

## WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA H 32.7 L 26.4

CHITTAGONG H 30.7 L 25.0

SYLHET H 32.4 L 26.1

RAJSHAHI H 35.2 L 25.6

KHULNA H 32.0 L 26.2

BARISAL H 31.3 L 25.8

RANGPUR H 30.3 L 26.4

COX'S BAZAR H 31.0 L 24.8

Day and night temperatures may fall slightly over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:46pm and rises tomorrow at 05:24am. Country's highest temperature 35.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rajshahi and lowest 24.5 in Rangamati and Majidee Court.

## Woman 'raped' by two youths in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A woman was allegedly raped by two youths in her Banianaga house of the capital early yesterday.

Her husband sued Litu alias Titu and Hridoy, who are acquainted with him, Rezaul Hasan, inspector of Sutrapur Police Station, told The Daily Star.

The 19-year-old woman was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for a medical test.

Her husband is a security guard of an under-construction building where they live in a room, DMCH sources quoted the woman as saying.

Before raping her, Litu and Hridoy confined her husband to the roof, said the police official.

She found the two in her room instead of her husband around 3:00am, he added.



Children frolicking in Crescent Lake in the capital yesterday. Though such activities are banned, they are regularly coming to the lake after the last few days of raining filled it with water.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

## RMG SECTOR REFORM Secys, foreign envoys review progress

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Secretaries to the commerce, labour, and foreign affairs ministries and envoys of five foreign countries yesterday reviewed the progress so far made in the reform programmes in the country's ready-made garment (RMG) sector.

A meeting they held at the foreign ministry was part of the ongoing process of "3 plus 5" to get how to support Bangladesh's RMG sector.

European Union Ambassador in Dhaka Pierre Mayaudon, US Ambassador Marcia Bernicat, the Canadian high commissioner, Senior Secretary of Ministry of Commerce Hedayetullah Al Mamoon and Foreign Secretary Md Shahidul Haque also were present.

Sources in attendance said countries like the USA, Canada, Germany, the Netherlands and the EU reiterated their commitment to help the sector grow.

The diplomats termed the progress made so far a "very promising sign". The diplomats also got a strong signal that very important and critical rules will be issued by Bangladesh's government at the end of August, which will allow the new revised Labour Act to be enforced everywhere, said the meeting source.

## Child witnesses of domestic abuses become abusers later

Human chain protesting violence against women told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Children who grow up witnessing abuse in the family often become abusers themselves in adult life, said Bangladesh Mahila Parishad (BMP) President Ayesha Khanam yesterday.

Ninety-five percent of violence against women is carried out by family members, she told a human chain before Jatiya Press Club in the capital, which was formed by BMP condemning the recent incident of domestic violence where a woman's eye was gouged out by her husband and his family for dowry.

They organised the human chain with the slogan "The perception of family and society should be changed".

On July 17, a day before Eid, Rabiul Islam gouged out one of his wife Sukhi Begum's eyes while his siblings -- Idris Ali, Akter Hosen and Dholi Begum -- pinned her down.

Shukhi was later rescued by neighbours and Rabiul was handed over to police.

"I do not want to see another sister lose her eye like this," said Shukhi's brother Md Mohsin, urging the government to ensure maximum punishment for the perpetrators.

Doctors have replaced Shukhi's right eye with a plastic one and treatment of the left eye is still on. "However, doctors are yet to confirm whether she would be able to use the left eye again or not," Mohsin told The Daily Star.

Shukhi's seven-year-old daughter Lubna Akter was also present at the human chain.

Meanwhile, Meher Afroze Chumki, state minister of Women and Children Affairs, went to visit Shukhi, who is undergoing treatment at the National Institute of Eye Science and Hospital at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar.

"We want the other perpetrators arrested soon and a quick trial of the crime," she said assuring that her ministry would provide assistance to Shukhi and Lubna, reported Bangla Daily Prothom Alo.

DSCC mayor distributes free garbage bags in Azimpur

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka South City Corporation Mayor Sayeed Khokon yesterday distributed free garbage bags among the residents of Azimpur Chhappra Mosque area to speed up waste management.

He urged the dwellers to use the bags only for carrying garbage and to dump those with the garbage at a certain place so that waste management workers can take those in a systematic way, says a press release.

On the occasion, he assured the city dwellers of taking proper steps to increase civic amenities under DSCC.

## NEWS IN brief

## Bangladesh envoy Ziauddin meets US congressman Rohrabacher

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Ambassador to the United States Mohammad Ziauddin met US Congressman Dana Rohrabacher at Capitol Hill on Wednesday.

The ambassador briefed him on the background of the Rohingya influx in Bangladesh.

Rohrabacher said Bangladesh is taking care of the huge number of refugees, but due to statelessness Rohingya Muslims have to pay a long-term price which will adversely impact their new generation.

## 'Razakar' Latif shifted to DMCH

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Abdul Latif Talukdar, an alleged Razakar of Bagerhat, was shifted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital from Dhaka Central Jail yesterday as he fell sick due to "old age complications", jailer Nesar Alom told The Daily Star.

He is being treated there under police custody, he said.

Latif along with two other accused, Sheikh Sirajul Haque alias Siraj Master and Khan Akram Hossain, was accused of committing crimes against humanity and genocide in Bagerhat during the 1971 Liberation War.

## Youth's body found in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police recovered the body of an unidentified youth from the bank of the Karnaphuli River in Bakalia area of Chittagong city yesterday.

The body, with both hands tied, washed ashore near the north side of Shah Amanat Bridge. An injury mark was found on the back of his head, said police.

## 20 hurt in Bogra road accident

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Twenty people were injured when a bus fell into a roadside ditch while overtaking a CNG-run auto-rickshaw on Bogra-Natore road in Jamadarupukur area under Shahjahanpur upazila of Bogra yesterday.

Police said the injured were admitted to a hospital.

## Obituary

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Dipok Roy, Magura correspondent of the daily Ittefaq and the daily Independent, died due to old-aged complications at Magura Sadar Hospital yesterday afternoon. He was 85. He left behind his wife to mourn his death. He was buried in his family graveyard in Ator Ali Road of Magura Sadar.



Garment Sramik Trade Union Kendra brings out a procession in the capital yesterday demanding withdrawal of "false" cases against Swan Garment workers and payment of their due salaries and Eid bonuses.

PHOTO: BANGLA CHOKH

## 2002 DU SHAMSUNNAHAR HALL ASSAULT Punishment for duty cops sought

DU CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University observed Shamsunnahar Hall Tragedy Day yesterday demanding exemplary punishment for those involved in the assault on students of the hall on the day in 2002.

On that day, cops entered the hall at night, dragged the students out of the dormitory and abused them as they were protesting the illegal stay of some leaders of Jatiyatobadi Chhappra Dal in the hall. A day after the attack, the whole university protested the incident, forcing the then vice chancellor and proctor of the university to resign.

Observing the day yesterday, Bangladesh Chhappra League, DU unit brought out a silent procession from Aparajeya Bangla.

They held a short rally afterwards with lit candles.

At the rally, DU BCL President Abid Al Hasan said exemplary punishment for those responsible for the attack must be ensured as soon as possible.

## Rural people to get passports at doorstep

BSS, Dhaka

Aiming to end the harassment of the passport seekers in rural areas, Access to Information (a2i) programme of the Prime Minister's Office with the Department of Immigration and Passports, has taken the passport service to the grassroots.

A passport seeker now, will not have to go to district passport office frequently as the service is being provided at the Union Digital Centers (UDCs) countrywide.

This service has been launched in eight districts -- Rangpur, Panchagarh, Pabna, Kushtia, Jessor, Barisal, Chandpur and Sylhet -- in June and will start in more than 5,000 UDCs very soon, said Mazedul Islam,

a2i programme coordinator.

Till now, a passport seeker has to come to the passport office in the district town to collect form, pay fee, submit the form, be snapped and then collect the passport. But under the new process, they will be able to complete the formalities online in UDCs, deposit fees and submit the form in that very office, he added.

NM Zeal Alam, director general of Department of Immigration and Passports, said the service will reduce the typing error in application process and the entry of middlemen.

Since the inception of the service around 3,000 passport seekers submitted applications, he added.

## REMEMBRANCE

With great love and respect, we remember today our beloved mother, Syeda Farida Ahmed. She left us 2 years ago, on 24th July, 2013, for her eternal abode.

May Allah Grant her Blessings and Eternal Peace, and ease our hearts from the pain of her absence.

A Milad Mehfil will be held on this occasion at her village home of Maizbhandar Darbar Sharif, 24th July, 2015, after Asr prayers. Family, friends and colleagues are cordially invited to attend.

## Family and Colleagues



## Voter list updating begins

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With 2.5 percent growth of the country's exiting 9.62 crore voters, the commission estimates some 24 lakh fresh voters will come out in 2016, and 48 lakh more in 2017 and 2018.

Enumerators will collect data in 189 upazilas from July 25 to

August 9 in the first phase, while in 184 upazilas from August 16 to 30 in the second phase and in 141 upazilas from September 7 to 22 in the third phase.

Possible voters who want to be registered need to have birth certificate, land deed (if any), education certificate (if any), house rent receipt or copies of utility bills, passport (if any), NID Number of father or mother or spouse, EC officials said.

## Extortionists kill man

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At one stage, the culprits mercilessly beat Siraj who succumbed to his injuries on the way to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Siddhiganj police sent the body to

Photographs and fingerprints of the nationals; born on or before

January 1, 1998; will be taken in three phases from August 11 to

October 20 at 5,400 possible registration centres.

Photographs and fingerprints of the remaining will be taken from October 22 to February 10.

The EC will make the draft voter list public on January 2 next to receive complaints.

After disposing of complaints, the commission will publish final list on January 31 next.

According to section-11 of the Voter List Act 2009, the EC will update the countrywide electoral rolls during January 2-31 every year.