

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA
H 29.51 L 25.8

CHITTAGONG
H 31.01 L 26.5

SYLHET
H 28.41 L 25.2

RAJSHAHI
H 31.81 L 26.1

KHULNA
H 29.21 L 24.8

BARISAL
H 27.91 L 25.3

RANGPUR
H 30.61 L 24.8

COX'S BAZAR
H 32.01 L 27.2

Light to moderate rain or thunder showers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at most places over all the divisions with moderately heavy to heavy falls at places over the country till 6:00pm today, Met Office said. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:54pm and rises tomorrow at 5:48am.

Main Dhaka Eid jamaat at 8:00am tomorrow

BSS, Dhaka
Eid-ul Azha, one of the biggest religious festivals of Muslims, will be celebrated across the country tomorrow.

The capital's main Eid congregation will be held at the National Eidgah at 8:00am, which will be attended by President Abdul Hamid, among other dignitaries.

Special arrangements for women have been made at the National Eidgah. About 5,000 women can offer Eid prayers at the Eidgah.

Five congregations will be held at Baitul Mukarram National Mosque at 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:00am, 10:00am and 10:45am.

Bangladesh's biggest congregation will be held, as usual, at Sholakia Eidgah in Kishoreganj at 9:00am.

The two city corporations -- Dhaka South and Dhaka North -- will arrange 362 Eid congregations in the capital. Of them, Dhaka South will hold 228 congregations.

Pry asst teachers threaten work abstention from October 6

Demanding end of disparity in payscale
UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Primary Assistant Teachers Oikya Jote, an alliance of five associations of primary school assistant teachers, yesterday threatened to enforce an indefinite work-abstention from October 6 if their demands, including removal of discriminations in the 8th National Pay Scale, are not met by October 5.

The association will also observe a token hunger strike from 10:00am on October 15 and march towards the Prime Minister's Office to submit a memorandum to meet its demand.

They announced the
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A cattle-laden boat heads towards the capital while another brimming with people aims to unload on a launch mid-river on the Buriganga yesterday. The photo was taken from the Postogola bridge.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

Frightful anarchy in Bangladesh

Khaleda alleges in statement, BNP condemns sedition charges against Tarique
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Frightful anarchy is prevailing in Bangladesh as there is no security for people's life and property and for which it will not be possible for everyone to celebrate Eid-ul-Azha, said BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia in a statement sent to the media yesterday.

Meanwhile, BNP condemned the pressing of sedition charges against Senior Vice-Chairman Tarique Rahman, terming it an "illogical, unjust, undemocratic and uncivilised move".

Khaleda, in the statement undersigned by Spokesperson Asaduzzaman Ripon, said the sufferings of people, especially of the low-income group, knew no bounds due to the price hike of essentials.

Besides, crisis of water, fuel, gas and electricity have created an unbearable situation, she said.

"I urge the country's affluent and persons who are able to extend their hands towards the distressed and helpless people. We will have to take care of them so that no one starves on the joyous day of Eid," she said.

She conveyed Eid greetings and prayed for happiness, peace and prosperity for all.

Khaleda left for the UK on September 15 for the treatment of her eyes and knees and celebrate Eid with family members after eight years, said the party. She is likely to return early next month.

SEDITION CHARGES
"We think the charges
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Be very careful in auto-rickshaws

TRIBENI CHAKMA

It is unbelievable how fast they snatch away your valuables. One second you are talking to somebody on your phone and the next, poof-- it's gone.

I have always wondered how the culprits find out what kind of phone you are using -- an expensive smartphone or a simple phone with basic functions.

On that night, I was going home in a CNG-run three-wheeler after work ended around 11:30pm. The street was busy with traffic as usual and shops nearby were open for Eid shoppers.

There was a human-hauler coming from the opposite direction, driving on the wrong side of the road.

The three-wheeler I was in was passing by the intersection near Sezan Point Shopping Complex. Traffic movement was slow, considering the turn up ahead at the Farmgate Intersection.

Meanwhile, I was absent-mindedly talking to my friend over phone. Suddenly, my phone was snatched out of my hand. Looking up, I see a hole in the roof of the three-wheeler.

Stopping the vehicle, I and my colleague dash out on the street, but to no avail. The street was full of people, but we could not see anybody running away.

I wish I could rewind time and avoid the horrible
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Charge sheet submitted against four in nine-yr-old boy murder case

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Kotwali police yesterday submitted a charge sheet to Sylhet Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court-1 against four accused including a constable in a case of kidnapping and murder of a nine-year-old boy committed on March 11.

According to the charge sheet, Ebadur Rahman, 35, constable of Airport Police Station, police informer Ataur Rahman Geda, and Olama League Sylhet district unit general secretary Nurul Islam Rakib, and its activist Mahid Hosain Masud abducted Abu Sayeed, a fourth grader at Hazi Shahmeer Primary School, for a ransom of

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ASPIRANTS DEMANDING MEDICAL ADMISSION RETEST 2 hurt in attack by shop owners in Rangpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Two persons were injured after some shop owners in Rangpur city yesterday reportedly attacked students protesting the alleged leak of questions ahead of Friday's admission tests of medical and dental colleges.

Witnesses said some 100 demonstrators on police's request moved to Rangpur Press Club's second floor from on the road in front around 2:30pm when the attack took place led by one Md Rejaul Islam

Milon, general secretary of a "shop owners association".

Police then dispersed the demonstrators.

Rejaul told The Daily Star that only an "altercation" took place when owners of the shops at the press club "requested" the demonstrators to shift elsewhere as the protests were "hampering business".

Rangpur Kotwali Police Station Officer-in-Charge Md Abdul Quader Jilani termed it a "scuffle".



People desperate to reach home for Eid-ul-Azha ride on a tailgate while clinging on to a truck. The photo was taken on the Dhaka-Tangail highway at Rabna in Tangail sadar upazila yesterday.

PHOTO: MIRZA SHAKIL

WAR CRIMES TRIAL

Tribunal wants 5 Patuakhali suspects before it Oct 1

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday directed the Patuakhali jail authorities to produce five war crime suspects from the district before it on October 1.

The three-member tribunal led by Justice Anwarul Haque passed the order following a prosecution's petition to show them arrested in a war crime case.

The suspects are: Eshaq Shikder of Gilabunai, Abdul Goni Hawlader and Md Awal alias Awal Moulavi of Galachipa, Abdus Sattar Pyada and

Solaiman Mridha of Ballav village under Patuakhali Sadar Upazila.

Prosecutor Tureen Afroz, who moved the petition before the tribunal, said that investigation against the five started on February 18 this year and the investigation officer has already found evidence about their involvement in the wartime offences, including genocide and rape.

She said the five have been in jail since September 7 in connection with another criminal case. But they need to be shown arrested in the war crime case because they might flee after

securing bail in the criminal case, added Tureen.

After her submission, the tribunal asked the Patuakhali jail authorities to produce the five before it to hear the petition in presence of the suspects on October 1.

Satya Ranjan Roy, the investigation officer of the case, said Eshaq was member of local Peace Committee, an anti-liberation organisation, while the rest four were members of local Razakar Bahini, an auxiliary force of Pakistani army, during the Liberation War in 1971.



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