

**WEATHER FORECAST**

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 29.1 L 15.6	H 29.4 L 15.7	H 30.1 L 15.5	H 28.2 L 11.8	H 29.5 L 14.5	H 29.4 L 13.5	H 27.5 L 13.7	H 28.5 L 16.8

Rain or thundershowers is likely to occur at one or two places over Rajshahi, Rangpur and Dhaka divisions and the regions of Jessore & Kushtia in 24 hours till 6:00pm today, said Met office. **The sun sets in the capital today at 05:49pm and rises tomorrow at 06:35am.** The country's highest temperature 30.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Srimangal and lowest 11.5 degree Celsius in Ishwardi.

### 3 new judges inducted to Appellate Division

SCBA claims seniority ignored; Attorney General Mahbubey Alam rebuts

Three judges, latest additions to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, took oath yesterday morning on the apex court premises. Justice Mirza Hussain Haider, Justice Md Nizamul Huq and Justice Mohammad Bazlur Rahman were sworn in by Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha at the SC Judges' Lounge. President Md Abdul Hamid on Sunday promoted the three judges from the HC Division to the Appellate Division. Now, there are nine judges in the Appellate Division.

### Cops, DU students scuffle

Accusation levied against law enforcers of beating three students

Police and some Dhaka University students scuffled over stopping a university bus at Karwan Bazar intersection in the capital yesterday. A student, Shafiqul Islam, said an Ansar member stopped their bus "Falguni" near the intersection, and some policemen rushed in and altercation with them as the bus tried to cross the intersection. Later the police and Ansar men beat up three students, he added. However, Mohammad Iqbal, officer-in-charge of Kalabagan Police Station, told The Daily Star that the students were angry and



Disgruntled activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, pro-BNP student organisation, attack the party's Nayapaltan office in the capital, torching vehicles and hurling bricks yesterday afternoon over the party's new committee formation. Later they stormed the office and smashed the glass casing containing a sculpture of the party founder Ziaur Rahman, inset, the entrance to the office.



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### JCD men vandalise own party HQ

Even damage casing of founder's statue

This time the post holders of the newly formed mega committee of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) yesterday attacked BNP's Naya Paltan office in the capital and damaged the glass-casing of the sculpture of the party's founder late president Ziaur Rahman and set fire to its own office as their followers failed to get posts.

The dissenters also torched two motorcycles during the incidents in front of the office. The incidents of attack have taken place for the second time within 15 months over forming the same central committee. However, BNP leaders blamed the government for the attack saying it was pre-planned to hamper preparations for the party's forthcoming council, scheduled to take place in March. Insiders told The Daily Star that some of the leaders, who were deprived of posts on the partial committee announced in 2014, but got posts on the recently formed committee, led the attack as their followers did not get posts this time. Around 400 dissenters gathered in front of the BNP's central office and demonstrated there around 4:00pm. At one stage, they started damaging the banners and festoons hung in front of the office, and torched two motorcycles parked there, according to Paltan police and witnesses. Later, they stormed the office and vandalised the casing of Zia's sculpture, kept at the entrance of the office, and set fire to the JCD office on the third floor of the building.

## Book fair walkways being increased, dust doused

Says Bangla Academy DG Shamsuzzaman Khan

Bangla Academy will lengthen and widen brick walkways at the Suhrawardy Udyan section of Amar Ekushey Granthamela 2016, set up on some 5 lakh square feet of area including the academy, to ease visitors' movement. Besides, water will be sprayed there to reduce dust for public comfort, said Bangla Academy Director General Prof Shamsuzzaman Khan, adding that Tk 1 lakh has already been spent for the purpose. Addressing a press conference on different aspects of the book fair at the academy, he said notices have been served to 21 publishing houses asking to explain why they moved their



stalls from designated spots, a violation of the academy's directives. "If their answers are found unsatisfactory, we will take action against them. They may be blacklisted," he said, declining to disclose the names. Stating that the fair sat on a larger

area compared to previous years, Prof Shamsuzzaman said, "I think this year's book fair has become a national festival of culture and intellectuality." Setting up a dedicated stall for its dictionaries, the highest selling among its publications, Bangla Academy sold books worth Tk 17 lakh in the last seven days though last year it was Tk 22 lakh. He hoped sales would increase in the coming days. He said books had become an important commodity and demand was growing for the role played in developing the cultural and education sectors and spread of culture. Replying to a question, Prof Shamsuzzaman said Bangla Academy

## WAR CRIMES Tribunal orders arrest of two Netrakona brothers

International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday issued arrest warrants for two brothers from Netrakona who were allegedly involved in crimes committed during the Liberation War in 1971.

act on Thursday. It passed the order following a petition of the prosecution and fixed March 30 for the next order. The court also asked the jail authorities to produce Sohrab before it on that day. All three accused hail from Atpara upazila. Moving the petition, Prosecutor Zead Al Malum said the investigation against the three began on May 5 last year and the investigation officer had already found evidence

### RMG workers in DEPZ stage demo for salary hike

10 hurt in clash with cops; factory shut

Several thousand workers of an Indian-owned garment factory at Dhaka Export Processing Zone (DEPZ) in Ashulia, on the outskirts of the capital, yesterday demonstrated for their 10-point demand including gratuity and annual salary increment. At least 10 workers were injured in a clash with police in the demonstration. The management of the factory--Lenny Fanshion Ltd-- shut down the factory for the day to avert further untoward incident. The factory management was not found to make any comment on the incident while the DEPZ security personnel denied the pressmen access to the area. However, according to the witnesses and police sources, several thousand workers of the three units of the factory at old zone of DEPZ started demonstration in the morning demanding gratuity, annual salary increment, over-time

### RECLAIMING DHAKA CITY PARKING LOTS Rajuk on demolition spree in three areas

Three teams of Rajuk cleared illegally occupied car parking spaces at over a dozen buildings in Dhanmondi, Gulshan and Uttara in the capital yesterday. They also fined building owners and got undertakings from them for removal of the illegal structures occupying parking spaces in the basements and on the ground floors. The Dhanmondi team penalised the authorities of the State University of Bangladesh on the Mirpur road with a Tk 3 lakh fine for operating an office and a cafeteria on the ground floor, said Md Nasir Uddin, executive magistrate. The university authorities gave an undertaking to remove the structures in two weeks. The team also fined MK Electronics in Kalabagan for setting up its showroom on

the ground floor, he said, and demolished six shops including a restaurant, a fast food shop and a pharmacy at another building in the same area. They also knocked down Cooper's Bakery, an extension of Lazz Pharma and Desh Pharma on the ground floor of Brothers' Mansion, said Nasir. Lazz Pharma is set up on a designated ground floor parking space but they are operating with a High Court stay order, he said. Meanwhile, the Gulshan team knocked down illegal structures of two buildings near the roundabout-1 and fined the owner of Abacus Restaurant Tk 2 lakh for building the restaurant on the ground floor, instead of an office. "The owner gave an undertaking to close down the restaurant and other illegal structures in 72 hours," said Rajuk official, Md Adiluzzaman.

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