

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 28.6 L 18.8	H 29.0 L 19.0	H 30.1 L 16.0	H 28.6 L 12.7	H 29.8 L 21.2	H 28.9 L 20.5	H 29.0 L 14.5	H 30.2 L 21.0

Weather is likely to remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm today. Moderate to thick fog may occur at places over the river basins of the country and light to moderate fog may occur at places elsewhere over the country during late night till morning. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:53pm and rises tomorrow at 6:32am.

BNP hopes for post council turnaround

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP yesterday hoped that the party would be able to make a turnaround by holding its forthcoming sixth national council. "You have seen many BNP leaders and activists are now gathering at our Nayapaltn and chairperson's offices with a fresh zeal ahead of the council," BNP Acting Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir told reporters at the party's Nayapaltn headquarters in the capital.

On getting the approval from the authorities concerned to hold the council at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the capital on March 19, he said, "Our preference is for Bangabandhu International Conference Centre as it has a huge space to accommodate our nearly three thousand councillors. But, we still haven't got any response from the authorities," adding that the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh was their last option as the venue.

Alleging that their party had been facing serious obstacles from the administration to holding their district and upazila unit councils, he said, "We couldn't hold the councils at open spaces in many areas."

He sought cooperation from the government so that they could successfully hold the council to improve the country's democratic atmosphere.

About the government he said, "I said before that we were being persecuted. Amardesh Editor Mahmudur Rahman was also persecuted similarly. Tomorrow someone else will be the victim. It has become fascistic. Today The Daily Star has been targeted, cases have also been filed against it. It means one after another everyone will be targeted, none will be spared."



One hundred and seventy eight jubilant children aged around 6 to 18 working as hawkers, shop helpers, or domestic helps, at a reception yesterday organised by Ain o Salish Kendra in Dhanmondi's Chhayanaut Bhaban of the capital, celebrating their success in the Junior School Certificate and Primary School Certificate exams.

PHOTO: STAR

VISITING UK IMMIGRATION MINISTER Illegals, airport security come up in discussions

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Visiting British Immigration Minister at the Home Office James Brokenshire yesterday held discussions with high government officials on shared priority issues including illegal immigration, organised crime, violent extremism, radicalisation and airport security.

Diplomatic sources said Brokenshire talked to the home and foreign ministers over ways to send back Bangladeshis whose visas and passports have expired.

Bangladesh gave a time-bound action plan for improvements after several countries, including the US, UK and Japan, raised questions and concerns about the security in international airports, they added.

Last year, the British government provided some

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HAFIZUR'S DEATH AT DU

Cry for justice still being heard on campus

13 organisations demand neutral probe, making report public; threaten to besiege DU VC's office on Feb 24 otherwise

DU CORRESPONDENT

Termining the recent death of a Dhaka University (DU) student "a murder", two alliances of 13 students' organisations yesterday threatened to besiege the vice chancellor's office on February 24 if a neutral investigation committee was not formed and its report not made public.

That Salimullah Muslim Hall Provost

Golam Mohammad Bhuiyan be kept out of the committee was also demanded by Bangladesh Chhatra Federation General Secretary Ashrafur Alam Shohel.

A first year marketing student, Hafijur Mollah breathed his last on February 2 suffering from, as per his family, pneumonia and typhoid. His family and friends allege he had a high fever and a cold which

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Bangladesh imports hilsa! Parliament hears from minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Famous for hilsa fish for ages, Bangladesh now imports the delicious fish, Fisheries and Livestock Minister Muhammed Sayedul Hoque told parliament yesterday.

Replying to lawmakers' queries, the minister said Bangladesh imports different kinds of fish including hilsa from various countries.

In the scripted answer, he, however, did not mention from which country Bangladesh imported Hilsa fish.

In 2014-15FY, Bangladesh imported 97,384 metric tonnes of fish, worth Tk 304 crore, and earned Tk 4,661 crore by exporting 83,524 metric tonnes of fish and fish products, the minister told the House.

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Meanwhile, Public Administration Minister

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Good thrillers never get old

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A person stuck in a situation he or she can not escape, or pitted against a ruthless maniac determined to destroy the stability of the free world, what will he or she do, how far will they travel to save us; these are the nail-biting cliffhangers that compels us to turn the pages of a thriller or finish it in one sitting.



It has been almost fifty years, yet the appeals of these books from Sheba Prokashoni have not diminished among the readers.

Enthusiasts of mystery, crime, thriller, spy, and suspense books swarmed the stall no 373 of the Amar Ekushe Granthamela 2016 yesterday to buy the books of their choice.

"I have been reading the Tin Goyenda series since I was in the seventh grade," said Labiba Hasan, an 11th grader. Cheerily, she bought Tin Goyenda's Volume 131, 132 and 133.

Based on the English detective novels, Tin Goyenda was first published in 1985. The creator of the series, Rakib Hasan, introduced the story of three ordinary teenagers, also detectives, and opened the window to a new and exhilarating world among countless teenagers. He wrote 160 stories at a stretch; Shamsuddin Nawab took the helm of writing afterwards.

Masud Rana, one of the most iconic characters created by Sheba Prokashoni founder Qazi Anwar Hussain, is still in popular demand. The first story of Masud Rana was published in 1966.

Though the plot of the spy thriller was influenced by western novels, Masud Rana books are enjoyed by all.

Another attraction of Sheba Prokashoni is their translation of English classics like The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde, The Last Days of Pompeii, The Jungle Book, David Copperfield and Great Expectations, among many more.

"When I read these books, not only do I learn about these classics, I also get thrilled," said Shibli Mahmud. Like him, many young readers crowded at the stall to buy those books.

In-charge of the stall, Abdus Salam, said, "We sell 250-300 books every day during the fair." He however claimed their sales have dropped because of the location of the stall. "Last year, amid political unrest, our sales were higher than these 14 days...we sold 500 books per day," he said.

In the afternoon, a discussion titled, "Rabindracharcha in Bangladesh: Past to Future" was held at the main stage of the Granthamela.

Prof Biswajit Ghosh said after the political changeover in

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