

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 31.0 L 24.0	H 31.0 L 23.0	H 33.1 L 23.5	H 30.2 L 22.4	H 32.5 L 24.5	H 31.2 L 23.8	H 31.6 L 22.4	H 29.5 L 24.2

Light to moderate rain is likely to occur at a few places over Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions and at one or two places over Dhaka, Sylhet, Rajshahi & Rangpur divisions till 6:00pm today. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:32pm and rises tomorrow at 5:57am.

Tofail seeks duty-free access to Malaysia

Asks their entrepreneurs to build production bases Unb, Dhaka

Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed yesterday asked Malaysia to enhance trade ties by providing duty-free access to all Bangladeshi products, and its entrepreneurs to invest in building production houses for export from here.

Only 19 Bangladeshi products now enjoy duty-free access apart from facing some tariff and non-tariff barriers.

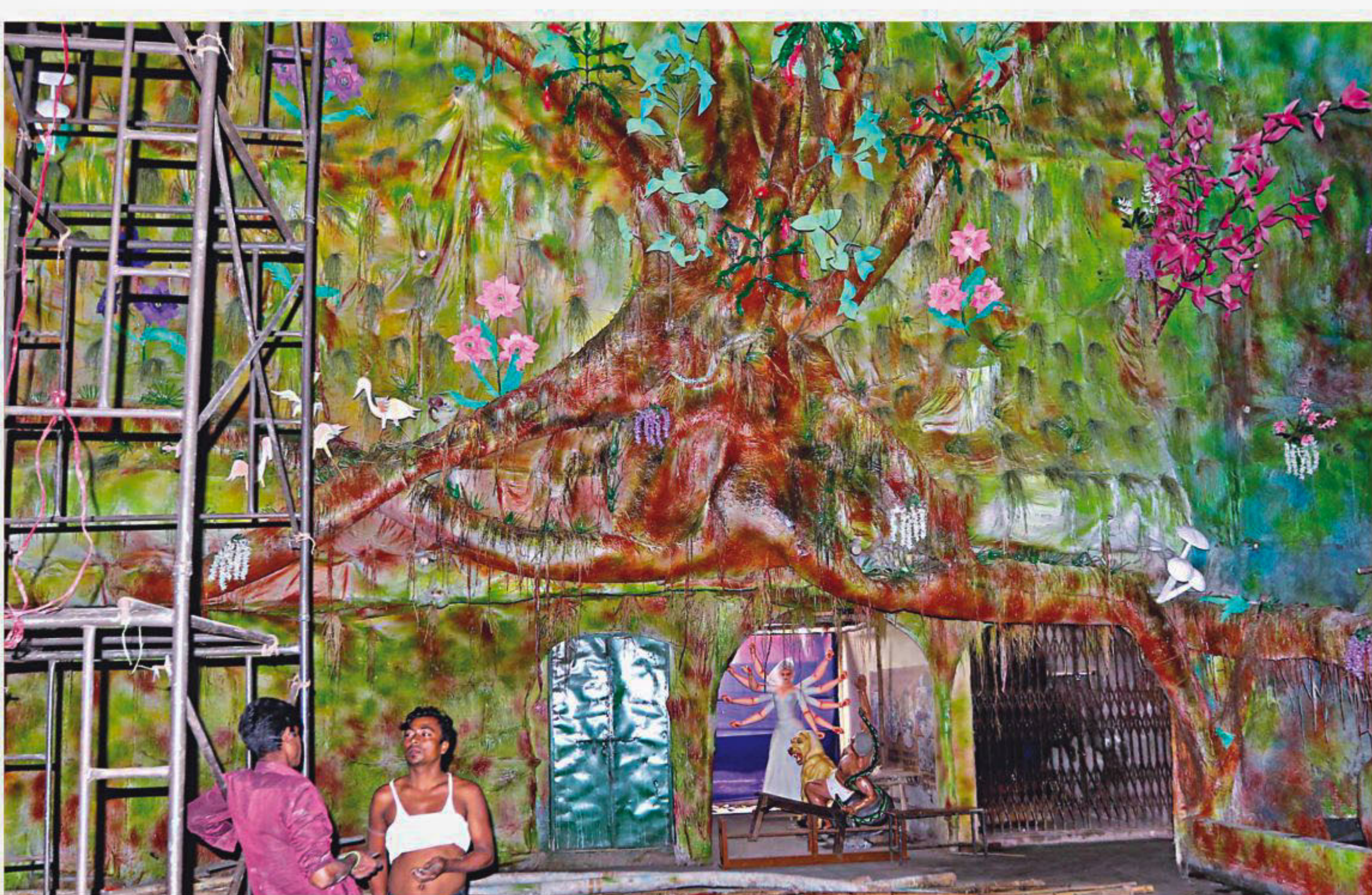
Tofail was addressing the inauguration of a three-day trade show, "Showcase Malaysia 2015", in the capital's Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel. The Bangladesh Malaysia Chamber of Commerce and Industry is hosting it for the fourth time.

He hoped Malaysia would continue playing a role in Bangladesh's development. Tofail said the country's "very liberal investment policy" could allure bigger Malaysian investments.

Acknowledging Bangladesh's potential, Malaysian High Commissioner in Dhaka Norlin Binte Othman said Malaysian companies were here to see for themselves business opportunities on offer.

Chairman of the fair's organising committee, Syed Moazzam, said there was immense potential for joint ventures with Malaysian companies in areas like health, tourism and food processing units.

The show has 55 stalls representing manufacturers, exporters, traders, educational institutions, service providers and telecommunications, banking, information technology, tourism and healthcare sectors. In the last fiscal year, Bangladesh exported goods worth US\$ 140.09 million to Malaysia while Malaysia's export to Bangladesh was worth US\$ 1,287.5 million.



A colourful mandap ready for Durga Puja on the campus of Kusumkumari School in Chittagong city yesterday. The largest religious festival of Bangalee Hindus begins on Sunday. PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

Govt provides 19,000 Rajshahi slum families with healthcare

BSS, Rajshahi

Around 19,000 poor and extremely poor families living in slums in Rajshahi city have been receiving health and nutritional support under the Urban Partnership for Poverty Reduction Project (UPPRP) to combat malnutrition.

The three-year scheme started in October 2012 at a cost of Tk 40.12 crore in order to supplement national efforts to prevent maternal and infant deaths.

Ajhar Ali, chief executive officer of Rajshahi City Corporation, said the programme is a component of the just concluded UPPRP.

LGED in association with UNDP and with financial support and technical support from UKaid and UNHabitat implemented the UPPRP.

The nutrition component intends to improve the nutritional status of children, pregnant and breast-feeding women and adolescent girls of the project's targeted households as the highest rate of malnutrition has been found among children living in slums of the city.

Mahbubul Alam, town manager of UPPRP, said the component has arranged necessary coun-

selling for 250 pregnant women and 1,280 breast feeding mothers, group meetings for 3,500 adolescents and courtyard meetings for 46,000 family members and 2,000 children discussing and highlighting significance of the aforesaid issues.

Referring to various research findings, he mentioned that prevalence of malnutrition in slum areas is among the highest in the city. Many of children and women suffer from one or more forms of malnutrition, including low birth weight, stunting, underweight, vitamin A deficiency, iodine deficiency disorder and anaemia.

To address the problems, the target groups received direct nutrition and its related products like 515,460 Iron and Folic Acid tablets, 100,800 deworming tablets and 40,515 doses of suspension and 72,174 packets of micronutrient powder.

As schoolboys and schoolgirls are most vulnerable to worm infection, the nutrition project is putting emphasis on making them aware about hygiene and use of sanitary latrine together with proper hand washing before taking every meal.

14,651 tonnes of rice allotted for Durga Puja

BSS, Dhaka

The government has allotted a total of 14,651 tonnes of rice for 29,302 puja mandaps countrywide ahead of the Durga Puja, the biggest religious festival of the Hindu community.

The rice will be distributed under the allocation of Gracious Relief (GR) for feeding of the devotees of those puja mandaps, said Director General of the Department of Disaster Management M Reaz Ahmed.

"We have already distributed the allocation under the district administration and the deputy commissioners concerned will distribute it to upazila-wise," the DG said adding, each of the mandaps will get at least 500kg of rice and upward considering its size.

The upazila council will distribute the rice to all the mandaps considering the number of mandaps under each upazila, said Ahmed.

NEWS IN brief

Savar road accident kills two

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

A Taxi cab driver and a passenger of the vehicle were killed in a road accident on Dhaka-Tangail highway in Moragang area of Ashulia, outside the capital, yesterday.

The deceased were taxi driver Mofizul Islam Sumon, 30, and passenger Abdul Mozid Akhand, 70.

Selim Reza, sub-inspector of Ashulia Police Station, said locals found the bodies in the taxi which was found in a roadside ditch. But how the accidents took place could not be known.

5 Dhaka factories fined Tk 57 lakh

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

The Department of Environment (DoE) yesterday fined five factories, located in and outside the capital, Tk 57 lakh for polluting environment.

In Rupnagar, Deep Washing and Aksa International were fined Tk 11 lakh and Tk 6 lakh respectively, DoE officials said.

In Narayanganj, Yesma Knitting and Dyeing Ltd was fined Tk 26 lakh, Confidence Electronics Ltd (battery unit) at Taltola Tk 12 lakh, while Vajon Apparels Ltd at Konabari of Gazipur Tk 2 lakh, the officials added.

One held with 65kg hemp

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Police recovered 65kg of hemp and arrested a woman from a house in Nonderkhamar of Savar, outside the capital, yesterday.

The arrestee is Zamina Khatun, 45, of Emandipur in Savar.

On information, police raided the house of one Abdul Kader and recovered the hemp. Zamina was arrested from the house, police said.

Yaba pills seized in Ctg port

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Members of Bangladesh Coast Guard (east zone) recovered a total of 35,000 Yaba tablets from a fishing boat at the outer anchorage of Chittagong port yesterday.

On suspicion, when a patrol team of coast guard tried to stop the boat, the boatman swam away abandoning it, said the coast guard officials.

Later, the yaba tablets were recovered from the boat.

Notre Dame College batch-87 reunion on October 30

CITY DESK

The second reunion of Batch-87 students of Notre Dame College will be held on October 30.

Students of Batch-87 are requested send the registration fee -- Tk 1,500 -- to bKash A/C 01970046161 (Shariful).

For details please contact Zillul (0171557222), Nazmul (01714102913), Shariful (01730046161), Pavel (01713229325), and Ranjit (01819243752), or visit the facebook page: Notre Dame College Batch 87

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Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid, Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique and Begum Badrunnesa Government Women College Principal Prof Mahbuba Rahman with other guests and meritorious students of the college at an award giving ceremony on the college premises on October 11 where the students were recognised for their academic achievement.

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congratulated Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on behalf of the anti-corruption organisation for receiving the "Champion of the Earth" award.

He said Bangladesh has to play a leading role in realising the demands of the most vulnerable countries and to protect the interests of the millions of people living there.

He said only half of the US\$ 10.2 billion 34 developed countries were supposed to give has been provided to the Green Climate Fund and it was yet to be disbursed.

Both the government-created Bangladesh Climate Change Trust Fund, financed by the government, and Bangladesh Climate Change Resilience Fund, financed by developed countries, are facing a fund crisis, said TIB.

Promise of public efforts

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of Dhaka Medical College had visited the strikers in secret early hours yesterday since the DMC administration allegedly asked them not to help the protesters.

Seeking anonymity, an intern said, "We always want to stand by the demonstrators because we support their logical demand, but the administration threatened to take action against us if we support them."

The protesters said an honorary medical officer of Sir Salimullah Medical College had recently been suspended for his support to the candidates.

A group of admission aspirants have been demanding a fresh test as, they claimed, the test questions were leaked a day before the exam was held on September 18.

Intellectuals, politicians, some student organisations, students of Dhaka University and the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet), and different professionals earlier joined the protest and expressed solidarity with the call.

The demonstrators urged the prime minister to intervene immediately, saying the leak had already been "proved".

Columnist Abul Maksud also visited the spot last evening in support of the protest.

3 more witnesses

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filed two petitions, saying the BNP chief had earlier gone to London for treatment and she would return within a short time and they wanted to cross-examine the witnesses on the next scheduled date.

He filed two more petitions over Khaleda's non-appearance before the court.

On September 10, the former premier appeared before the court to attend the hearing in the Zia Charitable and the Zia Orphanage trust graft cases. Before that, she didn't appear before the court for three consecutive days, citing health issues.

According to the charge sheet in the Zia Charitable Trust case, Khaleda and three others abused power to collect Tk 6.19 crore for the trust during the BNP-led government's tenure between 1991 and 1996.

In the Zia Orphanage Trust case, the BNP chief, her son Tarique Rahman and four others are accused of embezzling Tk 2.1 crore by forming the charity that exists only on paper.

Attempted robbery

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"I am feeling insecure as the robbery was attempted amid high security," she said, adding that police had gone there and suggested installing CCTV cameras.

Another guard at the building, Sabuj Mia, said just on Monday evening miscreants riding on a motorcycle had snatched a laptop from a rickshaw passenger right in front of the building.

IBA Admission Test

BBA 24th BATCH (SESSION 2015-2016)

BBA Admission Test (2015-16) of Institute of Business Administration (IBA), University of Dhaka will be held on Friday, November 20, 2015.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

All **Bangladeshi** applicants must take the Admission Test. The test has two components: Written Assessment and Communication Test. The Written Assessment component evaluates applicant's aptitude in: Language, Mathematics, and Analytical ability. To pass in the Written Test, an applicant must obtain a minimum qualifying score in each of the above areas. For the Communication Test, applicants will be selected on the basis of their performance in the Written Assessment.

Foreign nationals with a score of 1900 or more in SAT Reasoning Test (with at least 600 in Critical Reading and Math and at least 550 in Writing) may be exempted from the Written Assessment, but must appear in the Communication Test.

HOW TO APPLY

The application is to be made **online starting from 10:00 am, Sunday, October 04, 2015**. Application fee of Tk. 865/- (including online processing fees & bank service charge) is to be paid **latest by Wednesday, November 4, 2015 (before 4:00 pm)**. For detailed application procedure, visit the IBA website at <http://www.iba-du.edu> or the Dhaka University admission website <http://admission.eis.du.ac.bd>.

For further information, visit the IBA website (www.iba-du.edu) or contact the BBA Program Office (Room # 319, 2nd Floor, IBA) or call at 01772563303 or 9663220 between 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm any day except for Fridays.

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Candidates from O-level, A-level and from all other boards, outside the country have to obtain "Equivalence Certificate" from IBA, before applying.