

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA
H 30.7 | L 22.8

CHITTAGONG
H 29.0 | L 23.6

SYLHET
H 31.8 | L 23.8

RAJSHAHI
H 32.5 | L 23.6

KHULNA
H 32.0 | L 23.3

BARISAL
H 28.8 | L 23.6

RANGPUR
H 32.2 | L 24.4

COX'S BAZAR
H 31.2 | L 22.7

Day and night temperatures may fall by 1-2 degree Celsius over the country. **The sun sets in the capital today at 5:34pm and rises tomorrow at 5:56am.** Country's highest temperature 34.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Bogra and lowest 22.3 in Tangail.



Instead of draining out through the down pipes, rainwater is falling directly on pedestrians and vehicles from the edge of Mayor Mohammad Hanif Flyover in the capital yesterday. In the newly constructed structure, a complete drainage system is absent, but Khaled Masud, supply chain manager of Orion Group, the firm that constructed it, said they were working on the problem.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

MURDER CASE AGAINST KHALEDA Cops fail to submit probe report for fifth time

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday asked police for the fifth time to submit the probe report of a murder case against BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia and three other party leaders. The Gulshan police was supposed to submit the report yesterday. The court fixed January 3, 2016 as the new deadline. The murder case was filed for allegedly killing 42 people during the anti-government movement of the BNP-led 20-party alliance since January 5. The other accused are BNP standing committee member Rafiqul Islam Mia, BNP vice-chairman Shamser Mobin Chowdhury and pro-BNP intellectual Prof Emajuddin Ahmed. An officer of the Gulshan division police said the investigation was going on, and the report would be submitted within a short time. AB Siddique, president of pro-Awami League Bangladesh Jananetri Parishad, filed the case with the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka on February 2.

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Two Moulvibazar war crimes suspects held

Cops looking for three more

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday arrested two war crimes accused from Moulvibazar, hours after the International Crimes Tribunal-1 issued arrest warrants for five men for their alleged involvement in crimes committed in the district during the Liberation War in 1971. The arrestees are Ujer Ahmed, 60, of Goashpur village and Yunus Ahmed, 65, of Sonatiki village under Rajnagar Police Station in Moulvibazar. Md Shamsuddoha, officer-in-charge of the police station, told The Daily Star that they arrested Yunus at his village home and Ujer at a place between Moulvibazar sadar and Rajnagar. "We are trying to arrest the rest of the accused," he said, adding that they would produce the arrestees before the tribunal today. The three-member tribunal, led by Justice Anwarul Haque, ordered the arrest of the five,

who were allegedly involved in local Razakar and Al-Badr Bahini, two auxiliary forces of the Pakistani army in 1971, following a prosecution's petition. Prosecutor Mohammad Ali, who moved the petition, told The Daily Star that the investigation against the accused began in October last year, and the investigation officer of the case has already found evidence of their involvement in crimes including genocide, murder, arson and lootings in 1971. "We sought their arrest for fair and proper investigation," said Mohammad Ali, adding that the accused needed to be arrested and kept in jail because they might go into hiding. Hari Devnath, the investigating officer, said one of the accused was an Al-Badr member while the four others were Razakars in 1971, and he has already found evidence of their involvement in at least three acts of crime, including killing of 14 people in a single incident.

Two drops of water don't mean rainfall

Russian envoy tells Menon about killings of two foreigners; Menon tells him security alerts by some foreign countries hamper economic development

UNB, Dhaka

Voicing concern over the recent killings of two foreign nationals, Russian Ambassador in Dhaka Alexander A Nikolaev yesterday said two drops of water did not mean that it was raining, as a peaceful and nice environment had been prevailing in Bangladesh for many days. "Russia is also concerned," he told Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Rashed Khan Menon at the secretariat during a meeting. The Russian envoy also said he knew why this was happening here, according to a media release of the ministry. Menon said Bangladesh believed in zero tolerance approach against any sort of terrorism. Observing that the overall situation in Bangladesh was better than in the past, the minister said issuing security alerts for their citizens by some foreign countries might hamper

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MEDICAL ENTRANCE TEST RETAKE DEMAND Agitators to go on hunger strike today

DU CORRESPONDENT

Candidates protesting the leak of the medical college admission test question will start a fast unto death at the capital's Central Shaheed Minar today. They announced the strike on the 25th day of their demonstration yesterday, after their earlier programmes like marches, rallies, and exhibition failed to change the government's position. The candidates demand a fresh admission test because, they said, the test questions were leaked before September 18, the exam day. At a press briefing at the Shaheed Minar, Muhaiminul Islam Neon, a spokesperson of the protesters, said they would press on until the demands were met. In the morning, around 70 students and guardians gathered at the memorial during heavy rains and chanted slogans in favour of their demands. "We sought the prime minister's intervention... submitted a memorandum to her but yet to get any answer. So we have no other alternative to going for a hunger strike," Neon told The Daily Star.

BCL men held for attempted extortion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday arrested two leaders of Bangladesh Chhatra League of Government Titumir College on charges of trying to extort the contractor building a puja mandap in the capital's Banani, vandalising property on the campus, and threatening to throw acid on a teacher. The college unit's joint secretary Delwar Hossain and organising secretary Rejzaul Karim Sunny were detained in two cases -- one filed by the college authority and the other by the contractor, said Salauddin Khan, officer-in-charge of Banani Police Station. Asif Roy Chowdhury, vice-president of Banani-Gulshan Sarbojaneen Puja Udjapan Parishad, said some youths, led by the two leaders, had been demanding Tk 5 lakh from the

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COP COUPLE MURDER Oishee claims innocence

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Oishee Rahman who has been accused of killing her parents claimed herself innocent yesterday after a Dhaka court read out charges from statements of 39 prosecution witnesses. Her two friends -- Asaduzzaman Johnny and Mizanur Rahman Roni -- also claimed themselves innocent and demanded justice after the charges were read out before them. In her written statement, Oishee told the court that she was not at their Chamelibagh residence in the capital on August 16, 2013 when her parents -- Special Branch of Police inspector Mahfuzur Rahman and Swapna Rahman -- were killed. She claimed that she did not know who killed her parents, adding she was at one of her friends' residence during the double murder. In the statement, she alleged that after her arrest, police took her on remand, tortured her inhumanely with sticks and forced her to give confessional statement before a magistrate where she said that she alone killed her parents, and added that their domestic help, 11, had assisted her with the killings and Johnny instigated the murders and Roni gave her shelter after the incident. The court recorded their statements and fixed October 20 for the arguments. Oishee, who had taken her O-level exams, turned herself into Paltan police on August 17, 2013, a day after her parents' bodies were recovered. She was later remanded. Trial of the case against the child domestic help, now on bail, is pending with the First Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court of Dhaka, a juvenile court.



RAJON MURDER CASE Prime accused being brought back home tomorrow

Three more testify

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The prime accused in Rajon murder case Kamrul Islam is being brought back home from Saudi Arabia tomorrow. "Three police officers from Bangladesh have already reached Riyadh and are expected to return to Dhaka with the accused on October 15," said a press release from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh. Md Samiul Alam Rajon, 13, was tortured to death

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Intruders beat up BNP leader inside central office

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Unidentified miscreants assaulted an assistant organising secretary of BNP in the party's Naya Paltan office in the capital yesterday, according to a party source. A gang of 10-12 stormed Taiful Islam Tipu's office on the second floor around 11:00am, and kicked and punched him indiscriminately for a few minutes before leaving the scene, said a BNP office staff. Tipu was admitted a local hospital with injury marks on Taiful's back and ear. Tipu said he was made an assistant organising secretary in June. In June, another assistant organising secretary of BNP, Abdus Salam Azad, came under attack almost in a similar manner at the same office. In a statement, BNP spokesperson Asaduzzaman Ripon expressed concern over such attacks and demanded arrest of the culprits. He said BNP itself would investigate whether any of its men was involved in it.

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