

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA H 33.6 L 26.5	CHITTAGONG H 34.0 L 25.0	SYLHET H 34.0 L 24.5	RAJSHAHI H 33.0 L 27.0	KHULNA H 34.0 L 26.4	BARISAL H 31.0 L 25.7	RANGPUR H 29.0 L 25.4	COX'S BAZAR H 32.5 L 25.7
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Day and night temperatures may rise by 1-2 degree Celsius over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:48pm and rises tomorrow at 05:11am. Country's highest temperature 34.3 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Satkhira and lowest 24.5 in Sylhet.

Robi, The Daily Star agree to continue english in schools for 6 more months

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Daily Star and telecom operator Robi Axiata Limited yesterday signed an agreement to stimulate English language learning among secondary school level students in the country. The project "English in Schools" aims to train 200 English teachers of secondary schools in four divisions through grammatical and communicative exercises. The Daily Star will continue dedicating a weekly page for English language learners. Supun Weerasinghe, managing director and CEO of Robi, and Mahfuz Anam, editor and publisher of The Daily Star, signed the agreement at Robi Corporate Office in the capital. Supun Weerasinghe said Robi would make an all-out effort to let "young talents in schools flourish". The project will continue till the end of this year. Both Robi and The Daily Star have been pursuing The English in Schools project since 2009 to improve the English language proficiency of students at several high schools across the country. Over 200 teachers from 100 selected schools in Rajshahi, Sylhet, Chittagong and Khulna participated in intensive capacity building sessions last year.



Managing Director and CEO of Robi Supun Weerasinghe, sitting second from left, and Editor and Publisher of The Daily Star Mahfuz Anam, sign an agreement for "English in Schools" project at the Robi Corporate Office in the capital yesterday, flanked on their right by Mohiuddin Babar, consultant (people and corporate) at Robi, and on their left by Matul Islam Nowshad, chief corporate and people officer of Robi, and Yap Wai Yip, chief financial officer of Robi. Behind them are other officials of both the organisations.

'GANG-RAPE' OF POLICE CONSTABLE Main suspect ex-husband arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Police Station accused of raping his ex-wife, a police constable, was arrested in Cox's Bazar yesterday, six days after he went into hiding. Detectives of Dhaka Metropolitan Police arrested him in Kolatoli of the district. The policeman was the prime accused in a gang-rape case filed by his ex-wife's sister. He was suspended after the case was filed, police said. According to the case statement, on June 10, the 25-year-old woman had gone to visit their three-year-old daughter at his Khilgaon residence where she was gang-raped by him and his cohorts. The assistant sub-inspector went into hiding on Thursday instead of joining his new post at Security and Protection Battalion. A forensic test conducted at Dhaka Medical College Hospital found evidence of sexual intercourse, but it could not confirm whether she was gang-raped or not.

Manzur memorabilia at Liberation War Museum

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

"All captured Razakars will be blindfolded when taken to camps (.) No one to talk to them except interrogating officers (.) Instances of Razakars going back and giving away our position come to light" -- reads a letter, typed sometime in 1971 and sent from "Sector HQ" to all "Coys and Sub sector-4". Another image of a letter sent from the Commander in Chief to "Comds All Sectors" dated August 8, 1971 and carrying the subject line "Policies in Regards to Private Armies" also hangs from an exhibition board at Liberation War Museum's auditorium. These two along with numerous other documents from 1971 and 1972 and personal accessories of Maj Gen Abul Manzur, commander of Sector-8 during the Liberation War, was donated to the museum on June 13 by a family friend, SS Mohsin Hossain, and Manzur's fellow fighters. A portion of the memoirs is currently on display at the museum in the capital's Segunbagicha. The exhibition will run till June 19. "I met Major General Manzur's eldest

daughter Rubana Manzur Niita, who now lives in the United States, on Facebook. When she came to know of my professional identity she told me that many of her father's belongings are with Mr Mohsin," said Amena Khatun, the museum's conservator and archivist. After the brutal murder of the valiant freedom fighter on June 2, 1981, the possessions changed hands 23 times before landing in his care, said Mohsin. He preserved these historical treasures with utmost care. "I received these from his family in the 1980s," Mohsin told The Daily Star. Contacted last year, Mohsin handed those over to the museum with permission from Manzur's family in four phases this year. "Major General Manzur was very methodical and organised in properly documenting the activities during the war," said Mofidul Hoque, a trustee of the museum. "These documents show how the war was organised, the daily activities as reflected in the expenditure, intelligence logs, reports and correspondences...These would play an important role in writing the history of our war," he hoped.

BEATEN INTO FORCED LABOUR IN IRAQ

Victim demands compensation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

He left for Iraq with dreams of bringing solvency and happiness for his five-member family, of ensuring a good education for his son. Abdur Razzak even reached the oil-rich country on May 28 last year on a work visa. But with dreams shattered, the Laxmipur's Raipur upazila resident was forced to return yesterday, along with a co-worker, Shohag, empty-handed and in frail health. "They ruined my life. They killed my dream. I do not know how I will look after my family," Razzak told The Daily Star in the capital's National Human Rights Commission (NHRC). He submitted a written complaint at NHRC against Career Overseas Ltd demanding compensation. The Bangladeshi recruiting agency in May 2014 had sent 180 migrants including Razzak and Shohag, promising them jobs at Abu Torab Housing Project in Najaf, a desert area. But the Iraqi company failed to run a project due to clashes among different groups in the Middle Eastern country. With no work, the Bangladeshi migrants were forced to stay in the company's labour camp for over seven months. A section of the workers including Razzak wanted to return home. But the company and agency denied and their people, as per some

migrants including Razzak, beat them whenever they asked to be sent back. Rights Jessore, a human rights organisation contacted by the migrants, brought the issue before the media and demanded that the agencies involved bring them back. But Career Overseas Ltd and the Bangladesh embassy in Baghdad declined, arranging jobs for all the migrants at Al Ayadi Group, another Iraqi construction company in Baghdad, in November last year. Razzak along with some other workers declined joining the new company. But faced with the options of either to work or return at his own expense, he finally joined in January. "After four days...some Iraqis confined me to a room and beat me mercilessly as I did not want to stay there," he alleged. He said this recurred whenever he asked to be sent home. His health deteriorated in the past few months and he became seriously ill due to the beatings, Razzak said. "They beat me inhumanely and declined to provide food properly. But I was adamant on returning home," he said. At one point, the company allowed him to return. But Razzak says he got only one month's pay though he worked for three months. ABM Badrul Amin, managing director of



Abdur Razzak



Visitors have a look at a portion of an exhibition containing memorabilia of Maj Gen Abul Manzur, commander of Sector-8 during the Liberation War, and documents from 1971 and 1972 at the capital's Liberation War Museum yesterday. The exhibition will run till tomorrow.

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 celebrates the 81st birthday of the legendary journalist, Kamal Lohani. There is an enlightening article that shows how much Zakat can benefit the poor. There is also an interesting piece on how to stay hydrated during this Ramadan. Don't forget your copy of Star Weekend tomorrow, Friday!

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