

**WEATHER FORECAST**

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 32.7   L 24.6	H 33.4   L 23.9	H 30.3   L 23.2	H 33.2   L 22.3	H 34.2   L 25.0	H 32.7   L 24.4	H 31.2   L 23.0	H 33.1   L 23.5

Light fog may occur at places over the river basins of the country during early morning. Day and night temperatures may remain nearly unchanged. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:25pm and rises tomorrow at 6:00am. Country's highest temperature 34.6 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Khulna and lowest 20.6 in Rangamati.

## Man found murdered on riverbank in Jamalpur

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur**

A man was found murdered on the bank of the river Dashani in Kandarpara village of Islampur upazila in Jamalpur yesterday morning.

Jahidul Islam, 28, son of late Alkas Ali of the village, used to pull rickshaw in Dhaka.

Criminals stabbed him in the abdomen, throat and head, said Deen-e-Alam, officer-in-charge of Islampur Police Station.

On Tuesday, he visited his uncle Sundar Ali's house in the village for his cousin's burial and he was not found on the bed on Thursday night, police quoted locals as saying.

The next morning, locals first noticed the body on the riverbank, the OC said.



Encroachment and pollution are sending the country's rivers to their death gradually, and Haridoya is going to be yet another victim with effluent from nearby industrial units turning the colour of its water into deep blue and threatening its ecology. The photo was taken in Putia Bazar area of Narsingdi sadar upazila yesterday.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

## NEWS IN brief

### Baniachang upazila vice-chairman Iqbal Bahar suspended

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar**

Iqbal Bahar Khan, vice-chairman of Baniachang Upazila Parishad in Habiganj district and Jamaat leader, was suspended on Wednesday as he has been indicted in a case filed for violence.

Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Md Shariful Islam received the letter issued by the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives and confirmed the matter to The Daily Star.

Khan has been accused of violence in six cases, said the UNO.

### 20 held in Benapole while going to India illegally

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Benapole**

Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) detained 20 Bangladeshis while they were going to India illegally through Boroachra border in Benapole on Thursday night.

The detained eight women, seven children and five men hail from different areas of Narail and Faridpur, said BGB.

They were handed over to Benapole Port Police Station, and a case was filed.

### 5 crude bombs found in Jessore

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole**

Police recovered five bombs from Deya village of Jessore Sadar upazila on Thursday.

Akkas Ali, officer-in-charge Jessore Police Station, said a team of police raided the house of one Nurul Islam and recovered the five bombs from near his house around 9:00pm.

However, none was arrested in this connection.

### 2 drug peddlers held with Yaba pills

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg**

Police arrested two persons with 2,100 yaba tablets after intercepting a bus in Karnaphuli Shah Amanat Bridge area of Chittagong city early yesterday.

They are Md Alamgir and Jahidul Alam, both hailing from Narsingdi, said Officer-in-Charge of Bakalia Police Station Mohammad Mohsin.

Acting on a tip-off, police raided the Dhaka-bound bus coming from Cox's Bazar and arrested them with the pills, the OC added.

### Criminal held with arms in Jessore

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Police arrested a man listed as thug along with a pistol and two rounds of bullet in Bag Achra Sat Mile area in Sharsha upazila of Jessore district on Thursday night.

The arrestee is Mohon Ali, 26, son of Mokarram Ali of Kholadanga village in Sadar upazila of the district.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of police raided the area and arrested Mohon Ali from a house.

Inamul Haque, officer-in-charge of Sharsha Police Station, said Mohon was wanted in several cases filed with Sharsha and Jessore police stations.

### BPL match in Bogra demanded

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra**

Facebook Friends' Society, a Facebook group comprises of the local people of Bogra, formed a human chain at Satmatha in Bogra demanding Shaheed Chandu Stadium to be a venue of the upcoming BPL yesterday.

Speakers demanded renovation of the stadium and want it to be a regular venue of international cricket match which has not been held there since 2006.

They also want it as the home ground of Rangpur Riders, a BPL team.

### Easy bikes go off Bandarban town streets centring on Quader's visit

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban**

Owners and drivers did not operate unauthorised battery-run three-wheelers, known as easy-bikes, in Bandarban town yesterday centering the expected visit of Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader.

Md Mamunur Rashid, president of Super Bike Auto-Rickshaw Owners Association, said they will not operate the vehicles till today following a request from the district police administration.

The minister is expected to visit Bandarban to inaugurate two rest houses of the Roads and Highways Department (RHD) in the town and Chimbuk hill area today, said RHD officials in Bandarban.

## Neighbours kill man over land dispute

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur**

A man was killed allegedly by his neighbours at Zianagar upazila in Pirojpur over a land dispute on Thursday night.

Md Abul Hossain Akan, 50, of Chandipur village, along with his elder brother and cousin went to the disputed land to collect some betel nuts when some six men led by Abdur Rob Mollah, 65, attacked them with sticks, said Abul's family.

Abul died from head injuries at Khulna Medical College Hospital.

A case was filed. Abdur Rob with his men is absconding, said police.

## Missing covered van found empty in Savar

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Police yesterday found a covered van, which had gone missing on the way to Dhaka from Chittagong early Thursday with imported fabrics, abandoned and empty in Savar.

Driver Abdul Malek was admitted to Gonoshasthaya Hospital as he was drugged by robbers in Comilla's Eloitganj, said Ashulia Police Station Officer-in-Charge Mohsinul Qadir.

The van was stationed by the road in Nabinagar around 2:30pm, he said.

The driver felt sick after taking tea during a stopover near Comilla cantonment, the OC quoted Malek as saying.

When he reached Eloitganj, he asked his helper Shipon to bring him a glass of water, he said.

According to Malek, he became consciousness just after taking a sip of water. He suspects Shipon, who was employed only two days ago, worked for the robbers.

Shipon has been absconding since the incident, said police.

The vehicle, owned by New Generation Fashion in Dhaka's Jurain, was carrying 25,600 metres of fabrics worth Tk 58 lakh, said factory director Biman Bihari Talukder.

## Eco-friendly 'light-trap' cuts use of pesticides

**BSS, Dhaka**

Light-trap and parching, environmentally sound methods for controlling harmful insects, especially Brown Plant Hopper, are helping farmers in different areas of Rajshahi during the current Aman season.

The light-trap method is getting popular among the local farmers for its cheaper price and better feasibility in pest management on transplanted Aman paddy.

Farmers set a light source placing a pot filled with the mixture of water and detergent right under it. Light attracts the insects and the mixture kills them when they fall into it.

Farmers of the 10 unions of Godagari Upazila, those who used this method, did not have to use any pesticides this year as they did not found any insect on their paddy fields, said the upazila agriculture officer.

The Department of Environment has been promoting this programme throughout the district for the last few years to distract farmers from using chemical pesticides which causes serious damage to the environment.

Hazrat Ali, deputy director of DoE, Rajshahi, said, "During September and October every year, farmers face serious pest attacks and they have to spend more to get rid of this. With light-trap and parching methods, we can find the culprit insect and take proper the pest control measure, which is much cheaper and environment friendly."

It has reduced indiscriminate use of pesticides by 50 percent and eventually resulted in increased production than the previous year.

Nabibur Rahman, 43, a farmer at Kachua village in Tanore upazila, said, "I cultivated high yielding flood tolerant Aman paddy on 68 decimals of land this year and got 25 kg of paddy in each decimal. It was only 18 kg last year."



Heavy vehicles are prohibited on the streets of Hatirjheel but they use the roads at night to avoid the eyes of law enforcers. The photo was taken in the wee hours of Thursday.

## MMCH probing if gauze left inside c-section patient

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh**

Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH) yesterday formed a three-member body headed by an assistant director to investigate allegations that a woman had to undergo surgery for the removal of gauze left inside during an earlier c-section and not, as the surgeon claims, for an abdominal abscess.

Nurunnahar Boby, an assistant teacher of Naumahal Government Primary School, started having abdominal pains after giving birth to a girl, her second child, on October 20, her mother Shamsunnahar Begum told The Daily Star.

An intern at unit 3 of the gynaecology ward suggested an ultrasonography, based on which Nurunnahar was operated upon early yesterday, she said, bringing up the allegation. Both the surgeon, Dr Kaniz Fatema, who is also the unit's assistant registrar, and the unit chief, Dr AKM Sadiqul Azam, refuted the allegation, saying the ultrasonography revealed an abdominal abscess.

The body was asked to submit a report in three workdays, said sources.

"We would examine the test reports and if any negligence of the doctors is found, departmental action would be taken," said MMCH Director (in-charge) Dr Tajul Islam.

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