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YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

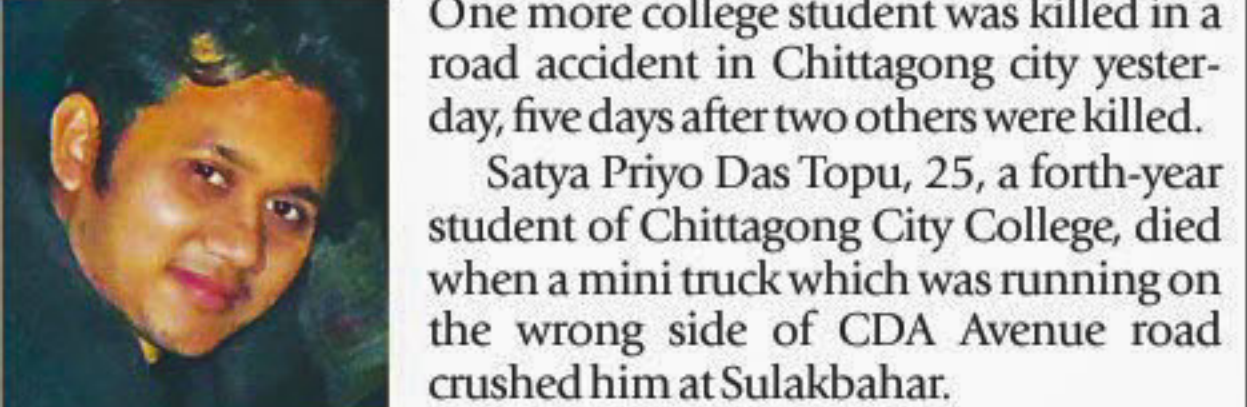
DHAKA H 33.6L 27.4	CHITTAGONG H 34.8L 27.0	SYLHET H 32.8L 25.6	RAJSHAHI H 36.8L 26.0	KHULNA H 35.6L 27.0	BARISAL H 34.0L 26.0	RANGPUR H 31.0L 25.3
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Light to moderate rain is likely to occur at a few places over Rangpur, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Rajshahi, Khulna, Dhaka and Barisal divisions till 6:00pm today. Moderately heavy to heavy falls are also likely at places over the country, said Met Office. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:48pm and rises tomorrow at 05:11am.

Reckless driving takes another student's life

4 more die in other road crashes

CITY DESK



Satya Priyo Das

One more college student was killed in a road accident in Chittagong city yesterday, five days after two others were killed. Satya Priyo Das Topu, 25, a fourth-year student of Chittagong City College, died when a mini truck which was running on the wrong side of CDA Avenue road crushed him at Sulakbahar. Following the incident, enraged students of the college blockaded Probortok intersection for half an hour demanding the driver's arrest and compensation for the family. Police detained the truck helper and seized the vehicle but the driver fled. On Saturday, Wahidul Hasan, 21, and Delwar Hossain Shamim, 21, 1st-year honours students, were killed when a truck hit them from behind after the driver lost control over the vehicle in City Gate area of Chittagong city. Meanwhile in Gaibandha, two people were killed and three others injured when an auto-rickshaw collided head-on with a minibus at Matherhat on Gaibandha-Palashbari road yesterday. The deceased were Sumi Begum, 25, of Nandishaher village and Khadijatul Kobra, eight-month-old daughter of Zillur Rahman, of Hasonerpara village. In Bhola Sadar, Motaleb Hossain, 70, of Sonadogi village was killed when a microbus hit him while he was crossing Bhola-Elisa road in front of Elish Islamia Model College yesterday. In Dinajpur, Akkas Ali, 17, of Kabirajpara village was killed and two people were injured when a tractor hit a motorcycle in Parbatipur upazila on Wednesday.



The Chittagong district administration dismantled 40 houses at risk of landslides on a hill in the port city's Ambagan area yesterday. This was the second eviction drive, after Sunday's, to protect hill dwellers during this monsoon, said officials, adding that the dwellers had been asked to evacuate earlier, to no avail. However, day labourer Jamshed Miyan said, "I am poor and live from hand to mouth. How will I rent a better house elsewhere?" Drives will continue throughout Ramadan. PHOTO: STAR

Legal notice on govt seeks scrapping of Rony's firearm licence

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Supreme Court lawyer yesterday served a legal notice on the government for cancelling in 24 hours the firearm licence of Bakhtiar Alam Rony who has been accused of killing two people by firing in the capital on April 14. Eunus also urged the home secretary and the deputy commissioner of Dhaka to pay compensation to the victims' families in 24 hours. If they do not respond within the time, a writ petition will be filed, Eunus told The Daily Star. Rony's friend Kamal Mahmood on Wednesday testified before a Dhaka court that Rony, also son of Awami League lawmaker Pinu Khan, shot five times from his firearm when he along with their friends was going to Dhanmondi by a jeep. Rickshaw-puller Abdul Hakim died 16 hours after the shooting and auto-rickshaw driver died on April 23.

Some Sust teachers again demand VC's resignation

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A section of teachers of the Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (Sust) yesterday reiterated their demand for resignation of the vice chancellor accusing him of committing corruption in recruitments, practising nepotism, and misbehaving with colleagues. The protesters, under the banner "Mahan Muktiyuddher Chetonay Udbuddho Shikkhak Brindo", staged a one-hour sit-in in front of the library building from 12:00 noon. VC Prof Md Aminul Haque Bhuyan is due to join office on June 24 after a two-month leave. Contacted yesterday, he declined to comment on their demand. On April 13, three teachers went to the VC to discuss the distribution of classrooms but he did not give them enough time and instead had an altercation, said the protesters. Terming it an insult, a group of 37 teachers have been demanding his resignation ever since. Earlier, the VC, an ex-director of the nutrition and food science institute at Dhaka University, admitted he could not give them enough time but said it was because of his wife's illness that day. Dr Muhammad Zafar Iqbal, a professor of computer science and engineering, also one of the protesters, said Sust teachers should be appointed VCs. "It will solve all problems." The protesters threatened to step down from all administrative posts like dean, provost, and proctor if their demand was not met.

ICDDR,B's THERAPEUTIC FOOD FOR INFANTS Breastfeeding Foundation urges govt to stop project

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Breastfeeding Foundation has urged the government to stop icddr,b from continuing its work on ready-to-use therapeutic food (RUTF) developed with local ingredients to help children facing severe acute malnutrition. "We have written to the health minister and secretary to stop icddr, b from promoting RUTF," said Dr SK Roy, chairperson of the foundation, at a press conference at Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday. In an international symposium on June 8, icddr,b announced that it developed RUTF with rice, lentil, chickpea, powder milk, sugar and soybean oil. Severe acute malnutrition (SAM) is a condition where children are severely underweight or are stunted due to a lack of breastfeeding, supplementary food or diarrhoea. It can cause death, and those who survive do not fully develop their intellectual capacity. Prof Tahmeed Ahmed, director at the Centre for Nutrition and Food Security at the icddr,b, said two types of RUTF - Sharnali 1 and Sharnali 2 -- are needed in Bangladesh as some five to six lakh children under the age of five are suffering from malnutrition. Just 92 grams of RUTF has more than 500 kilocalories, so it is not recommended for healthy children, he said. Dr Tahmeed said RUTF needs to go through a trial stage before it is provided free of cost to children suffering from SAM, who usually belong to poor families. However, Dr SK Roy, a nutrition scientist, argued that RUTE, based on high energy and fat, is not required by Bangladeshi children. He said multinationals marketing powder milk will commercialise RUTE. Besides, powder milk is a violation of the Breast Milk Substitute (BMS) Act 2013, Dr SK Roy said. He suggested Bangladesh implement Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) strategy that encourages culturally acceptable traditional home-made improved recipes like payesh, butter halwa, firni and khichuri with frequent feeds to address malnutrition. Prof MQK Talukder, adviser of BBE, said use of RUTF will gradually reduce breastfeeding in the long run. However, talking to The Daily Star, Dr M Munirul Islam, a member of the icddr,b research team, said the amount of fatty acid and animal protein (50 percent) needed to treat the SAM children does not exist in the home-based food. Therefore, using powder milk in RUTF is necessary. He said IYCF strategy is for healthy children, and added that RUTF is never against breastfeeding.

Fakhrul, Falu of BNP get bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday granted bail to detained BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir in three vandalism and arson cases. However, Fakhrul cannot get released now from the custody since he is arrested in three other criminal cases, his lawyer AKM Ehsanur Rahman told The Daily Star. Of the former three cases, two were filed with Paltan Police Station on December 28 last year and January 4 this year and another with Motijheel Police Station on January 6 this year. Following three separate bail petitions filed by Fakhrul, the HC granted him bail till submission of the charge sheets by the law enforcers. Meanwhile, the HC yesterday granted another party leader Mosaddak Ali Falu permanent bail in a vandalism and arson case filed with Badda police on February 1 this year, clearing the way for his release from jail. Earlier, Falu got bail from the HC in two other similar cases.

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Probe report provided to prosecution

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Shekhpara, Aziz Sardar of Mominpur, Aziz Sardar of Boga, Lutfar Morol of Porchakra, Abdul Khaleq Morol of Altapol and Moshir Rahman of Chingra are on the run. ICT-1

Meanwhile, International Crimes Tribunal-1 heard closing arguments

Rajuk plans two more housing

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with the public works minister, who then directed Rajuk, he said. Rajuk organised the programme to inform of the role it played in the last one year. Rajuk board members, among others, were present. Rajuk has miserably faltered on its foremost duty of ensuring a planned capital city with development control, said Salma A Shafi, a researcher on housing and land at the Centre for Urban Studies. This is due to a conflict of interest, as while being a planning regulator, it is simultaneously a land developer involved in housing projects, she said. Mid last year, Housing and Public Works Minister Mosharraf Hossain at a public meeting in the capital said the government would not take up any more housing projects with Rajuk. His predecessor, Abdul Mannan Khan, too made a similar public declaration in mid-2012. So far, Rajuk developed a number of housing schemes like the Uttara model town, Purbachal New Town and Jheelmil Residential Area with a limited number of plots. After three years' delay, it has resumed constructing 79 buildings containing 6,600 flats in Uttara Third Phase. Apart from plots, Purbachal will have 60,000 flats while Jheelmil 10,000. The Rajuk chairman was asked why they have not reclaimed, keeping with the Detailed Area Plan (DAP) and a High Court order, conservable flood flow zones and low-lying water retention areas which have been filled with earth by illegal real estate developers. "The court order is rational but its execution is difficult," he replied. He was also asked why they amended DAP to legalise illegal housing businesses in and around the capital and why they have not stopped rampant illegal commercialisation of residential neighbourhoods like Gulshan, Dhanmondi, Banani, Baridhara and Uttara. Jainal Abedin just said, "We and the minister are firm about it." Innumerable buildings have been constructed in violation of the approved plan in the five areas, he said, adding that they now have a 1,980-strong manpower in place of the previous 1,080 and hoped to perform better.

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