

**WEATHER FORECAST**

**YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES**

<b>DHAKA</b> H 33.8 L 21.5	<b>CHITTAGONG</b> H 32.2 L 24.0	<b>SYLHET</b> H 31.4 L 22.0	<b>RAJSHAHI</b> H 34.0 L 22.0	<b>KHULNA</b> H 35.0 L 25.3	<b>BARISAL</b> H 34.5 L 24.7	<b>RANGPUR</b> H 29.4 L 18.4	<b>COX'S BAZAR</b> H 32.0 L 23.5
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Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at a few places over Dhaka, Sylhet, Barisal and Chittagong divisions and at one or two places over Rangpur, Rajshahi & Khulna divisions till 6:00pm today. Day and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:14pm and rises tomorrow at 5:51am.



1) Police use truncheons and a water cannon to disperse demonstrators under the banner of Bangladesh Diploma Bekar (unemployed) Nurses' Association and Bangladesh Basic Graduate Nurses' Society who blocked the capital's Shahbagh intersection for around three hours from 10:30am yesterday protesting a Bangladesh Public Service Commission circular of Monday seeking to recruit 3,616 senior nurses. 2) The demonstrators swelling in numbers before the police action. 3) A sound grenade explodes. 4) A used sound grenade. 5) Police try to arrest a demonstrator. 6) Demonstrators try to wrestle away a fellow from the hands of police. 7) A demonstrator cries in desperation sitting on the road. 8) Some of the demonstrators being treated at Dhaka Medical College Hospital's burn unit.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN, SHAHEEN MOLLAH

# 40 hurt as cops pummel unemployed nurses

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Some 40 persons were allegedly injured after police charged baton, fired teargas canisters and used pepper spray, water cannons and sound grenades to disperse several hundred demonstrators blocking the capital's Shahbagh intersection yesterday protesting a circular of Monday seeking to recruit 3,616 senior nurses.

Eleven detained persons were released later on giving undertakings that they will not stage protests, said Shahbagh Police Station Officer-in-charge Abu Bakar Siddique. Of the injured, 22 were treated at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH), including 14 in the burn unit for blisters inflicted by boiling water, alleged Bangladesh Diploma Bekar (unemployed) Nurses' Association Secretary General Faruk Hossain.

Talking to The Daily Star, he claimed

that cold water was also used intermittently along with pepper spray by police in plainclothes. However, the burn unit's Resident Surgeon Dr Partha Shankar Paul said they treated 10 persons and Dhaka Metropolitan Police Assistant Commissioner (Ramna zone) Shibli Noman denied the use of boiling water and pepper spray.

Traffic movement was normalised around 1:30pm, some three hours after the demonstrators of the association and Bangladesh Basic Graduate Nurses' Society took to the streets.

The Bangladesh Public Service Commission circular said applicants below 36 years of age and attaining BSc and diploma in nursing had to take an exam.

This frustrated many unemployed nursing graduates hoping to be recruited based on their year of graduation, merit, and seniority.

"The government always recruited

nurses mainly on the basis of passing year..While the government recruited applicants from our previous batches, some of us had been waiting for 10 years," said Faruk.

The last recruitment was in 2013, said Momotaz Mahal, a diploma nurse graduating in 2006, adding that about half of her classmates were recruited that time while the rest have been waiting.

"But now we have to compete with nurses who graduated last year," she said, adding that 21,000 nurses were unemployed at present. Senior graduates are unlikely to get jobs competing with juniors, she apprehends.

Additional Secretary to the health ministry Subhash Chandra Sarker said senior nurses were promoted as class II jobs in 2011. "...the recruitments must take place through BPSC examinations, according to the rules of the country," he said.

## Newspapers, agencies must pay staff's income taxes

**Orders Supreme Court**  
**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The Supreme Court yesterday upheld a wage board provision that instructed the owners of newspapers and news agencies to pay income tax of their journalists and employees.

The four-member bench of the Appellate Division gave the verdict after hearing an appeal filed by the government against a High Court judgment.

The HC in 1998 scrapped the provision of the fourth wage board that asked the media owners to pay their employees' income tax.

The HC had delivered the verdict following a writ petition filed by the owners of five national dailies -- the Ittefaq, the Sangbad, the Inqilab, the Kohbor and

## UNIVERSITY STUDENT MURDER IN CTG Five students held

**CCTV identifies seven other attackers**  
**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg**

Five students of Premier University, Chittagong were arrested yesterday in connection with the murder of Nasim Ahmed Sohel in Tuesday's attack by his rival faction of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists over a farewell and fresher's reception ceremony scheduled to be held today.

A Chittagong court sent the five arrestees on a three-day remand. The arrestees -- Ashraf Islam, Wahiduzzaman Nishan, Ziaul Haider Chowdhury, SM Golam Mostafa, and Tamim-ul-Alam -- were identified in the CCTV footage collected from the university, said Mohammad Mainuddin, assistant commissioner (Kotwali) of Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP).

Aziz Ahmed, officer-in-charge of Chawkbazar Police Station, said they identified seven other attackers from the CCTV footage.

Emran Ahmed Imu, president of city unit BCL, claimed to The Daily Star that he watched the CCTV footage but found "no BCL men" among the attackers.

Sohel's father filed a case with the police on Tuesday night accusing 13 named persons and some 20 to 25 unidentified others.

However, leaders of a faction of Chittagong city unit BCL in a press conference at Chittagong Press Club gave a three-day ultimatum to arrest the murderers of Sohel, an MBA student of the university and demanded resignation of its Vice-Chancellor Dr Anupam Sen for his "failure" to protect Sohel.



Nasim Ahmed Sohel

## Sara Hossain receives Int'l Women of Courage Award

**UNB, Dhaka**

Barrister Sara Hossain and 13 other women from all over the world received the prestigious International Women of Courage from US Secretary of State John Kerry at the US Department of State on Tuesday.

Kerry said, "One thing about Sara is clear: Her courage, passion and integrity have earned her the trust and respect of clients and human rights advocates the world over."

The Secretary of State's International Women of Courage Award annually recognises women around the globe who have demonstrated exceptional courage and leadership in advocating for peace, justice, human rights, gender equality and women's empowerment, often at great personal risks.



### STAR WEEKEND

in other news...

This week, the Star Weekend has an array of interesting articles for our readers. The spotlight this week is about the 6 startups that won Innovation Xtreme, an initiative by SD Asia, and won themselves FbStart packages to get their businesses up and running in full throttle. There is also an opinion piece on rape and selective outrage, which observes the society's reaction to some cases over the others. Don't forget your copy of Star Weekend tomorrow, Friday!

#### THE BIG SIX

Everyday we face problems. Commuting, house help, marriage in the education system, corruption, these are everyday issues that people face with difficulty. The only way we can really move ahead is to find solutions for each of these problems and collectively work towards realising them. One of the things we have come across in problems-solving was to believe it or not, startups. Young minds all across the world are now putting their minds to finding solutions to the problems of the world through startup businesses. Read about the 6 startups that will help change the face of the nation with ground-breaking innovations and ideas, in today's Spotlight on pages 8 and 9.

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