

**WEATHER FORECAST**

**YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES**

**DHAKA**  
H 29.3 | L 26.2

**CHITTAGONG**  
H 29.5 | L 25.2

**SYLHET**  
H 32.8 | L 24.9

**RAJSHAHI**  
H 31.2 | L 26.8

**KHULNA**  
H 28.0 | L 26.0

**BARISAL**  
H 28.8 | L 25.7

**RANGPUR**  
H 32.4 | L 27.4

**COX'S BAZAR**  
H 27.5 | L 25.2

Light to moderate rain is likely to most places over Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong, Sylhet, Rajshahi and Dhaka divisions and at many places over Rangpur division with moderately heavy to heavy falls at places over Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions 6:00pm today, Met Office said. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:49pm and rises tomorrow at 05:21am.



Encroachment and pollution are slowly destroying the Karatoa river, by narrowing it from both banks, blocking its natural flow, and poisoning the water. Against the backdrop, the High Court yesterday ordered the authorities to immediately stop dumping of waste into the river and to take necessary steps to protect it from encroachment. The photo was taken near Bogra town recently.

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## HC orders clearing Gulshan Lake of grabbers in 7 days

### Another bench for stopping waste discharge in Karatoa river

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday ordered the government to take appropriate legal action in seven days against persons responsible for encroaching upon Gulshan Lake in the capital's Shahjadpur area by filling it with earth and constructing structures on it.

The government authorities concerned have to also submit in three weeks a compliance report and in four weeks an explanation on why they should not be ordered to stop all forms of encroachment and temporary and permanent structures within the lake's area.

The HC bench of Justice Zinat Ara and Justice JN Deb Choudhury came up with the order and rule after hearing a writ petition filed by Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh on Sunday seeking necessary orders.

Petitioner's lawyer Manzill Murshid told the court that some people are engaged in the malpractice in the lake's area, damaging the environment.

Changing natural characteristics of water bodies, rivers and canals is prohibited under environment laws, he added. Meanwhile, another HC bench hearing a separate petition ordered the authorities concerned to immediately stop the

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## 14 become members of Bangladesh Press Council

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 17th council of the Bangladesh Press Council was formed with 14 persons nominated as its members including two from the parliament, according to a gazette issued by the government yesterday.

Those nominated are Monjurul Ahsan Bulbul, president of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalist (BFUJ); Dr Utpal Kumar Sarker, a vice president of BFUJ; Akram Hossen Khan, former general secretary of Dhaka Union of Journalist (DUJ); Golam Sarwar, president of Editors' Council and editor of the daily Samakal; Nurul Kabir, member of Editors' Council and editor of New Age; Mahfuz Anam, editor and publisher of The Daily Star and general secretary of Editors' Council;

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## Saidul Islam gets Canadian sociology award

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Dr Md Saidul Islam, a Bangladesh-born Canadian sociologist, has received the Canadian Sociological Association's Early Investigator Award 2015.

Sociologists get the accolade for making significant research contributions within the first 10 years since the completion of their PhDs, said a media release.

"The award recognises research demonstrating high quality, theoretical rigour and/or methodological innovation, and future potential," it added.

The award ceremony was held in Ottawa on June 3.

Dr Islam, an assistant professor of sociology at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore, received his MA and PhD from York University in Canada where he also taught sociology. Prior to his current appointment, he taught at the College of

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## Govt should coordinate NGOs' road safety efforts

### TraumaLink's discussion told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government needs to lead the coordination of separate efforts of non-government organisations (NGOs) to ensure road safety, speakers told a discussion yesterday.

Citing the work of a number of NGOs including TraumaLink, which gives emergency medical services to road accident survivors, they said such measures could be replicated all over the country if the government took the initiatives.

However, Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader emphasised the change of attitude to solve the problems of unsafe driving and ensure traffic jam-free roads.

He spoke as chief guest at the discussion on the role of government and non-government organisations in ensuring road safety, organised by TraumaLink at the capital's Jatiya Press Club.

"How can I stop parking of cars here and there on the roads or check reckless driving?" the minister said, adding that he could not guarantee that the roads would be totally hassle-free during the Eid rush because of these factors.

Ilias Kanchan, chairman of Nirapad Sarak Chai, said the government needed to create a department or committee which

would include all relevant ministries to come up with a holistic solution for road safety.

Chairing the programme, columnist Syed Abul Maksud stressed the need for creating awareness among people.

Jon Moussally, founder and president of TraumaLink, said his organisation trained 104 volunteers from the areas along around 15km of the Dhaka-Chittagong Highway from Daudkandi bus stand to Putia, to help accident victims with immediate and emergency medical needs.

The organisation also came up with a hotline, which a victim or any witness or bystander can call and ask for help.

Moussally, himself an emergency physician working at the Massachusetts General Hospital, started this pilot project in November 2014, spending out of his own pocket. Later, other local organisations including the Centre for Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed (CRP) joined his effort.

Representatives of the other organisations present at the meeting pointed out the problems including corruption, untrained and overworked drivers, under-utilised rail and water ways, and a lack of well-equipped hospitals, trauma centres, and ambulances.

## NID renewal, correction to cost from September 1

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

People will have to pay for renewal as well as correction in their National Identity (NID) cards from September 1.

The Election Commission (EC) on Sunday issued a gazette notification levying a charge of Tk 100 for NID card renewal and an additional Tk 50 for its emergency delivery.

If the card is lost or damaged for the first time, the owner will have to pay Tk 200 (in case of emergency-Tk 300), Tk 300 (emergency-Tk 500) for the second time, and Tk 500 (emergency-Tk 1,000) every time for a new copy.

As per the existing law, all NID cards must be renewed after 15 years from its issue date, said Brig Gen Sultanuzzaman Md Saleh Uddin, director general of EC's NID wing.

Besides, the EC will also charge entitled government and private bodies from September 1 for online verification of their applicants' NID cards.

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## Road crashes kill four in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Four people were killed in separate road accidents in the capital yesterday and Sunday.

In Uttar Badda, Nazrul Islam, 23, was killed when a truck hit his motorcycle on Pragati Sarani on Sunday.

In Bangshal Mahuttuli area, Mohammad Shohag, 20, was run over by a truck yesterday.

On Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, a 35-year-old vegetable vendor was killed when a vehicle hit him while he was crossing the road in front of Hotel Super Star.

Meanwhile, an unidentified man, aged around 30, was also killed after he was hit by a vehicle in front of Shaheb Ali Madrasa.

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