

**WEATHER FORECAST**

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 27.7 L 17.3	H 27.3 L 19.5	H 28.3 L 17.4	H 27.2 L 16.8	H 28.5 L 18.0	H 27.6 L 17.7	H 27.3 L 15.2	H 28.0 L 20.0

Weather is likely to remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm today. Light to moderate fog may occur at places over the river basins of the country during midnight till morning, said Met Office. The sun sets in the capital today at 05:12pm and rises tomorrow at 06:31am.

## Women must create their own fate: PM

Bibi Russell, late Taibun Nahar get Rokeya Padak UNB, Dhaka

Emphasising that women must create their own fate and personal destiny, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said women can do all outside works maintaining decency as Islam gives them that liberty.

The prime minister said this while addressing a function in the capital's Osmani Memorial Auditorium. The women and children affairs ministry organised the event on the occasion of Begum Rokeya Day, marking the 135th birthday of the pioneer of women renaissance.

She said all rights of women have been ensured properly in Islam. When it comes to wealth or workplace, there is no scope to discriminate against women in employment, she added.

She mentioned that the first person who embraced Islam preached by the Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) was his wife Bibi Khadija (R),



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina presents Rokeya Padak-2015 to fashion designer Bibi Russell at a programme organised by the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs in the capital's Osmani Memorial Auditorium yesterday marking Begum Rokeya Day and the 135th birth and 83rd death anniversaries of the noted feminist, philosopher, writer and social reformer of Bangladesh. Late educationist Dr Taibun Nahar Rashid got the award posthumously. Her son Ali Asgar Khurshid received it on her behalf.

## ZIA TRUST CASES Khaleda again to skip court today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia today will once again skip trial proceedings in the Zia charitable and orphanage trust corruption cases for, as her counsel Sanauallah Miah told The Daily Star, being "unwell".

As per court sources witnesses' statements in the charitable case are scheduled to be recorded.

Khaleda cited illness and security issues, among other grounds, on many occasions, the last on December 3.

She last appeared before the special judge court-3 at Bakshi Bazar on September 10 before flying to London five days later for treatment and to celebrate Eid-ul-Azha with family members. She returned on November 21.

The charitable case's charge sheet says Khaleda and three others abused power to collect Tk 6.19 crore for the trust during the BNP-led government's tenure between 1991 and 1996.

The orphanage case's statement says she, her son Tarique Rahman and four

## NIROB'S DEATH IN SEWER

# Local MP avoids question about long missing lid

Assures action against those who used the opening last

Shyampur-Kadamtali Shilpa Malik Samity President Syed Abu Hossain Babla yesterday avoided a direct reply over whether the slab of a Shyampur sewer opening in the capital through which a five-year-old fell and drowned on Tuesday had been what locals say missing for years.

Instead, the local lawmaker told The Daily Star that those of the samity responsible for using the opening to clean the sewer last would be identified and legal steps taken for "negligence" in replacing the lid.

Babla said there was no scope for the samity to avert responsibility of the "accident".

One of Nirob Hossain Ismail's playmates pushed him into the around 2.5 feet by 3.5 feet opening of the sewer built by the samity for discharging the area's industrial waste.

Around five hours later, the body was found about a kilometre away at Shyampur Sena Kalyan Ghat, where the sewer empties into the Buriganga river.

Dhaka Medical College's acting head of forensic medicine department Kazi Mohammad Abu Shama said the boy drowned and that minor injuries were found on the skin, inflicted when the body rolled out.

## WAR CRIME TRIALS 4 of Mymensingh, Jamalpur accused arrested

Following warrants against 8; tribunal seeks on Feb 24 progress or probe report in another case against Sathkira Jamaat leader

Police yesterday arrested four Mymensingh and Jamalpur war crimes accused hours after International Crimes Tribunal-1 issued a warrant for eight over their alleged involvement in crimes committed during the 1971 Liberation War.

Rezaul Haque alias Akkas Moulvi was arrested in his Purba Chechia residence in Mymensingh's Muktagachha upazila, Muktagachha Police Station Officer-in-Charge Abu Mohammad Fazlul Karim told The Daily Star's district correspondent.

Rezaul is the superintendent of Chechua Dakhil Madrasa and a former president of Jatiya Party's Muktagachha unit.

Yunus Ali, his brother AKM Yusuf Alam and Omar Faruk are from Chandpur village in Jamalpur's Harinakundu upazila, police and investigators said.

Yunus and Omar were arrested in their village residences while Bagerhat police, in association with Rapid Action Battalion, arrested Yusuf from Dublar Char in Bagerhat, said Abdul Hannan Khan, coordinator of the tribunal's investigation agency.

Law enforcers are trying to arrest the rest,

he added.

The two-member tribunal led by Justice Md Shahinur Islam issued the warrant following a prosecution's petition. The tribunal's chairman, Justice Anwarul Haque, was on leave.

Prosecutor Mohammad Ali, who moved the petition, told The Daily Star that the eight were "involved" with the Razakar and Al-Badr Bahini, two auxiliary forces of the Pakistani occupation army.

The case's investigating officer has already found their "involvement" in crimes including genocide and murders, he said.

The accused were intimidating possible witnesses and may go into hiding at any time, said Mohammad, adding, "That is why we prayed for their arrest for proper and effective investigation."

Hannan said the accused were involved in crimes committed in Muktagachha and Harinakundu upazilas.

The tribunal asked the prosecution to submit either a progress report on investigations or the investigation report on February 4, 2016.

It sought the same on February 24, 2016

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in other news...

With a fresh new format, new writers and a new perspective, the Star Weekend has an array of interesting articles for you. This week our spotlight is on Wasfia Nazreen, who was not only voted Adventurer of The Year, but also is the first Bangladeshi woman to conquer the seven summits. There is also an important article on IMAGE, an initiative taken to rehabilitate victims of child marriage. Don't forget your copy of Star Weekend tomorrow, Friday!

**FACE TO FACE WITH WASFIA NAZREEN**

Wasfia Nazreen had searched the campaign 'Bangladesh on Seven Summits' on the 48th independence day of Bangladesh - March 26, 2011. Making it the 48th year of all the seven continents, Wasfia climbed the summit of women's progress in the country, Wasfia climbed the summit of long journey who reached Canyons Pyramid, the summit of the world and the first Bangladeshi to have climbed the 7 summits. Wasfia is all smiles and shares her experience with friends. To read more, turn to page 4 and 5.

## 17 Dhaka University students, 5 teachers get Dean's Award

DU CORRESPONDENT

Seventeen students of seven departments under the science faculty of Dhaka University received "Dean's Award" yesterday for their outstanding results in honours examination of 2013.

Besides, five teachers of the faculty -- Prof Shapla Shirin, Prof Mohammad Abul Hossain, Associate Prof Md Abdus Salam Akanda, and assistant

### SSC, HSC marksheets must be given on demand

Says Supreme Court

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court has upheld a High Court judgment that had ordered all the education board authorities to issue mark sheets of SSC, HSC and Alim examination results to examinees, if they apply for it.

A three-member bench of the Appellate Division of the SC headed by Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha on November 22 dismissed an appeal filed

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