

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 30.0 L 24.0	H 24.2 L 22.2	H 29.1 L 23.6	H 32.0 L 21.6	H 28.0 L 23.3	H 25.2 L 23.2	H 30.8 L 21.8	H 23.2 L 22.0

Night temperatures may remain nearly unchanged and day temperature may rise slightly over northwestern part and it may remain nearly unchanged elsewhere over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:19pm and rises tomorrow at 6:05am. Country's highest temperature 32.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rajshahi, Ishwardi and Bogra and lowest 20.5 in Rangamati.

JSC, JDC exams begin today

BSS, Dhaka

Junior School Certificate (JSC) and Junior Dakhil Certificate (JDC) examinations 2015 will begin today with the participation of 23,25,933 examinees from 28,632 educational institutions, the education ministry sources said.

The number of JSC examinees is 19,67,447. Of them, 9,14,900 are males while 10,52,547 females. A total of 3,58,486 examinees will participate in JDC examination. Of them, 1,67,770 are males and 1,90,716 females.

A total of 585 students from eight overseas centres will attend the JSC examinations.

The number of JSC and JDC examinees increased by 2,35,241 as 20,90,692 candidates took part in the exams in 2014.



Sand lifting like this has reportedly been ongoing illegally in a haphazard manner allegedly by influential locals in Manikganj's Paturia, posing the threat of erosion for the nearby banks and localities. The photo was taken yesterday. PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

ADMISSION TEST DU suspends 3 over question leak, cheating

DU CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University yesterday suspended three students, two for supplying a hi-tech electronic device to a candidate for cheating in the admission test and the other for his involvement with the question leak.

The students are Farhad Uddin Mahmud, a third-year student of information technology; SM Imrul Kayes Shuvo, a third-year student of physics; and Sohel, a third year student of oriental arts. All three fled halls.

Meanwhile, detectives unveiled the misdeeds of a question paper leak syndicate at a press conference yesterday.

Detectives said the 17 youths, who were arrested earlier for allegedly leaking the admission test questions of Dhaka University and Jagannath University, had taken up to Tk 5 lakh from each candidate in exchange for supplying questions.

For making sure the candidates pay the money, they kept students' original transcripts, detectives told the press conference at DMP Media Centre.

The gang sent question paper links through Facebook, WhatsApp, and other social media, Deputy Commissioner (North) Sheikh Nazmul Alam of Detective Branch (DB) of

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Commuters asked to lodge complaints against extra fare

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) has asked all to lodge their complaints about additional fare in public transport in Dhaka metropolitan area.

Any complaint regarding extra fare in bus, minibus or CNG-run auto-rickshaw can be filed with BRTA after calling 9113133, 58154701, 9115544 and 9007574 during office hours or visiting <http://brta.gov.bd/> through mentioning name, address, mobile number and registration number of the vehicle concerned.

The commuters can also know about fares of buses and minibuses from the website.

Amnesty's statement sparks protest

Several organisations ask the UK-based body to retract remarks on pro-liberation forces

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Several organisations of rights and cultural activists and freedom fighters yesterday protested Amnesty International's recent statement that the pro-independence forces in the 1971 war also committed crimes, and the trial of two convicts was flawed.

The organisations demanded that AI retract the statement immediately.

"We believe that Amnesty International, under the name of a human rights organisation, is siding with those who violated human rights and betrayed with the souls of the 30 lakh martyrs who sacrificed their lives in the Liberation War in 1971," said Haroon Habib, secretary general of the Sector Commanders Forum, a platform of freedom fighters.

In an October 27 statement, Amnesty said, "Serious crimes were also committed by the pro-independence forces, but no one has been investigated or brought to justice for them."

The UK-based organisation added that the trial of Jamaat-Islami leader Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed and BNP's Salauddin Quader Chowdhury, who were sentenced to death for war crimes, was flawed and did not meet the international standards.

Protesting the statement, SCF formed a human chain in front of Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday and said stronger protests would follow if AI did not retract the statement.

SCF Vice President M Hamid said, "We call upon Amnesty

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Lack of accountability blamed for poor healthcare services

Launch of report on citizens' voice for women, child health told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

People are often deprived of basic health services for the lack of accountability of the service providers and institutional incapability, said a ruling party lawmaker at a report launching in the capital yesterday.

No public service can be assured without accountability of relevant officials and transparency of the institutions, said Saber Hossain Chowdhury, the ruling Awami League lawmaker.

"But public officials like government physicians are not comfortable with their accountability to the people," he said.

White Ribbon Alliance, a global campaign for safe childbirth and motherhood, along with World Vision Bangladesh launched the report on citizens' national parliament too has its own weaknesses, said Saber, president of Inter-Parliamentary Union.

People's participation in every sector of public service is a must to see the worth of public money, he said, adding that civic discourse on any issue of public interest is an effective way of ensuring accountability and transparency of public servants.

The alliance along with World Vision organised six citizens' hearings on the state of women, children and adolescent health in five districts in Bangladesh as part of 100 such public hearings in 20 countries.

Various social groups, youths and adolescent people, health officials, local leaders and professionals took part in the hearings

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Road crash kills two

BSS, Dhaka

Two persons were killed in a road accident at Pacchar on Dhaka-Khulna highway early yesterday.

Eye witnesses said a Shibchar-bound goods-laden truck hit them when they were crossing the road, leaving fish trader Rabi, 42, dead on the spot and Zahirul Islam, a teacher of Madarchar Islamia Furkania Madrasa, seriously injured.

Injured Zahirul Islam was admitted to Pacchar Royal Hospital. Afterwards, he was transferred to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries at noon.

Traffic Sergeant of Shibchar Pacchar police outpost Arif Hossain confirmed the incident and said police seized the truck but the truck driver and helper escaped.



Sector Commanders Forum forms a human chain in front of Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday protesting Amnesty International's statements which said the pro-liberation forces in the Liberation War of 1971 also committed crimes. PHOTO: STAR

BID TO ENSURE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN CHT New report outlines actions

UNB, Dhaka

A new report outlining the framework for sustainable development in the Chittagong Hill Tracts was launched in Kathmandu.

"Twenty-five action points to support sustainable development in the Chittagong Hill Tracts have been incorporated into the 7th Five Year Plan of Bangladesh," said Secretary to the Ministry of Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs Naba Bikram Kishore Tripura, while addressing the launching ceremony on Wednesday.

The points were developed based on recommendations made during a consultation organised by the ministry with the Bangladesh Planning Commission and the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) in Dhaka this May, said an ICIMOD press release yesterday.

ICIMOD, a Kathmandu-based research organisation, works on Himalaya climate change and other environmental issues.

The framework and perspective suggested in the report "A Strategic Framework for Sustainable Development in the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh" formed the basis for multi-stakeholder consultation

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President wants youths' role in nation building

BSS, Dhaka

President Abdul Hamid yesterday emphasised preparing the youth as worthy and ideal citizens by giving them proper education and involving them in nation-building activities.

In a message on the eve of the National Youth Day 2015, the president said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina had launched "Vision 2021 and 2041" to achieve a middle income country status by 2021 and a developed country status by 2041.

Greeting the youth, the president said this year's theme "Jegechhe Jubak, Jegechhe Desh; Lakkha 2041-e Unnata Bangladesh" is time-befitting.

"They are an important segment of the country and the driving force of the nation, so they should be built as a disciplined workforce to let

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