

**WEATHER FORECAST**

**YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES**

<b>DHAKA</b> H 31.6   L 25.4	<b>CHITTAGONG</b> H 31.8   L 25.2	<b>SYLHET</b> H 32.2   L 25.3	<b>RAJSHAHI</b> H 35.0   L 26.2	<b>KHULNA</b> H 31.5   L 25.5	<b>BARISAL</b> H 28.5   L 25.1	<b>RANGPUR</b> H 32.0   L 24.0	<b>COX'S BAZAR</b> H 29.0   L 24.5
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Day and night temperatures may rise slightly over the country. **The sun sets in the capital today at 6:48pm and rises tomorrow at 05:11am.** Country's highest temperature 35.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rajshahi and lowest 24.0 in Bogra and Rangpur.

**NEWS IN brief**

**Evidence of sexual intercourse found in constable rape case**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

A forensic test conducted for a case filed against a police officer for raping his ex-wife, a police constable, found evidence of sexual intercourse.

The 25-year-old victim alleged that she was gang-raped by her husband and his cohorts when she went to his Khilgaon residence to visit their three-year-old daughter on June 9.

Prof Dr Habibuzzaman Chowdhury, chairman of the forensic department of Dhaka Medical College, told The Daily Star yesterday that it was difficult to say whether she was gang-raped.

The forensic test was conducted on June 14 following a case filed with Khilgaon Police Station by the victim's sister.

The forensic department sent the report to the one-stop crisis centre to be handed over to Khilgaon police.

**Khokon lays foundation stone of Shahbagh footbridge with escalator**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Dhaka South City Corporation Mayor Sayeed Khokon yesterday laid the foundation stone to construct a foot overbridge with escalator facility at Shahbagh yesterday.

The overbridge will be constructed under the Clean Air and Sustainable Environment project funded by the World Bank, says a press release. Khokon at the programme urged the mass media to play an effective role in building awareness among people to use foot overbridges for reducing traffic accidents.

**South East University delegation calls on chancellor**

**CITY DESK**

A four-member delegation of South East University (SEU) met President and Chancellor Abdul Hamid at Bangabhaban on Sunday, said a press release.

The delegation, led by Chairman of SEU Board of Trustees Rezaul Karim, also included SEU Vice-Chancellor Humayun Kabir Chowdhury and Registrar Maj Gen (retd) Kazi Fakhruddin Ahmed. The delegation briefed the chancellor about different activities of the university and invited him to the forthcoming convocation.

**Rotary Dist 3281 holds prize giving ceremony in capital**

**CITY DESK**

Prize giving ceremony of Rotary International Bangladesh Dist 3281 was held in Sonargaon Hotel of the capital yesterday, says a press release.

Dist Governor Safina Rahman, Dhaka Bank DMD Shakir Amin Chowdhury, Rotary Zila Secretary Ibrahim Zahed Pinak, Rotary's President Forum General Secretary Shahed Siddiq, the event chairman Iftakhar Zonayed, among others, addressed the function.

Abul Khair Chowdhury was given the best award for upholding the image of the clubs of the organisation.

**EU-Bangladesh Climate Diplomacy Day celebrated in capital**

**DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT**

The delegation of the European Union and its member states yesterday celebrated EU-Bangladesh Climate Diplomacy Day in the capital.

A climate dialogue was held to highlight the benefits of enhancing climate action in all countries and reaching a new international climate deal in Paris later this year. The event was organised in collaboration with the environment and forests ministry, and Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF), said an EU press release.

**5yr old boy dies being hit by pick-up in Dhaka**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

*Two others also killed in road crashes*

Three people were killed in road accidents in the capital yesterday.

Ratul, 5, son of Monir Hossain, died when a pickup hit him while he was playing on a road in Gulbagh.

Bus driver Faysal Sheikh, 32, was killed as a bus hit him while he was getting down from his bus in Khilgaon. In Jatrabari, Foyaz, 45, of South Jatrabari, died after a bus hit him while he was crossing a road.

**SC stays till July 5 fine on Dr Zafrullah**

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sentence in the dock and fined him Tk 5,000 to be paid within yesterday (in seven days), in default, to suffer one month in jail.

On December 2 last year, Bergman was sentenced to imprisonment "till rising of the court" on the day of the verdict and fined Tk 5,000. On December 20, Prothom Alo ran a report titled "50 people express concern over the punishment of Bergman" based on their statement against the verdict on Bergman. Later, a contempt of court charge was brought against them.

The tribunal, however, acquitted 22 eminent citizens of the contempt charge while it earlier exonerated 26 signatories from the charge as they apologised unconditionally. Another signatory withdrew the name from the statement.



**Benajir Ahmed, chairman, Board of Trustees, North South University, delivers a welcome speech at a dinner hosted by NSU in honour of diplomats and media personalities in a hotel of the capital on Sunday.**



**As the Ramadan vacation kicks in at schools, a group of boys let loose in rain and turn the farmland into a mudbath, at Shibpur village in Tangail sadar upazila yesterday.**



**Akikunnessa Ahmad's 33rd death anniversary today**

**CITY DESK**

The 33rd death anniversary of Akikunnessa Ahmad, a noted writer and pioneer in progressive women's movement in the late 1940s, will be observed today, says a press release.

She was the wife of renowned litterateur, journalist and politician of the sub-continent late Abul Mansur Ahmad and daughter of eminent Islamic thinker and litterateur Maulana Ahmad Ali Akalvi.

Her significant literary works include "Adhunik Stree" (modern wife) and "Adhunik Swami" (modern husband).

Friends and well-wishers are requested to pray for her departed soul.

**Internet regulation mustn't hurt freedom of expression**

*Expert from Canada tells seminar at DU*

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Light touch laws could be formulated to regulate the Internet but they must not take away freedom of expression and breach privacy, a top expert said yesterday.

Toby Mendel, executive director of the Centre for Law and Democracy, a Canada-based human rights organisation, said, "There is a need for certain laws to regulate the Internet, and sometimes it has to be in a protective way."

He said laws could be formulated for special speech crimes that could happen on the Internet like cyber bullying.

"But it is very important to keep them as precise as possible, so they don't go beyond their appropriate boundaries," Mendel told a seminar, "Regulation of the Internet and Freedom of Expression", in RC Majumdar Arts Auditorium of Dhaka University.

Bangladesh Legal Aid Services Trust (BLAST) and Article 19, a human rights group focusing on freedom of expression and the right to information, jointly organised the seminar.

While the Internet can be used to cause harm and penetrate the most serious crimes, international legislation, based on the guarantee of freedom of expression but also the guarantee of privacy, calls for a light touch approach to Internet regulation, according to organisers.

Mendel said there had not been much regulation of the activities on the Internet and social media platforms in the western world other than regulation of businesses.

Governments have a responsibility to facilitate universal access to the Internet, akin to the services nations provide in many places, he said.

Sara Hossain, honorary executive director of BLAST and a Supreme Court lawyer, said people needed the Internet for communication almost every moment. "At the same time, this technological innovation has brought new challenges."

She said laws could not be the only solution. "They are one part of the solution."

She also said the situation in Bangladesh had reached such a point where freedom of expression was under serious threat, following the killings of three bloggers in recent times.

Tahmina Rahman, country director of Article 19, also spoke.

**Export Promotion Bureau Bill placed**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The Export Promotion Bureau Bill 2015 was placed in the Jatiya Sangsad last night.

The bill was then sent to the parliamentary standing committee concerned for scrutinising and reporting back to parliament within a month.

Placing the bill, Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed said the EPB was abolished with the passage of the fifteenth amendment to the constitution, but its activities have been continuing with the promulgation of an ordinance by the president. The EPB, which was set up through an ordinance during late president Ziaur Rahman's regime, was annulled through scrapping of the fifth and sixth amendments.

**Spelling Bee**

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Muhammed Aziz Khan, chairman of the group, said, "Learning is the biggest equaliser in the whole world."

Shykh Seraj, director and head of news at Channel i, spoke about the programme's growing popularity, as in its last season more than 273,000 students from 1,600 schools participated in the online round.

Students who have more words in their minds are able to understand, express and communicate better, said Mahfuz Anam, editor and publisher of The Daily Star, addressing the guardians present at the programme.

Russell T Ahmed, chief executive officer of Champs21.com, apologised for the delay in starting this year's season. "We usually start in February but due to the political situation we could not."

Ahmed said out of the total participants of the online round, the top 10 percent scorers will be selected for the divisional round, from where 96 will be taken to the television round.

This year teachers can also select students through spelling tests at schools and send the list to Champs21.com for direct participation in the divisional round, which will take place between June 23 and August 7.

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**Application Deadline**  
2 July, 2015, 5:00 pm

**Admission Test**  
4 July, 2015  
Saturday, 10:00 am  
at NSU Campus

Application forms can be downloaded from NSU website and submitted with a pay order of Tk. 1,000 from any Bank in favor of North South University. Forms are also available from Southeast Bank, UCBL, DBBL, Bank Asia, One Bank, NCCBL, IFIC Bank, Bashundhara Branch Dhaka.

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