

**WEATHER FORECAST**

**YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES**

**DHAKA**  
H 29.2 | L 25.5

**CHITTAGONG**  
H 30.8 | L 24.2

**SYLHET**  
H 28.8 | L 20.2

**RAJSHAHI**  
H 33.0 | L 25.4

**KHULNA**  
H 32.5 | L 25.0

**BARISAL**  
H 31.3 | L 24.4

**RANGPUR**  
H 26.0 | L 17.5

**COX'S BAZAR**  
H 31.2 | L 23.6

Rain or thunder showers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at a few places over Rangpur, Sylhet, Dhaka, Barisal and Chittagong divisions and at one or two places over Rajshahi and Khulna divisions with hail at places till 6:00pm today. Day temperature may rise slightly and night temperature may fall slightly over the country, Met Office said. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:14pm and rises tomorrow at 5:53am.



## COUNTRY FUMING OVER TONU MURDER

The alleged rape and murder of Comilla Victoria College student Shohagi Jahon Tonu has brought forth once again the question of women's safety in society and created a huge public anger across the country. Students, teachers, socio-cultural activists, professionals, and general people took to the streets yesterday, demanding a speedy trial of the perpetrators. Some of the places where human chains were held include (1) Eden Mohila College in Dhaka, (2) Ananda Mohan University College in Mymensingh, (3) Barisal city, (4) Sylhet Agricultural University, (5) Kushtia Government College, and (6) Nababganj Government College in Chapainawabganj, (7) At Laxmipur Government College, Bangladesh Chhatra League organised one to voice its protest. PHOTOS: STAR, BANGLAR CHOKH

## Teenage boy found dead with throat slit at home

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
The body of a school student with his throat slit was found in their rented house in the capital's Dakkhin Dania yesterday. The victim, Rabiul Islam Shawadhin, 17, appeared at the recently held SCC examination from Muradpur Samirunnesa High School. Officer-in-Charge of Kadamtali Police Station Kazi Wazed Ali said on information they recovered the body from the ground floor at 1:00pm. Rina Begum, mother of the victim, said they went to a relative's house in the area keeping her son alone at their home and returned to it after hearing this news. The victim's father Sohel is a transport worker.

## Mother seeks PM's help for missing ex-BCL man's return

*Claims abduction, cops' dubious role*

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Over two months have passed following an alleged abduction of a former Bangladesh Chhatra League president of the capital's Rampura Thana unit whose mother yesterday said she was appearing before the press for the fourth time and now seeking Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's intervention for his return. SM Moazzem Hossain Topu is in the custody of law enforcers who abducted him in collusion with some Jubo League men of the area, said a sobbing Saleha Begum at a press conference in the capital's Dhaka Reporters Unity. Topu was targeted for deterring extortion and over rivalry centring establishing political supremacy in the area, she added. The statement of the case she filed with Bhatara Police Station on January 30 says



**SM Moazzem Hossain Topu**

one of Topu's friends called his brother on January 26 around 11:30pm claiming that Topu had been abducted 15 minutes earlier by three unidentified men from a flat in Bashundhara residential area. The friend is among eight persons Saleha named and believes are involved with the abduction, as per the statement. On why they thought law enforcers are involved, Topu's elder brother Dr Mainul Hossain Apu said, "Police are showing indifference in conducting investigations...police have not taken any action...not even arrested any of the suspects." Talking to The Daily Star, the case's investigation officer, Sub-Inspector Md Sharif Hossain, denied the allegation, saying the suspects had gone into hiding. "We are investigating the matter concentrating on rescuing the victim first," he added.

## Cabinet okays univ accreditation council

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opinions of ministries, universities, and departments concerned, and put it on its website seeking public opinion. According to the draft, the council will have 11 members including a chairman, one full-time member from the University Grants Commission (UGC), four professors, an additional secretary of the education ministry, and one representative from the

Association of Universities of Bangladesh. Besides, one representative each from professionals, quality assurance and accreditation experts, and the country's apex trade body FBCCI will also be on the council. The chairman and members will be appointed by the government, said the cabinet secretary. Currently, 38 public and 92 private universities are operating in the country.

## EC summons

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supporters stuffed the boxes. The EC also asked police authorities to suspend the on duty cops for "failing to discharge duties". The police stations are Satkhira Sadar, Tala, Shyamnagar, Kalaroa and Debhata, said EC officials.

Meanwhile, electoral campaign for the second phase of UP polls will end tonight at 11:59pm. Around 650 UPs will go to poll on March 31 in the second phase.

## Wasa to dispense drinkable water

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This technology can be installed in public places, hospitals, bus and railway stations, markets and schools, colleges and universities, said Ranajit Das, coordinator (PHP), Oxfam Bangladesh. Masudul Quader of DSK chaired the

workshop, while Snehal V Soneji, country director of Oxfam Bangladesh, was present as the special guest. Milon Kanti Barua of Brac, Shrin Sultana of United Nations Children's Fund, Uttam Kumar Roy, commercial manager of Wasa, and Shirin Ara Begum also spoke.

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