

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAH	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 35.4 L 28.1	H 34.4 L 26.2	H 35.0 L 25.6	H 36.3 L 27.6	H 35.8 L 28.8	H 34.4 L 27.3	H 34.7 L 27.6	H 33.0 L 25.7

Day and night temperatures may remain nearly unchanged over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:07pm and rises tomorrow at 5:44am. Country's highest temperature 36.3 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rajshahi and lowest 24.0 in Rangamati.

Justice Manik 'extremely wrongheaded'

Claims BNP, terms his letter seeking CJ's impeachment unprecedented, bad example for judiciary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Terming outgoing Justice AHM Shamsuddin Choudhury Manik an "extremely wrongheaded person", BNP yesterday said his letter to President Abdul Hamid seeking impeachment of the chief justice was unprecedented and set a bad example in the country's judiciary. "Motive of his letter...was to ruin the chief justice's image. This letter might give a wrong signal to justice seekers about the chief justice," BNP Spokesperson Asaduzzaman Ripon told a press conference at the party's Naya Paltan central office.

He said Justice Shamsuddin's audacity and impolite attitude reached such a level that he did not give a hoot to anyone. "He has embarrassed the country's respected dignitaries keeping them standing in the court room. Although he was a justice, he made political remarks," said Ripon.

In the letter, sent on September 13, Justice Shamsuddin, who retires on October 1, alleged that Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha removed him from a Supreme Court bench "out of his personal grudge" and did not allow him to take part in the bench's activities since September 9.

Ripon, also an international affairs secretary of BNP, said the past BNP government did not regularise Justice Shamsuddin's job at the High Court for knowing very well that he was "an extremely wrong-headed person".

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Police charge leaders and activists of the Communist Party of Bangladesh and Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal with batons when they staged a peaceful sit-in before Mithapukur Upazila Parishad in Rangpur yesterday afternoon protesting price hike of electricity and gas. At least 30 demonstrators were injured while 15 of them were captured by law enforcers. Some civilians believed to be Awami League or Jubo League men also took part in the police action, an allegation of the protesters denied by police.

PHOTO: STAR



Demand for VC's removal keeps ringing at Sust

Opponent teachers observe work abstention, continue demonstration, also demand probe into BCL's recent attack on them

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

The demonstrating teachers of the Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (Sust) yesterday observed work stoppage as they continued to press home their demand of removal of Vice Chancellor Prof Aminul Haque Bhuiyan.

The teachers, under the banner "Mohon Muktijuddher Chetonay Udbuddho Shikkhak Brindo", also organised a rally on the campus.

Besides, they stormed the registrar's office demanding that the authorities concerned accept resignation letters submitted by them earlier this year. The teachers left after Isfaqul Hosain, the registrar, told them that the vice chancellor did not take any decision in this regard as he has been ill.

Speakers at the rally alleged that the vice chancellor has influenced Bangladesh Chhatra League activists to turn against them in a bid to cling to his post.

Prof Syed Shamsul Alam, convener of the teachers' platform, said BCL men assaulted several teachers when the activists swooped on their pre-scheduled demonstration to stop VC Aminul Haque Bhuiyan from entering his office on

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8.4m diabetic in Bangladesh

One person dies every seven seconds from the disease globally, reveals a workshop stressing the need for regular diabetic retinopathy screening

CITY DESK

Bangladesh is currently home to 8.4 million diabetics, half of who do not even know the status of their disease, said experts at a workshop yesterday.

Diabetes caused deaths of 4.9 million people in 2014 across the world, meaning the disease kills one person every seven seconds.

The workshop on diabetic retinopathy was organised jointly by Helen Keller International-Bangladesh and National Institute of Ophthalmology & Hospital (NIOH) in the capital's Krishibid Institute, said

a press release.

Experts from home and abroad informed that at present, there are 387 million people (one in 12 people) living with diabetes across the world. This number is estimated to increase to 592 million by 2035.

Diabetes is rapidly spreading in South Asia, and 77 percent of people with diabetes live in low and middle income countries, experts observed.

If diabetes is poorly controlled, diabetic retinopathy, which leads to blindness, can occur. At present, 1.8 million people in Bangladesh have some form of diabetic retinopathy (27

percent prevalence among diabetics).

The workshop also focused on the importance of diabetic retinopathy screening at the national and sub-national level and developing a strategy to fight it.

Prof PN Nagpal of India; Dr Mahi Muqit of Moorfields Eye Hospital in the UK; Dr Nicholas Kourgialis, vice president for Eye Health of Helen Keller International-USA; Dr Meredith Jackson-deGraffenried, country director of Helen Keller International-Bangladesh; and Prof Md Arif Miah,

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Visiting Iran FM sees mutual gain through trade

President Abdul Hamid, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina welcomes nuclear deal with superpowers

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Ending his daylong visit yesterday, Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif outlined ways and means for mutual economic gains through wider collaboration in areas, including energy and trade.

Bangladesh's president and prime minister also expressed optimism that implementation of July's nuclear agreement would contribute to peace, stability and peoples' wellbeing; bring dynamism into the Iran's economy and create new opportunities for trade and investment for Bangladesh, said a Bangladesh foreign ministry press release.

The deal between Iran and the superpowers, the E3/EU+3 (China, France, Germany, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, the United States of America and the European Union), was also on lifting international sanctions on Iran.

Addressing a press conference in the capital's Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel, Zarif explained the reason for his visit, saying Iran considered Bangladesh extremely important as the latter stood for it in international forums. "Bangladesh supported us in the course of our struggle," he added. Javad Zarif said the two countries were discussing inking deals, including for avoiding double taxation and customs cooperation, for easing visas for officials and for cooperation in the energy sector once the sanctions were lifted. "These are the



Javad Zarif

Mohsin Ali laid to rest

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Social welfare minister Syed Mohsin Ali was laid to rest with state honour next to his parents on the Shah Mustafa Rahmatullah shrine premises in Moulvibazar after Asr prayers yesterday.

The last namaz-e-janaza of Mohsin, who died in Singapore on Monday at the age of 67, was held on Moulvibazar Government High School playground. Earlier, his body was kept at the South Plaza of Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban where President Adul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina paid tributes by placing wreaths on his coffin. The Speaker, Deputy Speaker, leader of the opposition, ministers and lawmakers also paid tributes. Later, a namaz-e-janaza was held there and state honour was accorded to him.

His body was also kept at Central Shaheed Minar for people to show last respect.

Mohsin was admitted to Birdem Hospital in Dhaka with pneumonia on September 3 and he was admitted to a Singapore hospital on September 5.



New Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh Masato Watanabe and Nobel Laureate Muhammad Yunus shake hands when the former paid a courtesy call on him at his office on Tuesday.

PHOTO: YUNUS CENTRE

DMP to tackle extortion, workers' unrest before Eid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) will crack down on extortionists targeting Eid-ul-Azha and keep a close eye on the garment factories and liaise with owners to prevent recurrence of unrest, usually reported ahead of the festival over payment of workers' salaries.

DMP Commissioner Md Asaduzzaman Mia, at the monthly crime conference in the DMP Headquarters yesterday, handed lists of over 200 suspected extortionists and traders of jhut (scrap of fabrics from garment industries) to the crime division's eight deputy commissioners, said several police officials.

Different intelligence

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TATA MOTORS

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Submission: Sep 15-28

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STAR WEEKEND in other news...

With a fresh new format, new writers and a new perspective, the Star Weekend has an array of interesting articles for you. This week our spotlight is on the first edition of the International Art Biennale Cox's Bazaar 2015, the platform for international art that took place from September 10 to 13. There is also a piece on Indalo, the band that started their newest chapter in Rock 'n' Roll, along with much, much more. Don't forget your copy of Star Weekend tomorrow, Friday!

IN SEARCH OF ART, HUMANITY AND BEAUTY

UNLIKE many other art festivals, the International Art Biennale Cox's Bazaar 2015 became the platform for the young and revolutionary artists from all over the country and abroad. The four days that the festival took place (September 10-13, 2015) in the tourist town of Cox's Bazaar, famous for its longest running sea beach in the world, the area transformed into a hub for artists, art enthusiasts, students, researchers and all kinds of art practitioners from home and abroad. To know more about this grand celebration of arts, humanity and beauty, read this week's spotlight on pages 8 and 9.

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