



YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA H 30.3 L 20.5

CHITTAGONG H 29.5 L 20.0

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RAJSHAHI H 30.2 L 18.0

KHULNA H 30.7 L 22.0

BARISAL H 28.6 L 20.3

RANGPUR H 29.0 L 17.7

COX'S BAZAR H 29.5 L 20.0

Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged and day temperature may fall slightly over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:10pm and rises tomorrow at 6:25am. Country's highest temperature 31.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Jessore and lowest 15.6 in Sreemangal.

India to begin supplying power on Victory Day

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

India is expected to begin supplying an additional 100MW of electricity to Bangladesh on December 16, also Victory Day of Bangladesh.

This 100MW of electricity from Tripura will be an addition to 500MW of power Bangladesh currently receives from India through West Bengal.

The Tripura government decided to export 100MW of power to Bangladesh from its share of 196MW power from Palatana Power Plant after Dhaka allowed Tripura to use its ports to transport heavy equipment for the 726MW Palatana project.

According to a news report of Business Standard of India yesterday, the Tripura government is putting all possible efforts to complete the power transmission line to Bangladesh to supply power.

The engineers and workers of the Power Grid Corporation of India Limited are working round the clock to set up the 47km transmission line from Western Tripura to southern Comilla in Bangladesh, the report said.

A total of 18km of this line and 67 out of 143 transmission towers fall in the Indian territory.

"We are working in two shifts from 7:00am till 9:00pm and in this connection I am really getting all the help from the state government of Tripura here," said M Hazarika, GM Project NE, PGCIL.



A boy finds merriment playing in a puddle after rain. This is one of the 10 photographs shortlisted under the theme "Rain" of The Daily Star's photo contest inPixel.

PHOTO: ESHAAT ISLAM SHOHAG

ADMISSION TO PRIMARY, SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Digitalisation ends hassle but lottery anxiety hovers

WASIM BIN HABIB

Guardians aspiring to admit their children to primary and secondary levels in government high schools have got relief from one hassle as the admission procedure has been digitalised, but the anxiety over getting chance either through lottery or qualifying in admission tests still prevails.

Online admission procedure started last year only in schools which

are located in Dhaka city mitigating guardians' hassle of waiting in long queues for collecting and submitting admission forms and fees.

This year, schools in Dhaka and other cities, except for Chittagong, and those situated in divisional and district headquarters have been included in the online system.

However, schools in upazila headquarters will carry out their admission activities on their own, said Mostofa

Kamal, deputy director of the Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education (DSHE) yesterday, adding, "We will gradually bring all schools under the online system."

Distribution of admission forms of 175 out of 335 government high schools in the country already started yesterday. The forms are available at <http://gsa.teletalk.com.bd>, where it can also be submitted till

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Five of family burnt in Dhaka septic tank explosion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Five members of a family were burnt as a septic tank exploded inside their Dakshin Khan house in Dhaka early yesterday.

The roof and walls of the one-storey building were partially damaged due to the blast, said landlord Md Monsur, who was not present during the incident.

With 70 per cent burns Rumana Akhter, 30, is

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The elderly man, who was taken out of the medicine ward at Dhaka Medical College Hospital and abandoned on the hospital premises the day after his admission because there was no one to wait upon him, eating lunch under the open sky. Parvez, an informal worker at DMCH, who found him abandoned, gave the food and he had been taking care of the hapless man since November 20.

PHOTO: STAR

When Hippocratic Oath rolls on street

RAFIUL ISLAM

When the elderly man was found abandoned on the street near Dhaka Medical College Hospital, a policeman got him admitted to the medicine ward. But the next day, the patient was spotted on the hospital premises in a bed sheet smeared with body waste.

Some ward boys left him there because no one was there to clean the man in 60s and wait upon him. He stank and made other patients uncomfortable, said a staff of the hospital preferring anonymity.

No one, however, could confirm who took him out of the ward and when.

When inquired, the poor man gave his name as Tarek, blabbering. He could

not speak clearly. Nor could he move the right side of his body which is paralysed.

Seeing the man in that condition, one Mohammad Parvez, an informal worker at the hospital, cleaned him, changed his clothes, gave him food and took him to the emergency ward.

As he could not move anywhere and say anything about his whereabouts and relatives, Parvez has been taking care of him since November 20, said the hospital sources.

This correspondent saw him taking food on the hospital premises with his left hand yesterday.

"Though the hospital is serving more than 3,000 inpatients daily, such patients are in most cases deprived of

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GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE

Experts for more mitigation fund from developed countries

20 million Bangladeshis to be displaced by impacts, they say

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Climate experts at a discussion yesterday emphasised the importance of funding by the developed world to combat climate change impacts.

They said an estimated 20 million people in Bangladesh would be displaced if global temperatures rise by two degrees Celsius by the end of the current century.

A Atiq Rahman, executive director of the Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies (BCAS), said approximately 100 million people would be displaced globally by 2030 and 300 million by 2100, citing a report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

In the event that the sea level rise by one metre, displacement coupled with massive migration movement across the world would put the entire civilisation under serious threat, he added.

Atiq, also a lead author at IPCC, said, "The conference has to forge the way for an assured as well as new and additional funding by the developed world for climate combat." BCAS and Christian Aid UK organised the discussion on climate-induced loss and damages and expectations from the 21st Paris Conference of the Parties on climate change at The Daily Star Centre in the capital.

Shakeb Nabi, country director of Christian Aid UK, said along with legally-binding targets to mitigate carbon emission, targets for adaptation and compensation for loss and damages caused by carbon emission are now crucial in the climate negotiation process.

According to a BCAS assessment carried out in three cyclone-affected south-western villages in Satkhira, Khulna and Bagerhat districts, farmers, fishermen and day

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