

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 24.8 L 18.5	H 29.5 L 20.5	H 24.8 L 17.0	H 23.2 L 16.9	H 25.4 L 19.5	H 26.3 L 18.8	H 22.0 L 14.0	H 29.4 L 20.5

Light rain is likely to occur over Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions and weather may remain dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country till 6:00pm. Moderate to thick fog may occur at places over the river basins and light to moderate fog may occur at places elsewhere during midnight till morning. Met Office said. Night temperature may fall by 1-2 degree Celsius and day temperature may fall slightly. The sun sets in the capital at 05:14pm and rises at 06:34am tomorrow.



Dr Fazle Rabbi's martyrdom day today
CITY DESK

Today is the 44th death anniversary of martyred intellectual Dr Fazle Rabbi. On December 15, 1971, the Pakistani occupation army and its auxiliary force Al-Badr picked up Dr Fazle Rabbi from his Siddheswari residence in the capital and killed him on that night. His body was recovered from Rayerbazar mass grave on December 18. Renowned cardiologist, Fazle Rabbi was a professor of the medicine and cardiology department of Dhaka Medical College. Family members will place wreaths at his grave and distribute food among the destitute, said a press release.



President Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina pay tributes at the Martyred Intellectuals' Memorial in the capital yesterday. See more photos online.

Why kitchen market near Baldha Garden not illegal
HC wants explanation from authorities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The High Court yesterday questioned the legality of construction of a kitchen market on a road near Baldha Garden at Wari in the capital. The court issued a rule asking the authorities concerned of the government to explain in four weeks why the construction of the market should not be declared illegal. The HC bench of Justice Farah Mahbub and Justice Kazi Md Ejarul Haque Akondo issued the rule after hearing a writ petition filed by Supreme Court lawyer Masud Ahmed Sayeed following a report headlined "Road given to AL men" published in The Daily Star on August 23 this year. The report says, "In a bizarre move, Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) leased out a public road near Baldha Garden to Awami League men, who then set up a kitchen market there." The once widely used road now has 44 shops on it. Some of the shops were rented out and some sold, it adds. The lane is next to the west wall of Baldha Garden between Nawab Street and Hare Street in Wari, a densely populated residential area, according to the report. Petitioner's lawyer Mughtadir Rahman told The Daily Star that the kitchen market was constructed in violation of the Government Estates Manual 1958 and the fundamental rights of the people guaranteed by the constitution. He said public places cannot be used for commercial purposes as per the law.

HC questions hiking of gas, power tariffs
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday questioned the legality of Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission's latest decision to hike gas and electricity prices. After hearing a writ petition filed by Consumers Association of Bangladesh, the court issued a rule upon the BERC to explain why the decision taken on August 27 would not be declared illegal. Petitioner's lawyer Saiful Islam said the commission increased the prices violating a relevant law according to which the ERC has to take the decision of hiking or cutting prices in 90 days after the mass hearing. But the BERC took the decision seven months after it had held the mass hearing on this issue. As per the new increased tariff imposed on September 1, the average retail power tariff went up by 2.93 percent from Tk 6.15 kilowatt-hour unit to Tk 6.33. For household gas, the tariff for a single burner stove increased to Tk 600 per month against Tk 400 while gas bill of a double-burner stove costs Tk 650 which was Tk 450. This was a big 26.29 percent jump.

AUGUST 21, 2004 GRENADE ATTACK CASES
That was first ever govt sponsored hit: Suranjit
COURT CORRESPONDENT

Referring to the August 21 grenade attack, Awami League (AL) President Member Suranjit Sengupta told a Dhaka court yesterday that such a government-sponsored armed attack on unarmed people never occurred in Bangladesh in the past. Giving his statement before Speedy Trial Tribunal-1 for an hour as a prosecution witness, he said the AL rally, which came under attack in 2004, was organised in protest of attacks and killings across the country. The sight of the aftermath was unbearable, added the surviving witness, also an adviser to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Judge Shahed Nuruddin fixed today for the next hearing of the two cases, one filed over the killing and another under the explosive substances act. The attack killed 24 leaders and workers, including Ivy Rahman, and injured 300 others. Awami League President and the then opposition leader Hasina narrowly escaped death. Nineteen accused, including Tarique, are absconding while BNP leader Lutfozzaman Babar and 23 others are now in jail and another eight are on bail. Earlier, 202 prosecution witnesses, out of 491, including the complainant, have given their statements before the makeshift court.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS, COLLEGES
Why management committees can't be hiring authorities
High Court asks government

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The High Court yesterday questioned the legality of the government's decision to recruit teachers for private schools and colleges through a single central committee in place of their respective managing committees and governing bodies. The court issued the rule asking the government to explain in two weeks why the decision should not be declared illegal. The HC came up with the rule after hearing a writ petition filed by Supreme Court lawyer ABM Nurul Islam. Nurul told The Daily Star that the education ministry on October 21 issued a circular saying that teachers for private schools and colleges would be appointed through a 13-member committee led by its secretary.



Visitors at a photo exhibition on the campus of Government Azizul Haque College in Bogra yesterday. Principal of the college Prof Shams-ul Alam, second from left in front, inaugurated the exhibition where 22 winning photos from last year's Celebrating Life competition for photography, film, and lyrics were showcased. The Daily Star and Standard Chartered Bank jointly organise the contest to enthuse and bring forth young talents. Celebrating Life is now in Bogra for the district round competition this year.

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Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)
For Selection of Consultant for
Design and Develop New Website with enhanced usability and functionality for CPTU

The Central Procurement Technical Unit (CPTU) of IME Division, Ministry of planning has received additional financing from the International Development Association (IDA) toward the cost of Public Procurement Reform Project - II (2nd Revised). CPTU intends to apply a portion of the funds to eligible payments under the contract for the provision of consultancy services for Design and Develop New Website with enhanced usability and functionality for CPTU.

The objective of the service is to Design and develop a vibrant, user friendly, interactive and dynamic website with enhanced functionality matching sustainable innovation on a lite and robust platform with database interface considering national synthesis with international standard for CPTU that caters to needs for information about public procurement as well as public service delivery.

- The experience, Resources and Deliverable Capacity required are:
1. The consultant firm must have minimum 5 years of proven experience of designing interactive and scalable websites/web applications/CMS.
 2. Proven experience in developing, deploying and successfully handing over of similar web application development of at least 3 numbers to national and international organizations preferably in Government institutions with each contract value of minimum BDT 25 lacs before publication of this EOI.
 3. Experience in developing proprietary CMS from scratch would be an added advantage.
 4. At least 3 web development indicating clear demonstration of industry standard security practice for website development and hosting.
 5. The development team should have senior and experienced resources (minimum 5 years of experience) in the field of graphics design (HTML, CSS), System Analysis, Technical Documentation, Web Programming, Database design and administration, Web hosting and Website security. Professional certifications would be given preference in assessing key resources qualification.
 6. The team leader should have professional/post graduate degree in Information Technology with exposure to web development.

The Central Procurement Technical Unit (CPTU) now invites eligible Applicants to express interest in providing the services. Interested Consultants are invited to provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services. This shall require evidence through submission of brochures and other documents describing facilities and area of expertise of the firm, execution of similar assignments, experience availability of appropriate professional qualification and experience among applicant's staff resources to carry out the assignment.

A shortlist of consultants will be prepared upon evaluation of Eois of the eligible applicants and "Request for Proposal" document will be issued in their favor. A Consultant will be selected using the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method. It is expected that the services will commence on February 2016 and be completed within a period of 5 (five) months.

Interested Applicants may obtain further information on the requirements including the criteria of short listing by email at cptudd1@cptu.gov.bd up to 23/12/2015.

Expression of interest shall be submitted by 12:00 Noon on 30/12/2015 in sealed envelope delivered to Director General, CPTU and be clearly marked "Expressions of Interest for Design and Develop New Website with enhanced usability and functionality for CPTU."

The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Signed/
Director General
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No wrong in taking World Cup fund from Islami Bank
Planning Minister Mustafa Kamal responds to economist Barakat's accusation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
While an economist accuses Islami Bank of contributing to the economy of fundamentalism, Planning Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal yesterday said the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) received sponsorship from the bank for the 2011 World Cup because it was operating legally. However, at the same breath, he said he looked for funding from other banks first and only went to Islami Bank after failing to get good responses from them. Kamal defended his position at a press conference yesterday against allegations by economist Prof Abul Barakat that the minister "legitimised" the bank's action by taking the sponsorship. "Islami Bank has been operating with a licence from Bangladesh Bank like other banks... Its licence has not been suspended for even one hour for illegal activities," the minister said. On Saturday, the Dhaka University professor unveiled the findings of a research on the impact of the economy of fundamentalism on the mainstream economy, and made the accusation against the minister. Addressing the press at the Planning Commission, Kamal said he wondered why the professor raised this question "irrelevantly" after all these years. Kamal said when he was chairman of the standing committee on the finance ministry, Abul Barakat attended many meetings of the standing committee as chairman of Janata Bank, and the professor did not raise any question regarding this back then. Islami Bank is run under the supervision of Bangladesh Bank, and BB officials are on the Islami Bank's board, the minister said. He said if there was any allegation of terror financing against Islami Bank, it was not supposed to operate as a bank in the first place. He asked Prof Barakat to submit evidence, if any, in support of the allegation to the Bangladesh Bank so the central bank could investigate and take necessary action. He alleged that the professor did not speak the truth. "At the time of organising the Cricket World Cup, there was no bank in Bangladesh I did not turn to, but none made the desired response. After failing to get the response from any bank, I was compelled to take money from Islami Bank," Kamal said. He said BCB's total spending for the World Cup publicity was Tk 30 crore, of which Tk 10 crore was given by Islami Bank, Tk 50 lakh by Premier Bank, and the rest by the board itself. He said of the Tk 10 crore Islami Bank fund, Tk 1.5 crore was paid to the government as tax, adding that the government collected tax from Islami Bank like any other bank. The minister said Islami Bank was still sponsoring cricket in Bangladesh.

Two suspected lawyers get bail

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Chittagong's Hathazari upazila and on February 23 the elite force showed the two lawyers along with another Supreme Court lawyer Barrister Shakila Farzana arrested in the case for their involvement in funding a militant training camp at the madrasa, said Public Prosecutor Abul Hashem.

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