

WEATHER
FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA H 29.6 L 19.0	CHITTAGONG H 30.4 L 20.6	SYLHET H 31.3 L 19.1	RAJSHAHI H 31.1 L 17.4	KHULNA H 30.0 L 19.2	BARISAL H 30.2 L 18.0	RANGPUR H 29.0 L 19.0	COX'S BAZAR H 31.2 L 21.0
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Light fog may occur at places over the river basins of the country during early morning. Night temperature may rise slightly and day temperature may remain nearly unchanged. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:15pm and rises tomorrow at 6:11am.



Shaheed Noor Hossain Day today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Shaheed Noor Hossain Day is being observed today with due solemnity commemorating the sacrifice of the pro-democracy activist. President Abdul Hamid, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia issued messages. The ruling Awami League is scheduled to place wreaths at Shaheed Noor Hossain Chattar (square) at 7:00am and offer special prayers seeking eternal peace of the departed soul.

"Zero Point" in the capital's Gulistan was renamed Noor Hossain Chattar (square) after the young man was gunned down near it by police on November 10, 1987.

The valiant soul was taking part in a pro-democracy procession protesting the autocratic regime of HM Ershad when a bullet pierced his body. He had a slogan "Swairachar Nipat Jak, Gonotantra Mukti Pak" (down with autocracy, let democracy be freed) inscribed in white on his chest and back.

His ultimate sacrifice strengthened the movement and expedited the fall of the autocratic ruler and restoration of democracy. Khaleda said, "It is unfortunate that the fallen autocrat is now an assistant of the incumbent government."



Locals block the Dhaka-Mawa highway at Kuchimora of Munshiganj yesterday after a road accident killed a Junior School Certificate (JSC) candidate, Rifat Ahmed, 12, and a rickshaw-puller, Ainuddin, 40, on the spot. The boy along with his uncle Jisan, who was also injured, was going to an exam centre. Jisan is undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

PHOTO: STAR

Govt urged for strict monitoring

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government should strengthen its monitoring and enforcing system to prevent CNG-run auto-rickshaw drivers from overcharging passengers, demanded road safety activists yesterday.

They also emphasised raising public awareness to maintain discipline in the transport sector.

Road transport experts, transport owners and drivers, politicians and government officials were speaking at discussion on CNG-run auto-rickshaw fare organised by Bangladesh Passengers Welfare Association at Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday.

Reading out a written statement, Moazzammel Hoque Chowdhury, the association's secretary general, said auto-rickshaw drivers are charging fare more than the revised rate set by the government.

Although the population Dhaka city is rapidly increasing, the government has fixed 13,000 as the ceiling number of CNGs in the capital. So, the shortage of auto-rickshaws creates opportunities for drivers to overcharge passengers, he said.

The association also demanded, among others, increasing the number of three-wheelers in Dhaka and Chittagong cities; keeping a chart with information on fare, auto-rickshaw's rental price and contact number for complaints in every three-wheeler; and ensuring that all three-wheelers travel per passengers' desired routes. Bangladesh Road Transport Authority Secretary Showkat Ali also spoke.

Publishers of creative writers feeling insecure

Memorial discussion on Dipan told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Publishers of creative writers are passing days in looming threats of attacks since none of them knows who may become the next victim after their fellow Faisal Arefin Dipan, said the Academic and Creative Publishers Association of Bangladesh yesterday.

The community of publishers is feeling uneasy in general, they added.

"We are even scared of expressing our dismay at the death of a fellow publisher," said Somoy Prakashan owner Farid Ahmed, who received a death threat a day after the October 31 attacks that killed Jagriti Prokashani owner Dipan and wounded Shuddhoswar's Ahmedur Rashid Tutul.

Farid was addressing a discussion organised by the association at its office in the

capital in memory of Dipan.

"The atrocities are an example of how unsafe the country's creative people are," said Farid Ahmed. "Police have been trying to provide security to me. But what will happen to those who are targeted but not publicly named on the hit list?"

A former director of the association, Dipan had been a family friend of many of the publishers present at the discussion.

"My parents and relatives often call me to ask whether I have ever published anything that could make me a target of the extremists. They also ask me to be doubly cautious before I publish any writer," said Shihab Uddin, director (fair) of the association.

Acting president of the association, Mesbahuddin Ahmed, said he would create a fund where publishers would chip in to

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HC rejects writ petition seeking cancellation of medical admission tests

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday rejected a writ petition which sought its order for instruction to cancel the medical admission test held on September 18 and to conduct a judicial inquiry into the test question leak allegation.

The HC bench passed the order as petitioner Eunus Ali Akond, a Supreme Court lawyer, was not present before it, said Deputy Attorney General Motaheer Hossain Sajou.

DAG Motaheer told the court that the writ petition was ineffective because this year's admission process had already been completed.

Eunus could not be reached over the cellphone for his comments despite repeated attempts.

Earlier on September 21, another bench rejected a similar writ petition filed by Eunus after hearing arguments from Attorney General Mahbubey Alam.

The attorney general had told the court that the result of thousands of successful students cannot be cancelled even if a few students passed with the help of leaked questions.

N'GANJ SEVEN MURDERS No-trust plea of slain Nazrul's wife on charges rejected again

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

A Narayanganj court yesterday upheld the rejection of a petition expressing no confidence on the charge sheet in the case filed over the killing of city panel mayor Nazrul Islam, his driver and three associates.

Meanwhile, another case filed over the murder of advocate Chandan Sarker and his driver was sent to the district and sessions judge's court by Narayanganj Judicial Magistrate Ashique Imam for starting the charge framing hearing.

The 22 arrestees, including three Rab officials, were sent to jail after being produced before the court while the judicial magistrate asked placing a bail petition of sacked Rab-11 commanding officer Tarek Sayeed before the district court.

The seven victims were abducted from the Dhaka-Narayanganj link road on April 27, 2014 and the bodies were found floating in the Shitalakkhya river a few days later.

Yesterday, Narayanganj District and Sessions Judge

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Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Begum Fazlatunnessa, wife of freedom fighter and late naval officer AM Ataul Haque, died at a Dhaka hospital last night, aged 80.

Her first namaz-e-janaza will be held at Kalabagan Lake View Lake Circus Jame Mosque after Fazr prayers and she will be buried today at Banani Graveyard after the second janaza at West Raja Bazar Jame Mosque after Zohr prayers, said her son journalist Jufikar Ali Manik.



A gang running a rampage at Chittagong city's GEC intersection yesterday, vandalising four shops and littering goods of hawkers. The victims identified the attackers as Bangladesh Chhatra League activists but did not know why their shops were attacked. BCL denied responsibility, while police said they did not know the marauders.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

Registration for news portals must by Dec 15

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Press Information Department (PID) has started online newspaper registration process to check yellow journalism and ensure government benefits for the publishers, said an official handout.

Online news portals, which are already in function, will also have to apply for re-registration, the handout added.

Publishers of all online newspapers have to fill in specific forms, and sign affidavits and submit those to the department by December 15. The materials are available at the department's protocol branch and also on its website: www.pressinform.portal.gov.bd.

The information department would register online newspapers after examining all information.

Factory guard 'loots Tk 15 lakh'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Madhya Badda garment factory security guard allegedly drugged three fellows, broke into three lockers on the top floor of a 10-storey building in the capital and fled with around Tk 15 lakh early yesterday, said police.

Bablu Mia, employed at Shamsur Rizia Fashion Ltd, offered the others juice as a treat for getting his first month's salary and looted the money, said police.

আমার সন্তানতো আমারই

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