

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA H 33.2 L 25.5

CHITTAGONG H 34.0 L 26.4

SYLHET H 28.8 L 21.5

RAJSHAHI H 35.0 L 25.2

KHULNA H 36.2 L 26.0

BARISAL H 34.7 L 28.2

RANGPUR H 32.6 L 22.5

COX'S BAZAR H 33.2 L 26.0

Rain or thundershowers is likely to occur at a few places/at one or two places over all the divisions till 6pm today. Mild heat wave sweeping over Khulna, Satkhira and Jessore may abate, said Met Office. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:40pm and rises tomorrow at 05:12am.



Carrying sticks and machetes, activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League, loyal to expelled leaders of the organisation Abdur Rahim Jewel and Sanwar Hossain, also residents of Mir Mosharraf Hossain Hall of Jahangirnagar University, take position in front of AFM Kamal Uddin Hall yesterday, during an hour-long clash with the followers of Jewel Rana, a BCL leader of Kamal Uddin hall. Three activists were injured and three journalists were assaulted during the fighting.

PHOTO: STAR

BCL runs amok at JU over bucks

Three activists injured, three journos assaulted

JU CORRESPONDENT

At least three Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) men were injured and three journalists were assaulted during a factional clash at Jahangirnagar University yesterday, allegedly over sharing the money one group obtained out of a bidding process.

BCL insiders said two expelled BCL leaders, Abdur Rahim Jewel and Sanwar Hossain, helped a wood trader of Saver win a Tk 1.45 lakh contract yesterday for removing the trees destroyed by storms on the campus, but actually the two used the trader's name to get the work for themselves.

Both Rahim and Sanwar reside in Mir Mosharraf Hossain Hall.

Around 2:00pm yesterday, Jewel Rana, a BCL leader of AFM Kamal Uddin Hall, had a quarrel with the two for asking a share of the money in front of the university's central library, the BCL insiders said, adding that initially, there was a small scuffle but later Rahim and Sanwar led around a hundred followers to Kamal Uddin hall and attacked Jewel Rana's men.

Rana's followers retaliated, and both groups carried iron pipes, rods, sticks, machetes and cleavers during the clash, which went on for about an hour in front of Kamal Uddin hall, until senior BCL leaders and the proctorial team calmed them down, said witnesses.

Abdur Rahim, Jewel Rana, and a follower of Rana were injured.

Meanwhile, three journalists, of The Independent, bdnews24.com, and greennewsbd.com, were assaulted by the followers of Rahim when they were covering the clash. The faction also tried to beat up an assistant proctor but

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New Dhaka mayors move into action

DNCC's Annisul directs official concerned to take immediate steps to remove all illegal billboards; DSCC's Khokon forms 9-member team to survey causes of traffic congestion between Shahbagh, airport; hawkers rally against eviction

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mayor Annisul Huq yesterday directed the official concerned to remove all illegal billboards from Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) areas immediately. "Two thirds of the billboards in DNCC

areas are illegal, and they will take steps to remove those shortly," Annisul said, during a visit to wards 15, 18, 19 and 20.

The DNCC mayor inspected the conditions of roads, street lights, mosquito control activities and waste management in the

Schoolteacher gets life term for raping 5yr old student

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sentenced a schoolteacher of Mirpur to life term rigorous imprisonment for raping his five-year-old student on March 11, 2014.

The convict, Minhaj Uddin, a teacher of Holy Crescent School and College at West Shewrapara, was also fined Tk 3 lakh, in default of which he will suffer three more years in jail.

The court also ordered the authorities concerned

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EIGHT CCC WARDS

Defeated seek re-voting

File as many cases with Election Tribunal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Eight defeated councillor candidates in the April 28 Chittagong City Corporation elections have filed eight cases in the last three days till yesterday, seeking re-voting in their wards.

In their complaints with the Election Tribunal, they raised allegations of rigging, ballot box stuffing with help of law enforcers, occupying of polling centres, and sought cancellation of the results.

Five complainants were

aligned with the ruling Awami League and three with BNP. The key accused persons are the elected councillors, mostly from AL.

Tilak Chowdhury, a lawyer of some complainants, said Judge of Election Tribunal Bahauddin Ahmed had accepted the cases but did not give any order yet.

Two cases were filed yesterday -- by pro-AL councillor candidates Md Hossain of Halishahar (ward 26) and Md Shafiqul Islam of Panchlaish (ward 3).

On Monday, former pro-

AL councillor Jahangir Alam of Gosaidanga (ward 36), BNP-backed Abdul Malek of Enayet Bazar (ward 22), and AL-blessed Ferdous Begum Munni (in reserved seats for women) of Jalalabad (ward 1) filed three cases.

Three other cases were filed the day before, by pro-AL aspirant Abdus Sabur Litan of Rampur (ward 25), and BNP-backed candidates Mahbubul Alam of Chandgaon (ward 4) and Md Taiob of Purba Bakulia (ward 18). Court sources said two more cases were likely to be filed today.

Acid thrown at N'ganj woman

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

A housewife came under acid attack when she allegedly refused romantic advances by a neighbour in Ramchandradi village of Narayanganj Monday night.

The 30-year-old victim was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital with burns in the chest and back the same night.

Police, quoting locals and her husband, said she was working in the house around 10:00pm Monday when one Amir Hossain threw acid at her and fled.

She was rushed to the

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GANG-RAPE OF GARO WOMAN

Protesters keep slamming cops for irresponsibility

DU CORRESPONDENT

Students of Dhaka University and human rights activists yesterday protested the gang-rape of a Garo woman in a microbus in the capital on Thursday night.

Jouno Nipiron Birodhi Nirdolio Chhatra Jote, a students' alliance against sexual harassment, organised a rally on the campus and later brought out a procession. They announced that they would give a memorandum to the prime minister in this regard on May 31.

Rights activist Khushi Kabir condemned irresponsibility of police that allows such rape incidents to take place.

She alleged that after the incident, three police stations refused to file a case saying that the place the incident occurred did not fall under their jurisdiction.

She said they should have helped the victim instead of referring her to another police station.

Tony Mathew Chiran, organising secretary of Garo Student Union, said the government must ensure security

of all females, including indigenous women and girls.

He urged the prime minister to order immediate action to arrest the rapists.

Sanjeeb Drong, general secretary of Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples Forum, said, "Five days have passed but there is no accountability on the part of the government."

Imran H Sarker, spokesperson of a faction of Gonojagoron Mancha, said, "Policemen who failed to arrest the rapists should be sacked."

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Latif Siddique gets bail in seven cases

HC also stays proceedings of the cases

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday granted six-month bail to former minister Abdul Latif Siddique in seven cases filed against him in October last year for his remarks on Hajj and Tablighi Jamaat.

The court also stayed proceedings of the cases and issued rules asking the government to explain why those proceedings would not be scrapped. The proceedings will be stayed until disposal of the rules.

An HC bench of Justice Md Nizamul Huq and Justice Farid Ahmed Shibli came up with the orders and rules after hearing petitions filed by Latif for scrapping proceedings of the seven cases in Dhaka.

Latif cannot get released since he is arrested in at least 21 other cases over the remarks filed with different courts outside Dhaka, said his lawyer Jyotirmoy Barua.

The former post and telecommunications minister made controversial comments on Hajj, Ijtima and Sajeeb Wazed Joy during an event in New York on September 28 last year. Amid huge criticism, he was later removed from the cabinet as well as the Awami League presidium.

On November 25 last year, Latif returned home and he was sent to jail after he surrendered to Dhanmondi Police Station.

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