YESTERDAY'S

TEMPERATURES

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rises tomorrow at 5:53am.

and Sylhet divisions till 6:00pm today, said Met office. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:39pm and

GOVT UNIV TEACHERS' MOVEMENT

FBUTA temporarily

expels JnU assoc for

'flouting discipline'

Govt college teachers meet Nahid,

Jagannath University Teachers Association (JnUTA) was

"temporarily expelled" from the Federation of Bangladesh

University Teachers Association (FBUTA) last night for,

what seems to be, announcing an independent programme

bypassing the latter's control over the movement demand-

called upon Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid to

remove the "discrimination" they were facing in the eighth

national pay scale, saying they did not want a separate pay

as per the decision FBUTA took during its September 10

the teachers' movement and that no association would go

for separate programmes bypassing the federation," an

FBUTA member told The Daily Star on condition of anonymity.

all 37 public universities, on Tuesday met the education

Moreover, FBUTA, a platform of teachers' associations of

executive council meeting, says a press release.

JnUTA was expelled for their "anti-disciplinary act" and

"In that meeting, we decided that the federation will lead

Meanwhile, demonstrating government college teachers

ing a separate pay scale for public university teachers.

seek end to 'discrimination'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

scale.

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10 marks to be reduced in SSC, HSC MCQ exams

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from 2017

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The education ministry yesterday decided to reduce 10 marks from multiplechoice questions (MCQ) sections in SSC and HSC exams. The new score scheme will be effective from 2017. The decision to reduce

the marks came at a meeting chaired by Minister Nurul Islam Nahid in the ministry's conference As per the decision,

students have to answer MCQs of 30 marks instead of 40 and the papers which have MCQs containing 35 marks will now have questions for 25 marks, according to a press release.

The meeting also decided that examinees will sit for the MCQ paper before the creative (written) section

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Deal signed to introduce insurance for workplace injuries DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Germany, Bangladesh and the International Labour Organization (ILO) have signed a tripartite deal to establish a "National **Employment Injury** Insurance System" in Bangladesh. Visiting German Federal

Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development Dr Gerd Müller, secretary to the Ministry of Labour and Employment Mikail Shipar and Country Director of the ILO Srinivas B Reddy signed the Letter of Intent (LoI) at a ceremony at a hotel in Dhaka on Tuesday.

According to the letter, the parties will design a suitable insurance system for injuries sustained at workplace, draft and establish a legal framework of

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RAJSHAHI

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period following a clash between two factions of pro-ruling party Chhatra League reportedly over control of a dorm canteen on Tuesday night.

KILLING OF FOREIGNERS Govt blaming BNP to cover up own failure

Says Fakhrul STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP yesterday alleged that the government, without any proof and a fair probe, was blaming the party for some recent killings, including that of two foreigners, to hide its failures and divert the international community's attention.

"We have been observing with great surprise and anger that the government has been carrying out a false campaign," BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said in a statement.

Japanese citizen Hoshi Kunio was shot dead in Rangpur on October 3, five days after an Italian, Cesare Tavella, was killed in Dhaka's Gulshan.

Fakhrul said top BNP SEE PAGE 5 COL 2

8th October 2015 WORLD SIGHT DAY



for All **SINCE 2010**

Eye Care

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Nizam-Hasina Foundation Hospital provided following health services to suffering people of Bhola District free of cost.

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- Eye OPD : 74,269 Pt. ■ General OPD : 51,000 Pt.
- Spectacles Distributed : 74,269 Pt.



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Seaweed exploration vital for economy

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Scientists tell BARC workshop

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Seaweed, if systematically cultured and explored, could emerge as a vital agricultural product for coastal people, be consumed as dishes and used in the pharmaceutical and cosmetic industries and contribute to the national economy, said scientists yesterday. Bangladesh can earn a great deal from

farming the marine algae, which is valued at over \$US 7.5 billion worldwide by the Food and Agriculture Organization's statistics of 2014, they told a daylong workshop, "Present Status and Future Prospect of Seaweed in Bangladesh".

Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (Barc) organised the event at its seminal hall in the capital's Farmgate.

Prof Abdul Aziz of Dhaka University's botany department in a presentation stated how seaweed could grow on rocks, soft sediments, pebbles and even on other marine algae and how it was abundant in St Martin's Island, Inani Beach, Cox's Bazar and the Sundarbans.

standing biomass around St Martin's Island was about 143,000 tonnes in March and 150,000 tonnes in April, 2013, he added. Dr Md Kabir Ikramul Haque, member

The total production of the submerged

director (fisheries), Barc, in his presentation said seaweed has plenty of essential nutrients, especially trace elements and several other bioactive substances. "The protein contains very high quality and all the essential and non-essential

amino acids. The small amounts of unsaturated lipids afford protection against cardiovascular pathologies. "Seaweed has an abundance of vitamins, including beta-carotene, which is the precursor of vitamin A, the vitamins of the B

K," he said. Seaweed can be cultured for around six months a year and harvested twice a month, he said, adding that per square metre cultivation cost was Tk 200 and selling price was Tk 650.

group, including B12, vitamin C, D, E and

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Demonstrators, under the banners of Progotisheel Chhatra Jote and Shamrajjobad Birodhi Chhatra, protesting the leak of question papers of the test for admission to public medical and dental colleges and demanding a rerun of the test, lock the gate of arts faculty of Dhaka University yesterday disrupting academic activities of students.

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 dire state of the tannery factories in Dhaka, despite being one of the country's most prospective and prosperous industries. Don't miss the feature on the recently held TEDxSecunderabad in Hyderabad, India! There is also an article on the youngest computer programmer in the world! Don't forget your copy of Star Weekend tomorrow,

Friday!

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N'GANJ SEVEN MURDERS

Court asks police to publish ads to trace 13 fugitives

A Narayanganj court yesterday asked police to publish pictorial advertisements in newspapers to trace the 13 fugitives, including eight Rapid Action Battalion men, in the Narayanganj seven-murder case.

during the next hearing on November 9. It also rejected the bail petition of Rab official Lt Col

Tareque Sayeed Mohammad and sent him and 21 other accused to jail.

On April 27 last year, Narayanganj City Corporation panel mayor Nazrul Islam, his three aides and driver, and senior lawyer Chandan Sarkar along with his driver were kidnapped from Dhaka-Narayanganj link road. Within next four days the seven bodies were found floating in the

Shitalakkhya river. Nazrul's wife and Chandan's son-in-law filed two cases.



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