



YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

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Day and night temperatures may remain nearly unchanged over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:31pm and rises tomorrow at 05:34am. Country's highest temperature 34.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Bogra and Dinajpur and lowest 25.2 in Tangail.

FATHER OF THE NATION REMEMBERED



Clockwise from top left, the concluding day of a three-day photo exhibition on Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman draws a large crowd on National Mourning Day yesterday, at the South Plaza of Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban where it was organised by the Dhaka North City Corporation. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her sister Sheikh Rehana pay homage to assassinated family members by showering petals on their graves at Banani Graveyard in the capital. President Abdul Hamid and Sheikh Hasina stand in silence after placing wreaths at Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's portrait in front of Bangabandhu Memorial Museum at Dhanmondi. Sheikh Hasina also places a wreath at family members' graves. A portrait of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman being unveiled at Jatiya Press Club.

PHOTO: STAR, PMO, BSS

Cop injured in Friday's train crash dies too

Death toll rises to four

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

One more policeman died yesterday after he along with six of his colleagues were injured as a train hit their van patrolling Dhelapir area at a level crossing in Syedpur of Nilphamari district Friday night.

Constable Md Faruk, 22, of Syedpur Police Station succumbed to his injuries at Rangpur Medical College Hospital, said Sazedur Rahman, an assistant superintendent of police in the district.

With him, the death toll has risen to four.

Four of the injured were shifted to the capital's Rajarbagh Police Lines hospital from RMCH, the ASP said.

The accident occurred as there is no gate at the level crossing and the driver could not sense the approaching train, said Zakir Hossain Khan, superintendent of police in Nilphamari.

Bangladesh Railway (West Zone) General Manager Khairul Islam said a four-member committee comprising railway officials was formed to investigate the incident, which was asked to submit its report within three days.

Five days ago, an elderly man died as a train ran him over on the same spot, said Saidur Rahman Sarker, chairman of Botlarigari Union Parishad.



ABDUL ALI MURDER CASE

BCL man Pronojit confesses killing co-activist

Another accused Angur Mia on remand

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

The prime accused, Pronojit Das, yesterday confessed to killing a fellow activist of the Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) before a Sylhet court yesterday.

Judge Anwarul Magistrate Court-3 recorded his confessional statement.

Quoting Pronojit, 21, police said he stabbed the victim, Abdul Ali, 19, a 12th-grader at MM College of Sylhet, over personal feud.

He gave details of the Wednesday's murder, said Mosharrar Hossain, officer-in-charge (investigation) of Kotwali Police Station.

On Wednesday afternoon, Pronojit, also a 12th-grader at the college, tried to flee but was arrested by a special team from Kotwali station.

Pronojit said he and Abdul Ali were sitting on a bench on the second floor of the building of the chemistry department on Tuesday and had an

altercation over internal feud. He also threatened Ali, he said.

When Pronojit saw Ali sitting on the same bench the next day, it angered him. With friends, Pronojit then beat him up; and at one stage Pronojit dragged him down to the stairs and stabbed him.

OC of Kotwali Sohul Ahmad said that they recovered the knife used in the killing from Burikhal bridge in Osmaninagar upazila of Sylhet yesterday afternoon.

Rahmat Ullah, additional deputy commissioner (media) of Sylhet Metropolitan Police, said it was not possible to say more about his confessional statement for the sake of investigation.

A total of five BCL men were sued over the murder but three including Pronojit have been arrested so far.

A second arrestee, Angur Mia, is on a three-day remand starting Friday.



Pronojit Das, 21, in police custody. PHOTO: MINTU DESHWARA

Man held with smuggled gold at Ctg airport

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Customs officials detained a man with 25 gold bars, weighing around 3kg, worth about Tk 1.25 crore at Chittagong city's Shah Amanat International Airport yesterday.

Absar Mia, 30, of Raozan upazila, returned from Muscat by an Oman Airways flight.

The gold bars, wrapped with black scotch tape, was found in his hand bag, said Airport Customs.

Youth's body found in Padma in Rajshahi

UNB, Rajshahi

Police recovered the decomposed body of an unidentified youth from Padma River near Talaimari BGB camp in Rajshahi city on Friday night.

The body was sent to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital morgue for an autopsy, said Humayun Kabir, officer-in-charge of Motihar Police Station.

Police suspect that miscreants might have killed the man and dumped the body in the river 15 days back, said the OC.

Woman tortured, humiliated publicly on suspicion of extra-marital affair

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

A woman along with neighbours cut off her husband's colleague's hair, smeared ink on her face and left her on road with a garland of shoes around her neck in Savar, yesterday, suspecting that the two had an extramarital affair.

According to the female garment worker, she was strolling along the road at Baipail in the evening when she met Ashraful Islam and he invited her to visit his house in the same area.

They were chatting in the house when Ashraful's wife Asha Khatun returned and started shouting seeing her there. She gathered her neighbours, and beat and tortured the woman.

A case filed in this regard also made Ashraful's landlady Firoza Begum an accused.

Police arrested the couple but Firoza went into hiding. Ashraful denied having such relationship with his co-worker, said police, adding that the victim was admitted to a local clinic.



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