

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 33.8 L 27.5	H 33.6 L 26.4	H 26.5 L 24.5	H 37.4 L 26.7	H 35.0 L 27.6	H 33.0 L 27.0	H 30.7 L 24.4	H 33.5 L 26.0

Rain or thunder showers accompanied by temporary gusty/squally wind is likely to occur at a few places over all the seven divisions till 6:00pm today. Day and night temperature may fall slightly, said Met Office. Mild heat wave, sweeping over Rajshahi, Pabna and Chuadanga, may abate. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:30pm and rises tomorrow at 05:19am.

CITY CORPORATION ELECTIONS 2015

90pc votes cast in six Dhaka polling centres

Say EC result sheets adding that 26 other centres saw more than 80 percent casting; poll experts including a former election commissioner suspect massive rigging

PANKAJ KARMAKAR
Poll result sheets of the Election Commission say each of at least six polling stations witnessed over 90 percent of its votes being cast in the recently held Dhaka south and north city corporation elections, eliciting astonishment from experts. Scrutinising centre-wise results, it has been noticed that in these centres Awami League-backed mayor candidates got amazingly higher numbers of votes than their rival BNP-backed candidates. Of them, Uttara High School and College

centre of Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) and Maniknagar Model High School centre of Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) witnessed 97.26 percent and 97.35 percent respectively. Besides, over 80 percent of total votes were cast in 26 polling stations in the two city corporations, according to poll result sheets of the Election Commission. However, the average vote casting rate in the two city corporation election is around 42.93 percent, the result documents say. Three city corporation elections in Dhaka

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New Dhaka mayors join offices

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
New Dhaka South City Corporation Mayor Sayeed Khokon and Dhaka North City Corporation Mayor Annisul Huq joined their offices yesterday. To hear from the city dwellers regarding their problems, Khokon will hold a dialogue with them soon, he announced. He met the newly elected ward councilors in his office. Later, in the afternoon he had a meeting with the chiefs of different departments. On the first day, Annisul spent about three hours at his office having introduction with the staff. Meanwhile, the authorities withdrew DSCC

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Writ petition filed for judicial probe into irregularities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A writ petition was filed with the High Court yesterday seeking directives to form a judicial probe commission with its retired judges to investigate the reported irregularities in three city corporation polls held on April 28. In the petition, Eunos Ali Akand, a Supreme Court lawyer, also prayed to the HC to issue a rule upon on the Election Commission and the government to explain why their alleged failure in holding the elections in a free and fair manner should not be declared illegal. He requested the court to make the EC, chief election commissioner and secretaries to the ministries of LGRD, home and law, as well as returning officers of Dhaka North, Dhaka South and Chittagong city corporations respondents to the rule. Citing media reports, Eunos Ali in the petition said irregularities were found in the three city corporation polls. He said people's right was violated since they reportedly could not cast their votes in the city elections. Eunos Ali told The Daily Star that the HC may hold hearing of the petition on Sunday. Earlier, different countries and international organisations, including the USA, UK and United Nations, requested the government to investigate the reported irregularities in the elections.



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PRICKLY SKINNED NUTRITIONAL JOY

KNOW YOUR FOOD

Summer comes to Bangladesh with promise of myriad fruits so what better way to start the day than with a bowl of freshly cut pineapple or its juice? It is quite a common sight on the roads of Dhaka to see street vendors selling pineapple's diced and mixed with green chilies or just plain black salt (bit lobon) now. Aside from that it is also used to make chutneys as well as in savory dishes (chicken and fish) that are quite tangy in taste. Pineapples are not just a tasty summer fruit but also highly beneficial to one's health when consumed on a regular basis.

Bromelin is an enzyme found in pineapples that aids in reducing various inflammatory conditions, such as arthritis, joint pain and swelling. Due to the presence of Vitamin C which also contributes to its tangy taste, pineapples protect the body against immune system deficiencies, cardiovascular diseases, prenatal health problems, eye diseases. It aids in the development of healthy bones, tissue and teeth. Many patients in post operative care can benefit from this as it reduces recovery time. For the more beauty conscious ones, Vitamin C acts as an antioxidant, thus it prevents any sort of skin damage such as wrinkling, and giving smooth healthy skin. As the edible portion of the fruit attains quite the fleshy texture, its fibre count is high making it the best choice of food for people suffering from frequent constipation or even obesity. It also aids in reducing risks of developing diabetes, heart diseases and colorectal cancer.

Shipon Chakma from Rangamati, cultivates a certain breed of pineapples; locally know as "Jal Dubi" that can weigh from three hundred grams to one and a half kilograms. He has been in the business of growing and selling pineapples for the last six years. Amongst the many farmers that provide Shwapno with their range of summer fruits, he is one of them. Pineapples are grown on plots that are about two to three acres in size and take about sixteen to eighteen months to mature. Shwapno sends a team of experts who carefully scrutinize the fields and select which batches of pineapples they want to bring into the stores. The team informs Shipon Chakma about their selections and afterwards he makes the necessary arrangements for the fruits to be sent from the field to the shelves of the store. Shwapno offers their shoppers pineapples that weigh from three hundred grams to a kilo only.

Pineapples are small in size but they are bombs of nutrition. Nothing is worse than catching a cold in this heat. As clichéd as it may sound, an apple a day keeps the doctor away, then daily pineapple intakes will keep the cold away. On its own, juice or in a curry, making a habit of eating fruits on a regular basis is not just a healthy but necessary habit as well. Summer in Bangladesh means an abundance of fruits, so what are you waiting for?

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