

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 35.4 L 26.8	H 35.0 L 26.8	H 36.2 L 25.8	H 35.2 L 25.6	H 35.5 L 26.5	H 35.5 L 27.2	H 34.8 L 25.6	H 34.5 L 26.0

Weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy skies over most divisions in the country, while a few areas in Chittagong and Barisal divisions may experience light rain or thunder showers accompanied by gusty wind till 6:00pm today, said Met office. The sun sets in the capital at 5:46pm today and rises at 5:50am tomorrow.

**KILLING OF ITALIAN MAN
Govt out to shift blame on others**
*Alleges Mirza Fakhrul
STAFF CORRESPONDENT*

The government is trying to shift the blame for the murder of an Italian man in Dhaka on others' shoulders, BNP Acting Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said yesterday.

"They accused others in the past of such crimes to shift the blame," he told reporters at the party's Nayapalton central office.

News agency BSS reported that Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina told a news conference in New York on Tuesday, "I saw suspicious activities of a BNP leader after the murder. I think the clue to the murder will be revealed if the BNP leader is interrogated. I'll take measures after returning home."

Wishing anonymity, a number of BNP leaders told The Daily Star that the premier might have pointed to party standing committee member Abdul

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Idols of Goddess Durga being prepared in CRB area of Chittagong city yesterday with the colours to be added in the final days before Durga Puja, the celebrations of which are scheduled to begin on October 19. Idol-makers are going through a busy schedule because their creations will adorn several hundred puja mandaps across the country during the biggest Hindu festival.
PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

**TANGAIL KILLING BY COPS
HC asks govt to submit probe reports in 60 days**
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the government to submit the inquiry reports in 60 days on the incident of police firing that killed four persons at Kalihati in Tangail.

Following a writ petition filed by Executive Director of Bangladesh National Women Lawyers' Association (BNWLA) Salma Ali, it also issued a rule upon the government to explain in four weeks as to whether the police had followed the relevant legal provisions for firing on the agitating people at Kalihati on September 18.

She filed the petition on behalf of the organisation on September 21 also seeking directive from the HC on the authorities concerned of the government to pay compensation to the family members of the victims.

Hundreds of locals took to the streets on September 18 afternoon protesting

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Govt officials' willingness must for RTI to be effective

Discussion on International Right to Know Day told
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Government officials, as service providers, should willingly and proactively disseminate development work related information to the general public to strengthen democracy and good governance, a discussion was told yesterday.

Top administration and law enforcement officers of Dhaka district made the observation, speaking on International Right to Know Day at the Dhaka Deputy Commissioner's (DC) office.

They discussed implementation of the Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2009.

Tanvir Mohammad Azim, executive magistrate of Dhaka, said the DC office received 22 RTI applications this year, and all were answered within the stipulated time of 20 days. The Dhaka DC office received 15 applications in 2013 and 43 in 2014, said office sources.

"Public servants have failed to open up," said Monirul Islam, additional superintendent of police of Dhaka. He also said government websites were not updated.

Md Tayub Ali, deputy director of the district information office, said since junior officers were designated to provide information, they feared that their seniors might not permit dissemination of certain information.

Citing an example of government officials seeking information about their retirement benefits, Md Jasimuddin, additional district commissioner (general), Dhaka, said those on the giving end of information would soon find themselves on the receiving end.

According to the Information Commission's Annual Report 2014, 8,315 and 127 RTI applications were made to the government and NGO offices that year. Out of them 7,870 were provided with information, 542 were not answered, and 30 were still under the process of being answered.

Information Commissioner

Increased bus fares effective from today in Dhaka, Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

People will have to pay extra bus fares from today onwards for travelling in Dhaka and Chittagong metropolises and their adjacent districts.

Passengers will be charged Tk 1.70 instead of the existing Tk 1.60 for travelling per kilometre by bus, according to the new government-fixed fare chart.

In case of the minibus, Tk 1.60 will be charged in lieu of Tk 1.50 for each kilometre.

For example, a passenger paid Tk 27 to go to Sadarghat from Pallabi of Mirpur by bus till yesterday, but today the fare will be Tk 29. If a passenger travels by minibus on the route, he or she will be charged Tk 27 now instead of Tk 25.

However, the minimum fares -- Tk 7 for bus and Tk 5 for minibus -- remain unchanged.

Following a recent price hike of compressed natural gas (CNG), the government on September 10 announced the new bus fare chart that takes effect today.

Over a dozen passengers told The Daily Star yesterday that transport operators might overcharge them due to lack of monitoring.

"Bus operators don't follow any rule and charge us according to their wish. Now they may increase the fare, taking advantage of the government announcement," said Nazrul Islam, who travels to Mirpur from Basabo regularly.

However, the authorities and bus owners said they would check overcharging.

"We already sent the new fare chart to the association. We will conduct mobile courts to tackle overcharging," said Masud Alam, deputy director of the Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA).

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A procession of the Dhaka deputy commissioner's office at Bahadur Shah Park in the capital yesterday, brought from the office in observance of International Right to Know Day.
PHOTO: STAR

**DEMAND FOR SELECTION GRADE, TIME SCALE
Govt college teachers submit memo to education minister**
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Demonstrating government college teachers yesterday provided a memorandum to the education minister demanding reinstatement of the selection grade and time scale in the eighth pay scale.

They also demanded that the "discrimination" in teachers' salaries at all levels compared to government bureaucrats be removed.

Teachers of 305 state-run colleges have been on a movement, spearheaded by BCS General Education Association, a platform of teachers and officials under the education cadre, to press home their four-point demand after the cabinet approved the 8th pay scale for all government employees on September 7.

Officials under this cadre working in all education boards, government Alia madrasas, teachers' training colleges and commercial colleges were also in the movement.

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**BURDWAN BLAST
'Bangladeshi JMB man' held in India**
OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Indian security forces have arrested an alleged Bangladeshi man who is a senior Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) leader in connection with the October 2 Burdwan blast last year.

National Investigation Agency (NIA) obtained transit remand from a court in Jharkhand to take Sadik alias Sumon alias Raihan Shaikh alias Tarikul Islam to Kolkata where the trial in the blast case is going on and where he will be produced tomorrow.

After interrogating Sadik, NIA and other security agencies of India are carrying out raids in various parts of West Bengal and Jharkhand based on inputs provided by him, official sources said yesterday.

Sadik was apprehended from the bordering area of Ranchi, Jharkhand and Ramgarh district on Tuesday, said a statement issued by NIA, which is probing the blast case.

As per preliminary examination, his identity in Bangladesh is Tarikul Islam, son of Mohd Mujahar, hailing from Shibganj Police Station in Chapainababganj, which is being confirmed, it said.

Sadik, according to NIA, was a key trainer in the terrorist camps organised by JMB in India and he used to report to Sajid alias Sheikh Rahmatullah, who is already under arrest. NIA had submitted a charge sheet against Sadik on July 23 as an absconder for his involvement in the terrorist conspiracy. It had declared Rs 5 lakh in reward for information leading to his arrest.

Sadik had married an Indian girl from Sahebganj, Jharkhand at Simulia madrasa in Burdwan, West Bengal where the terrorist training camps were organised by JMB, said the NIA statement.

He had been quietly residing at Islampur Momintola village in Sahebganj district under an assumed identity of Raihan Shaikh. Earlier he had also resided at a hideout in Namu Chachanda village in Murshidabad district of West Bengal.

Publish adverts for surrender of six fugitive war crime suspects of Jessore
War crimes tribunal orders authorities
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday ordered the authorities concerned to publish an advertisement in two national dailies asking six fugitive war crimes accused from Jessore's Keshabpur upazila to appear before the court.

The three-member tribunal led by Justice Anwarul Haque passed the order as police failed to arrest the six alleged Razakars and submitted a report showing them "absconding" recently.

The six are Ibrahim Hossain, Sheikh Md Mujibur Rahman, Kazi Ohidul Islam, Aziz Sardar, Aziz Sardar (2) and Abdul Khaleq Morol.

The tribunal ordered its registrar's office to publish an advertisement in one Bangla and one English dailies, asking the accused to appear before the court within seven days from the date of its publication.

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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 about the various jobs that require workers to work during the night, and how their lives and routines differ from daytime workers. There is also an important article on World Tourism day, along with many more fascinating reads. Don't forget your copy of *Star Weekend* tomorrow, Friday!

NIGHT TIME CHRONICLES

While daytime in Dhaka city can be seen as chaotic and hectic, night time, to most, seems serene, quiet and mysterious. To some individuals though, that is the time they're most geared up to do their jobs. Night guards, designers, musicians, whether it is their allocated time of work or just the time of the day when they have their creative juices flowing, their night life in Dhaka will differ greatly from the ordinary worker. Read about the various night workers of Dhaka city, in this week's Spotlight on pages 6-9.