

YESTERDAY'S  
TEMPERATURES

DHAKA

H 31.0 | L 19.8

CHITTAGONG

H 30.6 | L 20.9

SYLHET

H 31.5 | L 19.5

RAJSHAH

H 30.8 | L 17.2

KHULNA

H 31.5 | L 19.5

BARISAL

H 30.6 | L 18.8

RANGPUR

H 30.4 | L 18.4

COX'S BAZAR

H 30.0 | L 21.0

The weather is likely to remain dry with temporary partly cloudy skies over the country in the next 24 hours till 6:00pm today. Light fog may appear at places over the river basins early morning, said the met office. Night temperatures may fall slightly and day temperatures may remain nearly unchanged. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:14pm and rises today at 6:12am. The country's highest temperature 31.8 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Jessore and lowest 16.0 degrees in Srimangal.



People wait for transport after office hours in the capital's Farmgate. The photo titled "Returning Home" is one of the 10 "Rain" themed photographs shortlisted for this year's inPixel photo contest of The Daily Star.

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## EU to give €50m grant for primary education in Bangladesh

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The European Commission has approved a grant of EUR 50 million for the primary education sector of Bangladesh.

This funding under the 2015 budget is in addition to the ongoing European Union contribution to the sector which makes the EU the second largest grant provider for the Third Primary Education Development Programme (PEDP 3), said an EU press release.

"Education is one of the strong pillars for development and primary education lays the foundation of it", said EU Ambassador Pierre Mayaudon on the occasion.

## Dhaka airport area freed of illegal shops

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mobile court yesterday demolished around 200 illegal shops and establishments, freeing around 60,000 square feet around Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport's restaurant and parking lot for cargo vehicles.

Executive Magistrate and the airport's Deputy Commissioner Sharif Mohammad Farhad led the drive, says a press release.

## DSCC takes

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Addressing the complaint, Khokon directed the hawkers' leaders to not to give any toll to the police, political person or any staff of the city corporation, to conduct business.

"They will inform the city corporation authorities if anyone demands toll from them," Khokon said.

The federation leaders also urged the city corporation to introduce token system to allow them to sit on the footpath.

On the other side of the town, in a bid to carry out DNCC's activities properly, Annisul sought financial and administrative aid from the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives.

The meeting was held between the DNCC's officials and Khandker Mosharraf Hossain, minister for local government, rural development and cooperatives at a capital's hotel, says a press release.

The minister assured the mayor of cooperation in implementing projects to ease crisis.

## MURDER OF FREEDOM FIGHTER SC clears way for AL MP, brother's arrest

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday cleared the way for the arrest of Amanur Rahman Khan Rana, Awami League lawmaker of Tangail-3, and his brother Shahidur Rahman Khan in a case over the murder of a freedom fighter and AL leader.

The SC's Appellate Division scrapped a July 14 High Court order which, following the duo's petition seeking anticipatory bail that month, directed them to surrender before the lower court in two weeks, during which law enforcers were not to harass or arrest them.

A three-member bench headed by Justice Nazmun Ara Sultana passed the order after hearing an appeal filed by the government against the HC order.

Deputy Attorney General Ekramul Haque Tutul told The Daily Star that now there was no legal bar on the arrest.

Faruk's body, containing bullet wounds, was found on January 18, 2013. As per a Prothom Alo report of September 14, 2014, police found evidence of the involvement of Amanur and his three brothers in the murder.

## HUMAYUN AHMED'S 67TH BIRTHDAY TODAY Writers Shawkat Ali, Sadia Mahjabin Imam awarded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prominent writer Shawkat Ali and young writer Sadia Mahjabin Imam, 33, were awarded by fortnightly magazine Anyadin and Exim Bank Limited yesterday on the 67th birthday of celebrated litterateur Humayun Ahmed.

Both writers received crests, certificates, flower bouquets and ceremonial scarfs.

Ali, whose first story collection was published in 1963 and became quite popular for his novel 'Prodoshe Prakritojon', received Tk 5 lakh while Mahjabin, received Tk 1 lakh for her work published between January and December in 2014, in the under-35 writers category.

Prof Emeritus Anisuzzaman, president of the jury board, Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor, Anyadin Editor Mazharul Islam and Mohammad Haider Ali

Mia, Managing Director of Exim Bank Ltd handed over the awards to them.

Humayun Ahmed's family members Prof Muhammad Zafar Iqbal and Meher Afrose Shaon reminisced about Humayun who had kept Bengali readers enthralled for more than three decades.

Prof Shamsuzzaman Khan, director of Bangla Academy, spoke at the programme, while writers and jury members Purabi Basu and Hayat Mamud read out praise notes on the awardees.

Meanwhile, family, friends and peers will celebrate the birthday of this eminent novelist today in Nuhash Polli of Gazipur and also at his residence in the capital's Dhanmondi.

Bulbul Ahmed, manager of Nuhash Polli, said a mural of Humayun Ahmed will be unveiled in his memory in the Polli today.



Some of the participants of a regional round of the third season of "Rupchanda-The Daily Star Super Chef" at Rajshahi Shilpakala Academy in Rajshahi city yesterday. The country's biggest culinary competition is being jointly organised by Rupchanda and The Daily Star.

## Qulkhwani STAFF CORRESPONDENT



The qulkhwani of noted painter Asma Kibria, also wife of slain Awami League leader and former finance minister SAMS Kibria, will be held today.

On the occasion, a doa mahfil will be held at Gulshan Azad Mosque after the Asr prayers.

Asma Kibria, aged 78, died of a cardiac arrest at United Hospital on Monday.

Reza Kibria, son of Kibria couple, requested all relatives, friends and admirers to attend the programme.

## Julia Haque CITY DESK



The qulkhwani of Julia Haque, former member chairperson of Women's Voluntary Association and former member of Lioness Club Dhaka, will be held today.

On this occasion, a doa mahfil will be held after the Maghrib prayers at Baitul-al Jame Masjid, sector-7, road-1 (beside Uttara High School).

Relatives and well-wishers are requested to attend the programme and pray for her departed soul.

Julia Haque, wife of late Aminul Haque, died on Tuesday at Dhaka Apollo Hospital at the age of 71.

## Five qualify in Rajshahi round

ANWAR ALI, Rajshahi

Five contestants were selected in the Rajshahi regional round of the Rupchanda-Star Lifestyle Super Chef held in Rajshahi Shilpakala Academy Auditorium yesterday.

The most appreciated dish of the event which is Capsicum Chicken was prepared by Farhana Faruk Naz, a local boutique shop owner. Judges highlighted the perfect balance of flavours of the dish.

Naz said cooking is her hobby and her mother-in-law was the first one to teach her different dishes.

Another of the five, Ekram Ali, a personal chef in his late twenties, impressed all the judges with his dish "Baim Dopeyaja".

The five, including Sirajun Monira, Fatima Akhtar and Rubina Akhtar Banu, were selected from among 83 partici-

pants through an MCQ test, a written test, and a cooking test.

Farhana Akhtar, winner of the first Super Chef hunt, and Nadim Sarkar, second runner up of the last year's competition, judged the event.

With Rajshahi, a total of four regional rounds have been held among 13. All these selected contestants will compete in Dhaka in January for the title of "Super Chef".

Sabrin Maruf, brand executive of Rupchanda, moderated the programme.

"Nowadays, cooking has become a potential career but we do not have enough institutes to learn different styles of cooking in Rajshahi," said Tahrima Mozid, a participant.

All the participants thanked the organisers for giving them an opportunity to show their talents as well as learning new cooking techniques through the event.

## Stay alert, defend flag

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dutifulness for the country's progress.

"As head of the government, I'm extending all kinds of support for the development of the Bangladesh Army,

and I'll do whatever is needed in the future for further modernisation of the force," Hasina said. The prime minister reviewed the parade of the 5th reunion of the Armoured Corps and took salute

riding an open jeep. She later handed over the National Standard to the unit commander of the 12 Lancer Corps in recognition of its efficiency, hard exercise and dutifulness to the country.

## NEWS IN brief

### 7th Nat'l Undergrad Mathematics Olympiad begins today

DU CORRESPONDENT

The 7th National Undergraduate Mathematics Olympiad 2015 will start today.

The regional level contests will be held in Chittagong today, in Dhaka South on November 20, in Rajshahi on November 26, in Dhaka North on November 27, in Sylhet on November 28, and in Khulna on December 4.

Bangladesh Mathematical Society in partnership with AF Mujibur Rahman Foundation organised the competition. The grand finale will be held at AF Mujibur Rahman Gonit Bhaban of Dhaka University on December 11.

Details are available at [www.bdmathsociety.org](http://www.bdmathsociety.org).

Meanwhile, Anthropology Debating Club of DU organised the three-day "Anthropology Debate Festival", starting at the university yesterday.

### UNDP, BRTC launch pilot project to provide bus passengers travel data

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The UNDP has launched a pilot project with Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC) to provide bus passengers real-time traffic data, said a press release yesterday.

Both the organisations worked to equip BRTC buses with Global Positioning Systems (GPS) to provide real-time estimates of the length of the user's bus trip along the Abdullapur-Motijheel route, delivered through the GoTraffic app.

### Habiba new president, Tahsin gen secy of DU Chhatra Federation

DU CORRESPONDENT

A 17-member Dhaka University committee was announced by Bangladesh Chhatra Federation, student front of Ganosamabdhi Andolon yesterday.

Umme Habiba Benojir and Tahsin Mahmud were made president and general secretary of the committee respectively. Benojir is a master's student of statistics while Tahsin is a 3rd-year student of mass communication and journalism.

Earlier, Raihan Taharat Leon and Kakon Biswas were made president and general secretary of the student organisation's Dhaka City unit.

### IUB observes IEEE Day

CITY DESK

The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) of Independent University, Bangladesh, observed IEEE Day-2015 on IUB Campus in the capital's Bashundhara yesterday.

Dr Ali Shihab Sabir, dean of School of Engineering and Computer Science of the university, officially inaugurated the event.

Starting with a colorful rally and inaugural session, the day-long program ended with the prize giving ceremony among the winners of different science competitions and with a cultural programme.

IEEE Bangladesh Section and IEEE IUB Student Branch jointly organised the event.

### UK envoy visits JAAGO School

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

British High Commissioner to Bangladesh Robert Gibson yesterday visited JAAGO School at Rayer Bazar in the capital.

This was the first school initiated by JAAGO Foundation for underprivileged children.

Eight years later, the children from the school are now sitting their Junior Secondary Education Examinations.

During the visit the British envoy saw how the new online school -- a joint venture between JAAGO and

### Group drawing exhibition starts today at Galleri Kaya

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A group drawing exhibition by nine artists will begin today at 5:30pm on the Galleri Kaya premises in the capital's Uttara, sector-4.

The artists are Murtaja Baseer, Chandra Shekhar Dey, Ratan Mojumder, Jamal Ahmed, Kazi Rakib, Ranjit Das, Shishir Bhattacharjee, Goutam Chakraborty and Mohammad Iqbal.

Organised by Galleri Kaya, the exhibition is sponsored by ADN Group and will continue till November 27.

State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Nasrul Hamid Bipu will inaugurate the exhibition where Country Head of Corporate Affairs, Standard Chartered Bangladesh Bitopi Das Chowdhury will attend.



### Court seeks probe

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to the killing of at least nine people in the district in November.

Gazi Abdul Mannan, 88, is the alleged commander of Karimganj Razakar camp, and the rest are alleged Razakars Nasiruddin Ahmed, 62, and his brother Shamsuddin Ahmed, 60, Hafiz Uddin, 66, and Azharul Islam, 60. Shamsuddin is now in jail while the rest are on the run.

State appointed defence counsel Abdus Shukur Khan completed the cross examination before the tribunal adjourned proceedings until November 23.