.

Finished Apartments at UTTARA

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