

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA H 31.2 L 24.4	CHITTAGONG H 32.0 L 25.0	SYLHET H 32.0 L 22.6	RAJSHAHI H 30.2 L 20.9	KHULNA H 33.5 L 23.6	BARISAL H 33.2 L 23.8	RANGPUR H 39.2 L 20.8	COX'S BAZAR H 32.0 L 23.6
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Rain or thunder showers is likely to occur at a few places over Rajshahi and Rangpur divisions and at one or two places over Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal and Sylhet divisions and the regions of Comilla till 6:00pm today. Met Office said. Night temperature may fall by 1-2 degree Celsius over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:07pm and rises tomorrow at 6:08am.

Reckless driving again kills 3 kids

Just day after killing 2

CITY DESK

Reckless driving again claimed the lives of three more kids including two of a family in two districts yesterday, a day after two others were killed in road accidents.

In Chittagong, two kids and their mother were killed while their father was injured in a head-on collision between a pickup van and a CNG-run auto-rickshaw carrying them on Muhuri Project road in Tita Bhatol area of Mirsarai upazila. The deceased were Saheda Begum, 32, and her two sons Saimon, 10, and eight-month-old Saidul Islam. Saheda's husband Md Didar sustained minor injuries, said Sub-inspector of Jorarganj Police Station Mainuddin.

Didar along with his wife and three kids was going to their village in Imampur of the upazila from Dhaka. Didar's daughter, however, was unhurt, said police.

In Dinajpur, seven-year-old Armina, daughter of Arman Ali of Buniadpur village, was killed as a motorcycle hit her near Buniadpur Bazar in Biral upazila.

A class I student of Buniadpur Government Primary School, Armina



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina sees for herself in the capital's Pilkhana yesterday one of the buses Nitol-Niloy Group donated to Birshreshtha Noor Mohammad Public College and Birshreshtha Munshi Abdur Rouf Public College.

Donate buses to edu instts to ease city traffic

PM urges wealthy citizens

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday called upon the well-off section of society and business organisations to donate buses to educational institutions to help reduce pressure of private cars on city streets.

"The more and more use of buses by students will help reduce the pressure of private vehicles on the streets and it will ultimately help ease traffic jams both in the capital and other cities of the country," she said.

Hasina said this while handing over keys of seven buses to the authorities of Birshreshtha Noor Mohammad Public College and Birshreshtha Munshi Abdur Rouf Public College at Pilkhana in the capital.

Nitol-Niloy Group donated the 35-seat buses. Four were given to Birshreshtha Noor Mohammad Public College and three to Birshreshtha Munshi Abdur Rouf Public College.

The principals of the two institutions received the keys from the prime minister at a ceremony at her

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Ctg cop accused of torture, extortion

He denies allegations

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police allegedly assaulted a jewellery trader and later released him in exchange for money in Mirsarai of Chittagong on Saturday night.

Horekrina Mridha, owner of Rupa House of Rajor in Madaripur, was returning to his Madaripur residence by a bus from a Chittagong ornament market after securing order for making some jewellery.

A team of Mirsarai Police Station led by Sub-inspector Md Waliullah stopped the vehicle in the area for a search, said Mridha.

The SI got him out of the bus, found some silver in his bag, and said those were illegal, said the trader.

The police official threatened to implicate him in a case and started beating him although he said he had all documents and a trade licence, said Mridha.

"The SI later took Tk 10,000 from me and released me after taking my signature on a blank paper," he said.

Contacted, SI Waliullah said the trader had no legal documents of the silver at that time.

Denying the allegation of torture and extortion, the SI said the trader raised a false allegation against him.

They released him after taking his signature and mobile number on a blank paper so that they could contact him further, if necessary, he said, adding that it was their regular practice.

No allegation was lodged with the police station in this connection, said Officer-in-Charge Imtiaz Bhuiyan.

"But we will look into the matter and take action if anybody is found guilty," said the OC.

Salauddin Sikder, assistant superintendent of police of Mirsarai circle, said he was not aware of the incident.

Mridha said he did not seek legal recourse thinking that he would not get justice.

UNION PARISHAD ELECTIONS 2016

Zero tolerance ordered for violence, foul play

Claims Election Commission

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission has directed law enforcers and the civil administration to show zero tolerance to irregularities and violence ahead of the union parishad polls, an official claimed yesterday.

Election Commissioner Shah Nawaz said, "We have found allegations of violence in some places. We have asked them not to spare anyone if they commit violence and irregularity."

"We will not hesitate to take action against any person, whoever he or she is, if the person violates the electoral code," he told reporters at his office at the EC Secretariat.

Action will be taken against police, local administration and polling officials if they are found guilty of negligence in discharging duties, he added.

The commissioner also sought cooperation from all stakeholders including political parties, police, administration, candidates, and supporters for free and fair voting.

Election to 732 union parishads will be held on March 22 in the first phase and 650 UPs on March 31 in the second phase. More than 2,800 UPs will go to polls in four other phases until June.

With the election day drawing closer,

there have been reports of violence in different districts as supporters of candidates are engaging in clashes.

BNP alleged that the party workers were being attacked and harassed by Awami League's activists in many places, but the EC was not taking any action.

On the other hand, the AL alleged that the EC in some cases had illogically enforced laws only on AL men without proper investigation to prove that it was a neutral organisation.

When his attention was drawn about allegations of the two parties, Shah Nawaz said, "We are concentrating on holding the elections in a fair manner, not on whether any political party is dissatisfied or not."

Our Faridpur correspondent reports, a mobile court fined two chairman and four councillor candidates in Alfadanga upazila Tk 8,000.

Our Satkhira correspondent adds, the district unit AL has suspended 58 of its local level party activists for working in favour of AL's rebel candidates violating party's decision.

According to our Chandpur correspondent, three AL rebels and two BNP rebels yesterday withdrew their candidacy in five UPs of the district.

N'GANJ 7-MURDER CASES

Nur Hossain petitions HC for scrapping trial process

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nur Hossain, the prime accused in the Narayanganj seven-murder cases, yesterday filed two petitions with the High Court for scrapping trial proceedings against him.

Hossain, who was brought back to the country from India last November, claimed that he was not involved in the incidents of abduction and killing of the seven people, his lawyer SRM Lutfur Rahman Akand told The Daily Star.

Narayanganj panel mayor Nazrul Islam and his four associates, and senior lawyer Chandan Sarker and his driver were abducted from a Narayanganj road on April 27, 2014 and their bodies were later found floating in the Shitalakkhya river.

Meanwhile, an HC bench led by Justice M Enayetur Rahim yesterday fixed tomorrow for passing order on a petition of sacked Rab

Goyeshwar slams own party peoples' self-serving agenda

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP could have been in power by now if the party men had engaged in a movement giving half their present efforts seeking posts through the 6th national council, said BNP Standing Committee Member Goyeshwar Chandra Roy yesterday.

Addressing a meeting of BNP's Dhaka city unit in the capital's Bhasani Auditorium, he urged the party men to remain alert to thwart the government's "conspiracy" to foil the March 19 council.

"How many conspiracies will you hatch? The first step of the council achieved success as Khaleda Zia and Tarique Rahman have already been elected to the two top posts of BNP. We want to respond to the government's plots by making our council a success," he said.

He also gave directives urging the party men to maintain discipline on that day, pointing out that the venue, the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh, was small compared



Empty bottles of different brands are filled with undrinkable tap water from the supply line of Water and Sewerage Authority (Wasa) near Kotwali Police Station in Old Dhaka and sold to people at Sadargang launch terminal. Each two litre bottle sells at Tk 10. When this illegal business been going on openly for quite a while, authorities seem not to be paying any attention to the health hazards it might create. It may also earn the brands a bad name. The photos were taken recently.

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