

WEATHER
FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 29.8 L 18.0	H 28.7 L 18.6	H 30.6 L 17.8	H 28.5 L 16.5	H 30.5 L 18.2	H 30.2 L 17.4	H 27.8 L 16.8	H 30.0 L 19.5

Night temperature may rise slightly and day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:10pm and rises tomorrow at 6:24am. Country's highest temperature 31.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Teknaf and lowest 13.3 in Sreemangal.

Thousands suffer as Ctg pharmacies go on strike

Demanding release of 12 owners, staff
STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Patients and their families in Chittagong district had to suffer a lot yesterday as the Chittagong unit of Bangladesh Chemist and Druggist Association kept all pharmacies closed till 2:00pm demanding release of its 12 members and withdrawal of a case against them.

The 12 pharmacy owners and staff were sent to jail by a Chittagong court on Wednesday a day after being arrested allegedly for attacking a mobile court after it had fined two shops Tk 5,000 each on the city's KC Dey Road.

Yesterday, Tapan Halder, a resident of the port city's Jamal Khan area, had to go from one area to another in search of an anti-hypertensive drug for his

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NEWS ANALYSIS

It's unacceptable

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Ctg

Some people had a hard time in Chittagong yesterday. In need of important drugs, they hopped from one place to another but found no pharmacy open. The Chemist and Druggist Association kept the medicine stores in Chittagong city and the upazilas shut from dawn to 2:00pm protesting arrests and legal action against 12 of their members. They were demanding that the cases be withdrawn and association members be freed.

Police arrested the 12, owners and staff of pharmacies, after a mobile court was attacked while looking for illegal drugs on the city's KC Dey Road on Tuesday.

It seems that mobile courts are attacked when there is a demolition drive against illegal structures. They are attacked when they are trying to remove illegal billboards and during their anti-adulteration drives too.

Last Thursday powerful people attacked a mobile court in Lake City area during a drive against illegal establishments.

Mobile courts are empowered by law to protect the rights of citizens. But their drives are made to look controversial. The association leaders formed a human chain in front of the Chittagong Press Club on Thursday to do just that.

They made allegations of "harassment" by the law enforcers during the mobile court drive. Then they came up with some fallacious statements.

They asked why no action was taken against doctors who prescribe illegal food supplements and Indian drugs. They argued if the medicines were not taken out of government

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Indigenous Peoples' Network on Climate Change and Bio-diversity and some other organisations form a human chain in front of Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday, demanding inclusion of representatives from Adivasis and communities who are mostly dependent on forest resources in framing laws and policies related to climate change. They also demand a binding agreement in the Paris climate summit that begins today to protect Bangladesh from impacts.

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Involve councillors for better waste management

Brac Institute of Governance and Development recommends in Dhaka city study report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ward councillors' involvement in monitoring activities, including door-to-door waste collection, fixing payment for such services, and road cleaning, can improve solid waste management at the primary stage of collection, according to a report.

The recommendation to shift the task from the city corporation office to the ward level was made in the report, "State of Cities 2015: Solid Waste Management in Dhaka City- towards Decentralised Governance", published by the Brac Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD), Brac University.

SM Gubair Bin Arafat, research associate of BIGD, presented the findings at Spectra Convention Centre in the capital yesterday.

The study, conducted from March to November 2015 in 12 out of 93 wards in Dhaka city, surveyed 600 households, carried out seven focus group discussions (FGDs), and made 42 key informant interviews (KIs).

It found that per capita waste generated by households in Dhaka city amounts to 0.38kg, the total waste generated is 6,110.47 tonnes per day, and 75.98 percent of the total waste generated is collected by the two city corporations.

The report observed that though 80 percent of households enjoy door-to-door waste collection service, the charges vary, from Tk 50 to Tk 250 per month, per household.

Prof ABM Badruzzaman of Buet said the report should have focused more on commercial waste generation, a major portion

PROPOSED CHILD MARRIAGE RESTRAIN ACT ASK concerned over special provision

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Human rights organisation Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK) yesterday expressed concern over the law ministry's consent to the proposed Child Marriage Restrain Act-2014 by keeping the special provision which conditionally allows marriage of girls below the age of 18 and above 16 years.

In a press statement, ASK noted that the provision would increase the risk of misuse of the clause and would not help bring out women from under the male dominance and be self-dependent.

The proposed act when sent to the ministry last year for vetting from the women and children affairs ministry, proposed minimum legal marriageable age for women to be 18 and for men 21. But it also mentioned a provision which under special circumstances allows marriage of 16-year-old girls with men aged 21 or above with permission of parents or courts. The draft of the proposed act was approved at a cabinet meeting on September 15, 2014 and the law ministry was asked to give its opinion if the minimum marriageable age for females could be reduced from 18 to 16, observed ASK.

FIVE KISHOREGANJ WAR CRIME SUSPECTS

Two witnesses link four to killings of relatives

Arrested Moulvibazar accused sent to jail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 12th prosecution witness in a war crimes case against five alleged Razakars of Kishoreganj's Karimganj upazila yesterday linked four of them to her husband's killing and the 13th implicated one of the four in her brother's killing during the 1971 Liberation War.

Meanwhile, the two-member International Crimes Tribunal-1 led by Justice Shahinur Islam sent a war crimes accused from Moulvibazar to jail after police produced him. It also fixed December 31 to pass further orders. The tribunal's Chairman Justice Anwarul Haque was on leave.

Akmal Ali Talukdar, from Rajnagar upazila's Ranchgaon village and an alleged member of a local Razakar Bahini, was arrested on Thursday hours after the tribunal issued arrest warrants against him and nine other accused from Gaibandha and

Moulvibazar.

KISHOREGANJ

In her elaborate description, Akhter Hafiza Khatun told the tribunal that her husband martyr Abdul Gafur was an Awami League supporter who used to help freedom fighters.

Around 10:00pm on September 26, she, Gafur and their children woke up in their Kalatali residence to the sound of people who ordered opening the door, she said.

When they did not comply, Nasiruddin Ahmed, his brother Shamsuddin Ahmed, Hafiz Uddin and Azharul Islam, whom she knew beforehand, broke in, she added.

While they were dragging out Gafur, she grabbed at their feet pleading to release him and Hafiz kicked her aside, she said.

Hafiza said she secretly followed them to Jangal Bridge and heard Gafur earnestly requesting Hafiz to release him. Hafiz turned down his request, saying "you are helping freedom fighters"

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Guests at an exhibition of selected photographs submitted for The Daily Star-Standard Chartered Bank "Celebrate Life 2015" contest with the theme "The Heritage of Bangladesh". The three-day exhibition was inaugurated in Jahangirnagar University's Zahir Raihan Auditorium yesterday, organised by The Daily Star and hosted by Jahangirnagar University's Teacher Student Centre.

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N'GANJ 7-MURDER Petition filed with HC seeking further probe

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A revision petition has been filed with the High Court seeking its order on the police to conduct further investigation into the Narayanganj seven-murder case.

Selina Islam, wife of Narayanganj city panel mayor Nazrul Islam, who was among the seven victims abducted and killed in April last year, recently submitted the petition,

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Bangladesh doesn't lack talents

Princeton professor Zahid Hasan tells Youth Dialogue 2015 in Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladeshi youths are proving their competences in different fields on the global stage, said a Bangladeshi professor who teaches physics at Princeton University.

Bangladesh does not lack talents, M Zahid Hasan told the Youth Dialogue 2015 at International Convention City Bashundhara in Dhaka on Saturday.

Born and raised in Bangladesh, Hasan led the discovery of the elusive massless quasi-particle Weyl fermion, which was predicted 85 years earlier by physicist and mathematician Hermann Weyl.

In 2002, Princeton University invited Hasan to present a paper on his research, and offered him a faculty position afterwards.

He became a part of Princeton's physics department, which boasts of 17 former and current Nobel prize winners.

At the dialogue in Dhaka titled "Education and scientific innovation-pathways for a new poverty-free world", Hasan gave examples of Sir Jagadish Chandra Bose and Satyendra Nath Bose.

A few hundred youths from universities attended his lecture. Bangladesh does have a track record of academic thinking, said Syed Nasim Manzur, president of the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Dhaka (MCCI), which organised the dialogue.

"Innovate, think outside of the box and do not be afraid to dream," he urged the youths in attendance.

At the event, the chamber launched an initiative—Future Lab—to encourage and nurture innovative business ideas of



Uphold BDR carnage case death sentences

Attorney General Mahbubey Alam prays to High Court finishing arguments on death reference

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Attorney General Mahbubey Alam yesterday prayed to the High Court to uphold the lower court verdict that sentenced 152 persons to death for killing 74 people including 57 army officials in the 2009 Pilkhana mutiny.

The court rightly convicted them and passed the sentence after properly examining relevant documents, evidence and witnesses' statements, he told the HC while finishing arguments on the carnage case's death reference.

The HC bench of Justice Md Shawkat Hossain, Justice Abu Zafar Siddique and Justice Nazrul Islam Talukder fixed today for resuming hearing for the 141st day.

Defence lawyers will now start praying

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