

WEATHER FORECAST

| YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES | DHAKA | CHITTAGONG | SYLHET | RAJSHAHI | KHULNA | BARISAL | RANGPUR | COX'S BAZAR |
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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 5:14pm and rises tomorrow at 6:11am. Country's highest temperature 32.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Jessore and lowest 16.5 in Sitakunda.

RESTAURANT BOY KILLING

Family scared as suspect still at large

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ripon does not want to rejoin his job in Dhaka ever. He took the decision fearing reprisal from the "suspected killer" of his younger brother.

Ariful Islam Sohel, the owner of Choroa Restaurant in the capital's Motijheel, shot his brother Riad dead two weeks ago and is still at large. Riad used to work at the restaurant.

"I am scared to come to Dhaka as the killer of my brother is still not arrested," Ripon told The Daily Star over the phone.

"I filed a case against him [Sohel], and that is also a concern," he said.

Ripon is now staying at his home in Chandpur with his widowed mother. The lone bread earner of his family after his brother's death, he is now jobless, putting his family in a tight corner.

Sohel, 26, allegedly shot Riad, 16, dead on October 28, at this under construction building in the capital's Swamibagh, accusing him of "stealing a mobile phone and Tk 1,500".

He then tried to cook up a story of mugging, in which Riad was shot dead by muggers while carrying Tk 250,000 to his employer's house, alleged Ripon.

But police suspected that the murder might have been carried out by Sohel as they got such hints from the footage

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Hindus light candles on the premises of Ramna Kali Mandir in the capital last evening as they celebrate Diwali, the festival of lights, wishing the wellbeing of people.

Woman burnt by husband dies at DMCH

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Taslima Akter, who was set on fire allegedly by her husband over dowry at her in-laws' house in Madhyiapara area of Kushtia's Bheramara upazila on Saturday, died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday.

The 25-year-old had been married to Arifur Rahman for 10 years, and they had two children -- a seven-year-old girl and a two-year-old boy.

Her family said Arif and his family members used to torture Taslima demanding Tk 1 lakh as dowry.

On Saturday, they beat up Taslima mercilessly and immolated her with kerosene, said victim's brother.

Police arrested her father-in-law Nazrul Islam Malitha and his two brothers Shamsu Malith and Amirul Malitha last evening.

ANANTA MURDER

3 remanded

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A Sylhet court yesterday placed three accused in blogger Ananta Bijoy Das killing case on a seven-day remand each.

Abul Bashar, younger brother of outlawed outfit Ansarullah Bangla Team chief Jasimuddin Rahmani, and member Dural Biswas, were shown arrested in the case on November 4 while their another member Safiur Rahman Farabi was shown arrested yesterday.

The court fixed November 19 for hearing. Ananta was killed by a group of masked men in Sylhet city on May 12.

14 BNP-led alliance men face arrest

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday issued arrest warrants against 14 leaders and activists of BNP-led 20-party alliance, including BNP standing committee member, MK Anwar, and Barkatullah Bulu, in a case filed for torching a bus in January this year.

BNP leaders Habib-Un-Nabi Khan Sohel, former BNP lawmaker Salauddin Ahmed, Shamsur Rahman Shimul Biswas, Maruf Kamal Khan Sohel, Shirin Sultana and Khairul Kabir Khokon are also among the accused.

Judge Kamrul Hossain Molla of the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court gave the order after accepting the charges against 34 charged-sheets.

Of the 34 accused, 20, including Aman, are now on bail while the rest were shown

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Girls' security must to end child marriage

Says NHRC boss Mizanur Rahman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government must ensure security of girls to prevent child marriage in the country, said National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) Chairman Mizanur Rahman yesterday.

He said in a society where girls will continue to be victims of stalking and not get justice, incidents of child marriage will also continue.

He was addressing a programme organised to launch the report "Asian Child Marriage Initiative" organised by Plan International Bangladesh at Dhaka University.

"We want to see rule of law, we want to see good governance, we want to see that the state takes action against perpetrators," Prof Mizan said. He emphasised preventing dropout of girls from schools, saying, "If education can be ensured, I am sure that incidents of child marriage will fall drastically."

State Minister for Women and Children Affairs Meher Afroz Chumki said the government is working to completely eradicate child marriage by 2041. She also cautioned that stern action will be taken against stalkers and said the government is working to ensure security of girls.

Plan International Bangladesh Country Director Senait Gebregziabher, Women and Children Affairs Secretary Nasima Begum, Canadian High Commissioner in Dhaka Benoit-Pierre Laramée, and UNFPA Country Representative Argentina Pinto Matavel Piccin, among others, also spoke.

Some 73 percent females in Bangladesh get married before they turn 18, said the report commissioned by Plan International and Coram International.

Papon narrates at court how his mother Ivy died

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Nazmul Hasan Papon, son of late President Zillur Rahman and Ivy Rahman, yesterday narrated how and where his mother succumbed to her injuries following a grenade attack on an Awami League rally on the capital's Bangabandhu Avenue on August 21, 2004.

His wife Rokhsana Hasan also gave her deposition before the same tribunal set up adjacent to Dhaka Central Jail.

Judge Shahed Nuruddin of Speedy Trial Tribunal-1 of Dhaka recorded their statements and later fixed November 23 and 24 for next hearing of the cases.

In their statements, the couple said Ivy, an AL leader, was seriously injured following

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Utility tunnel in city mullied

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has taken plan to build a common utility tunnel or common duct in Dhaka north and south city corporations to increase civic amenities in the capital, LGRD Minister Engineer Khandker Mosharraf Hossain told the parliament yesterday.

Replying to lawmakers' queries, he said there are overhead and underground cables and lines of different utility services including water supply, storm sewerage, electricity, gas, telephone and optical fibre in the city.

In a written reply, the minister said there will be no need to dig roads and thus public sufferings as well as repair expense of the government will be lessened once the plan is implemented.

IPU president meets China's Nat'l People's Congress chief

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Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) President Saber Hossain Chowdhury yesterday met with Chairman of China's National People's Congress Zhang Dejiang in Beijing and discussed a host of global issues and challenges and engagement of the parliamentary community.

The hour-long meeting took place at the Great Hall of the People, says a press release.

On a five-day visit to China, the IPU president welcomed the support of the country in helping develop capacities of parliaments, particularly in developing countries, to make the institutions of parliament fit for purpose

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Inter-Parliamentary Union President Saber Hossain Chowdhury and Chairman of China's National People's Congress Zhang Dejiang shake hands during a meeting at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing yesterday.

Shaheed Noor Hossain Day observed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The historic Shaheed Noor Hossain Day was observed yesterday through different activities commemorating the supreme sacrifice of the pro-democracy activist.

Noor Hossain was shot dead by police at Zero Point in the capital on November 10, 1987, during a procession against the autocratic regime of HM Ershad. Noor Hossain was bearing the slogan "Swairachar Nipat Jak, Gonotantra Mukti Pak" (down with autocracy, let democracy be freed) inscribed in white on his chest and back when a bullet pierced through his body.

Later, the Zero Point at Gulistan was renamed as Noor Hossain Chatter (square) in his honour.

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HC gets death references

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The death references in two sensational cases filed for killing 13-year-old boys Sheikh Md Samiul Alam Rajon and Rakib reached the High Court yesterday for examining the verdicts that sentenced six people to death.

Officials of Sylhet and Khulna courts concerned brought the documents of the

cases, including the judgements, to the High Court, HC Additional Registrar Sabir Foez told The Daily Star.

Death reference section of the HC received the documents, he said, adding that the HC authorities will now prepare paper books for hearing the death references.

Then, Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha

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