

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 31.6 L 25.2	H 25.0 L 24.0	H 35.1 L 26.3	H 34.4 L 25.8	H 27.8 L 25.0	H 25.8 L 24.8	H 35.0 L 25.4	H 26.0 L 24.2

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over southern part and rise slightly elsewhere over the country and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country. **The sun sets in the capital today at 6:44pm and rises tomorrow at 05:26am.** Country's highest temperature 36.1 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Dinajpur and lowest 23.4 in Hatiya.



While the monsoon rain brings immense sufferings to city people by causing waterlogging, it comes as a blessing for jute farmers who are harvesting the crop now and getting enough water for retting to extract the fibre. The photo was taken in Nandail upazila of Mymensingh yesterday. PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

NEWS IN brief

200kg of piranha, 500kg of shrimps seized at Dhaka market
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mobile court yesterday seized 200kg of banned piranha and 500kg of prawns and lobsters injected with harmful substance at the capital's Karwan Bazar. It also sentenced Md Mahub, who had the piranha, to one month's imprisonment and fined four fish traders a total of Tk 120,000. Rapid Action Battalion Executive Magistrate Helal Uddin led the court. Rab officials said a thick liquid substance was injected into the shrimps to make them weigh heavier.

Two held with 50,000 Yaba tablets
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Rapid Action Battalion yesterday seized 50,000 Yaba tablets and detained two persons in separate drives in Uttara of the capital and suburban Ashulia. The detainees are Abdul Alim Sheikh, a drug trader, and Shahjahan Ali, a helper of Shyamoli Paribahan, who was in possession of the tablets. Rab detained Alim in Uttara, and following his lead, caught Shahjahan with the tablets.

APBn member attempts suicide with his shotgun
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An Armed Police Battalion (APBn) member attempted suicide with his shotgun following a family feud in the capital's Gulshan early yesterday. Manjurul Alam, 24, was on duty on Saturday night at Gulshan-1 police check post with two other colleagues, a top APBn official said. Around 2:00am he pulled his shotgun trigger putting the muzzle on his lower chin and injured himself critically, he said. He was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital and later shifted to Dhaka Combined Military Hospital as his condition deteriorated, he added.

Anis elected president, Kamrul secretary of BRU
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Anisur Rahman Swapan and Kamrul Ahsan were elected president and general secretary respectively of Barisal Reporters Unity (BRU) for the 2015-2016 session on Saturday. The election was held during the 15th annual general meeting of BRU. The seven-member executive committee also includes Masuk Kamal as its finance secretary.



Anis Kamrul

Prisoner avenges assault on brother in Rajshahi jail
STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

To avenge an assault on his brother, a prisoner attacked an inmate inside Rajshahi Central Jail Saturday evening days after the former was sent to the prison. Belal Hossain, 38, hit Amjad Hossain, 45, of Indrapur village in Bagmara upazila, in the head and nose with a hammer used for putting shackles on prisoners, said the jail authorities. In a critical condition, Amjad was admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.

Belal, who is serving in jail for life in a murder case, attacked him from behind while he was chatting with other inmates, said senior jail superintendent Shafiqul Islam Khan. Amjad had a dispute over a pond at the village with his neighbour Alauddin, brother of Belal, and he allegedly stabbed Alauddin on July 13, said Motiar Rahman, officer-in-charge of Bagmara Police Station. A Rajshahi court sent Amjad to jail on July 23 when he surrendered before it in a case filed for attacking Alauddin. For injuring Amjad, a case was filed with Rajpara Police Station against Belal, who is now manacled and put in a cell, said the jail official.

Bill drafted for nat'l body to protect Adivasis' rights

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The parliamentary caucus on indigenous affairs plans to place a bill which proposes creating a national commission to ensure rights of indigenous people in the upcoming session of the parliament. The proposed "Bangladesher Adivasi Jatisomuhur Adhikar Ain-2015" details the formulation and scope of the mission. The caucus organised a discussion in Cirdap Auditorium in the capital yesterday to finalise the draft. Leaders of different indigenous communities, civil society mem-

bers, and officials of local and foreign development organisations were present at the discussion. According to the proposal, the national commission will plan, implement, coordinate and monitor actions taken for the socio-economic development, protection and promotion of cultural diversity and solidarity of the country's ethnic minorities. Speakers at the discussion said the commission would receive advice from Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples Consultative Committee comprising 39 indigenous representatives from seven regions of the

country -- southeast, northwest, mid-north, northeast, coastal, southwest, and centre. Goutam Kuman Chakma, technocrat member of the caucus, presented the draft, which was prepared with input from different indigenous communities through nine regional and two national meetings. Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Huq, the chief guest at the discussion, hoped use of the word "Adivasi", stated in the constitution as "khudro nri-gosthi", would not create any barrier in passing the bill. However, National Human

Rights Commission Chairman Prof Mizanur Rahman Khan said to avoid any uncertainty in passing the bill, the caucus can simply use the term stated in the constitution and the term "Adivasi" with an oblique. Fazle Hossain Badshah, convener of the caucus, who chaired the discussion, said, "We will place the bill with the selection committee as soon as the date of the next parliamentary session is announced." It will then go to the law ministry for ratification and then finally to the parliament, he said. SEE PAGE 11 COL 1

Charges to be framed against

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Commission filed the case on December 17, 2013 against Moudud and his brother Monjur Ahmed accusing them of grabbing government land worth over Tk 300 crore in Gulshan. CASE AGAINST ANNEE The ACC yesterday pressed charges against BNP leader Shahid Uddin Chowdhury Annee in a case filed against him for amassing wealth without known sources of income and concealing wealth information. ACC Deputy Director Alam, who is also the investigation officer of the case, submit-

ted the charge sheet against Annee to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka. The IO appealed to the court to issue an arrest warrant for Annee as he did not get bail in the case. On October 10 last year, ACC Deputy Director Manzur Morshed filed the case stating that Annee amassed more than Tk 1.4 crore illegally as he failed to show the sources of income. The case statement also said the former lawmaker concealed information of more than Tk 13.13 lakh in the wealth statement he submitted to the commission.

Promote those who believe

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government did. Referring to the role of the army in maintaining world peace, she said members of the Bangladesh Army brightened the country's image in the international arena and it is now a symbol of confidence and discipline. Contributions of officers to various important occasions, including containing

militancy and conducting anti-terrorism operation, also should be evaluated during selection, she said. Two FM-90, surface to air missile system regiment will be included in the Bangladesh Army by 2017 which will strengthen its capability and enable the force members to perform at the UN Peacekeeping Missions more professionally, she added.



Councillors cast their ballots at the 28th national council of pro-Awami League Bangladesh Chhatra League in the capital's Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh yesterday after Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, also AL president, told the council the day before that the new leadership of BCL would be chosen through election, not through selection. PHOTO: STAR



French ambassador at large for climate negotiation for Asia and Oceania Philippe Zeller, centre, and French Ambassador to Bangladesh Sophie Aubert, left, meet Environment and Forests Minister Anwar Hossain Manju at his secretariat office in the capital yesterday. PHOTO: COLLECTED

Failing to reach agreement in Paris will be

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Division, were also present while Golam Rabbani from Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies presented a study titled "People's Perception on Climate Change Impacts in Bangladesh: Expectations

from Paris Climate Negotiation". Women and children, economically poor people, and farmers were presented as the most vulnerable population group in the country. Maruful Islam, associate professor of Dhaka University, discussed world-

wide views on climate change and energy. Dr Saleemul Haque, director, International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD), and Prof Ainun Nishat, former vice chancellor of Brac University, also spoke.

Fakhrul leaves for Singapore

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including heart disease and nerve block in the neck. The BNP senior leader got released from jail on July 14, six months after his arrest on January 6. Fakhrul had not attended any BNP programme since his release. About the speculation that his Singapore visit is the outcome of his "understanding" developed with the government that he would not get involved with BNP again, Fakhrul said, "I'm very sick. I've lost over 12kg in the last six months. I will visit Singapore only for treatment purpose." Meanwhile, condition of BNP standing committee member Tariqul Islam deteriorated at Ibrahim Cardiac Hospital where he has been undergoing treatment since July 11.

AL seeks one more month

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submitted its audit report, and only AL has sought more time, said EC officials. The EC last month sent reminders to all 40 political parties about the July 31 deadline. The registration of a party will be cancelled if it fails to submit audit reports for three consecutive years, according to the Representation of the People Order (RPO).

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