

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA H 34.6 L 21.4	CHITTAGONG H 33.9 L 23.0	SYLHET H 35.5 L 21.1	RAJSHAHI H 34.4 L 17.5	KHULNA H 34.6 L 20.2	BARISAL H 35.6 L 19.4	RANGPUR H 33.3 L 17.0	COX'S BAZAR H 34.2 L 25.0
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Weather may remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm today. Day temperature and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country. Met Office said. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:12pm and rises tomorrow at 5:56am.

5 Mymensingh men abducted by 'Rab impersonators'

Unknown people, identifying themselves as members of the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab), abducted five youths in Mymensingh's Bhaluka upazila early Thursday.

Families and local people said 30 to 35 men came in three or four vehicles including two microbuses in Kashor village and picked up Hadidul Islam, 30, a businessman, and his younger brother Johirul Islam, 26, also a businessman.

The same group later entered adjacent Jamirdia Dubaliapara village and picked up Hadidul's brothers-in-law-Ismael Hossain, 32, and Ibrahim Hossain, 25, and their servant Amir Hossain, 22.

Fazlul Haque, father of Hadidul and Johirul, said the abductors identified themselves as Rab men. "But they did not give any reason why my sons were being taken away and what was their destination," he said. "My sons and relatives are not involved with any political party or criminal activities, and there is no enmity with the local people," he added.

Md Mamun-or-Rashid, officer-in-charge of Bhaluka Police Station, said there was no criminal record against the youths.

Fazlul Haque said his son Hadidul called him twice over the phone, around 10:00am and 4:00pm yesterday, and told him that the five of them were safe and would return home. He, however, did not say when.

He said he would file a case today. Jobraj Hossain, assistant superintendent of police and operation officer of Rab-14, said Rab did not conduct any operation in the area on that day. He said, "...we are also trying to reveal the fact behind the incident."



Members of Sector Commanders Forum-Liberation War '71, hold up flaming torches to commemorate the horrific "black night" of 1971 on the capital's Suhrawardy Udyan at midnight on Friday. PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Driver attempts to rape Ctg female doctor

A CNG-run auto-rickshaw driver allegedly attempted to rape a female doctor, who was the passenger, on her way back home after work in Chittagong city on Thursday night.

The doctor, around 26, however, managed to save herself as locals and night guards saved her after hearing her cry for help, and handed the driver, Md Jamshed, 35, of Hatiya in Noakhali, to the police, said Assistant Sub-Inspector Nuruzzaman of Panchlaish police.

She hired the auto-rickshaw from the GEC Intersection to go to Kunjchhaya Residential area around 9:00pm, when the driver turned into a secluded road of Forest Gate area in Bangladesh Forest Research Institute, with an excuse of "avoiding" traffic jam, said Nuruzzaman. A case was filed.

Ctg killing fields sliding into oblivion

Govt yet to mark, preserve sites bearing testimony to 1971 barbarity

MINHAJ UDDIN, Ctg

Dozens of mass killing sites in Chittagong district are left unmarked and being lost gradually due to a lack of government's preservation efforts.

Since the sites are not protected, the young generation cannot see the evidence of the massacres committed by the Pakistani army during the 1971 Liberation War.

The Foy's Lake area in Pahartali was used as the main killing field by the enemy in Chittagong city, and after the war at least 11,000 human skulls were found there.

However, there had been no initiative to preserve the site until 1998, when Chittagong University's Prof Gazi Saleh Uddin, whose father was also killed there, drew the authorities' attention to the issue.

The then prime minister, Sheikh Hasina, ordered to preserve the site, but in 2001 the University of Science and Technology Chittagong (USTC) bought the land of the killing field, measuring 1.75 acres, because it was a private property.

When protests erupted, the university donated 0.10 acres of the total land, where a monument was built to mark the killing site.

In 2012, eight eminent persons, including writer Muhammed Zafar Iqbal and historian Prof Muntassir Mamoon, filed a writ petition with the Supreme Court, and the court ordered



A four-storey building being constructed by the University of Science and Technology Chittagong (USTC) on a place in Pahartali of Chittagong, which is one of the largest killing fields in the country. Around 11,000 human skulls were found there, and the Supreme Court ordered the preservation of the entire 1.75 acre land as a killing field, but to no avail. USTC bought the private land, but amid public outcry donated 0.10 acres to build a small monument to mark the site as a killing field. The photo was taken on Thursday. PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

1971 spirit ruined for lack of democracy

Says Fakhrul
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The spirit of the Liberation War has been totally ruined as there is no democracy in the country, BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam said yesterday.

"Today a play is being staged regarding election... and the duty of the Election Commission has been to serve the ruling party," he told a discussion on Independence Day at the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh in the capital.

Fakhrul also protested the rape and killing of Shohagi Jahan Tonu, a student and cultural activist in Comilla.

"Comilla has raised its voice [demanding punishment for Tonu's killers], and so will Bangladesh. I am urging the women's leaders of the country to protest the incident," he said.

Meanwhile, BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday called for building a strong national unity to protect democracy.

In a message issued on the occasion of Independence Day today, she said people fought in the Liberation War to build a country free from exploitation and deprivation, but the goal was not achieved yet.

Campaign needed for UN recognition of genocide

Speakers tell int'l conference on genocide and mass violence
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers yesterday underscored the need for carrying out continuous campaign to get United Nations' recognition for the genocide committed during the Liberation War in 1971.

"You have to bring the world to Bangladesh so that they can get a sense of what the genocide is all about," said Dr Imtiaz Ahmed, director of Centre for Genocide Studies (CGS).

They were addressing the concluding session of a three-day international conference titled "Genocide and Mass Violence: Theories, Traumas, Trials and Testimonies" organised by CGS at the Senate Bhaban of Dhaka University.

In her keynote speech, distinguished fellow of Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Professor Rounaq Jahan narrated the difficulties she faced while writing the history of genocide committed by the Pakistani army, adding that writers did not have to face queries in writing about genocide committed in other countries.

Where as, I had to adjust myself to those questions, she added.

Denial is one thing, but amnesty is something else. Amnesty can be given under pressure but it is not same as denying that this (genocide) did not happen, she added.

Jahan said Bangladesh had never received support from the international arena for holding trials of the war criminals from the beginning.

Pro-Vice Chancellor of DU Prof Dr Nasreen Ahmed said there had been conspiracies from both inside and outside to distort the history of Bangladesh after 1975, which has encouraged Pakistan to speak up in support of the war criminals.

The ongoing war crimes trials, international conference on genocide and critical research will resolve controversy and contradiction, she firmly believed.

While giving a vote of thanks, Imtiaz said they will organise the conference every year from now on.

International scholars will visit the genocide sites today.

Hefajat threatens movement again

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Hefajat-e-Islam yesterday afternoon threatened to take to the street if their demand of canceling the move of removing Islam as the state religion from the constitution is not met immediately.

"Do not play with fire or compel us to take to the street," Hefajat Secretary General Zunaid Babunagari said in a rally after the Juma prayers at Chittagong's Anderkilla Shahi Jame Mosque's north gate.

He said removing the state religion Islam from the constitution is tantamount to declaring war against religious scholars and pious people.

Later hundreds of Hefajat activists brought out a protest procession that broke the police barricade in front of the city corporation building and marched towards the press club in Jamalkhan area.

Hefajat-e-Islam declared a countrywide protest rally and procession on March 21. The hearing of a writ petition in this regard would be held at high court on March 27.

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'CHASED BY COPS' 'Drug peddler' dies falling from 7-storey Old Dhaka building

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Following a "chase by police", an alleged drug peddler died after falling from the roof of a seven-storey building in Huseni Dalan area of Old Dhaka last night.

The deceased, Mohammad Kalam, 35, was a resident of the area.

Kalam entered the multistoried building as cops kept chasing him around 9:00pm and, at one stage, he fell off the roof, his stepson Mohammad Tusher, 15, quoted locals as saying who claimed to have witnessed the incident, while talking to The Daily Star.

Faizur Rahman, assistant commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (Lalbagh Zone), visited the spot.

No witness brought the allegation against police of chasing the man, he claimed, saying that they would investigate the matter.

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(Amendment No -1)

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Tender Name: Supply, Erection, Installation, Testing, Commissioning, Validation & Qualification of Mechanical & Electrical Services.

Tender Ref. No: EDCL/PD-Gopalganj/ICT/M&E Services/2016/19, Dated: 18 January, 2016

Notice Sl. No	Subject to be Amended	Existing As	Shall be amended As
14	Tender Last Selling Date and Time	29 March, 2016, Time : 05:00 PM (Local Time)	07 April, 2016 at 05:00 PM (Local Time)
15	Tender Closing Date and Time	30 March, 2016, Time : 03:00 PM (Local Time)	10 April, 2016 at 03:00 PM (Local Time)
16	Tender Opening Date and Time	30 March, 2016, Time : 03:30 PM (Local Time)	10 April, 2016 at 03:30 PM (Local Time)

All other terms & conditions shall remain unchanged.

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