

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA H 34.3 L 28.1

CHITTAGONG H 24.4 L 24.0

SYLHET H 34.2 L 29.2

RAJSHAHI H 36.2 L 26.1

KHULNA H 33.0 L 24.5

BARISAL H 31.2 L 25.0

RANGPUR H 36.4 L 29.2

COX'S BAZAR H 26.5 L 24.5

Day and night temperatures may fall slightly over southern part and may remain nearly unchanged elsewhere over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:43pm and rises tomorrow at 05:27am. Country's highest temperature 37.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Bogra and lowest 23.8 in Kutubdia.

Severed ear leads to unearthing of murder

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Deriving clues from a severed ear, police recovered the body of a university admission seeker from a mess at Tejkunipara in the capital yesterday noon.

Kamran, 18, was the son of Abdul Bariq of Mangalkandi village under Homna upazila in Comilla.

Police arrested one of his roommates, Moinuddin, of the same village suspecting him to be a killer. Police said both were friends and preparing for the university admission test.

Officer-in-Charge of Tejaon Police Station Mazharul Islam said Moinuddin admitted murdering him after being angry at Kamran over some trifling matters.

He said noticing a severed ear on the roof of a tin-roof building, locals informed police. Police inspected the spot and broke open a room of a two-storey build beside it, he added.

In one room, they found the body and later arrested Moinuddin in the area, police said. Quoting Moinuddin, police said he cut the right ear of Kamran to confirm his death.



The sea beach in Patenga of Chittagong drew a significant number of visitors yesterday although the meteorological office declared the cautionary signal no. 7 in the area because of the advancing cyclone 'Komen', which was supposed to make landfall off Chittagong's coast in the evening. The photo was taken around 11:00am.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

DSCC BUDGET ANNOUNCED Road repairs, garbage management key focus

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prioritising road development and repairs, garbage management and mosquito control, Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) Mayor Sayeed Khokon yesterday announced a Tk 2,085.36 crore budget for the 2015-16 fiscal year.

In his maiden budget speech at Nagar Bhaban, he said to have depended more on government and foreign funded projects as revenue income was very poor.

The mayor, who came to office in May, said, apart from the spending from revenue income, Tk 463 crore has been kept under different projects for road repairs and development and to purchase equipment.

He said DSCC had distributed for free an environment friendly bag in some wards to collect garbage in a systemic way and the outcome would determine whether it would be provided to all residents under DSCC.

Moreover, DSCC is thinking of shifting larger garbage containers from the major roads to lanes to reduce traffic congestion, he added.

On mosquito control, he said equip-

ment worth Tk 1.50 crore would be purchased.

DSCC aims to spend Tk 16.35 crore on developing recreation facilities like playgrounds and parks while Tk 54.25 crore for environment development, including tree plantation, beautification and public toilets.

Sayeed said utility service providers have been asked to provide their plans in advance. "We will take steps so that the same road is not dug up again and again," he said.

DSCC also targets to earn Tk 285 crore from holding tax. It realised Tk 77.08 crore in 2014-2015 fiscal year though the target was Tk 63.55 crore.

The mayor, however, said they have no plan to increase holding tax this fiscal year. Instead they will speed up their collection

method, he said.

The DSCC earned Tk 394.33 crore in revenues in the last fiscal year, he said.

According to the budget, Tk 27 crore also will come from the government's block allocation and Tk 300 crore from special allocation.

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Jessore, an NGO in Jessore, for sending Ismat Ara home. After completing the procedure over two years, Ismat was brought back in Bangladesh a few days before Eid-ul-Fitr.

Sarwar Hossain, training officer of Rights Jessore, said Ismat was mentally imbalanced.

She was given a week of psycho-social counselling before being handed over to her parents, he said.

Ismat Ara is one of the lucky people rescued; there are thousands who were forced into prostitution across the border, Sarwar told The Daily Star.

According to the Trafficking in Persons (TIP) 2015 report released on July 27, Bangladesh is primarily a source, and, to a lesser extent, a transit and destination country for men, women, and children subjected to forced labour and sex trafficking.

The organisers are the USAID, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, UN refugee agency UNHCR, Winrock International, Plan International, Rights Jessore, Changemaker, Dhaka Ahsania Mission, Bongo, Brac, Bangladesh Society for the Enforcement of Human Rights, Onirban, WARBE Development Foundation, and Shishuk.

Fake recruiters active in capital, six held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion-1 (Rab) yesterday detained from the capital's Badda six members of a gang which cheated out of people at least Tk 1 crore promising high-salary jobs and shares of a fictitious company.

The gang rented a well-decorated commercial space in Banani, published lucrative ads, took security deposits from unsuspecting victims and then vanished within months, said Rab-1 officials.

They then opened another office in Badda under a different name and published similar advertisements, seeing which former victims filed complaints, they said.

The arrests were made raiding Confidence Elector Home Apparels, Rab-1 Commanding Officer Lt Col Tuhin Mohammad Masud told a press briefing at its headquarters.

The six are Nazmul Hasan Himel, 35, the

mastermind; Masudur Rahman Suman, 33; Habibur Rahman Daud, 54; Akbar Sheikh, 38; Ameer Hossain, 30; and Shahjahan Mia.

A former deputy director of the Department of Agricultural Extension yesterday narrated how he lost over half of his retirement benefits.

Preferring anonymity, he said, having retired, he joined Rexton Electra Industries as an employee in January depositing Tk 80,000 as security money.

"Later they took Tk 43 lakh from me in phases offering me a car at a discount and shares," he said, adding that he found the office locked after around one month.

Rab claimed that before closing the Banani office in March, the gang collected around Tk 80 deceiving people, including one Abul Khayer Chowdhury who lost Tk 5 lakh and Rezaul Karim who lost Tk 3 lakh.

Masud said the gang had already swindled around Tk 35 lakh from people using the Badda office.

Shibir man arrested with explosives in capital

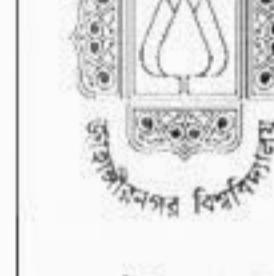
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A ward-level leader of pro-Jamaat Islami Chhatra Shibir was arrested with a huge amount of explosive materials from a house in the capital's Khilkhet

Wednesday night, said police.

Imran Hossain, 20, is a second year student of political sciences at Government Titumir College.

Three crude bombs, 70 crackers, 5.5kg of explosives powder, 170 spikes, a large number of books of Shibir were seized from his possession, SM Mostaque Ahmed Khan, a deputy commissioner of police, told a press briefing at Khilkhet Police Station yesterday.



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At age 58, Mohibullah cleans doormats to earn a living for him and his wife. But making money is no easy job -- he gets only Tk 3 for washing one. Throughout the day, he could clean 150-200 doormats and thus making no more than Tk 600. The poor man said he married off his two daughters, and his two sons lived separately. The photo was taken on the Buriganga River in Keraniganj's Alam Market area recently.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Arsonists must face legal action: PM

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with all cooperation."

"We don't want such damage to the people in future. It's unthinkable one can cause such damage to the people and burning people alive aimed at gratifying own interests," she said.

Hasina said people of Bangladesh

never had experienced such brutality in the past which BNP and Jamaat have unleashed during their 92-day agitation since January 5 this year.

The prime minister said her policies are devoted to serve the people and for their welfare. "It's not policies at all if political activities cause

damage to the people. It's merely militant and terrorist act," she said.

Earlier, the prime minister distributed Tk 33.77 crore in 994 cheques among the family members of the deceased, injured persons and owners of the damaged transports.