

**WEATHER FORECAST**

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 34.4 L 24.0	H 33.5 L 26.2	H 33.8 L 25.5	H 35.4 L 27.4	H 35.8 L 27.5	H 33.5 L 25.0	H 31.5 L 27.0	H 31.8 L 26.2

Light to moderate rain or thunder showers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at a few places over Chittagong, Sylhet and Barisal divisions and at one or two places over Rajshahi, Rangpur, Dhaka and Khulna divisions with moderately heavy falls at places till 6:00pm today, said Met Office. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:09pm and rises tomorrow at 5:43am.

**Journos demand 9th wage board**

**BSS, Dhaka**  
 President and general secretary of a faction of Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ), Altaf Mahmood and Kuddus Afrad, in a joint statement congratulated the government for approving the eighth payscale for the government employees and demanded that the ninth wage board be awarded for journalists. They said considering the enhanced cost of living the government had approved the payscale which would benefit millions of people who worked for the government. They appealed to the government to announce the ninth wage board for journalists on the same grounds. Besides, the new payscale will further increase the disparity between the government employees and the non-government ones, they observed. They also urged the government to ensure that the wage boards were properly implemented by the employers.



The fish market set up on the road between Shantinagar and Malibagh intersections does the local residents good and bad at the same time. Fresh fish can be bought from the place between 6:30am and 9:00am daily but it is the also time when schoolchildren and office-goers rush to their destinations, causing crippling traffic situations. If the Dhaka South City Corporation finds a suitable place to set up the market permanently, it will help both sellers and local residents. The photos were taken at 7:30am yesterday.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

**Dhaka-Barisal route gets daytime launch**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
 People will be able to sail on Dhaka-Barisal river route during daytime from September 15 as private shipping companies will introduce two vessels on the route. Green Line Waterways and Green Line Transport Company will jointly introduce two vessels -- MV Green Line-2 and MV Green Line-3 -- that will take five hours to make a journey. Currently, all launches ply on Dhaka-Barisal route at night and take, on an average, 10 hours to make a trip. The newly-introduced launches will start at 7:00am and 2:00pm daily from Sadarghat and Barisal

**1.09cr sacrificial animals will be arranged for Eid**

*Claims govt; Nasim for no cattle market on roads to hospitals*

**BSS, Dhaka**  
 The Department of Livestock Services has taken all-out preparations to ensure supply of 1.09 crore sacrificial animals to meet the domestic demand in the country during Eid-ul-Azha, claimed officials. "The fisheries and livestock ministry is completely ready to make sure supply of 40 lakh cows and 69 lakh goats and sheep," said State Minister for Fisheries and Livestock Narayan Chandra Chanda. Fisheries and Livestock Minister M Saedul Haque told the news agency that most of the cattle would come from domestic sources and a good number of cows would be imported from Myanmar. Narayan Chandra said the fisheries and livestock department had started paper work at union and village levels so that healthy cattle abound in the Eid markets. The import of cows from Myanmar has already started, he said. There will be no shortage of sacrificial animals because the country has enough, the state minister said. "We are now focusing on keeping the supply chain functional, so farmers and traders can bring their cattle to markets without hassles." According to the statistics of the fisheries and livestock ministry and the industries ministry, now the country has 2.5 crore cows and buffaloes, and 2.88 crore goats and sheep. The huge stock of domestic cattle can comfortably meet the demand without depending on import from neighbouring countries, said the state minister. Meanwhile, Health Minister Mohammad Nasim yesterday urged all concerned not to hamper medical services blocking roads to hospitals by setting up cattle markets in surrounding places on the occasion. He made the request during a meeting with lawmakers of Dhaka city and directors of hospitals at his ministry. Nasim also requested the lawmakers, who are chairmen of hospital managing committees, to monitor activities of respective hospitals routinely.

**HC questions VAT on pvt higher education**

*Seeks explanation from govt in four weeks why it will not be declared illegal*

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
 Questioning the decision to impose 7.5 percent VAT on tuition paid at private universities and medical and engineering colleges, the High Court yesterday again issued a rule seeking an explanation in four weeks why it would not be declared illegal. The HC bench of Justice Sheikh Hassan Arif and Justice JN Deb Choudhury issued the rule following a writ petition filed by a teacher and two students of two private universities. Secretaries to the education, finance and law ministries, and chairmen of the National Board of Revenue (NBR) and University Grants Commission of Bangladesh have been made respondents, petitioners' lawyer AKM Salahuddin Khan told The Daily Star. The NBR on July 4 issued a notification imposing the VAT, originally proposed in the near Tk 3 trillion budget for the 2015-16 fiscal presented by Finance Minister AMA Muhith in parliament. The petition, submitted last week, said the notification was discriminatory and illegal for the VAT was not imposed on public universities and institutions. Every student has the right to education as per the constitution, they said in the petition. The same rule was issued on August 9 by the same HC bench following another writ petition. The rule is now pending with the bench, petitioners' lawyer Hassan MS Azim told The Daily Star. He said he would pray for holding hearing on the rule.

**CHAPA MURDER IN BARISAL Family urges PM not to forward mercy petition**

*Mahila Parishad demands justice*

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
 Family members of Fauzia Rahman Chapa, who was brutally killed in Barisal 26 years ago, yesterday urged the prime minister not to forward the main convict's mercy petition to the president. A mercy petition from the family of the convict, Zahurul Islam Kamal, who is serving a life sentence, was recently sent to the Prime Minister's Office by the home ministry following recommendation from the law ministry. Chapa's sister Khairia Rahman, at a press conference organised by Bangladesh Mahila Parishad (BMP) at Jatiya Press Club yesterday, said, "I am expecting justice. If they let him off then we will be denied justice." She told reporters that the convict and

**Auto-rickshaw owners, drivers to form human chains tomorrow**

*Demanding permission to operate on highways*

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
 Owners and drivers of three-wheelers will form human chains at every upazila and district tomorrow, demanding withdrawal of the government ban on the operation of three-wheelers on highways. Bangladesh Auto-Rickshaw Auto-Tempo Malik Sramik Sangram Parishad made the announcement at a press conference at Dhaka Reporters' Unity yesterday. The road transport and bridges ministry imposed a ban on movement of three-wheeler auto-rickshaws, auto-tempos and other



Tannery Workers' Union brings out a procession in the capital yesterday demanding that the authorities concerned protect their interests too when relocating the tanneries from Hazaribagh to Hemayetpur in Savar.

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