

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA
H 34.8 L 26.8

CHITTAGONG
H 34.0 L 26.6

SYLHET
H 31.3 L 22.8

RAJSHAH
H 32.5 L 23.8

KHULNA
H 34.5 L 24.6

BARISAL
H 35.9 L 26.2

RANGPUR
H 32.6 L 23.6

COX'S BAZAR
H 35.3 L 28.8

Day and night temperatures may remain nearly unchanged over the country. **The sun sets in the capital today at 6:35pm and rises tomorrow at 05:14am.** Country's highest temperature 37.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Mongla and lowest 22.8 in Sylhet.

City elections were okay as there was no killing

Says JS opposition leader Raushan Ershad
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The recently held city corporation elections in Dhaka and Chittagong went well because nobody was killed on the occasion, opposition leader Raushan Ershad commented yesterday, while talking to journalists on recent issues at the Jatiya Sangsad Media Centre.

The April 28 polls saw ballot box stuffing and fighting between rival candidates in dozens of polling centres.

On the defeat of her party-backed mayoral candidates in the three cities, she said they did not campaign enough compared to their rivals.

Asked about the post-

RU senate meeting today after 14 years

RU CORRESPONDENT

The Rajshahi University senate's 21st meeting will be held today after 14 years.

The last meeting was held on June 28-29, 2001, although it is supposed to be held at least once a year according to the RU ordinance. At today's meeting, different important issues including approval of a new institute, launch of honours courses in an institute, approval of budget, and increase in the retirement age from 62 to 65 will be discussed.

Prof Sadequ Arefin Matin, student affairs adviser, said the meeting was not held for such a long time "due to unwillingness of the previous administrations". Vice Chancellor Md Mizanuddin said they had taken initiatives to hold senate meeting every year.

SCBA protests chief justice's remarks

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court Bar Association yesterday protested the chief justice's remarks on lawyers.

Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha at a programme on Saturday said the justice seekers got defeated in 60 to 70 per cent of the cases only due to flaws made by the lawyers.

SCBA Secretary AM Mahub Uddin Khokon at a press conference at its auditorium said the chief justice's remark is "incorrect." He said five lawyers of the association, led by him, yesterday met the chief justice at his Supreme Court office and expressed a "humble protest" against his comment.

Yesterday, the SCBA secretary told journalists that the state does not help lawyers in their training. He alleged that many

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Oblivious of the far reaching consequences, garbage collected from nearby areas being dumped right on the Turag river, the banks of which in this spot near the Ashulia bridge have already been turned into a landfill, spoiling the river's biodiversity and spreading diseases downstream. The photo was taken last Thursday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

DSCC public places will have WiFi

Declares Mayor Khokon
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Newly elected Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) Mayor Sayeed Khokon yesterday announced to bring different public places of DSCC under the WiFi network to ensure free internet service for people.

"I have already met with the prime minister's son, also her ICT adviser, Sajeeb Wazed Joy, who assured me of his help to ensure free WiFi service in public places like the launch terminal, Nagar Bhaban and railway station," Khokon said while addressing the first board meeting after the April 28 election in the Nagar Bhaban.

All DSCC councillors, except two, were present at the meeting held.

Warning the councillors against nepotism, Khokon said there is a negative impression regarding DSCC and they have to change it through their honesty and skills.

He also urged them to monitor the garbage management system and mosquito control activities in their

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WAR CRIMES TRIAL OF NETRAKONA 'RAZAKARS'

Taher, Nani killed AL leader's son

Martyr's brother tells court

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The fifth prosecution witness yesterday testified that war crimes accused Obaidul Haque Taher and Ataur Rahman Nani killed his elder brother in Netrakona during the 1971 Liberation War.

Siddiqur Rahman, 60, told International Crimes Tribunal-1 that he had seen Taher and Nani take away the martyr, Fazlul Rahman of Mouati in Barhatta upazila, from a local market.

"I want justice," prayed Siddiqur as he identified on the dock the two alleged Razakars, the Pakistani occupation army's auxiliary force, of Netrakona who deny the



Taher

Nani

six charges against them.

He said Taher and Nani, along with a group of Razakars and Pakistani army men, attacked Baushi Bazar on August 17, 1971 and looted and torched 400 to

500 shops.

"Accused Obaidul Haque Taher and Ataur Rahman Nani detained my brother Fazlul Rahman from in front of the shop of Ranjan Saha...I saw this from beside Ranjan Saha's shop," said Siddiqur.

Siddiqur said the Razakars brutally tortured and grievously injured Fazlul as their father was a local Awami League leader and an organiser of the Liberation War in

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2 held for attempted rape on 7-yr-old girl

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Although the men of a neighbourhood let the "rapists" go, a woman yesterday disclosed an attempted rape of a seven-year-old girl to police two days after the incident, prompting arrest of two men who had been caught red-handed during the crime in the capital's Mugda on Friday.

Police yesterday arrested the duo Mozammel, 34, a day labourer, and Jahangir, 28, a mason, from Manda and admitted the victim to Dhaka Medical College Hospital's One-stop Crisis Centre for tests.

Quoting the girl, the woman told The Daily Star that the girl had come to the area from Mirzapur of Tangail by a train as her father abandoned her there as a result of a feud between her and her stepmother.

The woman who also witnessed the incident said around 2:00am on the day, the accused duo took the girl to an empty room belonging to one Kashem luring her with the promise of a shelter. Hearing her cry for help, locals rushed to the room, and found the girl naked as the two men were attempting to rape her, she added. The local men however just slapped the duo around a bit and let them go, the woman alleged.

After the incident, she gave the girl shelter in her house,

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Five hurt in JP factional clash in Sylhet

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulribazar

At least five Jatiya Party activists were injured in a factional clash at Sylhet city's Circuit House on Saturday night.

The district JP convening committee member Arosh Ali Bablu spoke against JP lawmaker Md Yahya Chowdhury at a meeting in the presence of State Minister for LGRD Moshirur Rahman Ranga, party sources said.

Following the meeting, the supporters of Bablu and Yahya attacked each other, they said.

Ranga and JP convener Abdullah Siddique calmed the situation, they added.

Dhaka slum dwellers among most vulnerable to climate change

Speakers tell International Centre for Climate Change and Development, and Urban for Humanity workshop

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government should formulate a policy for bettering water and sanitation services in slums and coordinating relevant non-government organisations' activities, speakers told a workshop yesterday.

Stakeholders' collaboration will expedite the urban climate resilience process and reduce overlapping of activities, they said, adding that the five million slum dwellers in Dhaka were the most vulnerable to and affected by climate change.

The daylong workshop revealed

findings of a research on these issues conducted in Dhaka's Dhalpur and Beguntila slums where water supply was inadequate for poor service delivery of Dhaka Water and Sewerage Authority.

Titled "Urban Climate Change

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