

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 32.0 L 23.4	H 30.9 L 24.0	H 31.2 L 19.9	H 35.1 L 21.5	H 33.5 L 23.0	H 33.0 L 22.5	H 31.0 L 21.8	H 32.0 L 24.5

Day temperature may rise slightly and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:10pm and rises tomorrow at 6:01am. Country's highest temperature 35.1 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rajshahi and lowest 19.6 in Netrakona.

From left, Rita Chakma, vice-chairman of Rangamati Sadar upazila; Rabindranath Soren, president of Jatiya Adivasi Parishad; Prof Nirupa Dewan, member of National Human Rights Commission; Shaheen Anam, executive director of Manusher Jonno Foundation; Mongol Kumar Chakma, adviser of Kapaeeng Foundation, and Chanchana Chakma, joint convener of Bangladesh Indigenous Women Network, during the concluding session of National Indigenous Women Conference 2016 at Catholic Bishops' Conference of Bangladesh (CBCB) Center in the capital yesterday.



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Ethnic minority women of plains, hills should fight together for rights

Concluding session of National Indigenous Women Conference 2016 told; charter of their demands announced

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Organisations of ethnic minority women from both the hills and the plains should come together to fight for their rights, a national conference was told yesterday.
"Everyone must come under the flag of unity. Neither the indigenous people from hills nor those from the plains alone could establish their rights," said Prof Nirupa Dewan, member of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).
She observed that the minority women of the plain land were more deprived because, unlike those of the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT), they lived in scattered groups all over the country.
About 150 women's organisations from 17 ethnicities attended the two-day third National Indigenous Women Conference 2016 that concluded yesterday.
It was organised by Bangladesh Indigenous Women Network (BIWN) and Kapaeeng Foundation with support from

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MILITANT FINANCING CASE 28 including three lawyers indicted

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Rapid Action Battalion (Rab)-7 yesterday pressed charge against 28 persons including Supreme Court lawyer Shakila Farzana in a case filed for their alleged involvement in the financing of a militant outfit in Chittagong's Banshkhal upazila.
Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) Ruhul Amin, also investigation officer of the

case, submitted the charge sheet to the court of Senior Judicial Magistrate for Banshkhal upazila; confirmed Bikash Ranjan Dhar, public prosecutor of the court.

On February 22 last year, a team of Rab-7 busted a training centre of the militant outfit, Shahid Hamja Brigade, in Lotmoni Hill area in the upazila, and recovered a cache of ammunition and militant training equipment.

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Design eco-friendly structures: PM She inaugurates IAB building

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged the country's architects to design structures bearing in mind the constraint of land resources and protection of the environment.

She was inaugurating the newly constructed building of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) in the capital's Agargaon. Hasina stressed formulation of a master plan before going for any major development activity. Terming architecture the symbol of civilisation, she reiterated her stance not to preserve all British colonial structures, rather preserve some of them as symbols.

IAB General Secretary Qazi M Arif presided over the inaugural ceremony.

LIFE IN DHAKA CITY

Hyper preoccupation with economic gain taking toll

Experts tell international architecture symposium

STAFF CORRUPTION

It is perhaps time to examine whether Dhaka is waning on other features of life while being too much preoccupied with mere economic vibrancy, said a noted British writer-architect yesterday.

"Living a dignified life is what on which depends the worth of a city," said the architect, Peter Buchanan, while moderating a panel discussion at the closing of a three-

day international architecture symposium.

The Bengal Institute for Architecture along with Bengal Foundation organised the symposium, "Architecture Now/ Next", at Krishibid Institution Bangladesh in the capital.

With a trend of degenerating roots and connectedness to the past and ancestral family lineage, Dhaka's hyper preoccupation for mere economic gains is immensely and psychologically impoverished, said Buchanan.

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WAR CRIME TRIALS Six of Gaibandha charged

Court asks for charges against seven of Netrakona May 22, hears son's testimony on "mother's rape by ex-MP Shakhawat in Jessore"

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The prosecution yesterday pressed three specific charges against six Gaibandha men, including a former Jamaat-e-Islami lawmaker, for allegedly committing crimes during the Liberation War in 1971.

They were involved with the Razakar Bahini, an auxiliary force of the Pakistani army, and in torture, killing, and genocide, Prosecutor Syed Sayedul Haque Sumon told The Daily Star.

Earlier in the day, the prosecution submitted the formal charges, statements of the witnesses and other documents to the International Crimes Tribunal-1. Then the three-member tribunal led by Justice Anwarul Haque fixed March 24 to decide whether to accept the charges.

The accused are Abu Saleh Md Abdul Aziz Mia, 65, a former Jamaat lawmaker and alleged commander of a local Razakar Bahini; Ruhul Amin alias Manju, 61; Abdul Latif, 61; Abu Muslim Md Ali, 59; Najmul Huda, 60, and Abdur Rahim Mia, 62, all from Sundarganj upazila in the district.

The investigation agency on December 27 completed the investigation and said to have found the six's involvement. All of them are involved with Jamaat and in hiding now, said the agency.

The three charges are looting and killing of one Hindu man of Moujamali village in Gaibandha Sadar upazila, killing of one Chhatra League leader, and killing of 13 chairmen and members of five unions in

Sundarganj. **NETRAKONA CASE**
Meanwhile, the tribunal directed the prosecution to submit formal charges, if any, against seven Netrakona men on May 22, for their alleged wartime crimes.

The tribunal fixed the date after the prosecution prayed for two months' time to prepare the charges.

The accused are Sheikh Abdul Majid alias Majid Maulana, 66, Abdul Khaleque Talukder, 67, Kabir Khan, 70, Abdur Rahman, 70, Salam Begh, 68, Nuruddin alias Raddin, 70, and Ahmmad Ali, 78 of Purbadhala upazila in Netrakona.

Of them, Adur Rahman is now in jail while Ahmmad Ali died on October 28 last year. The rest are on the run. The investigation agency on March 16 said to have found evidence of involvement of the seven "Razakars" in seven incidents of crimes.

They were involved in killing eight people after abduction, looting three houses, torching eight houses, and raping a woman, the agency said, but recommended charging of six as Ahmmad died.

JESSORE CASE
A victim's son yesterday testified that former Jamaat and BNP lawmaker Shakhawat Hossain raped her mother for three days, keeping her confined to a Razakar camp in Jessore in 1971.

The 36-year-old witness, from Rejakathi village in Keshabpur upazila in the district, said



Shakhawat

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Goon named for Swadhinata Padak

BSS, Dhaka

The government yesterday named poet Nirmalendu Goon for the Swadhinata Padak (Independence Award) 2016 in recognition of his contribution to literature.

A total of 15 individuals and an organisation have won the award this year, and the government named 14 individuals and the organisation on March 7.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is scheduled to present the awards to the winners on March 24.

Muggers kill bKash sales rep Loot Tk 1.25 lakh

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Armed muggers killed a bKash sales representative and looted Tk 1.25 lakh from him in the capital's Uttar Badda area yesterday.

The deceased was Mahbub Mridha, 26, a staff of a bKash agent named Roots Distribution in the area.

Mahbub along with his assistant Tuhin was returning to his shop after collecting money from bKash retail agents when two muggers waylaid them, said Officer-in-Charge of Badda Police Station MA Jalil.

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REDDUCTION IN GANGES WATER Global warming, absence of rainfall to blame

Apprehends water resources minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Water Resources Minister Anisul Islam Mahmud believes global warming and absence of rainfall in India were to blame for Bangladesh getting only 25,000 cusecs of water through the Ganges river on the first 10 days of March this year.

"It has happened after a long break...we (usually) get 65,000 cusecs," he told a two-day "National Water Rights Conference-2016" in the capital's Krishibid Institution Bangladesh yesterday against the backdrop of World Water Day, to be observed tomorrow.

Commission, Bangladesh's data which was gathered centring the 10 days since 2008, The Daily Star found this year's figure to be the lowest.

The conference was jointly organised by Water Rights Forum, Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (Bapa), Bangladesh Water Integrity Network, Transparency International Bangladesh and Human Development Research Centre.

In his keynote paper, Incidin Bangladesh Executive Director AKM Masud Ali recommended enacting a law to give the right to water a legal recognition and giving attention to proper distribution of water instead

Electoral tickets for sale now

Quips ex-EC Sakhawat Hussain

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

It is impossible to get nomination for polls without money as the system has allegedly become a trade in exchange for money, said Brig Gen (ret'd) M Sakhawat Hussain, a former election commissioner, yesterday.

"But I have to think over whether I should use the word 'allegedly'," he told a discussion, "Strengthening Women's Representation in the Local Government", organised by the Brac Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD) in the capital.

The civil society, along with enforcing authorities and political parties, should think over how to implement the Representation of the People Order provision stipulating that at least 33 per cent of posts in intra-party committees be held by women by 2020, he said. Increasing women's representation in local governments will not be possible if their

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