

WEATHER FORECAST



YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA H 30.5 | L 20.2

CHITTAGONG H 29.2 | L 20.5

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RAJSHAHI H 31.4 | L 18.2

KHULNA H 31.7 | L 22.0

BARISAL H 30.6 | L 20.4

RANGPUR H 28.5 | L 19.8

COX'S BAZAR H 30.2 | L 21.3

Light rain is likely to occur at one or two places in Barisal and Chittagong divisions, but the weather may remain mostly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere in the country till 6:00pm today, said Met Office. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:12pm and rises tomorrow at 6:15am.



Some of the families of the 14 deceased policemen at the capital's Police Headquarters yesterday, where they received financial assistance from the force. The 14 men were either killed in accidents or attacks or died of diseases.

Families of slain cops renew call for justice

Get financial assistance from Police Headquarters

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The only thing families of the three recently slain policemen want is justice.

The families renewed their call for bringing the killers to book at a programme, organised by the Police Headquarters yesterday for giving financial assistance to them.

Inspector General of Police AKM Shahidul Hoque handed over a total of Tk 61 lakh to the families of 14 deceased

policemen, including constable Mukul Hossain, assistant sub-inspector (ASI) Ibrahim Mollah and ASI Sujaul Islam, who were killed recently while performing their duties.

The others either died in accidents or of diseases.

"Definitely the money I got today will help me support my family but I want my son's killer to hang," said Shahidul Hossain, father of Mukul, who was hacked to death at a checkpoint in Ashulia on November 4.



Bhashani's 39th death anniversary today

STAR REPORT

Today is the 39th death anniversary of Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhashani, a legendary politician and a dreamer of independent Bangladesh.

Bhashani was born in 1880 in Dhingara, Sirajganj and passed away on November 17, 1976.

The brave and devoted leader of the common people worked relentlessly and spent almost his entire life for the oppressed masses, which earned him the title "Mazlum Jananeta", meaning the leader of the downtrodden. Marking the

Uttara cops open fire at check post

Four escape on foot from fleeing car

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Uttara police shot three rounds at a car yesterday noon when it beat a Jasimuddin Road checkpost and sped off, starting a four-kilometre chase.

Four persons from the car later fled on foot after ditching it on Road 9/C, Sector 5.

The vehicle hit several cars, rickshaws and rickshaw-vans while the four inside hurled brick chips at law enforcers during the chase, Uttara West Police Station Officer-in-Charge (OC) Ali Hossain Khan told The

Daily Star. There is no report of anybody getting hurt.

The Uttara east police shot at the car first at a check point when the car sped off ignoring their signal to stop. Hot on their trail, police shot two more rounds at the car as the chase went on through crowded, narrow roads, said Uttara East Police Station OC Abu Bakar Miah. He said they were now trying to find the car's owner.

The roads and buildings along the chase route were being searched for the four and any video footage, said police.

SC okays increasing retirement age of FF govt staff to 65

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday upheld a High Court verdict that directed the authorities concerned of the government to place before the cabinet a proposal in 60 days for increasing the retirement age of freedom fighters, who are in government service, to 65 years.

Hearing an appeal filed by the government challenging the HC verdict, the apex court, however, said the government can take any decision for increasing retirement age of the freedom fighters.

Following a writ petition, the HC on January 14 ordered the secretaries to the ministries of public administration, liberation war affairs, and law to place before the cabinet the proposal in 60 days for increasing freedom fighters' retirement age from 57 to 65.

Petitioners' counsel Azahar Ullah Bhuiyan said the prime minister's office in July 2006 issued a proposal for increasing freedom fighters' retirement age to 65 years following

RU slam death threat to Hasan Azizul Haque

RU CORRESPONDENT

Rajshahi University Teachers Association and Rajshahi University unit Chhatra Federation yesterday strongly condemned and protested the death threat to the country's noted writer and former philosophy professor of Rajshahi University Hasan Azizul Haque from an unknown caller on Sunday afternoon.

They urged the law

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DU music fest begins today

DU CORRESPONDENT

A two-day music festival titled "Songs of Bangladeshi films" will begin today at the Teachers Students Centre (TSC) of Dhaka University.

Different prominent lyricists and composers will be honoured at the festival organised by the Music department of DU.

Minister for Cultural Affairs Asaduzzaman Noor will attend the event as

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Stop 'wholesale arrest' of people

Khandker Mahbub of SCBA urges govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) President Khandker Mahbub Hossain yesterday urged the government to stop "wholesale arrest" of people and ensure the fundamental rights.

The joint forces had reportedly been arresting thousands of antigovernment leaders and workers for several days without following provisions of law, he said while speaking at a press conference organised by the SCBA in its auditorium.

Mahbub, also a BNP leader, said a fearful situation had been created in the country as around 12,000 leaders and

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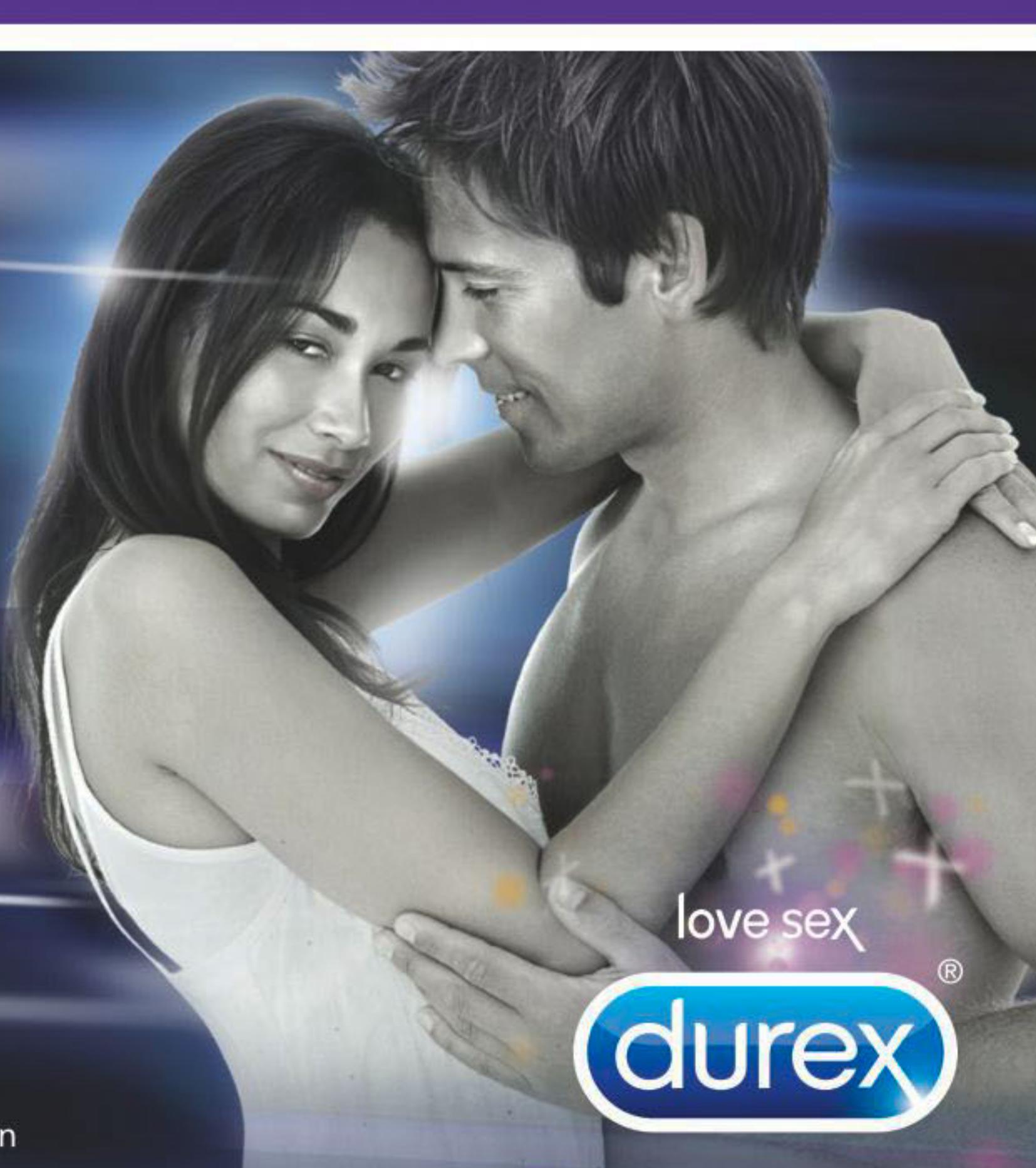
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