

**WEATHER FORECAST**

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 32.9 L 22.4	H 31.5 L 23.2	H 32.0 L 21.5	H 32.5 L 20.0	H 32.6 L 22.5	H 31.6 L 22.2	H 31.3 L 21.6	H 23.5 L 31.5

Light fog is likely to occur over the river basins of the country during early morning. Day and night temperatures may remain nearly unchanged over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:17pm and rises tomorrow at 6:08am. Country's highest temperature 33.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Chandpur and Jessore and lowest 20.0 in Rajshahi.

### 40 'pro-AL men' held over their clash in Ctg

Police arrested 40 people in separate raids in Chittagong yesterday in connection with Sunday's clash between the followers of a Jubo League leader and former Bangladesh Chhatra League leader in Chittagong Railway Building area in the city. Police claimed that the arrestees were involved with BCL and Jubo League activities although they did not hold any posts in the organisations. On Sunday, followers of Jubo League leader Helal Akber Chowdhury Babor and former assistant general secretary of BCL Saiful Islam Limon clashed over establishing supremacy in the area, said police and witnesses.



Journalists and staff of the Prothom Alo and other distinguished guests clap thanking the Bangla daily's readers and well-wishers at a programme organised to celebrate the newspaper's 17th founding anniversary in the auditorium of CA Bhaban in the capital yesterday.

### Verdict on cop couple killing Nov 12

A Dhaka court will deliver its verdict on November 12 in a case filed against Oishee Rahman for killing her parents -- Mahfuzur Rahman, an inspector of police's special branch, and his wife Swapna. The set the date after completion of arguments yesterday from both sides. The bodies of the couple were found at their house in the capital on August 16, 2013. Oishee turned herself into Paltan police the next day. Detectives pressed charges against Oishee, her two friends Asaduzzaman Johnny and Mizanur Rahman Roni, and the couple's domestic help. Trial against 11-year-old house help who is now on bail, is pending with the First Additional Metropolitan Sessions



### 3 more ABT men shown arrested

Three more members of Ansarullah Bangla Team were shown arrested yesterday in blogger Ananta killing case. Criminal Investigation Department produced the three accused Dulal Biswas, Abul Hasan, and Jafran Hasan before a Sylhet court and sought remand for 15 days for each of them, said CID Inspector Arma Ali, also investigation officer of the case. The court fixed November 19 to hear the case. SEE PAGE 4 COL 4

## Free press a must

Editors, publishers tell Prothom Alo's 17th anniversary celebrations

Independent and ethical journalism must continue despite various pressures, said leading editors and publishers yesterday celebrating Bangla daily Prothom Alo's 17th anniversary. Bangladesh has made considerable progress but it still remains a question whether free journalism has gained grounds proportionately and whether the strong support desired was extended, said Mahfuz Anam, editor and publisher of The Daily Star. "Without democracy, neither the country nor journalism will develop. This is why a vibrant democracy is so badly needed," he said. Bangladesh is now going through a difficult situation amidst a well-planned attempt to strangulate independent journalism, said Mahfuz Anam. "But we will not be afraid. We have to remain very alert as even a minor lapse would be deliberately exasperated," he said, adding that this was also an opportunity to pursue independent journalism. "One has to pursue journalism unwaveringly keeping away from dishonesty and unethical indulgence both in professional and personal life, said Mahfuz Anam. Addressing the anniversary celebrations in the daily's Kawan Bazar office in the capital, Latifur Rahman, chairman

## Investment in nutrition to yield 16-fold return

Launch of Global Nutrition Report 2015 in Dhaka told

International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), which launched the Global Nutrition Report 2015 at Hotel Lake Shore in the capital yesterday. When children suffer from malnutrition, they do not grow properly, he said in his keynote presentation. "On the other hand, children with proper nutrition get better grades in school and have better economic gains in later life." Speaker of National Parliament Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury said Bangladesh has achieved tremendous success in food security, but nutrition still remained a big challenge. "Malnutrition is not only a problem of Bangladesh, but of the whole world. So, all need to work together. We need to invest more to improve the nutrition status," she said. Dr Akhter Ahmed, IFPRI representative in Bangladesh, said malnutrition starts from the womb when the mother is undernourished. "If the childhood malnutrition continues, it will increase risks of child mortality, low cognitive development, and thus create a cycle of malnutrition," he said. According to experts, while poverty, lack of nutritious food, and lack of awareness are major factors behind malnutrition, environment and food safety

### BANGLADESH AT VARIOUS STAGES OF PROGRESS AGAINST GLOBAL NUTRITION TARGETS

	MISSING DATA, OFF COURSE, LITTLE/NO PROGRESS	ON COURSE, AT RISK	ON COURSE
Stunting (children under five)			ON COURSE
Wasting (children under five)	OFF COURSE, LITTLE/NO PROGRESS		
Overweight (children under five)			ON COURSE
Anaemia (women aged 15-49)	OFF COURSE, LITTLE/NO PROGRESS		
Exclusive breastfeeding (0-6 months)	OFF COURSE, LITTLE/NO PROGRESS		
Adult overweight+ (obesity, BMI ≥ 25)		ON COURSE, SOME PROGRESS	
Adult obesity (BMI ≥ 30)		ON COURSE, SOME PROGRESS	
Adult diabetes (high blood sugar)	OFF COURSE, LITTLE/NO PROGRESS		

SOURCE: GLOBAL NUTRITION REPORT 2015, IFPRI



Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) deployed a dog squad at MAG Osmani International Airport in Sylhet city yesterday, as part of heightened security measures to prevent harms to foreigners.

### Nahid new vice president of Unesco general conference

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid was elected as the vice president of the 38th Session of Unesco General Conference held at its headquarters in Paris yesterday. He is leading Bangladeshi delegation in the conference being held from November 3 to 18, said a press release. Ministers and officials of 195 member states, eight associate members and various UN agencies, NGOs and the media are attending the event. Bangladesh will serve as the vice president for the term 2015-2017.

## IWM to assess flood damage digitally to help victims

The Institute of Water Modelling (IWM), Bangladesh is developing the flood mapping index using remote sensing data with the help of International Water Management Institute (IWMI), Sri Lanka under a pilot project. The workshop on enhancing the benefits of Remote Sensing Data and Flood Hazard Model in Index-based Flood Insurance in South Asia was held at Brac Inn in the capital. Ismail Hossain, director general of Bangladesh Water Development Board, was present at the programme as chief

## Control of madrasa education urgent

Speakers urge govt to end attack on freethinkers

The discussion was in observance of the 44th anniversary of the constitution's enactment and dedicated to late Justice Debesh Chandra Bhattacharya, a former member of the committee. "If Jamaat is not tried and banned then this ongoing terrorism cannot be stopped," said Shahriar Kabir, the committee's acting president, adding that fundamentalist terrorist groups were listing and killing freethinkers just as in the political party had done to intellectuals in 1971. He termed Jamaat the godfather of organisations like Harkatul-Jihad, Ansarullah Bangla Team and Ansar al-Islam.

### Dev programmes should focus on poor: Speaker

Development programmes need to be planned in a way that the poor who are the actual victims of inequality get benefits of growth, said Jatiya Sangsad Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury yesterday. Discussions should be held to find out the sectors which require more priority and financial strength and also to find out a holistic approach to development, she said while inaugurating a two-day national convention of

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**STAR WEEKEND** in other news...

With a fresh new format, new writers and a new perspective, the **Star Weekend** has an array of interesting articles for you. This week our spotlight highlights the fear that has gripped the city, after the attacks on and murders of writers and publishers. There is also a fun article about the first cinema made in Bengali- **Mukh O Mukhosh**, along with many more fantastic reads. Don't forget your copy of **Star Weekend** tomorrow, Friday!

**FEAR HAS GRIPPED THE CITY**

People think twice before participating at roadside debates. Young professionals are now being requested not to be vocal on social media. Many writers, artists, journalists and activists are getting into the habit of censoring their own thoughts and opinions, before expressing in front of the world, or rather their own country people. What if they become the next target? What if they are murdered in the open like **Haris Roy** and no one comes to help? What way they did with **Faisal Arafat Dipan**, the owner of **Jagriti Prokashony**? There was a time when even the regular talk would raise their voice for justice. Now, people have stopped asking questions and are now behaving like rabbits and zombies, watching silently while the young and intelligent free thinkers and thinkers, sometimes in broad day light.