

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 33.5 L 21.5	H 33.2 L 23.8	H 34.0 L 19.3	H 36.6 L 15.7	H 33.8 L 21.7	H 33.0 L 23.2	H 32.2 L 16.4	H 34.0 L 23.6

Weather is likely to remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country having chances of rain/thunder showers at one or two places over Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions till 6:00pm today. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:09pm and rises tomorrow at 06:04am. Country's highest temperature 35.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Jessore and lowest 13.9 degree in Rajshahi.

MOHAMMADPUR GENEVA CAMP

30 hurt in drug dealing turf war

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 30 people, including many women and child bystanders, were found to have been injured yesterday as two alleged drug dealing Bihari groups intermittently pelted each other with brick chips as part of a turf war in the capital's Mohammadpur Geneva Camp.

A visit to the camp of stranded Pakistanis at noon revealed alleys and roads strewn with numerous brick chips. None has been detained by police till filing of this report last night.

Three victims took treatment at Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital and local pharmacies, witnesses said.

One victim, Kamrunnessa, told The Daily Star that some 100 supporters of one Bhulu, alias Polu, on Wednesday night attacked areas where members of their rival group, led by one Anwar, reside.

Anwar's supporters put up resistance for some time before fleeing the scene while Bhulu's supporters set fire to a vegetable shop and many shops in a small market were looted, she said.

Several other Urdu-speaking residents of the

camp who witnessed the incident said the situation became normal around 1:00pm yesterday and there was a delay in police response.

They said such clashes centring turf wars were frequent and police did at times conduct raids and made arrests.

SK Gulam Jilani, chairman of a Non-local Relief Committee, said Bhulu, once Anwar's accomplice, had tried setting up shop on Babar Road but was prevented a couple of weeks ago by Anwar's group, leading to a dispute.

A sub-inspector (investigation) of Mohammadpur Police Station, Jane Alam Munshi, claimed that a clash erupted around 11:30am yesterday and police, also falling victim at one point, brought the situation under control in around an hour.

The law enforcers raided the camp around 1:00pm yesterday and recovered knives and chunks of bricks, Dhaka Metropolitan Police Additional Deputy Commissioner (Tejgaon Division) Wahiduzzaman briefed journalists at the scene around 2:15pm.

The clash was a sequel to chases taking place on Wednesday, he said.



Bangabandhu's birth anniversary observed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 96th birth anniversary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and National Children's Day was observed yesterday in a befitting manner with various socio-political and cultural organisations holding diverse programmes including discussion, painting competition, and provision of free medical services across the country.

Ruling Awami League (AL) and different political

JU campus turned into picnic destination

Environment, academic ambience, security being 'affected'

SM NAJMUS SAKIB

Jahangirnagar University is one of the most beautiful and environment friendly universities of the country with natural lakes, water lilies, migratory birds, and rich flora and fauna.

But the authorities' decision of allowing outsiders to enjoy the campus as a picnic spot is damaging its

greenery and affecting the university's environment, academic ambience, and security, alleged teachers and students.

Loud noise, massive crowds, and piles of garbage lying here and there have now become common on the campus, they added.

Outsiders flock to the university for picnics, dig up earth to make tempo-

rary ovens, and disturb the animals and environment. Also, huge crowds roam around unchecked after parking their vehicles across the campus, and before leaving the site they turn respective areas into dumping spots, alleged teachers and students.

"I feel insecure because of outsiders; this is a place for higher education and

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A flurry of activity surrounds the BNP central office in the capital yesterday as activists and leaders gather, and posters cover the building centring the party's 6th national council scheduled to be held tomorrow. PHOTO: STAR



Abul Mansur Ahmad's 37th anniversary of death today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 37th death anniversary of Abul Mansur Ahmad, a renowned litterateur, journalist and politician of the sub-continent.

One of the greatest satirists of Bangla literature, Abul Mansur Ahmad was a renowned politician, lawyer and a very powerful journalist. He worked for Krishak, Nabajug and was editor of the daily Ittehad published from Kolkata in 1946 in undivided Bengal. He was a pioneer in modern and progressive journalism.

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JU journos file GDs upon BCL leader's 'threats'

JU CORRESPONDENT

Two Jahangirnagar University-based reporters filed two general diaries (GDs) on Wednesday evening, alleging that General Secretary of JU unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League Razib Ahmed had threatened them for publishing news.

Saif Uddin Abir of the daily Manobkantha, and Nur Alam Himel, of banglanews24.com, filed the GDs with Ashulia Police Station seeking security.

The journalists said they were threatened over the phone.

Morshad Ali Mollah, sub-inspector of Ashulia, said, "Steps would be taken after investigation."

Banglanews24.com on March 12 reported on vandalising of four local buses by the followers of the BCL leader in front of the campus, after a bus hit the leader's motorbike at Savar.

The Manobkantha report on February 28 described how more than a dozen students had been locked out of their room of a hall for about two days for refusing to join a procession to greet Razib after he was also made vice president of the central BCL committee.

Journalist Himel was threatened with "dire consequences" and Manobkantha's Abir with "action". The BCL leader, however, denied threatening them, saying, "I talked to them after being a victim of misinformation."

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Tantalizing Tomatoes!

For the last twenty-five years, Ismail from Gokul, Bogra has been cultivating tomatoes. He says that the full process from planting the seeds to harvesting tomatoes takes about three months. As he is a regular supplier of tomatoes to Shwapno, a team is always sent to inspect the tomatoes whilst they are in the process of maturing and offers Ismail helpful advice to ensure a good batch of tomatoes is harvested. The process of growing tomatoes starts with buying the seeds from the market and then drying them out in the sun. It is integral that the soil in the fields are completely moisture free before sections are made and the seeds are planted. The seeds are regularly watered and after 45 days when the tomato plants are about one point five feet in height, they are shifted into platforms made from bamboos also known as Macha in Bangla. They stay in these make shift platforms for the rest of the time and once matured are packed into crates that allow for air to pass through them before sending them via trucks to Shwapno outlets.

Photo: Dolon Talukder

Fun fact about tomatoes is that scientifically they are fruits but are still considered vegetables. Tomatoes are a great source of Vitamin A, C, K and calcium that helps protect against many cancers such as prostate, colorectal to name a few. They help maintain strong bones and repair cell damages. The presence of Vitamin B and potassium in tomatoes means that it aids with the regulation of cholesterol and blood pressure. Tomatoes are high in water content and aid hydration and encourage regular bowel movements. They also contain folic acid which is essential for women before and while they are pregnant as it protects against nervous system defects in infants. Tomatoes are also a great ingredient to use for facials or hair packs as it keeps the face clean and hair shiny. For those who are trying to shed a few pounds or are trying to eat clean and healthy, nothing beats a quick salad of plain tomatoes and onions (cucumbers can also be added) with some light seasoning to curb the hunger. A hearty omelete fried with diced tomatoes, onions and peppers of your choice can be a wholesome food.

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