

**WEATHER FORECAST**

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

**DHAKA**  
H 31.2°C L 26.4

**CHITTAGONG**  
H 31.2°C L 25.2

**SYLHET**  
H 24.8°C L 23.0

**RAJSHAHI**  
H 34.2°C L 24.8

**KHULNA**  
H 33.0°C L 26.8

**BARISAL**  
H 32.1°C L 26.4

**RANGPUR**  
H 31.0°C L 22.0

**COX'S BAZAR**  
H 31.5°C L 25.2

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at a few places over Dhaka & Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Rangpur, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions with hills at places till 6:00pm today. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:17pm and rises tomorrow at 5:44am. Country's highest temperature 34.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rajshahi and lowest 22.0 degree in Rangpur.

### Rights bodies condemn Banshkhali killing, want judicial probe

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Different rights organisations and political parties yesterday condemned the killing of four people in a clash between law enforcers and locals in Banshkhali upazila of Chittagong on Monday.

They also demanded there be a judicial investigation into the incident. Thirty people were also injured in the clash over installation of a coal-based power plant.

Expressing deep concern over the incident, Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK) in a statement, said "We strongly condemn the law enforcers' exercise of limitless power."

Condemning the police's action on the protesters, Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (Bapa) said in another statement, "It is simply unacceptable for police to open fire on protesters and shoot to kill."

Besides, Gonotantrik Bam Morcha, Bangladesh Revolutionary Workers Party and Bangladesh Chhatra Union also protested the killing.



**Sammilita Sangskritik Jote brings out a procession from Teacher-Student Centre of Dhaka University yesterday, heading towards the home ministry with a memorandum demanding those responsible for the murder of Sohagi Jahan Tonu be immediately arrested and tried. The second-year history student of Comilla Victoria Government College was found dead in Comilla Cantonment area on the night of March 20. Inset, artists of Prachyanat stage a drama at a rally organised by Bangladesh Udichi Shilpigoshthi in front of Bangladesh National Museum in the capital yesterday over the same demand.**

PHOTO: STAR



### Cuet student found dead in capital

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

A student of the Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology (Cuet) was found dead on the rooftop of a six-storey building in the capital's Boro Moghbazar area yesterday.

Tanvir Hasan Susan, 24, a third-year student of the department of mechanical engineering, came to visit his friend Baozid on Sunday from Chittagong. Sub-inspector of Ramna Police Station Mosharaf Hossain told The Daily Star.

Baozid used to live on the fourth floor of the building, the SI added.

On Monday, Susan's friends filed a general diary after he went missing on that day, the SI said, adding, later his hanging body was found on the rooftop of the building yesterday morning.

Susan might have committed suicide over a family feud, he said.

The body of Susan, of Bojlapur village under Jamalpur Sadar, was handed over to his family members without an autopsy on their plea, the SI added.

### MUEZZIN MURDER: Police still clueless

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Police could not unearth the mystery behind the killing of Haji Maulana Belal Hossain, muezzin of an Old Dhaka mosque, two days into the murder.

Police said they were investigating the incident focusing on different aspects whether the murder has any link to financial issue, previous enmity or even any militancy.

Investigators, however, said they were struggling to find a clue since there was neither any witness nor any video footage of the incident or of the lone entry-exit point of the mosque.

Belal, 49, was found in a pool of blood on the stairs of the four-storey Jabbu Khanam mosque where he served for 28 years. Police said he was killed before 5:20am on Monday.

"We are yet find any clue to the murder. We are quizzing other staff of the mosque and some owners of shops housed at the ground floor and basement of the mosque," said Assistant Commissioner of Kotwali Zone of Dhaka Metropolitan Police Shahan Shah Mahmud.

### EU PLAN FOR DEPORTING BANGLADESHI IRREGULAR MIGRANTS: Dhaka wants 'return, reintegration package'

**DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT**

Amid the European Union's offer to cooperate with Bangladesh in sending back illegal migrants, Bangladesh has called for a "return and reintegration package" for its "irregular" migrants living in European countries.

The EU called on Bangladesh to bring back some 80,000 irregular Bangladeshis living in Europe and offered to design a special programme for the reintegration of returnees, at the first-ever Bangladesh-EU Dialogue on Migration Management in Dhaka.

Foreign Secretary Md Shahidul Haque led the Bangladesh delegation, while the 10-member EU delegation was led by Deputy Secretary General for Global and Economic Issues, European External Action Service (EEAS) Christian Leffler, at the dialogue held at the state guesthouse Meghna.

Diplomatic sources said the package might include training, skill development and small business for the returnees with the help of the EU so that the returnees could smoothly reintegrate into societies and carry forward their lives in a "dignified" manner.

The EU also offered cooperation in the field of information campaign and awareness-raising on the danger of irregular migration.

At the meeting, the EU team agreed with Bangladesh on its call for

legalising those irregular migrants to resolve the issue, saying it would not solve the problem but rather invite new irregular migrations.

Meeting sources said the Bangladesh side asked the EU delegation to provide a list of Bangladeshis staying illegally in Europe.

"The Bangladesh side highlighted the government's policy of bringing all the people in irregular situation back as well as the need for widening the scope of safe, orderly and regular migration," according to a joint statement issued following conclusion of the dialogue.

After the dialogue, both sides did not want to mention the figure, earlier disclosed by Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan, saying the number was not important; rather the issue of its handling was important.

"This is completely an evolving situation. We cannot give the number. The important issue is to work together..." Leffler told reporters.

He made it sure that the media did not pick up the figure, 80,000, from him and said there were Bangladeshis in "irregular situation" in Europe like other foreign nationals.

"We agreed we will work together so that these people can be brought back safely to their homes and find a good productive way to reintegrate into their society," said the EU delegation leader.

He said they both looked at how to address this in an overall "comprehensive fashion" looking at the management of regular migration flows and handling irregular flows in a "structured, orderly and dignified" manner.

Asked whether they discussed any readmission agreement with Bangladesh, Leffler said they had discussed the best ways of handling these issues and the processes they could put in place to manage together.

Foreign Secretary Haque said they discussed how the irregular migrants could be brought back "safely and productively".

"At the same time we had an initial discussion as to create a greater platform for migration and mobility between Bangladesh and the EU. This is the main development," he added.

The two sides agreed to continue the dialogue looking at a wide-ranging approach to address the issues of migration and mobility, according to the EU-Bangladesh joint press release issued by the foreign ministry yesterday.

The dialogue focused on the entire spectrum of migration and mobility including global migration situation, Global Forum on Migration and Development, 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in relation to migration, irregular migration, and trafficking.

### JU students protest 'rape' of canteen girl

**JU Correspondent**

Jahangirnagar University (JU) students yesterday formed a human chain protesting the alleged rape of a girl who worked at Pritilota Hall's canteen of the university, organised by JU unit Bangladesh Student Union (BSU).

On March 26 late night, some local youths allegedly kidnapped the 13-year-old from her friend's house in Ambagan area adjacent to the university.

After her guardians informed the police, they rescued her on March 27.

Later, the canteen owner Manik filed a kidnapping case with Ashulia police on March 28 against Md Fazlu alias Foyjul, Manik, Md Suzon, and Md Shafiqul.

Among them, Md Suzon is the son of Pathalia Union Parishad member.

But the family alleged that she was raped.

Abid Sarker Sohag, general secretary of JU unit BSU, said, "We are deeply concerned that there is a clear attempt to hide the real fact. Police accepted the case after a long time, not as a rape case, rather as a kidnapping. We urge the university authority to take steps in this regard."

### CUSTODIAL TORTURE HC asks lower court to resume case against 3 Lakshmipur cops

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The High Court yesterday directed a lower court to revive a case against five persons including the then three law enforcers of Lakshmipur's Ramganj Police Station over the alleged custodial torture of a man, Saiful Islam Sumon, in 2011.

The court also ordered Lakshmipur's sessions judge court to take necessary steps against the then officer-in-charge, Lokman Hossain, sub-inspectors Sharif and Momin and two others and proceed in accordance with the law.

The bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice Amir Hossain gave the directive after holding the final hearing on a revision petition filed by the complainant with the HC challenging a lower court order which dismissed the case.

The directive's grounds could not be known as the full text was not released.

Citing from the revision petition, Deputy Attorney General Shaikh AKM Moniruzzaman Kabir told The Daily Star that police detained Sumon, tortured him, damaged his eyes by draining out the insides using a syringe and filed a case against him under the arms act in August 2011 at the instigation of some local influential people.

Sumon's father Shamsun Noor Patwari filed the case with the sessions court on August 12, 2014 against the five and the court on September 2014 asked the district's acting chief judicial magistrate to conduct a probe.

The magistrate submitted a report on August 5, 2015 to the court saying the allegations were not found to be true. The court accepted the report on October 20, 2015 and dismissed the case, DAG Moniruzzaman added.



**Students of the Faculty of Fine Arts of Dhaka University on the campus yesterday engrossed in painting masks which would be carried in a procession, "Mongol Shovajatra", marking the celebrations of Pahela Baishakh, the first day of the Bangla calendar, on April 14. The home ministry on Sunday slapped a ban on wearing masks in the procession citing security grounds.**

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

### PAHELA BAISHAKH CELEBRATION: Cultural orgs seek withdrawal of ban on masks, duration restriction

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Sammilita Sangskritik Jote yesterday demanded that the government withdraw the restrictions on celebration of Pahela Baishakh.

The government on April 3 imposed a ban on wearing masks in "Mongol Shobhajatra", a procession, on the Dhaka University campus on security grounds. Restrictions on carrying matches, lighters and handbags at the Bangla new year celebration were also imposed over similar concern.

It also banned vuvuzela as it creates a high-pitched unpleasant sound and asked all to complete all programmes on the day by 5:00pm.

The jote President Golam Kuddus at a gathering at TSC said since the ban was imposed, they started getting phone calls from different cultural organisations across the country as, according to them, it would not be possible for them to finish programmes by 5:00pm.

Requesting the government to withdraw the time restriction, Kuddus said they otherwise would be forced to break it.

He said if the law enforcers could not provide their security after 5:00pm then they did not need it but requested them not to create any obstacle in their programme.

Kuddus, however, appreciated the restriction on vuvuzelas.

"Mask is the part of our culture and it is also a universal component in different festivals of our culture, we cannot cancel it from the festival," said Nasiruddin Yousuff Bachchu, former president of the jote.

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