

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA H 24.5 L 14.4	CHITTAGONG H 27.0 L 17.5	SYLHET H 25.5 L 12.7	RAJSHAHI H 23.2 L 09.7	KHULNA H 25.2 L 14.0	BARISAL H 25.5 L 13.3	RANGPUR H 22.0 L 09.6	COX'S BAZAR H 26.2 L 20.0
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Weather is likely to remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country in the next 24 hours till 6:00pm today, said Met Office today. **The sun sets in the capital today at 5:14pm and rises tomorrow at 6:35am.**

NEWS IN brief

Rab rescues girl from attempted forced prostitution, one held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cg
Rapid Action Battalion (Rab-7) rescued a teenage girl from attempted forced prostitution in Chandgaon area of Chittagong city yesterday, and arrested a woman in this connection.
Two youths who were previously acquainted with the girl, 14, brought her to the city from Chakaria upazila of Cox's Bazar on August 3 and handed her over to the woman, Rab-7 officials said. The woman kept her captive in her house for around four months and forcefully tried to engage her in prostitution, said the offi-

'Yaba hauling' journo, wife sent to jail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cg
A Chittagong court yesterday sent to jail a Gazi TV journalist and his wife who were arrested with 40,000 Yaba tablets on Monday.
The Department of Narcotics Control arrested Mohammad Selim, Cox's Bazar correspondent of the television channel, and his wife Khaleda Akhter Munni with the tablets in the city's Firingi Bazar area. They were transporting the drug to Dhaka from Cox's Bazar in a rented microbus with two stickers saying "Gtv" and "Press" pasted on its front and back.

130 shanties gutted in N'ganj, Dhaka

OUR CORRESPONDENT
Around 130 shanties were gutted in fires in Narayanganj and Dhaka yesterday.
In Narayanganj Sadar, a fire gutted over 100 shanties in Chandmari slum area last night. Four fire fighting units doused the blaze in an hour, said fire station sources. The reason behind the fire could not be ascertained immediately, nor if there was any casualty.
In Dhaka, a fire gutted 30 shanties in Madhya Badda early yesterday. The fire department said it might have originated from an electric short circuit, adding that it took them two hours to douse the blaze. No casualty was reported.

2 fatally run over by train in Tangail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail
Two teenage boys were killed and another was injured as a train ran them over in Analiabari area of Kalihati upazila in Tangail yesterday.
The deceased were Babu Miah, 14, and Al Amin, 18, of Chapainawabganj Sadar. Injured Mohammad Nayeem, 16, is undergoing treatment at Tangail Medical College Hospital. The boys who were cousins were walking on the rail track when the train crushed them under its wheels, said police.



Marking Victory Day, Dhaka Club President Khairul Majid Mahmud inaugurates a mural, inset, titled "Our Independence", on the west wall of the club yesterday, depicting Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's historic address on March 7 in 1971, surrender of Pakistani occupation army to the allied forces, and the Liberation War heroes.
PHOTO: MD KAWSAR

Four Bangladeshis jailed in Nigeria

UNB, Dhaka
The Nigerian Federal High Court in Lagos sentenced four Bangladeshis and five Filipinos to 20 years' imprisonment each for crude oil theft in Nigeria.
They, however, were granted an option of paying N20 million each by the court. The four convicts are Zahirul Islam, Islam Shahinul, Islam Rafiqul and Shaikh Shibli Noman, local news platform online NNUYA reported yesterday. Nine men conspired to commit an offence involving a dealing of 3,423.09 metric tonnes of crude oil illegally, the report said.

India celebrates too

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Agartala saw discussions, cultural functions and a get-together of people from various walks of life.
Indo-Asian News Service, quoting historian Bikach Chowdhury, reported that Tripura had six to seven camps in four sectors from where freedom fighters fought the Pakistani occupation forces. During the Liberation War, 10 million men, women and children from then East Pakistan took shelter in West Bengal, Tripura, Assam and Meghalaya. The Tripura government has been creating a "freedom fighter" park at Chottakhola in Belonia to commemorate the Liberation War and its heroes.

Switzerland gets first Bangladeshi

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three decades (1974-2004) in the employment sector, says a press release.
He is the author of "Voices of the Working Children and Their Parents: Will Anyone Listen?" (London, Austin Macauley Publishers Ltd, 2015), and of "Technological Change and Agrarian Structure: A Study of Bangladesh" (Geneva, ILO, 1981), and co-authored many other publications.
Ifikhar Ahmed is the son of late Dr Momtazuddin Ahmed who was a vice-chancellor of Rajshahi University.

Patiya abuzz with campaigns

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Harun is hopeful as, what he said, he did a lot for the development of the municipality during his five-year tenure.
BNP-nominated Tauhidul was campaigning in Chowdhury Para. He said he would win if the election was held in a free and fair manner.
Similar prediction came from JP candidate Shamsul. He said, "If the ruling party activists and administration hinder people in casting ballots, people will teach them a lesson"

AL men continue violations

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In the last one week, the EC asked ROs of at least 18 municipalities to look into incidents of the code's violation by ministers, lawmakers and other AL men that were reported in different media.
The EC on December 6 sent separate letters to the Cabinet Division and Speaker of the parliament to keep vigil on ministers and lawmakers so that they do not take part in electoral activities.

STAR WEEKEND
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 Winter Academy 2015, held by Teach for Bangladesh, where 42 Fellows were being trained for a bigger and better future. There is also an interesting article on Senior ASP Sakhawat Hossain from Gazipur, who does everything he can to help his countrymen. Don't forget your copy of *Star Weekend* tomorrow, Friday!

THE WINTER ACADEMY FACING CHALLENGES

TEACH FOR BANGLADESH (TFB) recently completed their third annual training programme "Winter Academy" - a six-week intensive training course for the forthcoming batch of Teach for Bangladesh fellows. The purpose of this programme is to inculcate exceptional university graduates and young professionals into the two-year leadership development programme and teach them the relation, vision and values of Teach for Bangladesh. This training consists of them to perform as highly efficient teachers in the classrooms of low income government primary schools. The trained fellows will join their full-time workplace for two years from January, 2016.
This year, 42 fellows gathered at the BRAC Centre for Development Management (CCDM), Rajshahi, to create an impact through education. To learn more turn to pages 8 and 9.

THE ASIAN WHO ENDED THE HUNG HUNG
Luh, a Chinese national, has been named as the winner of the award.

CAUTION ON CAUTIONER'S BELIEF
An article about our belief for writing.

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বাধা পেরিয়ে আরো এগিয়ে
৩২ জন স্পেলার এখন কোয়ার্টার ফাইনালে

Reasat Zaman
St. Joseph Higher Secondary School, Dhaka

Mustakim Fil Umar
Sunnydale, Dhaka

Khondoker Md. Ibtihal
K. B. High School, Mymensingh

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Marie Curie School, Dhaka

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ABC International School, Narayanganj

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Cantonment English School & College, Chittagong

Shamma Tasnim Rahman
Paramount School & College, Rajshahi

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Dhaka Residential Model College, Dhaka

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Chittagong Collegiate School, Chittagong

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Anandniketan, Sylhet

Fahmid Faiyaj Chowdhury
Scholarshome, Sylhet

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Mirpur Girls' Ideal Laboratory Institute, Dhaka

Farsad Abdur Rashid
Sunbeams, Dhaka

Lamia Mahzabin
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Faujdarhat Cadet College, Chittagong

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Tahmeed Chowdhury
The Aga Khan School, Dhaka

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Barisal Cadet College, Barisal

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Scholastica, Dhaka

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European Standard School, Dhaka

Mirza Shahrin Tabassum
Paramount School & College, Rajshahi

Sauqib Shahzad
Academia, Dhaka

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