

**WEATHER FORECAST**

| YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES | DHAKA           | CHITTAGONG      | SYLHET          | RAJSHAHI        | KHULNA          | BARISAL         | RANGPUR         | COX'S BAZAR     |
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|                          | H 35.9   L 27.8 | H 33.1   L 26.2 | H 30.3   L 26.5 | H 39.4   L 25.9 | H 36.4   L 27.0 | H 34.8   L 27.3 | H 28.8   L 22.0 | H 32.6   L 26.5 |

Rain is likely to occur at some places over Sylhet and Rangpur divisions and the regions of Mymensingh and Comilla till 6:00pm today. Weather may remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country, said Met Office. Heat wave may continue over Khulna and Rajshahi divisions and the regions of Tangail and Faridpur. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:23pm and rises tomorrow at 5:31am.

## Two held over killing of Ctg woman, child

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A murder case was filed yesterday over the death of a woman and her daughter in their house at Kunjuri Bottal village of Boalkhali upazila in Chittagong.

Minati Bala Shill, mother of deceased Shelly Shill, filed the case with Boalkhali Police Station against 7 named and some 20 unnamed people, said police. The accused include Shelly's husband Asim Shill, his mother Sabita Rani Shill, uncle Sukumer Shill, two sisters and their husbands.

On Tuesday, police recovered the hanging body of Shelly Shill from her bedroom while the body of her five-year-old daughter Antora Shill was found lying on the bed at that time.

Salahuddin Chowdhury, officer-in-charge (OC) of the police station, said police arrested Sabita and Sukumer, adding that they were continuing drives to arrest the rest.

Shelly's mother in the case statement alleged that the accused killed them following family feuds.

## 10 held over

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Bank Ltd beside the Dhaka-Tangail highway when officials of Money Plant, a security company, were loading automated teller machines (ATMs) with cash. They injured the security guard and snatched away Tk 1.74 crore from the company staff.

Police two days later arrested two persons at Kaliakoir upazila in Gazipur in connection with the incident. Later, they said the arrestees had admitted to their involvement in the robbery.



A woman desperately awaits an attendant to tend a family member, while others worriedly remain beside theirs as the sweltering heat that is sweeping over the country not only making people suffer; water-related illnesses are also on the rise, affecting many. Even the hospital is close to being overwhelmed. The photo was taken at the capital's icddr, yesterday.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

# JS body for transparent, faster wheat import

BSS, Dhaka

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Food has recommended that the food directorate takes initiatives for making the process of the import of wheat transparent and faster.

At its 14th meeting, the committee also recommended taking necessary steps to purchase wheat within stipulated time from the countries producing quality wheat.

It also recommended carrying out pre-shipment inspection of wheat in coordination with international agents, says a press release.

Committee chairman Md Abdul Wadud presided over the meeting while members of the committee Food Minister Md Quamrul Islam, Md Hasibur Rahman Swapan, Sheikh Fazle Noor

Taposh and Shirin Naim attended it. State minister for food Nuruzzaman Ahmed joined the meeting at special invitation.

The meeting also recommended taking steps to complete implementation of all the projects under the food ministry.

It also suggested formulation of rules and regulations to expedite the recruitment process in the ministry.

It also recommended appointment of legal experts to maintain quality of food and send reports to the standing committee.

It also suggested appointment of efficient chemists at different silos for modernisation of all laboratories.

Food secretary AM Badruddoza and other high officials of the food ministry and the parliament were present.

## TODDLER'S DEATH IN CAPITAL Mother admits to killing: Cops

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Fahmida Mir Mukti, 30, who is being suspected of stabbing her 18-month-old son to death in the capital's Uttar Khan on Monday night admitted to police that she killed her son and attempted to commit suicide afterwards, claimed Sheikh Sirajul Haque, officer-in-charge (OC) of Uttar Khan Police Station.

He said police has not grilled her intensively. They would interrogate her further after she overcomes her sickness.

Murad's next-door neighbour Naznin Akhter yesterday told this correspondent that both Murad- the husband and Mukti are married for the second time.

They used to quarrel frequently, as they suspected each other of having extramarital affairs, she added.

The toddler was buried at the Mohammadpur Beribadh graveyard on Tuesday.

## NEWS IN brief

### 24 passport brokers jailed, fined

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mobile court assisted by Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday convicted 24 passport brokers near the passport office in the capital's Agargaon.

The court led by Executive Magistrate Helal Uddin jailed six of them for six months, three for three months, eight for one month, two for 15 days and fined five people from Tk 3,000 to Tk 10,000, said Khalid Borhan, assistant director of Rab-2. The brokers have been taking money from passport seekers, promising them to provide with passports easily, he said.

### NSU team wins Masters of Ideation

CITY DESK

Team Dexters of North South University (NSU) has won the "Masters of Ideation 2016" title on Monday, where 54 teams from 15 universities participated.

Masters of Ideation is a business case solving competition, organised by the university's Young Entrepreneurs Society. M Asif Rahman, CEO of AR Communications, and Muhammad Saimum Hossain, a business studies lecturer of Dhaka University, were the judges. MA Kashem, chairman of the NSU trustee board, attended the closing ceremony as the chief guest.

### Boy dies in knife accident

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A nine-year old boy bled to death after he accidentally fell on a kitchen knife in the capital's Kadamtoli area yesterday.

Samir Hossain, son of Mohammad Hossain who hailed from Bhola, lived at Mohammadbagh of Kadamtoli. Samir's elder brother Yamin Hossain was working inside their house with a kitchen knife when Samir fell on the knife accidentally and some parts of his right thigh got cut. The victim died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital. DMCH sources said he died from excessive bleeding.

### Discussion on freedom of expression held in capital

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ARTICLE 19 organised a discussion titled "Freedom of Expression and Incitement: Drawing the Line" at BRAC Centre Inn yesterday.

Tahmina Rahman, director of ARTICLE 19, Bangladesh and South Asia; read out the keynote paper. Prof Ajoy Roy, Muhammad Zamir, Prof Amena Mohsin, Advocate Rana Dasgupta, Barrister Manzoor Hasan and Mika Kanervuori of Office of the UN Resident were present among others.



Has life no value? So much has been said and written about the risk of hanging from the door handles of these vehicles, still the authorities concerned keep on turning a blind eye. The photo was taken in the Ashkar Dighi area of Chittagong city on Tuesday afternoon, where this method of traveling is part of a norm for the school going children.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

## Death anniversary

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Today is the fifteenth death anniversary of Surendra Nath Halder, father of Chaitanya Chandra Halder, court correspondent of The Daily Star, says a press release.

On the occasion, recitation from the Geeta, Kirtan, discussion and a prayer session will be held at his village home of Nayakandi Bajitpur under Rajoir upazila in Madaripur district.

## Fire brigade not prepared

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Affairs Officer's office are among the buildings ordered to be evacuated. "My office did not receive any notice," claimed Shahina Akhter, women affairs officer.

The traders of City Super Market, maintained by SCC, also refused to vacate since as the corporation has not arranged any relocation for their businesses, they claimed.

"We oppose the evacuation as there was no damage from the recent earthquakes. We have no place to go as the SCC is not arranging anything for us," said Nur Ahmed, general secretary of Sylhet City Super Market's Trader's unity.

"Some residents and traders are rejecting the notice. Some of them asked for time. We will start evacuating buildings that are highly risky," said SCC CEO Enamul.

"Traders will be relocated when a new building is constructed demolishing the risky one," he said, adding, "We also sent notices to the residential building owners after the January earthquake, but they refused to comply. We have to be strict now for their safety."

Jahir Bin Alam, prof of civil and environmental engineering of Sust, said, "In Sylhet, at least 360 high-rise buildings are at risk and the fire services do not have enough preparation... But the newly constructed buildings are maintaining codes, and authorities concerned are preparing to face the disaster," he said.

Advocate EU Shahidul Islam Sahin, former president of Sylhet District Lawyers' Association, said the SCC should not compromise in evacuating and demolishing risky buildings as the city is endangered by earthquake threat. The authorities who gave permissions and the engineers building the weak structure should be punished, he urged.

## Elements

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government could annul it in the future. Referring to Olama League and their opposition of Pahela Baishakh, Shahriar urged the Supreme Court to take steps against people whose statements go against the spirit of Bangladesh.

Justice Shamsuddin Manik and Barrister Tania Amir also spoke at the programme, chaired by noted journalist Kamal Lohani.

## First ever ICT

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Palak said events of daylong ICT Career Camp include highlighting future prospects in IT, motivational speech of iconic personalities, question-answer session and quiz competition.

He said the LICT project, which has signed memorandum of understanding with 22 universities and colleges will create 45,000 skilled human resources through IT training.

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## BCL leader

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nearly stopped Peel and he had to get admitted to the DU medical centre.

Peel admitted to having beaten Tapon, claiming it was after the latter hurled abuses at him. "It is a personal issue," he added.

Vice-Chancellor AAMS Arefin Siddique said Tapon had verbally complained to him.