

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 32.4 L 21.6	H 32.5 L 23.5	H 32.8 L 21.3	H 32.0 L 19.8	H 33.0 L 22.0	H 32.4 L 21.7	H 31.0 L 21.8	H 32.5 L 23.7

Day and night temperatures may remain nearly unchanged over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:24pm and rises tomorrow at 6:02am. Country's highest temperature 33.7 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Chandpur and lowest 19.4 in Chuadanga.



Shykh Seraj wins Gusi Peace Prize

CITY DESK

Pioneering development journalist Shykh Seraj has won the Gusi Peace Prize 2015 for his "exceptional" media activism over the past three decades in reducing poverty in Bangladesh. The director and head of news of Impress Telefilm Ltd/Channel i will receive the award in Manila, Philippines from the Gusi Peace Prize Foundation on November 25, said a press release. Shykh Seraj started his media career in the 1970s. He was the most

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PHOTO: RASHAD AHAMAD



Clockwise from left, children looking at the photographs that tell the story of the Rana Plaza tragedy, at Sankalan Pathshala near the collapsed building site in Savar Saturday night. A short drama depicts exploitation of garment workers. A mock of the aftermath of the 2013 tragedy, which killed more than 1,100 people. Bangladesh Garment Workers' Solidarity organised the programme demanding compensation for the victims, which they rightfully deserve, not financial assistance.



JMB leader confesses to killing Khijir Khan

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Arrested Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) leader Tariqul Islam Tareque yesterday confessed to have killed former Power Development Board chairman Khijir Khan for religious and ideological differences. Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Lutfor Rahman Shishir recorded the statement and ordered sending him to jail. Tareque said he, with the help of his accomplices, killed Khijir, also a Pir (spiritual leader), as they believed his activities went against Islamic norms and that killing Pirs were their religious obligation. On October 14, Tareque and his accomplice Alek Bapary were arrested. Alek allegedly drove eight JMB operatives to Khijir's Modhya Badda residence on October 5, the day of the murder.

A driver without use of legs

RASHAD AHAMAD, Savar

Not easily in Bangladesh. "For a man in wheelchair doing work is a sort of problem but the main setback is the social barrier," declared Riaz. "I cannot work like others but I can do it differently; the society does not recognise me as an able person because of my body." This is the essence of the experiences Riazur Rahman gathered in the last five years as a licensed auto-rickshaw driver. It took a great deal of trouble. He had to

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Riazur Rahman in the cabin of his auto-rickshaw after leaving the wheelchair. PHOTO: RASHAD AHAMAD

ABDUCTION OF THREE 13 goons held with arms, ammo in Cox's Bazar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Following abduction of three people, including a UP member, from Eidgaon-Eidgarh road, police in two drives in Cox's Bazar arrested 13 goons and seized arms and ammunition from their possession on Saturday night. The law enforcers from Ramu, Chakoria and Cox's Bazar model police stations conducted the drives. Three goons were arrested with two rifles, a gun, a machete, two knives, a hammer and 11 rounds of bullet in a den of criminals in Gozalia, said Md Zahangir Alam, sub-inspector of Eidgaon Police Station. The other 10 were held in Kudaliakata, Panisyaghona, Dhumchhakata and Hasnakata. The three people were released hours after they had been kidnapped from an ambulance on the Eidgaon-Eidgarh road on Friday night. Later, police found them in Gozalia, said Zahangir.

GANGES BARRAGE AT RAJBARI PM wants Indo-Bangla joint venture

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday stressed developing Ganges Barrage on the Padma River in Bangladesh under a joint venture project between Bangladesh and India. She came up with the view when outgoing Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Pankaj Saran met her at her office. After the meeting, PM's Press Secretary Ihsanul Karim briefed reporters. The government has already completed the feasibility study and design of the proposed 2.1km long Ganges Barrage Project at Pangsha in Rajbari, some 98km downstream from the Farakka Barrage built in Pashchimabanga, India. The proposed project has a reservoir to augment the flow of water and its equal distribution, in both dry and rainy seasons, over the Ganges-dependent area. The project will meet the demand of Ganges water for agriculture, fisheries, ecosystem and navigation. About US\$4 billion is needed to implement the project. Once the project is implemented, the feasibility study says, agricultural production in the Ganges-dependent area will increase while additional paddy production would be about 26 lakh metric tonnes, minimising the loss of paddy significantly. Additional fish production would be about 2.4 lakh metric tonnes. Hasina expressed satisfaction over the smooth implementation of Land Boundary Agreement and its protocol on both sides. Appreciating Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, Hasina thanked the Indian government for its cooperation with Bangladesh in energy sector. "Now we would like to go to the next step which is sub-regional cooperation," she said. Referring to India's eagerness on developing Paira and other Deep Sea ports in

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N'ganj clinic ransacked over child's death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Relatives ransacked a hospital in Narayanganj after a three-month-old baby girl died right there on Saturday night. They also beat up seven hospital staff, including Manager Jannatul Ferdous. Sajida was admitted to Faisal Hospital in Arahazar with cold related ailments on Friday evening. Sheuli Begum, the mother, alleged that instead of a nurse an aya gave her child a fatal overdose injection. Sajida died soon after being injected, she said. Manager Jannatul Ferdous told reporters that their aya were instructed to do the works done by nurses as they were experienced enough. When asked, Arahazar Police Station Officer-in-Charge Md Sakhawat Hossain said the reason behind the child's death could not be ascertained immediately. Filing of a case was underway till last evening, he said. On information from the hospital staff, police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control.

Tk 11.43 lakh stolen from Ctg airport cargo shed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A total of Tk 11.43 lakh was stolen from a steel locker at the manager's office in the cargo shed of Chittagong's Shah Amanat International Airport between Thursday evening and Saturday noon. Airport Manager Wing Commander Reazul Kabir yesterday said the stolen money, which was collected as revenue, was kept in the locker on Thursday afternoon. A case was filed with Patenga Police Station yesterday while formation of a probe committee is underway.

Drive against illegal billboards in Nov

Says Obaidul Quader

UNB, Dhaka

The government will launch a drive next month to remove illegal billboards from city streets and highways, Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader told a discussion in the capital yesterday. "Bangladesh is a factory of producing leaders and all of them are billboard leaders. The so-called leaders install billboards on city streets and highways posting their images along with photographs of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and our Prime Minister," said Quader. "Installing these billboards they want to show that they are 'big leaders' but allegations are also there that they are getting involved in extortion showing their billboards", he added. He said these billboards, apart from causing visual pollution, contribute to road accidents as drivers of vehicles lose their concentration seeing billboards during their driving. Road and Transport Programme and Advocacy for Social Change of BRAC organised the policy dialogue at the city's BRAC Centre Inn.



In the period of winter, which is slowly creeping in, date juice has traditionally been a favourite drink in the misty mornings. And this man is getting ready to ensure the supply. The photo was taken in Gabokhali village of Jessore's Monirampur upazila yesterday.

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