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Weather may remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country, in next 24 hours till 6:00pm today. Day temperature may rise slightly and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:04pm and rises tomorrow at 6:16am. Country's highest temperature 35.5 degree Celsius was recorded on Friday in Patuakhali and lowest 17.0 degree in Teknaf.

College student stabbed to death for 'stopping early marriage'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

A college student died at Bogra Medical College yesterday, after being stabbed by miscreants for "stopping an early marriage".

Locals said when Jaharul Islam, 25, a student of Gobindaganj Degree College, was returning home on Tuesday, a group of miscreants stabbed him.

Locals admitted him to Gobindaganj Health Complex and later shifted him to Bogra Medical College Hospital where he died yesterday.

Babu Mia, elder brother of the victim, alleged that Jaharul was killed by some hired goons as he recently stopped an early marriage in the village.

Being informed, police visited the spot, but none was arrested in this connection. Now, a tense situation is prevailing at the village over the incident, said locals.



Dozens of brick kilns have sprung up on the two sides of Dhaka-Mawa highway, causing air pollution, reducing the arable land, and in some cases encroaching upon the Dhaleshwari River. The photo was taken from the Second Dhaleshwari Bridge yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

ASSAULT ON EC OFFICIALS Police sue 34 including Fulgazi upazila chairman

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday sued 34 people including Fulgazi upazila chairman and general secretary of the upazila unit of Awami League Abdul Alim for beating election officials and obstructing their duties.

Fulgazi police Sub-inspector Asiquil Islam filed the case. Police said out of 34 accused, 14 were named while the others unnamed.

Muhammad Shamsul Alam, additional superintendent of police in Feni, confirmed filing of the case.

Fulgazi police Officer-in-Charge Md Moin Uddin said the incident happened on February 22 while the election commission officials were distributing nomination papers among the candidates of Union Parishad polls.

"In the case police alleged that chairman Alim and his supporters gave a list to the election commission officials of their candidates and barred them from giving nomination papers to all aspirants except their candidates. They also beat election commission employees and vandalised the electoral office," said the OC.

Mandatory registration for Hindu marriage must

Rights activists, experts tell discussion about ensuring their rights

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rights activists and experts at a discussion yesterday stressed the need for incorporating a provision in the law to make marriage registration of Hindus mandatory.

Hindus can get equal benefits of the right to divorce and properties if their marriages are registered, Justice Krishna Debnath of the High Court told the discussion.

She, however, said a provision was included in the Hindu Marriage Registration Act 2012, allowing voluntary registration of marriage, and it was an achievement.

The discussion on "Hindu marriage registration" was organised by Hindu Bibaho Ain Pronoyone Nagorik Udyog, a campaign of human and woman rights activists to make marriage registration for Hindus mandatory in the law, in association with Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF).

During the programme, held at the capital's Catholic Bishops' Conference of Bangladesh (CBCB) Centre, 82 Hindu couples registered their marriages voluntarily to create and preserve documentary evidences.

A Hindu couple can get their marriage registered through a local marriage registrar with a fee of Tk 1,100, Senior Programme Manager of MJF Arpita Das told The Daily Star.

Chhabi Biswas, Awami League lawmaker from Netrakona; Pratima Paul Majumdar, development researcher and president of Karmojibi Nari; Shaheen Anam, executive director of Manusher Jonno Foundation; Angela Gomez, founder and executive director of Banche Shekha, and Banasree Mitra Neogi, senior coordinator of Combating Violence against Women, also spoke.

They said Hindu couples, who have not registered their marriages, sometime faced troubles while travelling abroad.

An MJF release said the government formulated the law in 2012 and framed its rules in 2013 upon demands by Hindu people, particularly women.

Hindu Bibaho Ain Pronoyone Nagorik Udyog started its campaign in 2009 so that a complete marriage law was formulated to

Politicians facilitated 1/11 changeover

Says Quader at launching ceremony of documentary film on Bangabandhu

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The masterminds would not have dared to bring the 1/11 political changeover in 2007 if the politicians had not helped them from behind the scene, Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader said yesterday.

He said at that time the prison was a learning centre for the politicians. "All of us, who were in jail and who were not, should take lessons from the 1/11."

The minister made the remarks while addressing the unveiling ceremony of a documentary film on the life of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman titled "History's Great Hero-Itihaser Mohanayak".

Bangoz, which made the history-based documentary, organised the ceremony at the capital's public library.

The minister said many politicians supported the controversial activities of the military-backed caretaker government in order to get benefits from the 1/11 government.

He urged all to remain alert against any recurrence.

Separately, he said several civil society members had



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UNION PARISHAD ELECTIONS 2016

Violence erupts on first day of campaign

About 100 hurt in Patuakhali, Pabna as supporters of AL's nominated and rebel candidates clash

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About a hundred people were injured, six of them by bullets, when supporters of Awami League's nominated and rebel chairman candidates clashed on Thursday night to thwart each other's campaign in the upcoming Union Parishad (UP) elections in Patuakhali and Pabna.

Violence broke out on the very day the election campaign started.

Election to 738 UPs, out of around 4,200, will be held on March 22.

In Patuakhali, 75 people were wounded as rival groups attacked each other in Rangabali and Baufal upazilas.

Five of the injured were sent to Charfession upazila health complex in Bhola, while two



Patuakhali violence

of them were taken to Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital. In Rangabali upazila, the meeting of AL's nominated candidate Md Hanif Mia in Charmontaj UP was attacked by rebel candidate Md Nazmul Huda around 8:00pm on Thursday at Charbeston, about 20km from the upazila headquarters.

Police and locals said Hanif was holding a meeting on the field of Tila mosque when 25-30 people led by his rival Nazmul attacked it.

Attackers used sharp weapons, sticks, and bricks and set fire to five motorbikes and vandalised three more on the spot, they said. About 50 people of both groups were

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Rights activists and experts at a discussion "Hindu Marriage Registration" yesterday stress the need to incorporate a provision in the law making Hindu marriage registration mandatory, organised by Hindu Bibaho Ain Pronoyone Nagorik Udyog in association with Manusher Jonno Foundation at the capital's Catholic Bishops' Conference of Bangladesh Centre.

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Road crashes kill 7

CITY DESK

Seven persons were killed and two injured in road accidents in four districts yesterday.

In Munshiganj, a covered-van hit a motorbike on Dhaka-Chittagong highway at Jamaldi Bus Stand in Gazaria upazila, leaving its rider, Jibon Proddhan, 45, a teacher of Karima Kha Osdar Academy, dead on the spot.

Jibon was from Sonargaon upazila of Narayanganj.

Gazaria police seized the vehicle, but its driver managed to flee.

In Sylhet, vegetable vendor Masud, 30, died instantly when a Sylhet-bound bus hit him at Mirabazar; reports our Sylhet correspondent.

Kotwali police rescued the dead body, and sent it to MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital for an autopsy.

In Narayanganj, a covered-van ran Azgar Ali, 35, over on Dhaka-Sylhet highway in Balaikha area of Rugganj upazila while he was crossing the road, leaving him dead on the spot; according to our Narayanganj correspondent.

PRIEST KILLING CASE PP gets death threat

Another arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

A public prosecutor, who has been conducting the case filed for killing of priest Jogeswar Dasadhikari in Debiganj upazila on February 21, was issued a death threat on Thursday.

Jama'atul Mujahideen, Bangladesh (JMB) issued the death threat through a letter to Aminur Rahman, PP of Panchagarh, which had JMB written at the bottom.

Meanwhile, a Panchagarh court yesterday sent another arrestee to jail in the priest killing case.

Judge of the Cognisance Court-2 of Panchagarh and also Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate BM Tariqul Islam delivered the order after police produced Jahangir Hossain, 30, son of Rafiqul Islam of Kamatpara village before the court.

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