



YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA H 33.0 L 26.5

CHITTAGONG H 32.4 L 25.8

SYLHET H 32.8 L 25.7

RAJSHAHI H 35.0 L 26.4

KHULNA H 34.0 L 26.3

BARISAL H 32.0 L 26.5

RANGPUR H 32.2 L 26.5

COX'S BAZAR H 29.3 L 24.5

Day and night temperatures may fall slightly over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:50pm and rises tomorrow at 05:15am. Country's highest temperature 35.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Ishwardi and lowest 24.0 in Rangamati.

Khaleda doubts BGB's efficiency

Accuses govt of 'destroying' it

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Accusing the government of destroying the country's border force, BNP chief Khaleda Zia last evening doubted the effectiveness of Border Guard Bangladesh on the frontier.

"People, even children, are getting killed along the border every day, but there is no one to protest against it. This illegal and worthless regime itself doesn't raise its voice against it. Rather it takes action if any body raises the voice," she said.

Addressing an iftar programme, the former prime minister said, "Our border force no longer remains a strong force. No one knows whether it has any presence along the border. They only can kill people inside the country. The bullets procured with public money are being used against people."

BNP's ally party Bikolpodhara Bangladesh arranged the programme at the capital's Ladies Club.

Khaleda alleged that the government had not taken any initiative to strengthen the border force and intensify border vigilance.

Referring to the abduction of BCB Nayek Abdur Razzak by Myanmar Border Guard Police, she said, "You (people) all know how smart and strong our border force was. Now Myanmar border force picks up our BCB member. How this regime damaged the country's dignity."

Eight days into his abduction, Razzak was returned on June 25.



With people rushing back home in droves before iftar, a crippling gridlock is created on Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue of the capital yesterday. The situation, coupled with a lack of public transports, results in huge sufferings to people waiting, inset, to catch buses at Farmgate.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH



Human rights situation worsens

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Compared to the same period last year, the overall human rights situation in this year's first half worsened as power abuse by law enforcers and political violence escalated.

The number of people killed in "shoot-outs" with law enforcers between January and June this year rose to 101 from 94 in the same period in 2014. Political violence, including clashes with law enforcers, claimed 132 lives, while it was 117 last year.

The newspaper came up with the findings after comparing Ain o Salish Kendra's (ASK) half-yearly report on human rights situation released yesterday with the one released last year.

The analysis shows 148 women were killed in incidents of domestic violence, while 32 women committed suicide for the same reason. However, the number of women killed and suicide were greater last year -- 161 and 54 respectively.

The total rapes this year was 326, while it was 265 last year. The number of gang-rapes was 15 while it was 14 last year.

This year journalists were victimised in 100 incidents while the figure was 60 last year.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Human Rights Commission after collecting information from different districts and monitoring newspaper reports claimed that 1,338 people were killed this year, said a press release.

VIOLENT DEATHS		
TYPES	JAN-JUNE 2014	JAN-JUNE 2015
Custodial	28	34
Political violence	117	132
Violence on domestic helps	15	14
Domestic violence on females	161	148
Mob beating	68	69
Border shooting	13	23
Suicides triggered by sex assault	4	6
After gang rapes	14	15

SOURCE: AIN O SALISH KENDRA

Cops 'torture' RU BCL leader

Admitted to RMCH; Motihar OC claims beating was not serious

RU CORRESPONDENT

Police allegedly tortured a Bangladesh Chhatra League leader of Rajshahi University after detaining him on the charge of "verbally abusing" law enforcers on Monday.

Kazi Aminul Islam Lingcon, the BCL sports secretary at RU and a fourth-year student of marketing, was admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital with bruises and cuts.

Lingcon said he was beaten up with sticks by at least 12 policemen.

Protesting the torture, around a hundred students of the marketing department formed a human chain in front of the central library and demanded punishment for those cops.

Lingcon was taken to Motihar Police Station around 6:00pm on Monday, but senior BCL leaders got him released three hours later.

Police alleged that Lingcon was having a noisy quarrel with his girlfriend in the campus's mass graveyard area around 5:30pm when nearby patrols intervened to prevent unpleasant incidents. But Lingcon "verbally abused" them, they said.

Officer-in-Charge of Motihar Police Station Humayun Kabir said he was beaten up but it was not severe. He said disciplinary action would be taken after investigation into the torture.

The university authorities will ask police high-ups to

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Muntassir Mamoon gets Bangiya Sahitya Parishad award

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prof Muntassir Mamoon, columnist and historian, has been awarded the prestigious Bangiya Sahitya Parishad award.

India's Bangiya Sahitya Parishad announced the historian's name for the award "Brajendranath Bandhupadhaya Sharok Puroshkar-1422" on June 28. Prof Muntassir is the first Bangladeshi to receive the award.

The parishad, established in 1899 to research Bangla language, will hand over the award to Prof Muntassir on the anniversary of the organisation on July 25, said a press release of Bangladesh History Congress.

Prof Muntassir won the award for his research on society and culture of East Bengal, particularly for his 14-part book

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Adivasis of Thakurgaon town bring out a vibrant procession yesterday, in remembrance of the 1855 Santal revolt in the greater area which brought the British colonial rule almost to its knees in Bengal Presidency. The procession demanded constitutional recognition of Adivasis and ensurance of their fundamental rights.

PHOTO: STAR

DU to celebrate 94th anniversary today

DU CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 94th founding anniversary of Dhaka University. Established in 1921 under the Dacca University Act 1920 of the Indian Legislative Council, the university started its academic activities the same year on July 1.

The Dhaka University authorities have chalked out various programmes to celebrate "Dhaka University Day" on the campus today.

Prime Minister's International Affairs Adviser Dr Gowher Rizvi will inaugurate the opening programme as chief guest by releasing pigeon in the morning.

A discussion will be held at TSC at 11:00am with Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique in the chair. Education Secretary Md Nazrul Islam Khan will deliver a lecture on "Higher Education and Sustainable Development".

Besides, rare manuscripts will be displayed at the Central Library from 10:00am to 4:00pm. The biomedical physics and technology department will organise an exhibition of their research and invented medical technologies and equipment at 3:00pm. An art competition for children and an exhibition of arts and crafts will be held at 11:00am and 3:00pm respectively at the fine arts faculty.

The national flag will be hoisted at university buildings and dormitories. Colourful processions will be brought out, creating a festive mood.

The university started its journey with only three faculties, 12 departments, 60 teachers, 877 students and three student dormitories. At present, the university has 13 faculties, 80 departments, 1,926 teachers, 37,064 students, 23 dormitories, and 48 research bureaus and centres.

Obituary

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Kosir Uddin, a freedom fighter and former warrant officer of Bangladesh Army, died due old-age complications at his Fakirpara residence in Thakurgaon municipality early yesterday. He was 85.

He was buried in Nischintapur graveyard in the municipality with state honour.

Many worry

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Eunus sent the notice to education secretary, chairman of secondary and higher secondary education board, principal of Vigarunnisa Noon School and College and chairman of its governing body.

He added he would file a writ petition with the High Court for necessary orders on them if they do not cancel the names in 24 hours.

Advance ticket sale

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Green Line.

Meanwhile, BRTC will sell tickets at five spots in the capital -- Motijheel, Gulistan, Kalyanpur, Mirpur and Joarsahara.

"We have a plan to operate around 400 more buses from the capital to different districts from three to four days before Eid," said Mizanur Rahman, chairman of BRTC.

Normally, around 500 buses provide services on different inter-district routes, said Mizanur.

Bangladesh Railway will sell tickets from July 9 to 13 for trips to be made from July 13 to 17 correspondingly, said officials. Similarly, return tickets for trips from July 20 to 24 will be sold from July 16 to 20.

On June 21, the railways minister said seven pairs of trains will run from July 15 to 26. A total of 169 new coaches will carry passengers ahead of Eid.

The railway authorities are planning to carry over 2.5 lakh passengers during the Eid rush, said railway officials.

Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation (BIWTC) will start selling advance tickets for its steamer services about a week before Eid. A total of seven steamers will ply from Dhaka to coastal districts.

Report in three days

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sorrow that the wheat that police rejected is being distributed to the poor."

Ripon also lambasted the government for "obstructing" the release of BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, by filing writ petitions against his bail.

"We would like to make it clear that the government won't be benefited by trying to brand the opposition leaders criminals through implicating them in false cases. It's a bad move and detrimental to politics and all political parties," he said.

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