

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 24.0 L 12.0	H 24.3 L 13.83	H 25.2 L 11.5	H 23.4 L 09.4	H 24.2 L 11.5	H 24.2 L 10.5	H 22.6 L 09.2	H 25.6 L 14.0

Weather may remain mainly dry over the country till 6:00pm today. Moderate to thick fog may occur at places over the river basins and light to moderate fog may occur at places elsewhere over the country during midnight till morning, said Met Office. Mild cold wave, sweeping over some regions, may continue. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:17pm and rises tomorrow at 6:38am.

Govt plan to reacquire Habiganj tea estate land slammed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK), Communist Party of Bangladesh and Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal yesterday slammed government plans to take back land leased out to tea estates in Habiganj and establish a special economic zone.

About 16,000 tea workers are dependent on the land of the three tea gardens, cultivating rice to supplement their meagre incomes.

Although the government owns the land, the workers have been living there for generations, observed the rights organisation and two parties in two statements.

Besides it is the tea
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Local govt should get authority to earn, spend

Governance Advocacy Forum, Manusher Jonno Foundation discussion told

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The financial capability and autonomy of local government should be increased if their accountability is to be ensured, speakers told an opinion sharing meeting yesterday.

"Local government should be given the authority to retain and spend locally earned revenues subject to prescribed legal restrictions," said public sector finance specialist Golam Mustafa, based on his research, "Role of Financial Audit and Relevant Institutions for Establishing Effective Local Government".

The findings were presented during the meeting at The Daily Star Centre, organised by Governance Advocacy Forum, a platform of NGOs, with support from Manusher Jonno Foundation.

"Union Parishads get only 1 percent of the land transfer registration fee, but why could it not be 50 percent?" said Mohsin Ali, coordinator of Governance Advocacy Forum and executive director of Wave Foundation, stressing the need for increas-

ing the earning of local government bodies.

"The budgets of Union Parishads are so small that carrying out their audits by the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General (OCAG) is often not cost efficient," said the researcher.

Pointing out the limitation of OCAG, Comptroller and Auditor General Masud Ahmed said, "OCAG carries out the audit of 15 lakh government entities with a workforce of only 14,000."

Wahida Hamid, director, Local and Revenue Audit Directorate, OCAG, said audit objections were often neglected by local government bodies and about 70,000 audit objections remained unresolved.

Explaining why OCAG mostly carries out financial compliance audits in local government bodies, she said if it did not, the government would have lost a huge amount of treasury income.

"Between January 1 and December 1 this year, OCAG through its audits was able to collect more than Tk 41 crore un-deposited
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M. I. Cement Factory Ltd. receives the Best Electricity Consumer Award

In a ceremony organized in BICC on the occasion of National Power Week 2015, Mr. Md. Mizanur Rahman Molla, a Director of the organization received a certificate and a crest for Best Electricity Consumer in industrial sector from Mr. Nasrul Hamid MP, the state minister for Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources.

FIVE KISHOREGANJ WAR CRIME ACCUSED 2 witnesses link them to attack on village

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The 21st prosecution witness in a war crimes case yesterday testified that the five accused from Kishoreganj's Karimganj upazila took part in a planned attack on his village, a stronghold of freedom fighters, during the 1971 Liberation War.

Moreover, the 22nd witness, Suruj Ali, gave an almost identical description of the attack but unlike his predecessor Mohammad Muslim, he linked three of the five, Gazi Abdul Mannan, Nasiruddin Ahmed and his brother Shamsuddin Ahmed, to the attack.

Gazi was the alleged commander of Karimganj Razakar Bahini in Kishoreganj while its members were Nasiruddin, Shamsuddin, Hafiz Uddin and Azharul Islam. Only Shamsuddin is now in jail

while the rest on the run. They face seven charges.

Muslim, of the upazila's Atkapara village, told International Crimes Tribunal-1 that Razakars targeted the village as most inhabitants supported Awami League and members of nearly every family took part in the Liberation War as a freedom fighter.

The five, along with some 10 to 15 Razakars, came to the village on a day near the end of the Bangla month of Bhadra, said the 65-year-old. He quoted Gazi as saying, "This village is a stronghold of freedom fighters, burn it." The others then set fire to some 20 to 25 houses, he said, stating to have witnessed it from his aunt's house.

The three-member tribunal led by Justice Anwarul Haque adjourned proceedings until January 10 after defence counsels completed cross-examining both witnesses.

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