



YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

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COX'S BAZAR H 33.5 L 27.2

Mild to moderate heat wave may continue in Rajshahi and Khulna divisions and the regions of Dhaka, Tangail, Faridpur, Madaripur, Chandpur, Noakhali, Barisal and Patuakhali. Day and night temperatures may rise slightly over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:38pm and rises tomorrow at 05:12am.



Hundreds of cages have been set up by fishermen and local youths for farming Telapia fish off both banks of the Dakatia River in Chandpur, however, the practice draws criticism from water transport owners who complain of disruptions in plying of vessels on the river. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

## NEWS IN brief

### Schoolgirl raped in Mymensingh

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A 12-year-old girl was allegedly raped by her neighbour in Phulbaria upazila of Mymensingh on Thursday.

Quoting the victim family, Phulbaria police said Munir Hossain, 20, raped the girl when she went to a pond for bathing. Hearing her scream, neighbours recovered her but Munir fled away.

A case was filed against Munir. Her forensic medical exam will be conducted today.

### Boat carrying rice capsizes in Bhola

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bhola

An engine-run boat carrying 16 tonnes of rice capsized after hitting a shoal in the river Meghna near Hazirhat area in Bhola's Monpura upazila yesterday.

Ershad Ali, upazila nirbahi officer of Monpura, said the rice was being taken to Monpura for a rehabilitation programme for fishermen.

Locals rescued the boatmen and his two assistants.

### Rapist gets life term in Pirojpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

A Pirojpur court sentenced a fugitive rapist to life imprisonment.

According to the prosecution, Tipu Sheikh, 35, of Nazirpur upazila, raped a 20-year-old girl at Baniyar village while she was going to her sister's house on March 29, 2007. The court also fined Tipu Tk 1 lakh.

The court acquitted another accused in the case, Liton, as the prosecution failed to prove his involvement.

### Smuggled Indian medicines seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kurigram

Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) members seized different types of smuggled Indian medicines, worth around Tk 2.67 lakh, at Namatari frontier in Phulbari upazila of Kurigram on Thursday.

Acting on a tip-off, BGB members made the seizure but the smugglers fled. The medicines were handed over to customs officials yesterday.

### St Joseph School and College team wins water prize competition

DU CORRESPONDENT

A three-member team from St Joseph School and College became the national level champion of Stockholm Junior Water Prize competition-2015 yesterday.

House of Volunteers Foundation Bangladesh, a non-profit students' organisation, and WaterAid Bangladesh organised the competition at Buet. The winning team will now compete in the final round to be held in Stockholm from August 22 to 27 in observance of "World Water Week".

WaterAid Bangladesh also announced "Rain Day" on June 15 as an initiative to reserve rain water.



State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shahriar Alam addresses guests at the inauguration of the Consulate of Lithuania in the capital this month. Also in the photo are Lithuanian Ambassador Laimonas Talat-Kelpsa and Consul of Lithuania in Dhaka Mishal Ali.

### Manikganj temple torched

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

Miscreants vandalised three idols at Sarbajonin Kalibari Mandir at Singjuri village in Ghor upazila of Manikganj and torched a portion of the temple early yesterday.

Gour Chandra Datta, president of the temple committee, alleged that Al-Mamun, son of member Singjuri union parishad Akkas Ali, made the attack after losing ownership of the temple land following a recent court order. Akkas and Al-Mamun claimed that the committee members vandalised the temple to sabotage their image.

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# BCL, Shibir clash at CU

## 15 hurt, 150 rooms of two halls vandalised

CU CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Chhatra League and Islami Chhatra Shibir clashed on the Chittagong University campus yesterday, leaving at least 15 students injured and 150 rooms of two halls vandalised and ransacked.

Twelve of the injured were admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) with cuts and bruises, said Dr Jahir Ahmed, a doctor of CU Medical Centre.

The clash started when BCL activists were playing cricket on the playground of Alaol Hall, known as a stronghold of Shibir.

Leaders of both students bodies accused each other of attacking first.

Witnesses and journalists who were on the spot during the clash said BCL

men vandalised and ransacked at least 150 rooms of Alaol Hall and AF Rahman Hall, another "Shibir stronghold".

Police said the fight, between CU shuttle train based BCL group "Choose Friends with Care" (CFC) and the Shibir activists of the two halls, broke out around 4:00pm.

Amit Kumar Basu, vice president of the now dissolved BCL committee of CU, said Shibir men were stoning the BCL men while they were playing.

He denied that BCL activists vandalised or ransacked any room.

However, Shibir leader Rafiq Haider alleged that without any provocation, BCL men attacked Shibir activists and vandalised rooms and stole laptops and mobile phones from there.

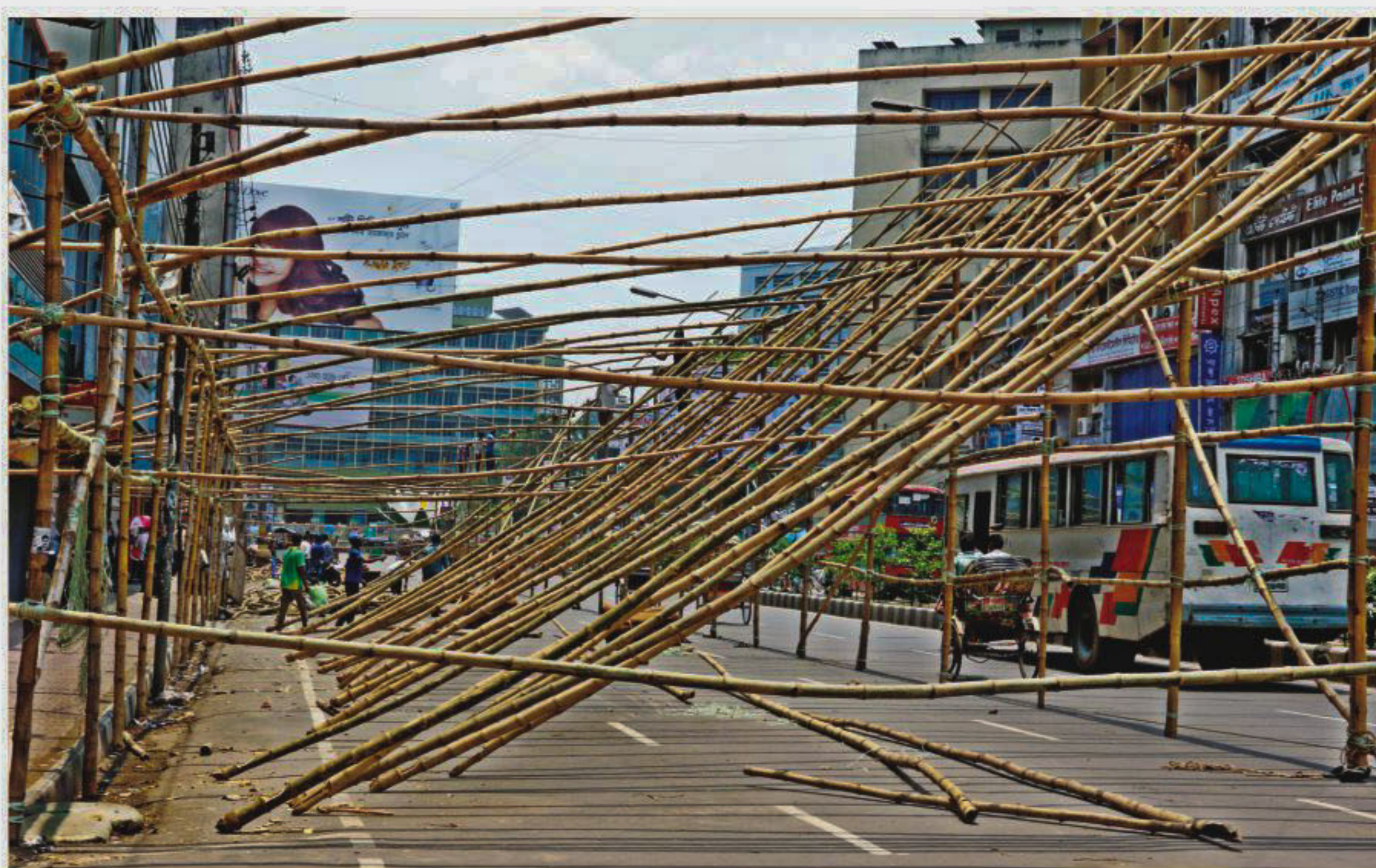
The clashing groups chased each other with machetes, sticks, iron rods, and firearms.

Raihan Bakul, a general student of Alaol Hall, who jumped off the first floor in panic and got injured, said he saw one man firing blank shots from a pistol, but he did not know him.

Another resident student of the hall, Ridwan Hasnat Sharif, said he saw several pistol-wielding men and heard blank gunshots.

Md Salauddin Chowdhury, inspector (investigation) of Hathazari Police Station, said they rushed to the spot and detained an injured student but did not know whether firearms were used.

Additional police were deployed to prevent further fighting.



Despite presence of numerous conference halls in the capital, the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) builds an arena taking up about three quarters of a busy road near Shapla Chattar in the capital's Motijheel for its election to an executive body today.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

## Another bus service

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Besides, public mobility across this region will soar."

Currently, two separate bus services are in operation on Dhaka-Kolkata and Dhaka-Agartala routes. Hence a traveller from Kolkata to Agartala needs to spend one night in Dhaka, and this is one of the reasons the Dhaka-Agartala service is failing to become popular.

"If a direct service is introduced, it will be easier for the people to travel from Kolkata to Agartala," the BRTC chief said.

A bus with government 22 officials led by Azharul Islam Khan, joint secretary of Road Transport and Highways Division, left the Kamalapur bus depot for Guwahati in Assam at 3:00pm yesterday.

The team stayed at Sylhet circuit house last night and is set to cross the boarder this morning. A state minister is supposed to receive the bus in India, said the BRTC official.

"The delegation will check feasibility of

the route and overall condition of the infrastructure. The bus will return on Monday or Tuesday," he added.

Addressing reporters yesterday, Quader said an agreement or a protocol on the Dhaka-Shillong-Guwahati bus service was likely to be signed during Modi's visit.

Indian High Commissioner in Dhaka Pankaj Saran, who was present at the ceremony, said, "Today is an important day for both countries because it comes after a lot of effort and hard work.... This will contribute to more exchanges of people and tourists of the two countries."

About Modi's visit, Pankaj said, "I am sure that we will be able to achieve other milestones in our relationship. We are expecting a high-level dialogue between the two leaders."

Road Transport and Highways Division Secretary MAN Siddique, among other senior officials, attended the ceremony.

## 20 fall sick allegedly after eating at DU hall

DU CORRESPONDENT

At least 20 people, including six Dhaka University students, fell sick allegedly after eating meals at its Kabi Jasim Uddin Hall canteen on Thursday night.

Of them, seven canteen boys were admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Contacted, Hall Provost Prof Rahmat Ullah said he has ordered to investigate the incident.

However, Monirul, director of the hall canteen, claimed people fell sick after drinking unhygienic water from the hall's water supply.

Hall caretaker Alam

refuted the allegation saying the water line is checked and cleaned regularly.

## S Asian Tourism Federation formed

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To promote tourism, South Asian Tourism Federation was formed yesterday at a meeting attended by representatives from Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Bhutan.

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