

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 36.0 L 28.4	H 34.3 L 26.5	H 30.5 L 23.8	H 37.4 L 27.0	H 37.0 L 28.6	H 35.6 L 28.3	H 32.4 L 24.2	H 34.0 L 27.3

Mild heat wave is sweeping over Rajshahi and Khulna divisions and the regions of Dhaka, Faridpur, Chandpur and Majdee Court and it may continue. Day and night temperature may rise slightly over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:42pm and rises tomorrow at 05:11am.

FREEING TURAG BIWTA, admin demolish 10 Agrovita structures
Land claimant produces HC bar postponing two-day drive
 STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) along with the Dhaka district administration yesterday demolished 10 makeshift structures of a private business, Agrovita Limited, to free the river Turag in Deur Mouja in the capital.

The land claimant encroached upon around two bighas of the river beyond the foreshore demarcation pillars with 10 semi-concrete structures meant for a picnic site and a reinforced concrete wall, said Shaid Ullah, an acting BIWTA joint director at the Dhaka port.

They could not remove the wall and had to postpone the second day of the two-day drive due to a court ruling, he said.

"The land claimant brought a High Court ruling barring the eviction," said Faruq Hossain, Savar assistant commissioner for land, acting as

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At first sight, the waterbody gives the impression that it is some uncared-for drainage canal flowing on the outskirts of Dhaka city instead of reflecting the reality that this is Gulshan-Banani-Baridhara Lake that snakes through the posh residential neighbourhoods of the capital. The situation has resulted from unchecked disposal of sewage and garbage into it, with the city corporation hardly bothered about cleaning the lake and clarifying its water, the two features it should have had, to beautify the city landscape. The photo was taken on Sunday.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

Price of essentials to remain stable in Ramadan

Declares DSCC Mayor Sayeed Khokon
 STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The price of essentials such as rice, pulse and soybean oil will remain stable during Ramadan, said Dhaka South City Corporation Mayor Sayeed Khokon yesterday.

He made the announcement at a views-exchange meeting with Moulvibazar Traders Association at its office in Old Dhaka.

Khokon said although it is not possible to totally control price of essentials due to globalisation, the traders have assured him of not increasing price of essentials during Ramadan.

The Dhaka south mayor listened to the problems of the business community and assured them of solving those, including constructing a multi-storey market and improving the drainage system in the area.

Shafikul Islam, general secretary of Dal Beboshayi Samity, said the price of pulses dropped in the last week and there is enough supply for the price not to rise in Ramadan.

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Making other people happy is super-happiness

Nobel winner Prof Yunus tells Social Business Academic Conclave in Dhaka; urges participants at Social Business Youth Summit to become entrepreneurs rather than employees

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

"Making money is happiness; making other people happy is super-happiness."

Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus made the simple statement when explaining the concept of social business, his brainchild, to a dominantly young audience in the capital yesterday.

Money and profit for one's own development cannot be the sole incentive for doing business but rather there can be joy in solving people's problems, the economist told the Social Business Academic Conclave 2015 at Eastern University.

Separately, the Nobel peace prize winner called on the youth to unleash their untapped entrepreneurial skills to create businesses instead of running after jobs.

"All human beings are born entrepreneurs without exception. But the society has erased the entrepreneurial skills from them. We have to undo it," the founder of Grameen Bank told the Social Business Youth Summit 2015 at the capital's Krishibid Institution.

'EMPLOYMENT CREATES UNEMPLOYMENT'

At Eastern University (EU), Prof Yunus started off with the story of microcredit and how he linked it to solve sanitation problems in villages through social business ventures.

Social business is one that solves problems, he said.

The micro-lender said the present financial system based on the theory of pursuing self-interests would not be sustainable. It destroys the creative man by making him a mere

employee, he added. "It is employment which created unemployment." He urged the youth to be job-creators not job-seekers. "If the 85 lakh uneducated women of Grameen Bank can become entrepreneurs why can't the educated youth become entrepreneurs?" he asked. "You need to come up with small ideas to solve big problems."

The daylong conclave organised in

current three-month short course on social business and its effort to develop a 3-credit elective course on social business.

The university would also establish a centre for training and research on social business with help from Yunus Centre, he said.

Three research papers out of 10 from different universities were given awards.



collaboration with Yunus Centre with the theme "Implanting Social Business in Academia" included discussions, a dialogue between academicians, thinkers, and corporate leaders, and a research paper competition and a social business plan competition on ideas of social business and its promotion in the mainstream.

Prof Abdur Rab, vice chancellor of EU, talked about the university's

Parisa Islam, assistant professor of EU, received the first prize for her paper "Re-framing Marketing for Social Business", Saad Md Maroof Hossain, lecturer at North South University, won the second prize for his paper "Leadership Traits for a Sustainable Social Business" and Niaz M Patwary, assistant professor, University of Liberal Arts of

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Islamic Foundation fatwa incorrect

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina tells cabinet meeting, says she herself offers prayers in chairs during flights

HASAN JAHID TUSHER

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday termed incorrect as per religious guidelines the recent Islamic Foundation fatwa stating it was illegal to offer prayers in mosques by sitting on chairs.

There is no such bar in Islam, sources quoted her as saying to ministers at the weekly cabinet meeting at Bangladesh Secretariat. She added that during flights she herself offered prayers on chairs.

When she wanted to know more about the fatwa from Religious Affairs Minister Matiuur Rahman, he stated to have no idea

and that he had arrived straight from Mymensingh.

He assured looking into the matter consulting officials of Islamic Foundation, which is under the ministry.

The fatwa, comprising 12 points, was issued through a press statement on May 31. It was dated May 19 and signed by Mufti Mohammad Abdullah of the research wing.

Abdullah categorically stated that even bringing chairs into mosques was illegal as it spoiled the formation of prayer congregations and the mosque's interior beauty.

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Govt to give lower court judges tablets

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will provide district and sessions judges across the county with tablets as a part of the judiciary's digitalisation.

The information and communication technology ministry yesterday handed over 200 tablets to the law ministry to distribute them among the lower court judges.

Law Minister Anisul Huq, after receiving the tablets from ICT State Minister Zunaed Ahmed Palak, at his secretariat office said the device would help accelerate judicial activities and ultimately reduce case backlogs. Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha at a programme in Dhaka on May 30 had commented that the judiciary lagged behind in terms of digitalisation, said a law ministry press release.

MODI'S UPCOMING VISIT BNP to go for protest if no Teesta deal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP will announce a protest programme if the much talked-about Teesta water sharing deal is not signed during Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's two-day Dhaka visit from June 6.

"We expect that the Teesta deal would be signed... We will welcome if it is signed. Otherwise, we will raise our voice," BNP vice chairman Abdullah Al Noman told a programme at the capital's Jatiya Press Club, marking the 34th death anniversary of party founder Ziaur Rahman. Referring to recent media reports that BNP has changed into a pro-India political party now, he said, "BNP is a liberal political party that always upholds people's interests." BNP wants a due share of the

Teesta water, equal trade facilities and details of the transit facilities, he added. "We have nothing to say if anyone sees BNP's such stance as anti-Indian politics."

On Sunday, Indian External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj announced that the Teesta deal would not be signed during Modi's visit because the country's central government had to take on board the views of West Bengal's government.

BNP's Assaduzzaman Ripon yesterday in a statement alleged that the law enforcers had barred Zia's death anniversary programmes across the country. Without specifying any incident, he condemned the "act" that law enforcers did not allow them to distribute food among the poor people on the occasion.

BU student gets death sentence for killing girlfriend

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A Barisal court yesterday sentenced a student of Barisal University to death for murdering his girlfriend on September 5 in 2013.

District and Sessions Judge of Barisal Md Anwarul Huq passed the verdict in the presence of the convict, Russell Mia alias Russell Matubbar, a student of management.

The court also fined Russell Tk 10,000 and permitted the defence to submit an appeal against the verdict within seven working days, said advocate Giasuddin Kabul, district public prosecutor.

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WAR CRIME TRIALS Death sought for Forkan Mallik

Tribunal-1 wants ads telling four fugitive Kishoreganj 'Razakars' to come in

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The prosecution yesterday sought capital punishment for Forkan Mallik, 64, an alleged Razakar who was active in Patuakhali's Mirzaganj upazila during the 1971 Liberation War, for crimes including murders and rapes he allegedly committed.

Completing placing closing arguments on factual aspects, Prosecutor Mukhlesur Rahman Badal told International Crimes Tribunal-2 that the prosecution believes they were able to prove all five charges "beyond reasonable doubt".

The three-member tribunal led by Justice Obaidul Hassan with members Justice Md Mozibur Rahman Miah and Justice Md Shahinur Islam fixed today to hear arguments from Forkan's lawyer.

Meanwhile, International Crimes Tribunal-1 ordered its registrar office to take steps in publishing advertisements in national dailies asking four fugitive war crimes suspects to



Forkan Mallik

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GANG-RAPE IN DHAKA Students, police scuffle again as march to home ministry obstructed

DU CORRESPONDENT

Scuffles broke out in the capital's Doyel Chattar and High Court areas after police stopped a procession seeking to lay siege to the home ministry in Bangladesh Secretariat demanding arrest of and maximum punishment for all who recently gang-raped a Garo woman.

Rapid Action Battalion arrested two persons over the crime committed in a moving microbus in the capital's Kuril on May 21.

Bangladesh Garo Chhatra Sangathan, Bangladesh Hajong Chhatra Sangathan, Chanchia (a platform of the Garo community) and Bangladesh Chhatra Federation first organised a

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Activists of Bangladesh Garo Chhatra Sangathan, Bangladesh Hajong Chhatra Sangathan, Chanchia (a platform of the Garo community) and Bangladesh Chhatra Federation try to remove police barricades at Doyel Chattar on way to the home ministry to which they intended to lay a siege, demanding arrest of and maximum punishment for all the perpetrators who gang-raped a Garo woman in a moving microbus in the capital's Kuril on May 21.

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