

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA H 35.7 L 25.0

CHITTAGONG H 35.0 L 27.5

SYLHET H 33.8 L 24.5

RAJSHAHI H 37.2 L 24.5

KHULNA H 37.2 L 27.8

BARISAL H 36.6 L 27.7

RANGPUR H 34.5 L 25.2

COX'S BAZAR H 36.0 L 27.5

Rain is likely to occur at a few places/one or two places over Rangpur, Sylhet, Rajshahi, Barisal, Dhaka and Chittagong divisions till 6:00pm today, said Met Office. Mild heat wave sweeping over Rajshahi, Barisal and Khulna divisions and the regions of Faridpur, Chandpur, Madaripur, Comilla, Majidpur and Cox's Bazar may continue. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:43pm and rises tomorrow at 05:11am.

Five injured in BCL brawl over Barisal PWD tender

Another seven in Rangpur

STAR REPORT

Five persons suffered minor injuries in a brawl between two groups of current and former Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) men over tender bid submission for a Tk 4.5 crore marine academy building construction project at Public Works Department's Barisal office on Tuesday noon.

Another clash in Rangpur city's park intersection area in the afternoon between two groups of the pro-Awami League student organisation wielding machetes and sticks left seven injured, one critically, and three arrested, reports our Rangpur correspondent.

Our Barisal correspondent reports, one group led by contractor Abdur Razzak, also the district unit BCL secretary, was attacked by another led by bidder Moin Tushar, a former leader of Brojomohun College unit of BCL, at the superintending engineer's office, witnesses told The Daily Star.

Glass table tops and chairs were vandalised during the incident, involving some 20 men and lasting around 20 minutes, on the last day for bid submission after which police arrived and the warring factions left, they added.

Talking to The Daily Star, the accused blamed each other for launching the attack. Superintending Engineer Monir Ahmed said a decision on the tendering process would be taken afterwards.

In Rangpur, Rajib Mondal, Begum Rokeya University, SEE PAGE 4 COL 4



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Boy killed by stray bullet in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A boy was killed by a stray bullet as miscreants fired targeting a shopkeeper in Chittagong city's Mohammadpur Tuesday evening, said police.

Rapid Action Battalion yesterday arrested two persons Babu, 24, and Sayem, 22, from a house in the area, said ASP Sohel Mahmud, assistant director of Rab-7.

Md Asadul, 12, son of late Mokhtar Miah, having from Brahmanbaria, was shot in the head before a shop of aluminium items of Delwar Sheikh who was left unhurt.

Asadul was returning to his uncle's tea stall in the area after buying some candles, said locals.

The miscreants, who rushed to the spot riding a motorbike, wanted to shoot Delwar in the shop, Paritos Ghosh, deputy commissioner (north zone) SEE PAGE 5 COL 1

Students protest dorm fee hike

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

The students of Barisal Government Women's College on Tuesday formed a human chain before Ashwini Kumar Hall in the city, protesting against their hostel fee hike.

The students said the authorities gave them a notice a week ago of increasing the monthly hostel fee, from June 2015, from Tk 4,300 to Tk 4,700, which is already double than that of Govt BM College.

Their demands include the fees be fixed under the guidelines of national university, and the 450 seats in the hostel, Kobi Sufia Kamal Chhatra Nibas, SEE PAGE 5 COL 4, PHOTO ON PAGE 12

Safety restored at NBL tower construction site

Says Rajuk official, adding Sundarban Hotel no longer at risk; filling of pit to be completed tomorrow; lead supervisory engineer refuses to talk by phone

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three-fourths of the collapsed foundation pit of the under-construction 12-storey National Bank Limited Twin Tower in the capital has been filled with sand so far with the south-western corner still hollow bordering Sundarban Hotel and Monem Business District.

Shafiqul Hannan, authorised officer of Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha (Rajuk), said the sand-filling of the pit for building four basement floors would be completed by tomorrow.

"The fear of any further disaster is over because the stability of neighbouring Sundarban Hotel, which became vulnerable after failure of the foundation shore protection system, is restored," he said.

However, Prof Syed Fakhru Ameen, the lead supervisory engineer for restoration of safety at the construction site, refused to comment readily on the situation.

Asked whether stability of the six-storey Sundarban Hotel is restored, he said, "Have-n't you gone to the site?"

During a visit yesterday afternoon, The Daily Star correspondent found most of the pit filled up except the south-western corner bordering the hotel and 14-storey Monem Business District.

When told that his assessment as lead supervisory engineer was vital, Fakhru Ameen said, "You come to my Buet office on Sunday, I will be available there to talk about it."

Pointed out that Sunday was still four SEE PAGE 5 COL 1

Bangladesh re-elected to UNESCAP's 3 regional institutions

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh has been re-elected as the member of three important regional institutions of UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), garnering the second highest number of votes, during its 71 session.

The institutions are: Asia Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development (APCICT), Centre for the Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable Agriculture (CAPSA), and Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization (CSAM), according to a message of SEE PAGE 5 COL 3

GANG RAPE IN DHAKA

Garos students demand death or life term

DU CORRESPONDENT

Garos Student Union (Gasu) yesterday hanged rapists in effigies during a rally on the Dhaka University campus, demanding death penalty for all rapists, including the ones who raped a Garo woman in the capital on May 21.

The demonstrators also condemned police failure to arrest the perpetrators of sexual assault incidents including the mass molestation of women during Pahela Boishakh celebration and sexual harass-

ment of a class-I student of Mohammadpur preparatory girls' school.

They also demanded that death sentence or life imprisonment be the punishment for every rapist, sexual assault trials be held at speedy trial tribunals, rape case trials be adjudicated within one year, and security be ensured for female students and working women.

The 21-year-old indigenous woman was waiting for a bus in the capital when a group of people dragged her into a microbus and gang-raped her.



Garos Student Union burns effigies of men who gang-raped a woman of the indigenous community recently at the base of Santrash Birodhi Raju Sharok Bhaskorjo in the Dhaka University campus yesterday demanding expediting the trial and maximum punishment. The crime took place in a moving microbus in the capital's Kuril on May 21. PHOTO: STAR

Nurjahan Begum's 90th birthday today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 90th birthday of Nurjahan Begum, one of the most senior female editors of the sub-continent, says a press release.

Daughter of Mohammad Nasiruddin, editor of Bengali Literary journal Saogat, Nurjahan was the editor of Begum magazine and awarded the Ekushey Podok.

On this occasion, a greeting exchange programme will be held at her 39 Sharatgupta Road residence at 10:00am. Relatives and well-wishers are welcomed.

Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Anwara Sofia Islam, wife of former Information Minister and BNP standing committee member M Shamsul Islam, died from kidney failure at the United Hospital in the capital yesterday morning. She was 82.

She left behind her husband and two sons to mourn her death. She will be buried in the family graveyard in Mushiganj after Johr prayers today.

BNP Chairperson Khaleida Zia mourned her death and expressed her sympathy to the bereaved family.

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STAR WEEKEND
in other news...

With a fresh new format, new writers and a new perspective, the *Star Weekend* has an array of articles for your reading pleasure. This week's spotlight, for World Environment day, talks about the effects of climate change on our coastal belt, our people, and how we have been tackling it. There is an article on recognising sexual harassment. There is also a farewell piece by one of our own writers, who penned her last official article for the *Star Weekend*. Don't forget your copy of *Star Weekend* tomorrow, Friday!

A FIGHT AGAINST NATURE

In Bangladesh, climate change is not a far-fetched theory. With more than 230 waterways, the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR) reported that Bangladesh is one of the most disaster-prone nations in the world. According to SCAR, by 2100, as the polar ice melts, sea levels will rise by almost five feet. Literally, half of the world's major cities and a third of the country could disappear. On World Environment Day, the *Star Weekend* looks at the effects of climate change in the coastal area of the country. To find out more, check out this week's Spotlight on pages 6 and 9.

মেঘনা লাইফের 20 বছরে পদার্পন

মম্মানিত পন্নিমহোন্দার, শেয়ারহোন্দার ও শুভানুধ্যায়ীদেরকে জানাই আন্তরিক অভিনন্দন ও শুভেচ্ছা

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