

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA
H 30.3 | L 26.0

CHITTAGONG
H 26.8 | L 25.4

SYLHET
H 27.7 | L 23.6

RAJSHAHI
H 34.7 | L 24.7

KHULNA
H 29.8 | L 26.3

BARISAL
H 30.3 | L 26.0

RANGPUR
H 30.6 | L 25.0

COX'S BAZAR
H 27.8 | L 25.5

Day and night temperatures may remain nearly unchanged over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:16pm and rises tomorrow at 5:41am. Country's highest temperature 34.7 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Chandpur and lowest 23.6 in Sylhet.

Three to die for killing O-level student

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sentenced three abductors to death for killing an O-level student in the capital 15 years ago for a ransom of Tk 10 lakh.

The convicts are Ziaur Rahman, who was the victim's classmate, his step brother Salahuddin and their friend Alamgir.

The three abducted Ammar Shamsi, student of Dhanmondi Pilot Memorial and Tutorial School, on October 16, 2000 from Lalbagh area and were arrested two days later when they went to collect the ransom from Shamsi's father, Taufique Shamsi, at Azimpur.

Police later recovered Shamsi's body from Gazipur National Park.

The case proceedings were stayed for over 11 years following a High Court order in response to a petition filed by the accused.

But the Supreme Court had vacated the stay and the trial court started its proceedings again in 2013.



Water hyacinths fill the only large canal in Dhaka city that flow under the Rampura Bridge to drain rain water from the city to the river Balu. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

Iftekharuzzaman elected TI board member

UNB, Dhaka

Executive Director of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) Dr. Iftekharuzzaman has been elected member of the International Board of Directors of Transparency International



(TI), the Berlin-based global civil society coalition against corruption, for a three-year period from September 2015.

This is for the third term that Dr Iftekhar has been elected the TI board member. He earlier served the TI board during 2008-2011 and 2012-2015, said a TIB press release yesterday.

In his reaction after the election held yesterday in the Annual Membership Meeting of TI in Malaysia, Dr Iftekhar said, "This reflects a global recognition

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Shawkat Mahmud remanded again

Shown arrested in four more arson cases

COURT CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia's adviser Shawkat Mahmud yesterday was shown arrested in four more arson cases filed for damaging and torching of vehicles in the capital's Motijheel and Paltan in February this year.

Metropolitan Magistrate Md Maruf Hossain granted a four-day remand after police produced Shawkat before it with a forty-day remand prayer.

The court also rejected his four bail petitions after his lawyer moved those.

The former president of SEE PAGE 4 COL 4

Tk 4,597CR 3RD PHASE AT SAYEDABAD Ecneec okays surface water treatment plant

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is going to set up the third phase of the surface water treatment plant in the capital's Sayedabad where 45 crore litres of water will be treated per day.

The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecneec) in a meeting at the planning ministry yesterday approved the Tk 4,597 crore Sayedabad Water Treatment Plant-phase three. Three European donor agencies will provide Tk 3,053 crore for the project.

According to the Wasa plan, the third phase is completed by 2020, the total capacity of the three plants will be 90 crore litres.

After the meeting, Planning Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal said at present 78 percent of water being treated come from

underground, which is reducing the water level by two to three metres every year.

But the third phase of the plant will use surface water, he added.

According to the proposal, water will be drawn from the river Meghna for the first and second plants as well.

The meeting yesterday upped the cost of the Karnaphuli Water Supply Project by 22 percent taking it to Tk 1,848 crore with Japan financing more than half the project.

The deadline for the project has been extended to 2016.

The Ecneec yesterday also okayed five other projects worth Tk 769 crore, including setting up an Industrial Park at Tangail, developing roads in Chittagong City Corporation area using asphalt plant.

Peruvian citizen held with 'cocaine'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Officials of Customs House and Department of Narcotics Control detained a Peruvian citizen with around 2kg of a substance, claimed to be cocaine, worth around Tk 50 crore at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport yesterday.

The detainee James Bardales, 58, arrived on an Emirates (EK-582) flight from Dubai around 8:30am, said officials of the Customs House.

The "cocaine", packed in polythene inside a luggage, was detected in the scanning machine.

During primary interrogation Bardales said he was supposed to carry the "cocaine" to India but changed his course and came to Bangladesh, the officials added.

Zafarullah Kazal, deputy director of the Department of Narcotics Control, told The Daily Star over the phone that they will send it to the laboratory for test.

Thousands of Rakhine people left country

Says citizens' group after visiting Patuakhali, Barguna identifying oppression, land grabbing by influential people as key reasons

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Rakhine community in Patuakhali and Barguna has decreased significantly due to oppression and land grabbing by influential people in the areas, said a group of citizens who recently visited the areas.

The community had around one lakh people several decades back, but now it has only around 2,500, they said at a press conference at Dhaka Reporters Unity yesterday.

The citizens went on a two-day visit to Rakhine areas in Taltoli upazila of Barguna and Kolapara

upazila of Patuakhali on August 26.

People of the Rakhine community are being suppressed in different ways and they are being evicted from their land all over the country, but the situation in Barguna and Patuakhali is the worst, said Robayet Ferdous, associate professor, Department of Mass Communication and Journalism of Dhaka University, who read out the keynote paper.

Robayet said Rakhine people started living in the areas in the beginning of 1800s. There were 144 paras

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UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon and Inter-Parliamentary Union President Saber Hossain Chowdhury at the fourth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament at the UN Headquarters in New York yesterday.

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ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE DEV GOALS Role of parliaments, legislators urgent

IPU President Saber Hossain tells World Conference at UN Headquarters

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

To achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), parliaments and legislators must play an important role, stressed Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) President Saber Hossain Chowdhury yesterday.

He said there would be an opportunity for the parliaments and lawmakers of different states to work for the people of the globe as three important UN conferences would be held this year to bring them together.

Saber was speaking at the fourth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament at the UN Headquarters in New York yesterday. In the conference, organised every five years by IPU and supported by the UN, about 180 parliamentary leaders from nearly 140 countries took part.

Saber, also a lawmaker of the ruling Awami League, said IPU would play an important role in establishing good governance and achieve SDGs by building the capacity of the parliamentary organisations of different countries.

The IPU president said, "IPU calls on all Speakers to commit to leading efforts in building a world the people want, demand and deserve."

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CMP awards constable Monir for rescuing boy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Chittagong Metropolitan Police yesterday awarded traffic constable Md Monir Hossain, who courageously rescued a boy from a 25-foot-deep canal in the city's Nimtala on Sunday.

CMP Commissioner

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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN Govt urged to hold discussion at JS to stop menace

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad (BMP) urged the government to hold a discussion over the increasing incidents of violence against women and children at the parliamentary session that began yesterday.

"We want to hear from the highest echelon of the country that no sort of violence against women and children will be tolerated in the country," said BMP President Ayesha Khanam adding that such discussion would send a strong message to all the quarters of administration to take the issue seriously.

At a press conference, organised yesterday at the capital's Jatiya Press Club, senior lawyer of BMP Dipti Rani Sikder read out a concept note which showed that from January to July, 2,447 incidents of violence against women and children occurred throughout the country as reported by 14 national dailies.

Starting with 284 such incidents, including rape, gang rape and murders after rape, in January, the increasing trend

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FITNESS OF PVT VESSELS Proposal on stopping re-survey worries officials

PANKAG KARMAKAR

Private launch owners yesterday put forward two new proposals that aim to make large profits, but also put passengers' lives at risk.

The proposals are: stopping the ongoing process of resurveying fitness of launches across the country and allowing the vessels to ply on Shimulia-Kawrakandi route on Padma at night ahead of Eid this month.

They placed the proposals at a meeting convened by the shipping ministry to chalk-out an action plan for ensuring passengers' safety when travelling during Eid-ul Azha.

However, talking to The Daily Star, several officials of the Department of Shipping and Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) said the launches, which ply on that route, are not fit for operation at night on the rough Padma.

At the meeting, Mahub Uddin Ahmed, chairman of Bangladesh Inland Waterways (passenger carrier's) Association, said, "As there will be a huge rush of passengers ahead of Eid, we believe the government will fulfil our demands for the passengers' sake."

Shipping Minister Shajahan Khan along with over a dozen of top level shipping officials, who attended the function, did not protest the proposals. Rather they were silent.

After the Pinak-6 capsized in the Padma in August last year, the shipping ministry decided to resurvey fitness of different single-decker launches that ply on river routes.

Resurvey is necessary to check whether the launch is fit to ply on that particular route or if it needs some repair or modification, said officials of the shipping department.

"We have decided to resurvey around 300 launches across the country. Of them, we have completed around 87 and found technical and engineering faults in some launches. We have asked the launch owners to repair those," said Commodore M Zakiur Rahman Bhuiyan, director general of the shipping department.

He said the resurveying process would continue till the ministry takes a decision otherwise.

As per existing rule of BIWTA, no launch is allowed to ply on Shimulia-Kawrakandi

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Two DU, JnU students held for 'mugging' suspended

DU CORRESPONDENT

Two students of Dhaka University and Jagannath University, who were detained on Dhaka University campus on Monday for allegedly robbing a youth by threatening to rape his female friend about a fortnight back, were suspended by the respective university authorities yesterday.

Police yesterday handed Rajib Baroi, a third year student of Pali & Buddhist Studies of DU, and Amit Kumar Das, a third year Philosophy student of JnU, to the Detective Branch of police.

On August 16 evening, a gang of around five stopped Ansar Ali Limon and his female friend at the TSC gate of Suhrawardy Udyan park and took away Ali's debit card and the

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