

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA H 26.5 | L 24.01

CHITTAGONG H 26.5 | L 23.5

SYLHET H 30.2 | L 25.2

RAJSHAHI H 28.5 | L 24.9

KHULNA H 29.5 | L 25.0

BARISAL H 29.8 | L 24.3

RANGPUR H 31.0 | L 28.3

COX'S BAZAR H 27.0 | L 24.2

Day and night temperatures may remain nearly unchanged over country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:42pm and rises tomorrow at 5:28am. Country's highest temperature 32.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Khepupara and lowest 22.0 in

Repatriation of trafficking victims delayed for bad weather

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Some 159 Bangladeshis, victims of human trafficking, who were to be repatriated on Thursday, will be brought back home on August 5 due to rough weather at sea.

"We have sent a letter to the Immigration and National Registration Department in Myanmar informing them to send back the victims on August 5," Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB)-17 Commander Lt Col M Rabiul Islam Rabi told The Daily Star. Myanmar was to send them back on Thursday but could not due to Cyclone Komen, he said.

The victims, rescued by the Myanmar navy, have been identified as Bangladeshis through a flag meeting between BGB and Myanmar Border Guard Police (BGP).



Broken railings on a bridge on the Dhaka-Tangail highway at Dhor in Ashulia has been threatening the safety of vehicles for the past one year. The photo was taken on Thursday.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

Three children drown in Kushtia

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Three children drowned in separate water bodies in Daulatpur upazila of Kushtia on Thursday evening.

Amir Ali, 5, son of Rentu Ali, went to play near a pond at Daulatkhal village and drowned.

Locals found the floating body of Ankhi Khatun, 6, daughter of Abul Kalam, in a ditch at Refayatpur hours after she left home.

Harun Ali, 3, son of Sakib Ali, drowned in a water body at Boiragirchar village.

Vegetable price soars in Ctg

SHAHADAT HOSSAIN, Ctg

Price of vegetables in Chittagong city's kitchen markets have soared in the last few days.

Vegetable traders said the main reason behind the price hike is the incessant rainfall in the city that led to a shortage of supply.

This correspondent visited different kitchen markets in No-2 Gate and Kazir Dewry areas and Karnaphuli Complex Market in Chittagong and found more or less the same price for vegetables in all the markets.

Md Sahabuddin, a vegetable trader at Karnaphuli Complex Market, said for most vegetables,

prices have been increased by Tk 10 due to a shortage of supply.

However, price of different kinds of meat remained the same. Per kilogramme of onion was sold between Tk 35 and Tk 40, but now the price is between Tk 55 to Tk 65.

Mohammad Ibrahim of Khadija Traders at Karnaphuli Complex Market said the incessant rain led to the shortage of supply. Due to heavy rainfall, goods did not arrive on time, he said.

Mohammad Kasem, a rickshaw puller, questioned how he would be able to feed his family if the prices do not go down.

Observance of int'l day of indigenous peoples sought

DU CORRESPONDENT

International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, which is observed on August 9, has to be celebrated in the country, demanded some indigenous organisations yesterday.

The demand came at a rally at TSC on the Dhaka University campus.

Showing solidarity with them, Syed Abul Maksud, a columnist and researcher, said, "As a member of the United Nation, it's a duty of the state to observe the day, but Bangladesh's government doesn't do so."

Organised by Bangladesh Adivasi Forum, the rally was joined by Garo Student Union, Khasi Student Union, Bangladesh Adivasi Chhatri Sangram Parishad, Tripura Students Forum, Bangladesh Orao Chhatri Sangathan, Youth Age Agent of Social Change, and Indigenous Student Union.

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