

WEATHER
FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 33.6 L 27.5	H 34.2 L 25.0	H 35.7 L 26.5	H 33.7 L 25.5	H 35.0 L 27.5	H 34.0 L 27.3	H 34.4 L 27.0	H 32.5 L 27.0

Day temperature may fall slightly and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:50pm and rises tomorrow at 05:17am. Country's highest temperature 35.7 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Sylhet and lowest 24.5 in Mymensingh and Rangamati.

ICT order on contempt trial of Zafrullah July 12

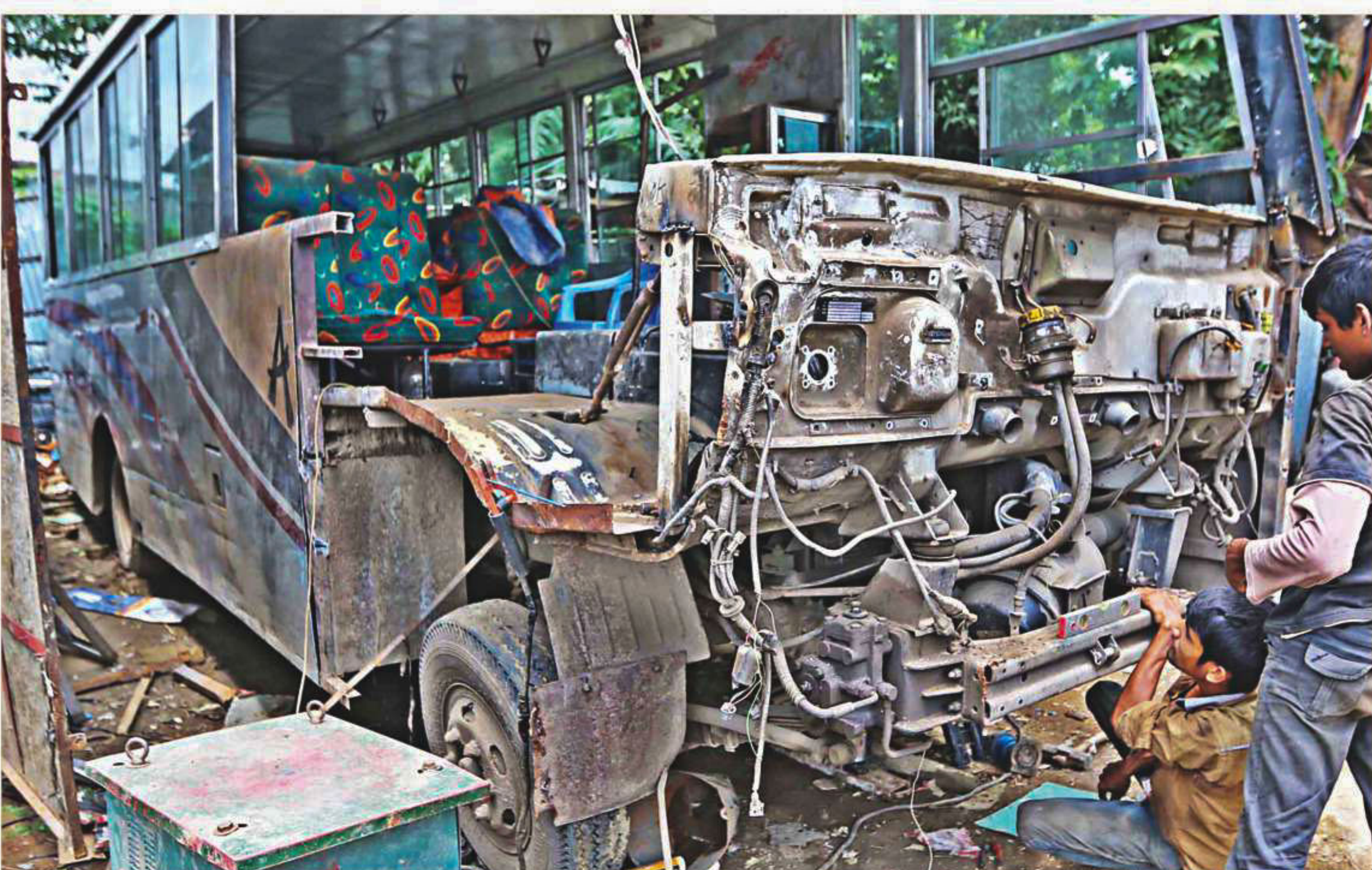
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-2 yesterday fixed July 12 for passing an order on a petition filed for initiating contempt of court proceedings against Gonoshasthaya Kendra founder Zafrullah Chowdhury for his comments over the tribunal.

The three-member tribunal led by Justice Obaidul Hassan fixed the date after hearing the submissions from two lawyers of the petitioners and one of the five petitioners on the matter.

Five individuals on Monday filed the petition for initiating contempt proceedings against Zafrullah for his comments of June 10, when the same tribunal found Zafrullah guilty of contempt and imprisoned him at the courtroom for an hour for criticising the punishment of Bangladesh-based UK journalist David Bergman.

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Workers in different garages are busy repairing buses that will make long-distance trips this Eid. With the festival only about 10 or 11 days away, many old and broken-down buses will be repaired in a short period of time raising questions about safety. The photo was taken yesterday in Chittagong City Gate area.

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ANURUP KANTI DAS

EXTORTION BY LAWMEN AROUND DHAKA Plainclothes to be on highways for prevention during Eid

Says Dhaka Range DIG; Quader also keeps promising hassle free travel

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A large number of plainclothes police officers will be deployed at highways around the capital this Eid to prevent extortion by a section of law enforcers, announced Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of Police, Dhaka range, SM Mahfuzul Haq Nuruzzaman yesterday.

"Please inform us if any policeman is seen extorting money on the highways," he urged transport owners and leaders at a views-exchange meeting with them at his office in the capital.

He assured of prompt and severe action against guilty cops.

Transport organisations also sometimes engage in extortions on highways, he said and asked them to refrain from such activities.

Nuruzzaman asked transport leaders to keep a number of spots, including Tongi, Chandra, Gazipur Konabari, and Savar Bazar, free during Eid.

Prior to the meeting, Nuruzzaman also met with Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association leaders and asked them to pay garment workers

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PARACETAMOL CASE BCI owner claims innocence

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Owner of BCI Bangladesh Ltd, one of the four pharmaceuticals, which were sued over the deaths of 76 children from consumption of adulterated paracetamol syrup two decades back, yesterday claimed himself "innocent" before a Dhaka drug court in two cases.

Md Shahjahan Sarkar, who is now on bail, made the claim before Judge M Atowar Rahman of the Drug Court of Dhaka which fixed August 6 for hearing

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PAHELA BAISHAKH

HC accepts DU probe report on molestation

Fixes Aug 2 for passing order

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday accepted a probe report from Dhaka University that blamed the negligence of police for the incident of sexual assaults on women on the campus during last Pahela Baishakh celebrations.

During hearing of a rule, the bench of Justice Quazi Reza-Ul Hoque and Justice Abu Taher Md Saifur Rahman also fixed August 2 for passing an order

on the issue.

DU's sexual assault prevention committee submitted the report to the HC through its lawyers on June 30 as per its earlier order, saying police did not work as per the advice of the university on April 14.

Citing from the probe report, AFM Mesbahuddin, a lawyer for DU, told The Daily Star that DU's sexual assault prevention committee had found

police's negligence in duties for prevention of the sexual assaults.

The committee has not found any negligence of the DU authorities including the vice chancellor and proctor in discharging their duties, although they were busy with holding many functions including Mongol Shova Jatra on the campus that day, he said.

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BCL to 'respond' to Sust VC opponents

Siege to VC's office continues for 16th day

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Bangladesh Chhatra League of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (Sust) yesterday said it would strongly respond to the teachers who are demanding the vice chancellor's resignation.

The pro-Awami League student leaders met at Sust Press Club and took the decision. They are supposed to hold a press conference today and announce their programmes. The BCL leaders said they asked the teachers to discuss the problem and solve it quickly.

A section of the pro-AL teachers has been

demanding VC Prof Aminul Haque Bhuiyan's resignation since mid-April accusing him of misbehaviour, corruption, and nepotism.

As part of their protest, they besieged the VC's office for the 16th consecutive day yesterday.

Meanwhile, leader of the protesting teachers Prof Syed Shamsul Alam yesterday alleged that the VC was giving money to the BCL to counter their protest. BCL leaders have already got Tk 46,000, he said.

Sust BCL general secretary Imran Khan called it a lie.



An under-construction four-storey building tumbled onto three nearby shanties at Shuvaddha jheel in Dhaka's South Keraniganj on Monday night. Residents of the shanties, which sank in the water body, escaped harm. Police suspect that the building owner did not have proper foundation. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO:
PALASH KHAN

FELANI KILLING CASE BNWLA pins hope on Indian apex court

Says hearing likely on July 14

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Although a BSF trial court acquitted Constable Amiya Ghosh in the Felani killing case, Bangladesh National Women Lawyers' Association (BNWLA) yesterday hoped that the Indian Supreme Court would give a fair judgment over the incident.

Salma Ali, executive director of BNWLA, told journalists at its office in the capital that the Indian apex court on July 14 is expected to hear a writ petition filed by the rights organisation on behalf of Felani's father Nurul Islam in 2013, after the first

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CTG COCAINE HAUL Court asks all state agencies to assist IO

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A court yesterday directed all government organisations concerned to cooperate with the investigation officer in probing the recent cocaine haul at Chittagong Port.

Chittagong Metropolitan Magistrate Faridul Alam passed the order on two petitions, one filed by Md Kamruzzaman, the investigation officer (IO) and assistant commissioner of Detective Branch of Chittagong Metropolitan Police, and the other by an official of Customs Intelligence and Investigation Directorate.

The court in its order asked the agencies not to show any "authoritarian attitude" in this regard that may benefit the accused, said sources at the court, adding that the organisation showing such an attitude would be made accused.

On Monday, the IO could not seize the consignment of 107 barrels of sunflower oil, which allegedly contained liquid cocaine, because the customs officials opposed the move citing legal provisions. The court had ordered the IO on Sunday to seize the consignment and collect a sample from each barrel for laboratory tests.

The court yesterday also asked to make the seizure list and collect the samples in presence of the representatives of

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Renata chairman Humayun Kabir passes away

STAR REPORT

Syed Humayun Kabir, chairman of Renata Ltd and founder of SAJIDA Foundation, died at 6:36pm yesterday in the capital's Apollo Hospital, aged 83.

He left behind his wife, two daughters, and a son.

He will be buried at Banani Graveyard today after three namaz-e-janazas

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BNP'S SALAMAT'S DEFECTION TO AL Eyebrows raised in both parties

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Ctg

Raozan BNP leader Salamat Ali joining the Awami League a few hours after his release from police custody surprised leaders of both parties in Chittagong, and questions were raised over the way he was freed by the law enforcers.

While Chittagong city BNP President Ameer Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury said he was forced to join the ruling party, an AL leader called the process of his admittance "unfair".

Salamat, joint convener of Raozan upazila BNP, joined the AL on Monday, the day he was released from police custody after being arrested the day before in two cases.

President of Noapara Union unit AL Didarul Alam, who got the BNP leader released, welcomed him to the AL and said Salamat joined on his own accord.

The two cases facing Salamat involved the murder of Awami Jubo League leader Mubarak in 2013 and a clash with police

this February.

Officer-in-Charge of Raozan Police Station Pradip Kumar Das said Salamat was released because they did not know the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), which was investigating the murder case, dropped charges against him, while in the other case they found him innocent after a few hours' investigation.

However, a lawyer of Chittagong District Judge's court said an individual accused in a case must be produced before court in 24 hours of their arrest.

Advocate Iftekhar Saimul Chowdhury, also legal affairs secretary of AL's city unit, said the way Salamat was released was a violation of the law.

An accused person could be released only if police submit the final report to the court, praying for their release, he told The Daily Star.

Ameer Khasru said the AL was now ruling the country like "Hitler" and was coercing BNP

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