

WEATHER FORECAST

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Day and night temperatures may remain nearly unchanged over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:12pm and rises tomorrow at 5:42am. Country's highest temperature 36.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Jessore and lowest 22.4 in Rangpur.



Over 400 spots to be fixed in capital for animal slaughter on Eid
Says DNCC Mayor Annisul Huq encouraging residents to use only designated areas

Over 400 spots in the capital have been designated for sacrificing about three lakh cattle during Eid-ul Azha, said Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) Mayor Annisul Huq yesterday.

The mayor was addressing a "Meet the Reporters" event organised by Dhaka Reporters Unity (DRU) at its office.

Responding to a query, the mayor said they have been drawing up plans and engaging with imams to inform and encourage people to slaughter the sacrificial animals in the designated spots. He, however, admitted that there was a shortage of area for the large number of animals slaughtered every year in one of the biggest Muslim festivals. The Dhaka north mayor also talked about the constraints he faced while trying to solve major problems in his part of the city, including waterlogging, waste management, traffic congestion and illegal billboards.

Sagar Hossain Badshah, DRU president, and Ilias Hossain, DRU general secretary, were present at the programme.

Meanwhile, Enamul Haque, chief executive officer of the city corporation, told The Daily Star



A kid dressed as Lord Krishna in the Janmashtami procession at Palashi of the capital yesterday. PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

Attackers of religious minorities won't be spared

Warns Syed Ashraf while inaugurating Janmashtami procession in capital; the birthday of Krishna also celebrated in Ctg, Barisal

There will be no place for the perpetrators, who attack on religious minorities in Bangladesh, said Public Administration Minister Syed Ashraful Islam yesterday. "I was very shocked hearing that houses and businesses of Hindus had been attacked and grabbed in some areas. We cannot allow such things in an independent country," he said. Ashraf, also general secretary of Awami League, said this while inaugurating a procession of Hindus at the

ENSURING JUSTICE FOR TAQI
Eminent citizens again seek PM's intervention

Eminent citizens yesterday requested Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's initiative to ensure justice for the brutal murder of Tanwir Muhammed Taqi in 2013 in Narayanganj. A statement, signed by 19 noted personalities, commemorating the two-and-a-half year anniversary of the teenager's murder, said, "Honourable prime minister, you know who killed Taqi. We expect your intervention to ensure quick submission of the charge sheet of Taki murder case, and arrest and punishment for all the criminals." On March 6, 2013, 17-year-old Taqi's body was found by the banks of the Shitalakkhya river in Narayanganj, two days after the boy had gone missing. In 2014, Rapid Action Battalion



revealed that their investigation found involvement of Azmeri Osman, son of late Jatiya Party MP Nasim Osman and nephew of Awami League MP Shamim Osman, in the abduction and murder of Taqi, son of cultural activist Rafiqur Rabbi. On the one year anniversary of the murder, Rab's erstwhile additional

director general at a press conference said they had completed their investigation. He also provided journalists with a draft charge sheet saying that it would soon be submitted to the court, read the statement of the eminent citizens, adding that the submission however never happened. The statement was signed by emeritus Prof Anisuzzaman, Prof Serajul Islam Choudhury, Kamal Lohani, Ahmad Rafique, Prof Hasan Azizul Haque, Prof Jatin Sarker, Prof Syed Anwar Hossain, Syed Abul Moksud, Sultana Kamal, Hayat Mahmud, Prof Syed Manzoorul Islam, Safiuddin Ahmad, Sarwar Ali, Maleka Begum, Ayesha Khanom, Prof Shafi Ahmad, Prof Anu Muhammad, Prof MM Akash and Shishir Bhattacharya.

DEMAND FOR SEPARATE PAYSCALE
Govt univ teachers to strike Tuesday countrywide

Teachers yesterday called a strike for Tuesday across all the public universities demanding revision of the proposed eight national payscale and a separate one for them. No class and examination will be held on the day, they said. Prof Maksud Kamal, secretary general of the Federation of Bangladesh University Teachers' Association (FBUA), declared the programme at a press conference at the capital's Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University. Earlier, the decision was taken from a general meeting of the representatives of teachers' associations of several public universities at Dhaka University Club in the morning. Later, they held another meeting with vice chancellors of around 20 public universities in a conference room of BSMMU. The teachers have been demonstrating since May 14 also demanding that the government equalise the salaries, benefits and status between university teachers and bureaucrats.

Man held for 'raping' speech impaired girl

Police yesterday arrested a person in connection with a case filed for raping a 12-year-old speech-impaired girl in the capital's Uttar Khan area two days ago. The arrestee is Rifat, 17, a neighbour of the victim. The girl's grandfather told The Daily Star that Rifat raped his granddaughter after dragging her to a nearby house on her way home from a neighbour's house. Earlier, they also scolded Rifat as he used to stalk his granddaughter, he added. The girl was sent to One Stop Crisis Centre of Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday. The girl's mother and all four siblings are speech-impaired. Her father has been missing for 11 months.



Teachers and headmasters of secondary schools in Natore, Rajshahi, and Chapainawabganj, guests and organisers at a daylong training programme of English in Schools, a joint initiative of The Daily Star and Robi Axiata Ltd, at a hotel in Rajshahi yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

Students following Star EIS page doing better

Teachers of Rajshahi div say during training. School students who regularly follow the weekly page "English in Schools" (EIS) of The Daily Star to improve vocabulary and grammar skills are doing better than others, said teachers in Rajshahi city yesterday. Besides, the training under the EIS programme, a joint initiative of The Daily Star and Robi Axiata Ltd, has also helped the teachers impart lessons in a more interactive manner, they added. Seventy five English teachers and headmasters from 25 secondary schools of Natore, Rajshahi, and Chapainawabganj districts participated in the daylong training under the EIS programme, which aims at stimulating English language learning among secondary school level students, at Hotel Warisan. Md Omar Ali, headmaster of Naohata High School of Poba upazila in Rajshahi, said his students who read the page regularly are getting better marks. According to their parents, those students have also become more interested in English language, he added. "Instead of multimedia presentations, we use The Daily Star EIS page in our classes every Monday as the page contents are related to the syllabus. Besides, methods like group work and teaching through sharing experience learnt from EIS training have become successful in drawing pupils' attention", he added. Speaking at the inaugural session, Rajshahi District Education Officer Rafiqul Islam emphasised the need for expanding the training programme for all teachers as well for other professionals in order to improve their communication skills. Dr Salehuddin Ahmed, consultant of the EIS programme and former managing editor of The Daily Star, said age is not a barrier to education and the teachers must be

Police yet to make headway in Ctg shrine double murder

Police are questioning a local of Chittagong city but yet to make any headway into the murders of a pir (a revered religious instructor) and his assistant in a shrine in Bangla Bazar area on Friday afternoon. An unknown assailant slit the throats of Rahamat Ullah, 60, popularly known as Lyangta Fakir, and his attendant, Khadem Abdul Kader, 30, inside his shrine, and fled away by exploding a homemade bomb. Debdas Bhattacharjee, additional commissioner (crime & operations) of Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP), said they are not arresting anyone on suspicion as they do not want to harass innocent

Physically challenged call for inclusive society

Programme launched to train them in journalism. Twenty physically challenged young men and women, who are participating in a programme for training journalists, yesterday urged for an inclusive society where everyone's contributions matter. They were addressing the launching event of an innovative programme "Promoting Persons with Disabilities through Participation in Media" at Dhaka Reporters Unity. Two non-government organisations -- Institute of Communication Studies (ICS), and Sightsavers -- with support from the European Union took the initiative to train physically challenged people. Shameem Ara Sheuli, executive director of ICS, said they were training them so that they could work in media outlets in the future. Sabrina Sultana, president of B-scan, an organisation promoting causes of physically and mentally challenged people, is one of the participants. She said they have been speaking about simple changes like ramps at various public facilities but that has not yet been implemented in many places. Referring to a study, Mario Ronconi,

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