

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 34.4 L 28.0	H 35.0 L 26.6	H 30.6 L 25.0	H 36.7 L 28.0	H 34.7 L 28.0	H 33.3 L 27.3	H 33.3 L 28.3	H 33.0 L 26.8

Light to moderate rain or thunder showers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places at all the divisions in the next 24 hours till 6:00pm today. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:36pm and rises tomorrow at 05:32am.

KHALEDA'S BIRTHDAY
Permanent bar on celebration on Aug 15 sought at Barisal court

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

An ex-leader of the Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) yesterday filed a case with a Barisal court, praying for imposition of a permanent injunction on celebration of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia's birthday on National Mourning Day, August 15.

Moin Tushar, former joint secretary of BCL's BM College unit, filed the case with the senior assistant judge's court, said his lawyer Azad Rahman.

BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir and presidents and general secretaries of the district, city and upazila units of Barisal, were made defendants.

The judge, HM Kabir Hossain, received the case but did not pass any order yesterday.



PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HUQ

Children bathe in the pool of the Rayerbazar killing field memorial in the capital yesterday, while a signboard, inset, stands nearby prohibiting playing, bathing or any other activities on its premises that harm the sanctity of the memorial. The authority seems to have finished doing its duty by only erecting a signboard though it is not working.

“বিজ্ঞপ্তি”
শুভিসৌধের জাবান্দিত্ব বজায় রাখুন। অবাধে চলাফেরা কিংবা খেলাধুলা করে এর সৌন্দর্য নষ্ট করা সুস্থ দাপনিকতা বোধের পরিচায়ক নয়। সুখাত হতে সুখোদিত পথ এ এলাকায় প্রবেশ এবং মটর সাইকেল, বাই সাইকেল ডিভার অবস্থান সম্পূর্ণ ভাবে নিষিদ্ধ। শুভিসৌধের পরিব্রতা রক্ষায় সকলের আন্তরিক সহযোগিতা একান্ত ভাবে কাম্য।

NEWS IN brief

2 women held with 7.5kg of gold

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Customs officials yesterday detained two women and recovered 64 gold bars, weighing 7.5kg, worth around Tk 3.75 crore, from them at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in the capital.

The two—Josna Akter and Zarin Begum—were the passengers of Bangladesh Biman's Chittagong-Dhaka flight, said Reyadul Islam, assistant commissioner of Customs.

2 plastic factories fined Tk 23 lakh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Power Distribution Company Ltd (DPDC) yesterday fined two plastic factories a total of Tk 23 lakh in the city's Kamrangirchar for pilferage of electricity.

DM Plastic factory pilfered 60,000 units of electricity bypassing the meter in last six months while another factory Meena Plastic stole 30,000 units through meter tampering, read a DPDC press release.

Electric connections to both the factories were cut off and the factories were sealed off too, said DPDC Chief

Child, blogger killings protested

RU CORRESPONDENT

Teachers and students of Rajshahi University's Sociology department yesterday protested the recent child murders, including Rakibul Islam and Samiul Islam Rajon killings, and also the murder of blogger Niladri Chatterjee which occurred across the country.

At a human chain before Momtazuddin Arts Building, they demanded immediate arrest and exemplary punish-

Man gets life term for rape in Gazipur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

A Gazipur court yesterday sentenced a man to life term imprisonment and also fined him Tk 20,000 for raping a class III student in 2013.

The convict is Mohammad Sohnel Khan, 24, of Kaliganj in Gazipur.

According to the verdict, on the night of July 2, 2013 Sohnel hid in the girl's room. When she fell asleep, he took the girl to nearby field and raped her there.

The victim's grandfather heard her screams and came out to see Sohnel raping her. Seeing the grandfather, Sohnel fled.

Later, the victim's father filed a case against Sohnel and he was arrested.

Strong land commission for plain land Adivasis sought

Indigenous lawyers present draft of law at seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The separate land commission demanded for the plain land indigenous people of the country should have the power to take legal action rather than just make recommendations to the government, speakers said at a national seminar yesterday.

"The commission should have teeth. It should not exist in name only," said Khushi Kabir, coordinator of Nijera Kori.

Time has also come to establish a ministry for all indigenous people of the country, both from plain land and the hills, she told the national seminar on "Separate Land Commission for the Plain Land Indigenous Population: Specific Recommendations".

Other discussants echoed her at the programme, organised by Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF), Jatiya Adivasi Parishad, and Indigenous Peoples Development Services (IPDS) jointly at the capital's Bangla Academy yesterday as part of the two-day celebration of International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples on August 9.

"The land of plain land indigenous people cannot be protected under the current land laws of the country," said Sanjeeb Drong, general secretary of Bangladesh Adivasi Forum, citing several instances of eviction of plain land Adivasis from their land.

He said that as indigenous people used the land collectively and had a spiritual relationship with land, they never had any ownership documents, required by the country's law.

This gave government offices reason to evict the indigenous people from the area, in which they had been living for ages, he said.

Supreme Court lawyer Titus Hillol Rema, member of Bangladesh Indigenous Lawyers Association, presented a draft law with six chapters and 21 sections for creation of the commission. The draft also attached a list of 36 indigenous plain land communities of the country.

History professor at Dhaka University Mesbah Kamal, however, said that through his research, he found 76 indigenous communities in the country. Care must be taken so that no community is left out, he said.

Sara Hossain, honorary executive director of Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST), said, "You can try to give the law constitutional protection so that no government can change it as they wish."

Fazle Hossain Badshah MP, convener of the parliamentary caucus on indigenous affairs, referred to the draft law on the rights commission for indigenous people, which the caucus plans to present in parliament as a private bill soon.

Noting that establishing a separate land commission for plain land communities was part of Awami League's election manifesto both in 2010 and 2014, lawmaker Md Abdur Razzak said a mass movement was required to remind government of its promise.

Robaet Ferdous, associate professor of mass communication and journalism, DU, suggested establishing the headquarters of the land commission outside Dhaka.

On behalf of MJF, Dr Tofail Ahmed gave the welcome speech while Rabindranath Soren, president of Jatiya Adivasi Parishad, moderated the discussion.

Suspended Savar municipality mayor arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Suspended Savar municipality mayor Alhaj Md Refatullah, also president of Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP)'s Savar municipality unit, was arrested yesterday in Genda of Savar, outside the capital, over vandalising and torching vehicles during hartals.

Savar Model police also arrested Md Nazim Uddin, vice-president of the unit, in the same house on similar charges.

Police arrested Refatullah in four cases in which arrest warrants had been issued. Refatullah has been planning acts of sabotage since he secured bail in 12 cases out of 18 filed on different charges, said police.

Refatullah recently was suspended from his mayoral post in cases over Rana Plaza collapse on April 23, 2013 which killed over 1,100 people.

Singapore celebrates anniversary

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The Consulate of the Republic Singapore, Dhaka, celebrated the golden jubilee of the nation's independence on Sunday.

On the occasion, Consul Darryl Lau hosted a reception at the Westin Dhaka and said the consulate is looking forward to further strengthening the friendship between the two countries.

Ministers, lawmakers, a number of ambassadors and high commissioner and senior diplomats, high government officials, senior journalists and businessmen attended the reception.

Malnutrition ubiquitous

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prohibited during pregnancy.

It also found that new mothers are considered impure and are not allowed to eat with other family members until the purification ceremony is held in Marma community after birth of a child; mother is only given salt, water and rice at least for two weeks and some babies are fed earlier than the recommended age (6 months) because mothers have to go to work in jhum land.

MJF recommended that local knowledge, wisdom and practice should be analysed, documented, disseminated and considered in designing an intervention and a multi-sector approach -- advocacy, community-specific info, development of IEC (information, education and communication) materials -- should be applied.

Roksana Quader, additional secretary to the health ministry; Dr Shamim Imam, director of MJF; Achinta Das Gupta, executive director of DSL; and development economist Nazme Sabina also spoke.

DU business faculty opens e-library

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique yesterday inaugurated a library of the business studies faculty which also offers e-library services, said a press release.

The library covering 12,000 sq feet area in the faculty building is funded by Robi Axiata Ltd. A total of 35 overseas universities and international publishers will be affiliated with the e-library, which will directly benefit 6,092 students and 208 teachers of the faculty, it added.

Students from other universities of the country can also enjoy the access.



Rina Chowdhury, chairperson of the Installation Committee, Rasheda K Chowdhury, former adviser to a caretaker government, Sheezan Khan, president of Rotary Club of Dhaka Rosevale, and SAM Showket Hossain, rotary district governor, were present at the installation ceremony of the Rotary Club of Dhaka Rosevale held on Sunday at Gulshan Club in the capital. PHOTO: COLLECTED

CASES AGAINST KHALEDA
Court fixes Aug 27 for proceedings

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday fixed August 27 for continuing the proceedings of Zia Orphanage and Zia Charitable Trust graft cases against BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia and eight others.

The court recorded statement of Harun-or-Rashid, a deputy director of the Anti-Corruption Corruption and also the complainant of the Zia Charitable Trust graft case.

THE CASES

According to the charge sheet of the Zia Orphanage case, Khaleda, Tarique and four others embezzled Tk 2.1 crore by forming the charity that exists only on paper.

The statement of the other case say the BNP chief and three others abused power to collect Tk 6.19 crore for Zia Charitable Trust between 1991 and 1996.

The ACC filed the cases.

14 doctors

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Nasim applauded their crucial and sincere efforts.

The baby suffered bullet injuries when her eight months pregnant mother was shot in the abdomen during a factional clash of the Awami Jubo League in Magura town on July 23.

The clash left an elderly man dead and another man injured.

Homeopathic medicine shop owners jailed, fined

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mobile court yesterday penalised the owners of two unauthorised homeopathic medicine shops in the capital's Jatrabari for producing drugs in unhygienic conditions and using harmful ingredients.

Padma Homeo Laboratory at Kazirgaon was sealed off and owner Md Bulbul Ahmed, 46, was jailed for two years and fined Tk 2 lakh, and if he defaults, he has to serve two more months in prison, said a press release of the Rapid Action Battalion-10 (Rab).

The Rab-backed court also fined Nirmal Barman, 62, owner of Harbo Laboratories at South Jatrabari, and realised the money.

Drug court to give judgement

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(Bangladesh) Ltd, Rex Pharmaceutical, and City Chemical and Pharmaceutical Works Ltd -- contained diethylene glycol.

The results of subsequent independent testing -- undertaken in laboratories in the US and obtained by The Daily Star -- confirmed the results.

Two cases were filed against six employees of BCIB after two batches of the company's paracetamol syrup "Paracem" was found containing more than 25 percent diethylene glycol.

City Chemical was never charged while owners of Rex Pharma got acquitted in

ICT order on contempt of court

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apology to the tribunal for his comment on June 10 that drew contempt of court proceedings against him. Zafrullah, if found guilty, may face up to one year imprisonment or Tk 5,000 fine or both. The tribunal on July 12 initiated contempt of court proceedings against Zafrullah for his comments on June 10 over the punishment of Dhaka-based British journalist David Bergman.

"Today's contempt of court verdict is a proof of mental illness of the three judges ... Ensuring justice is not possible if the judges can't take criticism. When they can't stand criticism and lack rationality, they hide themselves under the cover of law," he had told reporters on June 10.

During hearing yesterday, Zafrullah's lawyer Abdul Baset Majumder said his client "completely surrendered himself" before the tribunal.

CAREER OPPORTUNITY WITH
The Daily Star

Front Desk Executive (Female)

Job Responsibilities:
The incumbent will work as a member of the Team responsible for Front Desk Operation and basic duties in the job profile includes the following:

- Is responsible for execution of overall tasks relevant to the day-to-day operation of the Reception & PABX services, at the corporate office.
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- Perform other tasks, as assigned by the supervisor.

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- Must have Bachelor's degree from any reputed University (preferably studied in English medium).
- Completion of Secretarial Science Course will be an added advantage.

Experience:

- Should have 2-3 years' of hands-on experience in similar jobs in large and reputed companies.

Knowledge/Skills:

- Should be good at handling EPBAX system.
- Should have good command over English and Bengali.
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Application Deadline: August 16, 2015