

**WEATHER FORECAST**

| YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES | DHAKA           | CHITTAGONG      | SYLHET          | RAJSHAHI        | KHULNA          | BARISAL         | RANGPUR         | COX'S BAZAR     |
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Light to moderate rain or thundershowers is likely to occur at most places over Dhaka, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Khulna and Rajshahi divisions and at one or two places over Rangpur division till 6:00pm today, Met Office said. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:38pm and rises tomorrow at 5:53am.

## Govt advises Bangladeshis not to visit Libya

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday advised Bangladeshis not to visit Libya until further notice.

"Bangladesh nationals, including migrant workers, are again strongly advised not to undertake any visit to Libya in view of the ongoing fighting and deteriorating security situation," said a press statement of the finance ministry yesterday.

The ministry said it is monitoring the situation.

"Unless unavoidable, visiting Bangladesh nationals from Libya are also advised to refrain from travelling back to Libya for the time being," the press release added.

The government in July this year suspended its mission in Libya and relocated its embassy to Tunisia.



Candidates and their guardians talk to police on the Central Shaheed Minar premises in the capital, from where they brought out a procession yesterday demanding a fresh test for medical college admission. The protesters threatened to launch tougher programmes if the government does not accept their demand by today. In addition, they planned to hold a solidarity rally and an exhibition at Shahbagh today and called on the health minister to have a discussion with them.

PHOTO: STAR

## JCD man shot in 'gunfight' with cops

Pro-BNP student body protests 'firing'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A leader of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) got shot in the left thigh during an alleged shootout with police in the capital's Moghbazar yesterday.

However, Rabiul Islam Nayan, 28, said police picked him up when he was chatting with friends, took him to a room of a nearby hotel, and shot him there.

Nayan is joint secretary of JCD's Mohammadpur thana unit, said a press release of the pro-BNP student body.

JCD protested the incident and claimed that the government was having its leaders arrested, and even maimed through shootings to hold on to power.

Police got him admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Moshiure Rahman, officer-in-charge of Ramna Police Station, said Nayan was a fugitive and aide of wanted criminal Subrata Bain.

On a tip, police went to the room on the hotel's third floor to arrest him but when the team knocked on the door, Nayan started shooting, forcing them to respond, he said.

He added that Nayan was accused in many cases for acts of destruction and arson during the BNP-led protest and for burning a policeman dead in Bangla Motor area in December 2013.

## PM opens two CU halls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday inaugurated two residential halls of Chittagong University through video conferencing from Gono Bhaban.

The inaugural ceremony was held at the conference room of the deputy commissioner of Chittagong in the presence of CU Vice Chancellor (VC) Prof Dr Iftekhar Uddin Chowdhury and other CU teachers and employees and Chittagong Deputy Commissioner Mesbah Uddin, among others.

"We have to give the utmost importance to

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# A prison exception

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

For Moni (not her real name), the six-month prison sentence became a period when she learnt skills, subsequently making herself independent for the first time in life.

In her mid-20s, she served the term in Dhaka Central Jail in a case filed over a family feud last year and was released on bail several months ago.

"I am now the main beautician at a parlour in my hometown, Kishoreganj. But I plan to start my own business one day," she told a press briefing.

The Department of Prisons organised it at its office in the capital.

Another beneficiary of the inmates' training, Rocky, 35, is now known in his village in Dinajpur as a farmer with miraculous success.

"I was absolutely frustrated with life and never thought I would be able to

earn an honest living and be integrated into society again," he said.

About 2,500 former inmates have been rehabilitated through life skills training in prisons so far, said jail authorities. "The aim is to reduce the chances of inmates relapsing into the world of crime once they are freed and eventually ending up in prison again," said Inspector General of Prisons Brig Gen Syed Iftekhar Uddin.

Due to drug addiction and lack of skills, a significant number of freed people commit crimes again and return to prison, adding to the overcrowding of the jails, he explained.

As there are no government professional trainers at present, the authorities select a group of inmates and use them to impart lessons to their fellows, he said. "We also made arrangements to provide 'Drug Abusers Identification and Management'

training to the prison staff to reduce drug related crimes everywhere," he said.

While the country's prisons have 71,241 inmates, which is over twice their capacity, about 70 percent of them are not convicted criminals.

**SECURITY BEEFED UP AT PRISONS**

Answering questions, Iftekhar Uddin said security was strengthened in all jails across the country after the killings of two foreigners.

"There had been no instruction from the government, but we are alert," he said.

A total of 514 foreign nationals are now held captive in Bangladeshi jails, he added. Of them, 55 Indians, 14 Myanmar, two Nepalese, and two Pakistanis are awaiting release.

"We are vigilant to prevent any communication with prisoners

## PROTEST OVER PAYSCALE JnU teachers change decision again

Will hold today's admission tests

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Backing out of their previous decision, Jagannath University teachers yesterday said they would hold the admission tests scheduled for today.

"We decided to conduct Friday's admission tests after a request from the academic council and considering the anxiety of the admission seekers and their parents," JnU Teachers' Association President Prof Ali Noor told The Daily Star.

But the decision of not holding the tests slated for October 16 and 30 will remain in effect, he added.

On Wednesday, the JnU Teachers' Association announced that they would not hold the admission tests this month, demanding reform in the eighth payscale and formulation of a separate pay structure for public university teachers.

Hours after that, FBUTA expelled the JnU Teachers' Association temporarily from their alliance for bypassing the federation's decision and called the act "anti-disciplinary".

The representatives of FBUTA, a platform of the teachers' associations of 37 public universities, met Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid on Tuesday, conveying their decision that they would conduct all classes

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Participants at a roundtable on "20th World Egg Day" organised by Food and Agriculture Organization in association with the Bangladesh Animal Agriculture Society at The Daily Star Centre in the capital yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

## Egg consumption not related to heart diseases

Say experts at roundtable marking World Egg Day today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Consumption of eggs has no significant link with heart diseases, said livestock scientists and nutritionists yesterday.

Referring to a recent study by the Harvard School of Public Health, they said negative perception that regular egg consumption leads to heart diseases has been proved incorrect, and suggested regular intake of eggs, especially by pregnant women and growing children.

The recommendations came at a roundtable at The Daily Star Centre on the eve of World Egg Day today. The United Nation's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) organised the programme "Egg - The Good Food" in association with the Bangladesh Animal Agriculture

Society (BAAS).

"Instead of worrying about eggs, focus on eating an overall healthy diet and getting regular exercise. An average of one egg a day can be part of that lifestyle," according to the Harvard Health Publications dated January 1 this year.

It said eggs are relatively low in calories and saturated fat and rich in protein, vitamins, minerals, and other healthy nutrients, which are good for the eyes, and choline, which is needed by nerves and the brain.

"Most of the cholesterol that circulates in our bodies is not from cholesterol in foods, but rather from our liver making cholesterol in response to high intake of saturated

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## TORTURING DOMESTIC HELP Cricketer Shahadat on remand

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday placed suspended national cricketer Kazi Shahadat Hossain on a three-day remand in a case filed for torturing his 11-year-old domestic help.

The court passed the order after Mirpur police produced him before it with a seven-day remand prayer.

The court also rejected a petition filed by Shahadat seeking bail and cancellation of the remand prayer.

Shahadat, standing in the dock, did not say anything during the hearing on the remand prayer.

His lawyer, in the petition, said he is not involved in torturing his domestic help as he had to stay in camps for cricket purpose.

Earlier on October 5, the same court sent Shahadat to jail after he surrendered before it seeking bail.

The court on that day rejected Shahadat's bail petition considering the seriousness of the allegations brought against him in the

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## Int'l standard education must for development

Says state minister Biren marking Global Study's founding anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Global Study, an education consultancy firm in Dhaka, celebrated its 11th founding anniversary in the capital's The Daily Star Centre yesterday.

At the ceremony, Biren Sikder, state minister for youth and sports, said international standard education is must for integrated development of Bangladesh.

To ensure quality education, the country's youths have to be sent abroad so that they can play an important role in the development with their experience and knowledge, he said.

He praised Global Study's efforts in education consultancy.

Sonargaon University Vice Chancellor Prof MA Razzak, Eastern University pro-VC Abdul Hannan Chowdhury, Academia English medium school Managing Director Kutub Uddin, Saint John's Tutorial in-charge Mahbubul Islam and Global Study MD Amal Chandra Dhar spoke on the occasion.

## Work together to protect rights of poor

Law minister urges judges, lawyers, officials

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law Minister Anisul Huq yesterday urged the judges, lawyers and officers concerned to work together and strengthen legal aid services to protect and uphold the rights of poor people.

He was speaking as chief guest at a national conference on "Access to Justice: The Role of Community Mediation" jointly organised by the National Legal Aid Services Organisation (NLASO) under the law ministry and the Community Legal Services (CLS) Program funded by UK Aid at Hotel Sonargaon in Dhaka.

The law minister said they want to work with all the national and international organisations on the basis of partnership.

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