

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA H 30.3 L 25.2	CHITTAGONG H 32.0 L 25.4	SYLHET H 35.4 L 25.4	RAJSHAHI H 31.0 L 25.0	KHULNA H 30.3 L 24.8	BARISAL H 29.8 L 25.5	RANGPUR H 32.5 L 25.5	COX'S BAZAR H 30.0 L 25.0
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Day temperature may rise by 1-2 degree Celsius and night temperature may rise slightly over country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:41pm and rises tomorrow at 5:28am. Country's highest temperature 35.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Sylhet and lowest 24.0 in Tangail and Teknaf.

17 Barisal BNP men sent to jail on surrender

Seventeen leaders and activists of Barisal city BNP, including its Acting Secretary Ziauddin Sikdar and Joint Secretary Mir Zahidul Kabir, yesterday were sent to jail on surrender in three cases filed over arson attack in January this year.

Sheikh Humayun Kabir Masud, defense lawyer, said 19 leaders and activists of Barisal city BNP were accused in the cases filed over an arson attack on a launch at Barisal River Port and on two trucks in Rupatoli area of the city.

Of them, 17 surrendered before the Barisal metropolitan magistrate court and appealed for bail. The court, rejecting their bail prayers, ordered sending them to jail, court sources said.



Cars parked, that too at a right angle to traffic on Toyenbee Circular Road, in front of the capital's Notre Dame College yesterday with complete disregard to a road traffic sign specifically barring the practice, and leading to gridlocks.

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NEWS IN brief

Student robbed of money, mobile

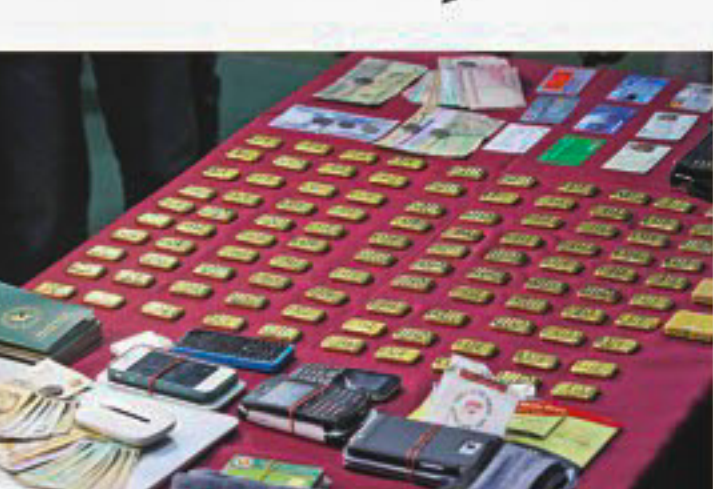
Muggers, who came in a car, snatched Tk 9,000 and a cellphone set from a student after shooting him in the capital's Kalabagan early yesterday. The victim is Md Sajib, 20, an honours first year student of Victoria University College in Comilla. He is undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital. No case was filed in this connection till filing of this report.

Youth commits 'suicide' in Ctg

A youth allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself in the building where he resided in Paharika Residential area of Chittagong city's Khulshi early yesterday. Md Hasan Mahmud, 22, son of Sekander Mia of Feni, passed HSC exam this year. Hasan and his "girlfriend" resided in the same building and were having trouble in their relationship. He went to her flat at night and hanged himself from a window grille, said police who are interrogating the woman now. He was declared dead at Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

12.5kg of smuggled gold seized, 5 held

Rapid Action Battalion arrested five persons with 108 smuggled gold bars, weighing 12.5kg, worth around Tk 6.25 crore in the capital's Khilgaon on Saturday. The gold bars were smuggled into the country through the domestic terminal of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, said Rab officials. The arrestees are Syed Mahmud, 37, Forkan, 27, Meherunnesa, 45, Bibi Fatema, 30, and Shamsul Alam, 44. Acting on a tip-off, a Rab team searched a private car, driven by Alam, near Khidmah Hospital at Khilgaon around 11:20am on the day and seized eight gold bars from Mahmud and Forkan, Lt Col Khandakar



Golam Sarwar, commanding officer of Rab-3, told a press briefing at its Tikatuli headquarters yesterday. Later, all the arrestees, who were in the car, were taken to Rab-3 headquarters where 100 gold bars were seized from Meherunnesa and Fatema, said Sarwar. The Rab team also seized the private car, a laptop, four passports, nine cellphones and some foreign currencies from their possession. During primary interrogation, the arrestees said they received the bars in a Biman flight while they were travelling to Dhaka from Chittagong. An international passenger gave them the gold bars, the Rab official quoted the arrestees as saying.

BNP wants fresh, not midterm polls

Terming the January 5 parliamentary election "unusual and unfair" as people could not exercise their right to vote, BNP yesterday said it demanded a fresh poll, not a midterm one. "Different quarters are talking about midterm election but BNP does not consider it a snap election," Spokesperson Asaduzzaman Ripon told a briefing at the party's Nayapalton central office in the capital. "A government which was elected systematically with people's vote arranges such election either to test its popularity or is forced to do it due to internal pressure, for its failure or a big scandal," he said. On Awami League General Secretary Syed Ashrafur Islam's comment on Saturday that BNP will cease to exist if it does not contest the next election, he said it must be held under a non-party administration, which BNP has been repeatedly demanding, and that they would join it. "The government will surely be forced to accept the demand," he said, adding that BNP would return to power with people's support. "Politics is like a dream and political parties are means to

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Bangladesh condemns Israeli settlers' arson attack on Palestinians

Bangladesh yesterday condoled the death of a Palestinian infant and sympathised with his injured parents and four-year-old brother as they were attacked by Israeli settlers recently. The arson attack was launched on their house in the town of Duma of West Bank on July 31. Bangladesh termed it a "cowardly attack" and demanded trial of the perpetrators, says a foreign ministry statement.



Kazuhiro Watanabe, chief programme director of Bangla section at Radio Japan, NHK, presents a Japanese version copy of "The Unfinished Memoirs" of Bangabandhu to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office yesterday. He translated it into Japanese language from Bangla.



A clash yesterday between two groups of claimants of a land in Dashiarchhara of Kurigram's Phulbari upazila which became a part of Bangladesh in a historic enclave swap just a day before. At least 11 people were injured.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

PM wants campaign for smart ID cards

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said Smart NID Cards will help contain crime and corruption in the country besides making both public and private organisations more dynamic. The Prime Minister made the comment after Director General and Project Director of the Smart NID Project Brig Gen Sultanuzzaman Mohammed Saleh Uddin made a

power-point presentation on its features at the premier's office in the capital. Hasina asked the authorities concerned to carry out campaign to make people aware of the benefits of the Smart NID Cards which will be introduced by the Election Commission soon. The Prime Minister expressed her satisfaction over the progress of the ongoing project. The project director said a database

of over nine crore people has been developed for the introduction of the card and also highlighted the technical design and 25 security features of the cards which have been made in three tiers to check fake ID cards. He also mentioned that each card will last for at least 10 years and the overall activities of the project have been expanded up to upazila and thana levels. After the presentation, PM's Press Secretary Ihasanul Karim briefed reporters.

Road crashes kill 2

An unidentified youth was killed when a truck ran him over while he was crossing Rangpur-Dhaka highway at Silimpur in Bogra town yesterday. Police arrested the truck driver Abdul Hannan, 34, of Shukhangari village. Our Gaibandha correspondent reports, a man was killed when a microbus ran him over on Rangpur-Bogra highway at Bakchar in Gobindaganj upazila yesterday. The dead was Altaf Mollah, 70, of Goyalpara village.

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Hello participants from Barisal Division! Those who have qualified for the Divisional Round, be at the Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Auditorium, Sagardi, Barisal on Monday, August 03, 2015 at 11:00 AM sharp.

SEE YOU TODAY!

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