

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAH	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 29.0 L 20.1	H 35.0 L 23.2	H 27.5 L 20.6	H 32.8 L 22.3	H 34.6 L 27.3	H 33.5 L 24.0	H 30.4 L 21.2	H 34.3 L 27.2

Day and night temperatures may fall slightly over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:31pm and rises tomorrow at 5:19am. Country's highest temperature 35.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Chittagong and lowest 29.5 in Tangail.

TANGENTS

BY IHTISHAM KABIR

Chasing "the One"

AS a photographer I am constantly searching for "the One", that special photograph that shows something never seen before, evokes strong feelings - even passion - from the viewer, perhaps breaks some rules, and, most of all, leaves its imprint on your memory.

But how do you find that photograph? I turned to the great photographers for an answer.

Robert Doisneau, the French master, said, "If I knew how to take a good photograph, I'd do it every time."

Edward Weston, the American master, told us, "To consult the rules of composition before taking a photograph is a little like consulting the law of gravitation before going out for a walk."

Weston's student, the great landscape photographer Ansel Adams, set our expectations. "Twelve significant photographs in any one year is a good crop", he said.

Hmmmm. Maybe I should follow Nike's advice: "Just do it."

But then, why is it so difficult to do, to take that special photograph? It is because so many things have to come together perfectly when you click the shutter: light, colours, viewpoint, subject matter, facial expression, time and timing, sometimes even the month of year, and of course technical competence. Whatever this photograph does - tell a story, evoke an emotion or a memory, recreate a time and place, capture a person's life experience in one portrait - the One is greater than the sum of its parts. It is nothing short of a miracle, bringing a joy so



At Pahela Baishakh, three years ago.

PHOTO: IHTISHAM KABIR

immense that it wipes out the drudgery of taking all those other mediocre photographs.

Chance plays an important role. The more time you spend "in the game," ready and looking for a great photograph, the better your chances of finding the One.

Precision is another key. As Henri Cartier-Bresson once said, "The difference between a good picture and a mediocre picture is a question of millimetres." He is talking about the viewpoint and distance from the subject. Moving yourself or your camera just one millimetre this way or that will make or break a photograph. Precise timing is crucial.

When taking pictures I never know immediately if I have captured the One. To evaluate the photographs, I wait for a few days to create a distance between them and my experience. For example, I might go to the Pahela Baishakh festival and enjoy it while taking photographs. But if I try to pick the best photographs on the same day, my judgement will be biased by my immediate memories and feelings from the experience.

As I continue searching, I realise that many of my significant photographs were created almost casually, in an unexpected manner. My intellect had asked me to disregard the subject, but my gut told me, "Go ahead, humour me, take the picture." In more instances than one, that photograph has turned out to be the One. Perhaps instinct, more than anything else, can guide me in this search.

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Three killed as nor'wester hits Sirajganj

UNB, Sirajganj

Three people were killed and another was injured as a nor'wester swept through Shahjadpur upazila of Sirajganj on Thursday night.

The dead were identified as Farhad Ali, 22, of Char Angaru, Shaher Ali, 34, a resident of Char Narua village and Ayub Ali, a resident of Jamirta village of the upazila.

Meanwhile, four cows died due to lightning strike during the storm in Bhatbera village of Ullahpara upazila.

They didn't know of Thai death camps

7 Malaysia-bound fortune seekers rescued in Ctg tell stories to The Daily Star

SHAHADAT HOSSAIN, Ctg

Encouraged by friends or acquaintances, they were about to embark on the same illegal sea voyage to Malaysia -- a trip that sent thousands to their deaths in recent years.

In fact, Nurul Islam, 27, a carpenter of Mymensingh, had no choice; he had made a failed attempt to migrate "legally" three years ago albeit unaware of the proper procedure.

His friend Yasin and he had given about Tk 1.5 lakh and their passports to co-villager

Rup Mia, an expatriate in Malaysia, to get visas. But Rup failed and returned their money several months ago.

However, Yasin did not give up; he found an alternative. He went to Malaysia illegally with the help of brokers about four months ago, Nurul said.

"If you don't take the illegal path, you'll never make it to Malaysia," he quoted Yasin as saying to him by phone recently.

Yasin also sent him the phone number of one Jahid of Chittagong. "I contacted him and came to Chittagong city on Thursday,"

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A performance comprising songs and a dance routine amidst the ambience of Rabindranath Tagore's creations at Meril-Prothom Alo Awards 2014 in the capital's Gangabandhu International Conference Centre yesterday.

Bar Council election on May 20

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The election to Bangladesh Bar Council, the licencing and regulatory body for lawyers, will be held on May 20.

About 48,465 lawyers will elect the 14-member executive body, with equal general and regional seats, from 61 contestants, the council's Assistant Director Nazmul Ahsan told The Daily Star yesterday.

Coming for three years, the 14 in their first meeting will elect from among them a vice-chairman to work as the chief executive. They will also form other standing committees required to run the council.

The candidates are now busy campaigning making commitments including increasing benevolent funds and establishing justice and the rule of law.

Some Supreme Court lawyers say the main contest will be between two panels -- the ruling Awami League-backed Sammilito Ainjibi Samannoy Parishad (SASP) and BNP-backed Jatiyatabadi Ainjibi Oikya Panel (JAOP).

Former vice-chairman and Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) president M Amir ul Islam is leading SASP while present vice chairman and SCBA President Khandker Mahub Hossain JAOP.

Two other contesting panels are Ainjibi Oikya Front led by former executive member Shah Md Khasruzzaman and Ainjibi Oikya Parishad led by Md Eunos Ali Akond. Other candidates are contesting independently.

Votes will be cast from 10:00am to 5:00pm at 77 polling centres including on the SCBA and district courts' premises and at Bajitpur, Ishwarganj, Durgapur, Bhanga, Chikandi, Patia, Satkania, Fatikhari, Sandwip, Hatia, Nabinagar and Paikgachha police stations.

Attorney General Mahubey Alam, ex-officio chairman, will be the chief election commissioner.

Govt to follow low int'l fuel oil prices

Finance Minister Muhith tells pre-budget discussion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh will take up the opportunity of low fuel oil prices in international markets to adjust prices at home, said Finance Minister AMA Muhith without giving details yesterday.

Addressing a discussion on the budget, to be announced next month, in the capital's Sonargaon hotel, he also said savings interest rates would be cut to make funds inexpensive for the private sector.

"The issue has been reviewed, and a decision to this effect will come on Sunday," he told the programme jointly organised by NTV and the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industries (FBCCI).

The comments came in response to the business community's strong demand on cutting bank lending rates which, they said,

were major obstacles to raising the investment rate.

Interest rates of savings certificate are high, said Muhith, adding, "We raised the rates in the current fiscal year to instil life into the savings instruments, but it was a mistake."

He also said the government plans to use at least 20 percent of the expected foreign aid stuck in the pipeline in the next fiscal year.

"It will allow the government to borrow less from domestic sources which will ultimately contribute to the reduction of banks' lending rates," he said.

He also said the government may further extend the tax-holiday facility for the ICT sector.

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BCL council July 25-26

DU CORRESPONDENT

The 28th council of pro-Awami League (AL) student body Bangladesh Chhatra League will be held on July 25-26.

The council of its Dhaka city north unit will be on May 28, Dhaka south May 30 and Dhaka University (DU) June 11.

That of district and city units will be held from May 25 to July 4. There are 101 district, around 1,000 upazila and numerous union and ward units.

President HM Badiuzzaman Sohag announced the dates at a press briefing at Madhu's Canteen in DU yesterday.

The present central executive committee was announced on July 11, 2011 for a tenure of two years.

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Withdraw Rajshahi mayor's suspension

Demand BNP leaders at press conference

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

BNP leaders in Rajshahi yesterday demanded withdrawal of the government's order suspending city Mayor Mosaddek Hossain Bulbul.

At a press conference in the party's Bhubon Mohon Park office, the leaders condemned suspension of the elected mayor and termed the government's move undemocratic.

They threatened to wage a movement against the government if the suspension order is not withdrawn immediately.

The party's district unit General Secretary Kamrul Monir and Joint Secretary Alauddin Ahmed were, among others, present.

During the news conference, police were attempting to raid the party office and the leaders left the spot without replying to the reporters' queries.

The government on Thursday suspended Rajshahi City Corporation Mayor Mosaddek Hossain Bulbul as he was charged in a court with several criminal cases.

The Local Government Division of the LGRD ministry issued a circular on his suspension in the afternoon and sent it to the chief executive officer of the RCC.

Youth held with 1kg gold in Ctg bus

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A youth was arrested with six gold bars worth about Tk 40 lakh in a bus on the Chittagong-Cox's Bazar highway at Chandanaish upazila in Chittagong yesterday.

On a tip-off, police stopped a Chittagong-bound bus at 3:00pm and arrested Alok Deb, 24, of Chakaria in Cox's Bazar when tried to flee the scene, said Abul Kashem Bhuyan, officer-in-charge of the police station.

Later, the gold bars weighing one kilogramme were found in his socks, he said.

Police said during primary interrogation, Alok said he was just transporting the gold.



Soil from an under-construction high rise dumped at the turning adjoining Panthakunja and Saarc Fountain in the capital, blocking off over half of the road meant for traffic. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Sunken vessel in Sundarbans yet to be salvaged

UNB, Bagerhat

The cargo vessel carrying fertiliser that sunk in the Bhola River at Sarankhola range of the Sundarbans on Tuesday is yet to be salvaged even after four days.

Forest department officials failed to recover the remaining fertiliser inside the cargo despite their two-day effort using dredger machines. If the toxic chemical fertiliser mixes into waters of a vast area, it will pose a severe threat to the mangrove forest's ecosystem.

An inquiry committee of the environment and forests ministry visited the spot yesterday and collected information.

Joint Director of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA), Khulna AKM Abul Bashar said the cargo vessel ran aground in a char around 2,000 feet off the main channel and then sank. As it sank far from the main channel, the vessel owner will have to salvage it. If they fail to do it within a month, it will be sold in auction. A letter will be sent to the vessel owner soon in this regard, he said.

Kamaluddin, Sundarbans east zone Sarankhola range assistant conservator of forest, said now the cargo vessel is being covered by silt. Although the forest department filed a case against four people, including the vessel owner, no one has been arrested yet in this connection.

The cargo vessel - 'Jabalenoor' - was carrying about 200 tonnes of potash fertiliser, said Amir Hossain Chowdhury, divisional forest officer of the Sundarbans East Zone.

The district administration has formed a probe body to investigate the incident, he added. The fertiliser-laden vessel sank some five months after an oil-tanker capsized in a river in the world's largest mangrove forest.