

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA
H 32.4 | L 25.9

CHITTAGONG
H 32.4 | L 26.0

SYLHET
H 33.5 | L 26.7

RAJSHAHI
H 32.1 | L 25.8

KHULNA
H 32.2 | L 26.5

BARISAL
H 31.6 | L 25.4

RANGPUR
H 33.0 | L 26.4

COX'S BAZAR
H 31.0 | L 26.0

Light to moderate rain or thunder showers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places in all the divisions in the next 24 hours till 6:00pm today. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:40pm and rises tomorrow at 05:29am.

Nine held for leaking exam questions

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detectives on Sunday arrested nine people, including three college teachers, in Dhaka and Jessore in connection with HSC and other exams' questions leak.

In Dhaka, three teachers of a Demra college, Nazmul, Hasan and Kamrul, were arrested for their involvement with a gang which used to swindle HSC examinees by offering them to improve their grades or leak questions in exchange for money.

They were arrested on the basis of a confessional statement given by their ringleader Raihan Chowdhury who along with five others was arrested on July 15, said Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) Joint Commissioner Monirul Islam at a press conference yesterday. Raihan used to contact HSC examinees on Facebook through an account named after American crime thriller writer Dan Brown. Police learnt about the group when about 10 students, each of whom paid different amounts, filed complaints.

Meanwhile, police arrested Suman Ahmed, Rahman, Rahman alias Liton, SM Tanvir Alam alias Rizvi, Johnny Rahman and Arafat Hossain with question papers of the semester final exam of a private polytechnic institute in Jessore which is scheduled for August 12.

Police also seized a tablet computer and six smart phones which they used for leaking and distributing questions using the internet.

Smart nat'l

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in the first phase.

A French company is working to prepare the cards, each of which will cost around US\$ 2. Voters' personal information in detail will be preserved in the cards, said EC officials.

Initially, the cards will be distributed for free but people have to pay for different services like replacements.



PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

HOMELESSNESS DHAKA STYLE

Floating people have turned the foot overbridge at the capital's Shahbagh, near Shishu Park, into their "home", discouraging pedestrians from using it. The photo was taken yesterday.

Man accuses cops of shooting him after arrest in Ctg

Bayezid OC claims his cohorts did it during gunfight with police

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A 20-year-old man arrested in Chittagong city's Amin Colony field on Sunday says police hours later deliberately shot him in the calf from a close range while the accused claim his cohorts fired the pellets during a gunfight with law enforcers.

Hasan, a resident of the colony and now undergoing treatment at Chittagong Medical College Hospital, said he was taken to Bayezid Police Station following the arrest at 5:00pm.

He claimed to have been shot after being taken to Oxygen, a place he was able to make out despite being blindfolded, around 2:00am yesterday, some two kilometres from the colony.

His mother Maya Begum told The Daily Star that Zakir Hossain, general secretary of Awami League's organisational ward 43's A unit, bribed police to maim Hasan.

Hasan and his friends had a scuffle with Zakir early July after the latter confronted and accused them of mugging a relative on the field, she added.

The officer-in-charge (OC), Pradip Kumar Das, said Hasan was arrested at 9:00pm with a kirich (a type of a knife) on his person and information he provided led to the seizure of 11 more from the residence of a local friend of his, Rahman.

He said a 15-member police team and Hasan were going to the residence to arrest Rahman yesterday around 2:00am when some 10-15 cohorts of Hasan shot at them from the field, leading to the 15-minute gunfight.

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Filling station accused of tampering with pumps

Shuts down temporarily after consumers lay siege to it, reopens with cop assistance; motorcyclist starts agitation suspecting stealing of fuel by the station authorities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A state-owned filling station in the capital's Poribagh was shut down for several hours yesterday after some 50 customers laid siege to it alleging that it was selling short measures of petrol by tampering with a dispenser.

Meghna Model Service Centre was shut from around noon and opened with police assistance around 6:00pm. During the agitation, police took away its in-charge, Md Mahbubun Nur, to Shahbagh Police Station around 2:20pm.

Mohammad Ali, the motorcyclist who started the agitation, said for several weeks it felt like his two-wheeler's mileage dropped whenever he refilled there.

"I have asked them several times to get a BSTI-approved pot or something to prove that they are not cheating...But they always say that they do not have any pot," he told The Daily Star.

Ali said yesterday he brought a five-

litre capacity jar approved by the Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI) and asked the salesperson to pour petrol in it.

"Seeing the jar, they first said they could not give petrol because of load shedding, and after a while they said they ran out of fuel," he said.

Ali fears that the station authorities had been stealing around two litres from every 10 litres customers bought.

Md Mahbubun Nur said, "It was sheer bad luck that we ran out of fuel when we needed to prove that our measurement was flawless."

Nur also claimed that a loaded tanker had arrived around 40 minutes after the agitation started but could not enter for the "angry mob". "They (customers) kept saying that we would have to give them fuel without touching the machines," he said.

Asked how often they ran out of fuel, Nur said it was the third time in the last one year.

HC questions legality of Sylhet stone crushers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday questioned the legality of setting up and operation of stone crushing machines in Sylhet.

It issued a rule asking the government to explain in four weeks as to why setting up and running of such machines at different areas of Sylhet sadar, its Companiganj, Goainghat, Jointapur and Kanaighat upazilas should not be declared illegal.

The HC bench of Justice Farah Mahbub and Justice Kazi Md Ejarul Haque Akondo came up with the rule after hearing a writ petition filed by Bangladesh Environment Lawyers Association.

The organization submitted the petition seeking necessary order from the HC on the authorities concerned of the government to stop operation of illegal and uncontrolled stone crushing machines at the said areas.

Minhazul Hoque Chowdhury appeared for Bela.

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Hasan, 20, who says he was called a mugger and shot in the leg by police, being treated in Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) yesterday. Police said they arrested him with a knife and the information he gave led to the seizure of 11 more knives from his friend's house.

PHOTO: STAR

President regularises 2 HC judges

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

President Abdul Hamid yesterday regularised the services of two High Court judges as their two years' tenure as additional judge will expire today.

The two are Justice Md Shahinur Islam, who has been discharging duties as a member of the International Crimes Tribunal-2, and Justice Kashefa Hussain.

The law ministry yesterday issued gazette notification in this regard, and the two will take oath tomorrow.

On July 31, 2013, President Abdul Hamid appointed Md Shahinur Islam and Kashefa Hussain, who was a deputy attorney general, as additional HC judges for two years.

No political motive behind

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court yesterday.

Before starting trial proceedings of the cases, the judge asked the journalists present at the courtroom to publish thorough statements of the witnesses.

According to the charge sheet of the Zia Orphanage case, Khaleda, her son Tarique Rahman and four others embez-

zled Tk 2.1 crore by forming the charity that exists only on paper.

The statement of the other case says that the BNP chief and three others abused power to collect Tk 6.19 crore for Zia Charitable Trust during the BNP-led government's tenure between 1991 and 1996.

The ACC filed both cases.

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