

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA H 33.3 | L 25.0

CHITTAGONG H 33.5 | L 25.7

SYLHET H 33.8 | L 25.7

RAJSHAHI H 31.2 | L 25.5

KHULNA H 34.5 | L 26.4

BARISAL H 32.0 | L 25.7

RANGPUR H 26.5 | L 24.1

COX'S BAZAR H 31.7 | L 26.0

Day and night temperatures may rise slightly over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:25pm and rises tomorrow at 5:37am. Country's highest temperature 34.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Khulna and lowest 23.5 in Maizdi Court.

Mobile court jails five for illegal bottling, marketing of drinking water

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mobile court yesterday fined owners and staff of four firms and sentenced them to different terms in jail for bottling and marketing drinking water illegally in the capital.

The court led by Executive Magistrate Sarwar Alam also shut the firms down for marketing unfiltered, dirty bottled water without a license.

Without any license from Wasa, the companies collected water from Wasa's pipelines in an unhygienic condition, said Sarwar Alam told The Daily Star.

He said layers of algae and iron coated the bottles filled with water.

Manager of Vital Drinking Water at Gopibagh was sentenced to three months' imprisonment and fined Tk 50,000; owner of Sabrina Drinking Water at Gopibagh Harunur Rashid was sentenced six months in jail and fined Tk 1 lakh; owner of Upline Fresh Water at Narinda Salman F Rahman got a two-year jail term and was fined Tk 1 lakh; staff of Bikrampur Products -- Sohel Rana and Tanjil Ahmed -- were jailed for three months and fined Tk 50,000 each. The five were sent to jail.



A boat race organised by Beraid Krira Sangstha on the Balu river yesterday. The photo was taken at Beraid in the capital's Badda.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Bangabandhu's philosophy would have developed country's economy

Speakers tell book launching ceremony

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh's economy would have resembled Malaysia's, had it progressed following Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's socio-economic philosophy of home-grown development, said speakers yesterday.

His economic and political visions were discussed at the launching of "Bangabandhu-Somota-Samrajyobad" written by noted economist Prof Abul Barakat of Dhaka University.

Prof Mahfuza Khanom gave a detail overview of the 252-page book published by Muktobuddhi Prokashana. Former vice chancellor of DU Prof A Kazad Chowdhury, presenting an extract from the book, noted how Bangabandhu was able to return the GDP to Tk 806 crore in 1973, close to its pre-liberation level of Tk 899 crore in 1970, up from Tk 629 crore in a war-devastated country in 1972.

Ditching of policy advice reason for dev crisis

Researchers, experts tell International Growth Centre, Brac Institute of Governance and Development discussion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ditching of policy recommendations in development work is leading to a crisis, noted researchers and experts told a discussion in the capital yesterday.

By and large, 80 percent of suggestions for inclusive and sustainable development are usually not followed through, said architect Tanvir Nawaz who worked as a senior consultant in formulating the Strategic Transport Plan (STP) for greater Dhaka.

He cited as examples arbitrary development bypassing the Detailed Area Plan of Dhaka and STP.

The International Growth Centre (IGC) and Brac Institute of

Governance and Development (BIGD) organised the discussion on formulating research agenda on urbanisation challenges at The Daily Star Centre.

Expressing frustration over procrastination in implementing the metro rail project, Tanvir underscored the need for improved bus services as an immediate measure, adding that a third of the capital's productivity went to waste for traffic congestion. For the ignorance, vested political interests get precedence over collective public interests in development programmes, said noted economist Dr Hossain Zillur Rahman, executive chairman of Power and Participation Research Centre.

Instead of being an economic opportunity, urbanisation is now turning into a crisis with the manifestation of environmental pollution, immense loss of work hours due to traffic congestion, migration in desperation and stagnation in foreign investment, he said.

Urban poverty is a major area about which the decision makers lack researched knowledge, he said, adding that the urban culture which people desire was another area.

Architect Iqbal Habib, member secretary of Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon, said traffic gridlock in the capital was worsening every day with the existing rail tracks left unutilised, pedestrian passages

illegally occupied and circular waterways left neglected.

Private cars account for only eight percent of the three millions trips made daily in the capital, occupying 80 percent of the available road width, he said.

The denial of planned development is a consequence of the absence of vibrant democratic institutions like the current parliament and a lack of governance lead, said Sultan Hafeez Rahman, country director of IGC and executive director of BIGD.

WaterAid country representative Khairul Islam also spoke while Fahad Khalil, a professor of economics at University of Washington, moderated the discussion.

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Sammilita Sangskritik Jote protests murders of bloggers, children

DU CORRESPONDENT

Sammilita Sangskritik Jote held a rally at the Central Shaheed Minar in the capital yesterday protesting murders of children and bloggers and the arrest of journalist Probir Sikder.

Golam Kuddus, president of the jote, said, "We are anxious about incidents of murders of children, assault on women and instances of militancy in the country."

The government must deal with such crimes through strict measures, he added.

Ramendu Majumdar, actor, stage director and theatre producer, said, "It is unbelievable that people remain passive while children are being brutally killed. These crimes can be prevented if people came forward and protested."

He urged bloggers not to hurt anybody's religious sentiment.

Jhuna Chowdhury, president of Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation; Muhammad Samad, president of Jatiya Kabita Parishad; and Mannan Hira, president of Path Natta, among others, also spoke at the rally.



Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor, artist Rafiqun Nabi and Japanese Ambassador in Dhaka Masato Watanabe at the solo exhibition of artist Mohammad Iqbal titled "Outside of the social bondage", which started at the capital's Galleri Kaya yesterday. The exhibition featuring 30 recent works done in oil on canvas and mixed medium on paper is open to all from 11:00am to 8:00pm every day, till September 5.

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Duck farming gains popularity in Rajshahi region

BSS, Rajshahi

In the wake of gradually increasing nutritional demand and lucrative market price, commercial farming of ducks including geese are gaining popularity day by day in Rajshahi region for the last couple of years.

Duck products such as eggs and meat have a great demand in the local markets. So, the duck farming business is being adjudged a great source of earning. Many farmers are making a high profit from their duck farming businesses.

The business has also become a stable employment source. Young unemployed educated people are joining this business making their own employment source. Hundreds of poor and marginal families have become economically solvent by rearing ducks.

There are around 2,000 duck farms in Rajshahi division comprising eight districts and the farming has become

more profitable and sustainable as beels and wetlands are situated abundantly there, said Abdul Awal, divisional deputy director of the Department of Animal Resources.

He said many people reared ducks both commercially and on a small scale for meat or egg production purposes. Even, they raised some ducks on their own backyard with other birds or animals.

Mahtab Ali, a rural jobless person who completed graduation and vainly tried to get a job, is presently owner of a duck farm and now able to support his family properly. He lives in Talanda village of Tanore upazila.

He told the news agency that even five years ago, the income of his father, a poor farmer, was not enough to meet even the basic needs of their family.

However, he was committed to doing something positive to change the lot of his family. Therefore, he took a short training course from Rajshahi

Youth Development Training Centre in 2008, and set up the duck farm adjacent to his house.

Some of those poor fishing families took loans from NGOs and started duck farming at their houses. The Department of Animal Resources also came forward to assist them by supplying improved, hybrid variety of ducklings.

Prof Jalal Uddin Sarder of the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science at Rajshahi University said women, particularly the housewives, were mostly involved in rearing ducks of indigenous species.

Ducks need less expensive, simple and non-elaborate housing facilities resulting in very low expenses in setting up commercial duck farming businesses.

They are very hardy bird and they need less care or management. They can adapt to almost all types of environmental condition.

TV reporter sent to jail for 'torturing wife'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sent senior reporter of ATN News Atiqr Rahman Khan to jail in a case filed for torturing his wife.

Atiqr's wife Farzana Akter Tushi filed the case with Ramna Police Station on Friday, accusing him of physically assaulting her for dowry since they had gotten married in September 2013. Police arrested Atiqr in Ramna area the same day. They said Tushi claimed that Atiqr already realised Tk 2.5 lakh as dowry and had been assaulting her demanding Tk 50,000 more.

RU students recall 2007

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murderers. Over 100 leaders and activists of the alliance brought out a procession on the campus, demanding withdrawal of the two cases against 13 RU students, which were filed during that time by DGF and the university administration over arson and vandalism.

Staging a rally at Tukitaki Chattar, the alliance demanded punishment for the law enforcers who attacked RU students and picked up teachers during the period.

The protesters also demanded scrapping of Section 57 of the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Act, saying it would curb the right to free speech.

Smriti Sultana, a third-year BBA student

On August 20, 2007, army personnel beat up three students of Dhaka University centring about an altercation, sparking protests across the country's universities.

RU unit Chhatra Front President Alamgir Hossain Sujon and Chhatra Federation President Faruk Emon addressed the rally.

Education is a basic right of people... the government alone cannot promote higher education, private sector initiatives are also required," she added.

Syed Mohammad Al Hossain, a student of electrical and electronic engineering of a private university, said this was the worst of the decisions the government took in this tenure.

VAT on pvt universities worries guardians

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tuition fees of private universities, said education was people's basic right, not a commodity for which the government should impose VAT.

"The decision will surely create a pressure on the middle-class students in continuing their university education. I hope the government would withdraw the decision for the sake of promoting higher education," he added.

Smriti Sultana, a third-year BBA student

Govt killing

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fresh movement at the right time.

Pointing to the opposition's "latest movement", he said some BNP men got frustrated because of the government's propaganda against the party.

Trust fund

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fund to make those self-sufficient. Addressing the event, the prime minister said there would be two new medical universities in Rajshahi and Chittagong. "We'll gradually set up medical universities in all the divisional headquarters."

Earlier, Hasina distributed certificates among the seven winning clinics from seven divisions, and launched the interactive learning module.

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দুর্যোগ ব্যবস্থাপনা ও জলবায়ু পরিবর্তন সম্বৰ্ধ
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- বিনামূলে ইন্টারনেট নির্ভর প্রশিক্ষণ।
- সকলকোর্স সম্মুক্তিকারীদের অনলাইনে সার্টিফিকেট প্রদান।

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