

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA H 35.3 L 25.2	CHITTAGONG H 28.8 L 24.4	SYLHET H 36.2 L 28.0	RAJSHAH H 36.0 L 27.6	KHULNA H 33.0 L 24.5	BARISAL H 31.5 L 24.5	RANGPUR H 36.5 L 28.9	COX'S BAZAR H 27.2 L 24.2
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Day and night temperatures may fall slightly over southern part and remain nearly unchanged elsewhere of the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:43pm and rises tomorrow at 05:27am. Country's highest temperature 37.9 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Bogra and lowest 23.5 in Rangamati.

DNCC BUDGET ANNOUNCED

Waste management, greenery prime aims

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prioritising garbage management, greenery and mosquito control, Dhaka North City Corporation Mayor Annisul Huq yesterday announced a Tk 1,601.95 crore budget for the 2015-16 fiscal year.

In his maiden budget speech in the capital's Uttara Community Centre, Annisul hoped cutting garbage related problems by 70 percent.

He said necessary equipment would be purchased and Tk 17 crore would be spent to set up 72 waste transfer stations, the locations of which have already been identified and for which land was being sought from government organisations.

Such construction got Tk 3 crore last fiscal year, added the mayor, who came into office in May.

Annisul said he had already involved experts to make the capital green within the next two years. Initially this will be visible in all the 40 bridges under DNCC and later free plants will be distributed for people to plant on their roofs, he said.

On controlling the mosquito menace which was one of the highlights of his election campaign, he said the expenditure included Tk 3 crore meant for purchasing equipment, which was Tk 1 crore last fiscal year.

He admitted that despite it being another priority issue, not much money had been kept for public toilets as DNCC did not get land to construct those.

The mayor, however, assured that if the land was made available, money would be allocated immediately to construct public toilets.

He said the development expenditure included Tk 249 crore for maintenance and development of roads and infrastructure for traffic management while last fiscal year it was Tk 241 crore.

Annisul also said the revenue earning last year was Tk 521.46 crore.

He assured not increasing holding taxes but said the assessment would be justified.

To achieve the development programmes, DNCC will rely more on revenue income than

on funds from the government and donor agencies.

DNCC expects to receive as government grant, foreign finance and private sector investment Tk 476 crore, which was Tk 1,103.50 crore last year.

The government's block allocation will also provide Tk 100 crore and another Tk 35 crore will come from the government's special allocation. The two figures in the last fiscal year were Tk 10 crore and 35 crore respectively.

DNCC BUDGET	Tk 1,601.95	LAST FY
Development Spending	Tk 1,144	Tk 1,680.65
Revenue Income Target	Tk 882.15	Tk 810.77
SECTORS		
Garbage Management	Tk 54	Tk 24.9
Greenery	Tk 36	
Tackling Mosquitoes	Tk 17	Tk 11
Graveyard, Cremation Grounds Development	Tk 15.2	Tk 8
Park, Playground Dev	Tk 8.3	Tk 4

*In crores



Incessant rainfall and water flowing down from hills in the last couple of days have left Cox's Bazar Sadar, Ramu, Chakaria, Pekua, and Kutubdia upazilas submerged with no relief in sight. The photo was taken at Ramu yesterday.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

MRPs FOR 25 LAKH MIGRANT WORKERS

Govt plans to seek more time

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is unconcerned over the delay in issuing machine readable passports (MRP) to at least 25 lakh Bangladeshi migrant workers in Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Malaysia.

Authorities of the Department of Immigration and Passport (DIP) yesterday expressed satisfaction over the current progress of issuing MRPs, although the deadline to finish the job is less than four months away.

The International Civil Aviation Authority (ICAO) set November 24 as the last date the expatriates can use the old handwritten passports. If the migrant workers fail to get MRPs before the date, they could lose their jobs and face deportation. Bangladesh missions and Malaysian company IRIS Corporation Berhad are in charge of enrolling the expatriates for MRPs.

Talking to The Daily Star, NM Zeaul Alam, director general of DIP, said they were not worried about the deadline as they would seek an extension of the deadline from ICAO. At an inter-ministerial meeting held in the civil aviation and tourism ministry, the issue of seeking more time was discussed. Zeaul Alam said IRIS is failing to reach its daily target of enrolling expatriates.

At a meeting in March, the government set a target for IRIS to ensure at least 9,000 enrolments in Saudi and 5,000 in the UAE and Malaysia.

Abducted fortune seeker rescued, two arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detectives rescued an abducted fortune seeker and arrested two alleged abductors from a garage in the capital's Moghbazar area yesterday.

Victim Mohammad Tarek was preparing for traveling to France for job purpose. The arrestees are Masud Rana and his accomplice Firoz.

Masud, a cousin of Tarek, with some criminals abducted him on Sunday for gripping the money that the family gathered for his travel, detectives said.

The criminals demanded Tk 10 lakh over the phone from Tarek's family, the added.

JS body for increasing schools under MPO

UNB, Dhaka

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Education Ministry yesterday suggested the government increase the number of schools under the monthly pay order (MPO) in the current fiscal year.

The committee came up with the recommendation at its 11th meeting held at the Jatiya Sangsad with Abdul Quddus in the chair, said a Parliament Secretariat press release.

The meeting decided that the parliamentary watchdog, headed by its chairman, will place a demand to the prime minister for increasing budgetary allocation for the education ministry.

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JCD president shown arrested in 6 arson cases

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) President Rajib Ahsan has been shown arrested in six arson cases, and remanded for eight days in four of the cases.

Hearing on a 20-day remand prayer was not held in two more cases as bail hearing of another accused in the cases was pending with a court.

Metropolitan Magistrate Shamsul Arefin allowed six days of remand for Rajib in three cases filed with Paltan and Motijheel police stations.

Metropolitan Magistrate Tarek Mainul Islam Bhuiyan granted police two more days to interrogate Rajib in another case filed over attack on Awami League lawmaker Chhaba Biswas on last December 24. On July 19, Rajib was held along with five others allegedly along with Yaba tablets in Patuakhali.

STAR WEEKEND

in other news...

With a fresh new format, new writers and a new perspective, the *Star Weekend* has an array of articles for your reading pleasure. This week our spotlight focuses on the situation of the Bangladesh National Zoo at present. There is an article that talks about the prevalence of child abuse in our country. We also have a fantastic read on how an Afghan girl battled and broke all boundaries to fight for a cause. Don't forget your copy of *Star Weekend* tomorrow, Friday!

STAR WEEKEND

in other news...

THE GARDEN OF CAPTIVES

MD SHAHINAWAZ KHAN CHANDAN

PHOTO: KAZI TAREK HAZARAT

IN THE REAL AFGHANISTAN, the struggle of a young girl named Zahira for her freedom and the story of her mother's quest for justice is a heart-wrenching read. The master of the house is a tyrant and the girl is a victim. The story is a must-read for all who care about human rights.

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CONGRATULATIONS RANGPUR DIVISION SPELLERS!

Hello participants from Rangpur Division! Those who have qualified for the Divisional Round, be at the Rangpur Zilla Parishad Auditorium on Thursday, July 30, 2015 at 11:00 AM sharp.

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