

**WEATHER FORECAST**

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 32.4   L 25.0	H 31.0   L 24.5	H 32.8   L 25.0	H 34.8   L 25.0	H 33.5   L 25.0	H 33.2   L 24.8	H 34.0   L 24.4	H 31.8   L 25.0

Day temperature may rise by 1-2 degree Celsius and night temperature may rise slightly over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:37pm and rises tomorrow at 5:54am. Country's highest temperature 34.8 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rajshahi, Ishwardi, Bogra and Syedpur and lowest 23.8 degrees in Feni.

**LOCAL GOVT**  
**Plan for partisan polls a conspiracy**  
*Says BNP*

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The plan to make the local government elections partisan is a strategy to send BNP's demand for a fresh national election to the backburner, party spokesperson Asaduzzaman Ripon said yesterday.

Moreover, the current political circumstances are not suitable for the change, he told a press conference at the Nayapalton office, referring to the sacking of some BNP-backed mayors and chairmen.

If the local government polls become partisan, BNP candidates will suffer more, he said.

It will be easier then for the government to remove BNP candidates from the polls, he added.

Citing newspapers, Ripon said the government planned to introduce partisan election in the local polls in December and January.

He expressed his moral support to the system, but said the current situation did not permit the change.

He also demanded reform in the Election Commission before the local body polls, as "Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmed-led EC has become biased and does not even have the ability to safeguard polling centres".

Meanwhile, BNP chief Khaleda Zia recalled the sacrifice of martyr Nazir Uddin Zehad who was killed during the anti-autocracy movement on October 10, 1990.

**Breast cancer most common type in Bangladeshi women**

**HELEMUL ALAM**

Breast cancer is the second most common cancer in Bangladesh while in women it is the most common carcinoma, said the National Institute of Cancer Research & Hospital report 2014.

According to the report, lung cancer is the most common one with 27.5 percent of the total male population and 6 percent of females suffering from it.

Every year, 14,836 women contract breast cancer and 7,142 of them die, said Dr Habibullah Talukdar Raskin, coordinator of Bangladesh Breast Cancer Awareness Forum, quoting the GLOBOCAN 2012 report.

Breast cancer also occurs in males at any age but very rarely, said Raskin.

Bangladesh Breast Cancer

Awareness Forum will observe Breast Cancer Awareness Day today by organising a press conference at Jatiya Press Club and running awareness campaigns in 30 districts and some upazilas.

**SYMPTOMS**  
A lump in the breast, pain in the armpits or breast that does not seem to be related to the menstrual period, pitting or redness of the skin of the breast, a rash around or on the nipple, a swelling in the armpit, an area of thickened tissue in a breast, a discharge from the nipple sometimes with blood, change in the breast size and peeling, scaling or flaking of the nipple skin or breast skin, said Raskin.

**RISK FACTORS**  
The risk of developing breast cancer increases with age. Genetic causes are

another factor for harbouring breast cancer. Women with denser breast tissues and women who started having menstruation earlier or entered menopause later than usual due to oestrogen exposure are also likely to harbour breast cancer.

Post-menopausal obesity, overweight, unhealthy food habits, alcohol consumption, and a lack of physical activities are also some causes. Besides, women who do not have any child and who marry after 30 remain at risk, while avoiding breastfeeding is another reason.

**DETECTION**  
Women who do not show any symptom but remain at risk should undergo screening for early detection. And if detected, physicians should be contacted immediately and followed religiously, said Raskin.

**Mojaheed's family meets him in jail**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Condemned war criminal Ali Ahsan Muhammad Mojaheed's wife Tamanna-E-Jahan hoped that the authorities concerned of the state including the president, prime minister, chief justice will play roles in ensuring justice for her husband in review of the Supreme Court ruling that upheld his death penalty.

"I believe that his (Mojaheed's) review application will be granted and he will be acquitted, if justice is ensured for him," she told reporters after she and four other members of her family met the death row convict at Dhaka Central Jail yesterday morning.

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**NEWS IN brief**

**Teenage girl bravely defies attempted forced marriage**  
*OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari*

A teenage girl saved herself from early marriage through intelligence in Boro Rauta village of Domar upazila in Nilphamari on Thursday.

Locals said Dulali Begum, 13, daughter of Dulal Hossen failing to persuade her parents to call off the marriage with Boro BABU, 25, of the village, informed the matter to Domar UNO over the phone.

UNO Sabiha Sultana rushed to the spot with a legal aid official of an NGO and the Sadar UP chairman and foiled the marriage.

**Four cops hurt by drug peddlers during drive in Lalmonirhat**  
*OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat*

Four policemen were attacked by a gang of drug peddlers during a drive in Milon Bazar area of Hatibandha upazila in Lalmonirhat on Thursday night.

Assistant Sub-inspector Rafique Miah, constables Anarul Haque, Abu Sayeed and Gopal Chandra of Hatibandha Police Station were admitted to the upazila health complex, said police.

The law enforcers, however, found 377 bottles of phensedyl as the gang fled away when additional police rushed to the spot to rescue their colleagues.

**Two Rajshahi OCs closed**  
*STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi*

The officers-in-charge (OC) of two police stations in Rajshahi were closed yesterday.

They are Aminur Rahman, OC of Bagha Police Station and Alamgir Hossain, OC of Chaghat Police Station. Ali Mahmud and Nibarun Chandra Burman replaced them respectively, said Nisarul Arif, Superintendent of Police in Rajshahi. They OCs were closed for administrative dynamism, he added. However, sources inside Rajshahi district police said they were closed for their alleged involvement in patronising drug peddlers.

**Psychological wellbeing**  
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Experts believe the number has increased over the years.

Monira Rahman, founder and executive director of IWE, said, "One in every four persons is suffering from mental illness."

Only 200 psychiatrists, 50 clinical psychologists and 800 beds have been dedicated to mental health services by the government which can cover only one percent of the estimated needs.

Chairperson of the Department of Educational and Counselling Psychology Dr Shaheen Islam said family should teach its members to give proper honour to mentally ill people. Deputy Managing Director of IDLC Finance HM Ziaul Hoque Khan, Cricketer Taskin Ahmed, former skipper of National Cricket Team Habibul Bashar Sumon, singer Haidar Ali, and television host Sharmin Lucky also attended the rally.



Fishermen getting ready to go out to the sea for catches of hilsa yesterday, when a 15-day countrywide ban on catching the fish ended. The photo was taken at Badura Fishery Port in Pirojpur sadar upazila. PHOTO: STAR

**Govt sincerely considering pay**

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Assistant Teachers' Association, which has been demonstrating for the last few weeks.

Nahid was addressing the inaugural ceremony of the 4th National Conference of Teachers at the Ahsanullah University of Science & Technology (Aust) in the capital's Tejgaon.

Bangladesh Literacy Association (BLA) in association with Dhaka Ahsania Mission, the Campaign for Popular Education (Campe) and Aust organised the two-day conference.

Teachers of all 37 public universities under the banner of the Federation of Bangladesh University Teachers Association have been staging protests since May to press home the demands.

They issued an ultimatum on Tuesday, threatening to abstain from work for an indefinite period from November 1 if their demands are not met by then.

Around 300 teachers from around the country joined yesterday's conference where the issues including role of teachers in ensuring quality education, exercising on proper teaching-learning processes and use of ICT in education would be discussed.

Addressing the conference as the chief guest, Nahid said, "You have to keep faith that certainly the government, honourable prime minister, and of course we all have respect for you."

He said teachers were the most respected people in society and the main driving force in education and that the government would do everything possible to uphold their interests and dignity.

"I keep regular contact with them (teachers). I hold meetings and inform the government and others concerned. I hope the problems will be solved," he said.

Nahid thanked the university teachers for taking admission tests amid their movement.

Campe Executive Director Rasheda K Choudhury said there should not be any compromise with the teachers' salary and dignity.

Prof Emeritus Manzoor Ahmed of Brac University presented a keynote on "Teachers for the 21st Century" while Aust Vice-Chancellor Prof AMM Safiullah, Dhaka Ahsania Mission President Kazi Rafiqul Alam and BLA General Secretary Prof Nurul Islam also spoke.

**Probe medical**

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"The nation is gradually becoming a 'nation without talent' since the state does not look for meritorious students. The question leak is a part of a long-term conspiracy."

Singer Mahmuduzzaman Babu said, "The arrest of 10 people in Dhaka and Rangpur and the death of an UGC official proved that leaks occurred."

He added, "The police men who brutally beat up the innocent students several times must be brought to book."

Omar Siraj, an assistant director of the University Grants Commission (UGC), was arrested on September 18, the day the test was held, for his alleged involvement in the leak.

But he died in custody a few days later.

Journalist Abu Sayed requested that the medical college admission test be held under universities, not under the health ministry.

"The health minister continuously rebutted the question leak allegation despite sufficient evidence. Our children are demonstrating on the street for 21 days, but the government does not pay any heed."

Ashraf Kamal, a guardian, said, "I urged the health minister to throw us into the new Dhaka Central Jail in Keraniganj if he does not accept our demand."

Present among the others were Dhaka University's Prof Abul Kashem Fazlul Haque, Prof Fahmidul Haque, Dr Moshtaq Ahmed, Prof Shantonu Majumder, sculptor Rasha, and Enamul Haque.

Scores of armed police, armed personnel carriers and barbwire barricades were on the protest scene to prevent any untoward incident.

**EU calls**

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European Union considers that capital punishment is inhumane and unnecessary."

The letter adds, "No legal system is flawless; any miscarriage of justice could lead to the tragic loss of an innocent life."

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rights for ethnic people and dalit improvement programme" implemented by Eco-Social Development Organisation (ESDO).

Sadar Upazila Parishad Chairman Toimur Rahman and Upazila Nirbahi Officer Asrafal Islam were present as special guests while ESDO Executive Director Muhammad Shahid Uz Zaman was in the chair.

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