

**WEATHER FORECAST**

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 36.4   L 26.1	H 34.5   L 27.6	H 35.0   L 26.4	H 35.2   L 22.0	H 37.5   L 26.8	H 37.1   L 27.7	H 33.0   L 20.5	H 35.2   L 28.0

Mild heat wave is sweeping over Barisal division and the regions of Dhaka, Madaripur, Gopalganj, Sandwip, Sitakunda, Comilla, Noakhali, Rangamati, Khulna, Mongla and Satkhira and it may continue, Met Office said. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:33pm and rises tomorrow at 5:17am.

**SSC RESULTS**  
**Ctg board sees progress**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg**

Chittagong Education Board this year in its Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examination result witnessed a remarkable progress in terms of pass rate due to the improvement of results of the three hilly districts Rangamati, Khagrachhari and Bandarban. This year, pass rate of the board stands at 90.44 percent, a 7.67 percent increase compared to the previous year. According to the board, the pass rate of Rangamati district stands at 84 percent, showing a 13.01 percent increase. The pass rates of Bandarban and Khagrachhari stand at 82.64 and 78.74 percents respectively, which were 63.39 and 68.72 in the previous year. "The main cause of poor result of the three hilly districts is an inadequate number of skilled teachers," said Chittagong Board Controller Mahub Hasan. "We worked hard to resolve that issue and the result shows that the teachers took extra care of the students," he added, congratulating the students and teachers.



Tears of joy! An SSC examinee of Dr Khastagir Government Girls' High School in Chittagong yesterday hugs her mother after achieving GPA-5. PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS



**Promode Mankin passes away**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

State Minister for Social Welfare Promode Mankin died of cancer while undergoing treatment at a hospital in India early yesterday, aged 77. Promode, the lone elected MP from Garo and Christian community, died at the Holy Family Hospital in Mumbai around 3:30am. He was undergoing treatment at various hospitals in Singapore, Bangladesh and India for the last few months. President Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina expressed deep condolences over his death. Mankin was elected a lawmaker of Awami League from Mymensingh constituency for four times. He left behind his wife, five daughters, a son and a host of relatives and well-wishers. Born on April 18, 1939 at Ramnagar village in Durgapur of Netrakona, he was the state minister for cultural affairs from July 2009 to September 2012. His body would be brought back around noon today an taken to his Bailey Road residence first, then at Central Shaheed Minar for tributes and afterwards at the south plaza of Jatiya Sangshad around 5:00pm, Md Tofazzal Hossain, personal officer to the minister, told The Daily Star. He said Mankin would be buried tomorrow at his village. Earlier on September 14, Social Welfare Minister Syed Mohsin Ali died at a Singapore Hospital. With the death of the duo, the ministry will have no minister until assigned by the premier.

**BNP mum on Nizami's execution**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

BNP remained mum as usual over the execution of war criminal and former minister of the BNP-Jamaat-e-Islami-led four-party alliance Motiur Rahman Nizami in the early hours yesterday. BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir cancelled his two scheduled programmes, including a press conference, yesterday to, as per party insiders, avoid the media over issues concerning the Jamaat ameer. Contacted over the phone last evening, Fakhrul suggested getting a reaction from Senior Joint Secretary

General Rizvi Ahmed and hung up before he could be asked the reason for the cancellation. Afterwards, neither he nor Rizvi could be reached over the phone despite repeated attempts last night. Speaking on condition of anonymity, an official at the BNP chairperson's Gulshan office said Fakhrul was suffering from fever. This correspondent got to know about the cancellation through text messages, the first received at 10:40pm on Tuesday on the press conference scheduled to be held at

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**WAR CRIMES**  
**Verdict any day in case against 3 Habiganj accused**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

With the prosecution and defence completing placing their closing arguments yesterday, International Crimes Tribunal-1 kept the verdict waiting for delivery on any day in a case against three Habiganj men over their alleged crimes against humanity during the 1971 Liberation War. Now in jail, Muhibur Rahman alias Boromian, 65, his younger brother Mujibur Rahman alias Angur Mian, 60, and their cousin Abdur Razzak, 63, from Baniachang upazila pleaded not guilty.

The four charges are over the killing of two freedom fighters, rape of two women, confinement and torture of an unarmed civilian, and torching and looting of the house of Maj Gen (ret'd) MA Rob, the Liberation War's deputy commander-in-chief. Prosecutor Rezia Sultana Chaman prayed for capital punishment, saying they were able to prove the charges "beyond reasonable doubt". Refuting this, defence counsels Golam Kibria, Masud Rana and Parvez Hossain prayed for their acquittal.

The prosecution pressed charges against Muhibur and Mujibur on May 17, 2015. Later, Razzak was implicated. The three-member tribunal led by Justice Anwarul Haque with members Justice Md Shahinur Islam and Justice Md Shohrwardi indicted the three on September 29, 2015. The prosecution produced 12 witnesses including the case's investigation officer and submitted several documents to prove the charges. Seven witnesses testified for the accused.



A group of high achievers of Ucep Mirpur Technical School in the capital yesterday flash victory signs after securing the highest grade in this year's SSC exams.

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**Reckless driving kills IU professor**

**CITY DESK**

Reckless driving killed a professor of Islamic University (IU) and his driver in Magura Sadar yesterday. The deceased Khodokar Abdullah Jahangir, 52, of Jhenidah was a professor of the Al Hadith and Islamic Studies department of the university in Kushtia. He conducted Islamic programmes on different TV channels. Another deceased was Sentu Joarder, 40, of the same district. The accident occurred when their car collided head-on with a pickup van on Magura-Rajbari highway in Porandupur area of Magura Sadar upazila. They were going to Dhaka to join a TV programme. His programme manager Bahauddin and cameraman Asad, who were accompanying him, were also injured in the accident. In Manikganj Sadar, three people, including a woman, were killed and 26 injured as a bus plunged into a ditch beside Dhaka-

Aricha highway after the driver lost control over the vehicle at Manora yesterday. The deceased were Anju Dey, 32, of Karfa village, Sumon Bepari, 28, and bus helper Nazrul Islam, 40, of Barisal. In Sylhet, Ohid Miah, 35, was killed as his motorbike was hit by a truck on Sylhet-Tamabil highway in Rangpani area of Jaintapur upazila. Locals said the deceased was driving an unregistered motorcycle. While escaping a police check post at Rangpani Bridge, the truck hit his vehicle and he died on the spot. In Moulvibazar, two people were killed and three others injured in a head-on collision between two CNG-run auto-rickshaws in Bhatara area of Kulaura upazila on Tuesday. In Chittagong city, Nurul Amin, 50, of Banskhalia was killed as a bus ran him over while he was crossing the Nowab Sirajuddaulah Road in Dider Market area yesterday.

**99pc underprivileged students of Ucep get GPA-5**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

More than 300 underprivileged students have set an example for others by securing the highest grade in this year's SSC exams, and many of these students have had to work while continuing their studies. This year, 307 students from five Underprivileged Children's Educational Programs (Ucep) Bangladesh's technical schools in Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna, Rajshahi and Sylhet appeared in the SSC vocational examination under the Bangladesh Technical Education Board. Of them, 306 passed with 99.67 percent pass rate, and 303 obtained GPA-5. "Ucep students have showed that 'Where there's a will, there's a way,'" said the non-governmental organisation in a statement. All of these students are from marginalised communities and most of them work for their livelihood, read the statement, adding, "Securing this type of result... is undoubtedly inspiring and motivating." "The parents of our students are mostly rickshaw-pullers, street-vendors and day-labourers," said Md Anowarul Islam, deputy programme officer of Ucep Dhaka. Ucep Bangladesh is a non-profit and non-governmental organisation aiming to uplift the socio-economic conditions of underprivileged communities, which began its operations in 1972. Annually Ucep serves more than 55,000 underprivileged children and youth. In 2015, about 13,000 completed their technical education and are now employed.

**15 physically challenged SSC examinees excel in Rajshahi**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi**

Defying physical challenges, 15 out of 16 examinees came out successful in the SSC examinations under Rajshahi Education Board this year. Of them, 13 are visually impaired and two physically challenged. Monirul Islam, Abdullah Alamin and Mohammad Ali - of Pabna, and Masud Karim of Sirajganj secured GPA-5. Ten others achieved A grades. They are Hasibul Islam of Pabna, Nayeema Akhtar of Bogra, Jannatul Ferdous of Sirajganj, Moniruzzaman of Rajshahi, Bilkis Khatun and Lipsi Khatun of Joypurhat, Golap Mollik, Humayun Kabir and Ikhtiar Mridha of Pabna, and Ezaz Ahmed of Rajshahi. Amrita Chandra Burman of Naogaon got GPA-3.83. "It is a big achievement for them and their teachers also," said Shamsul Kalam Azad, controller of the board.

**STAR WEEKEND**  
in other news...

The Star Weekend has an array of interesting articles for you. Our spotlight this week focuses on the draft policy that the government approved on December 21, 2015 for the protection and welfare of domestic workers with a provision of registration and legal assistance for them. We also have a piece on 'Handsome Ferrivala Lekhon', an educated youngster who drives around the city on his cycle-van, called The Dream Van. Don't forget your copy of Star Weekend, coming out tomorrow, Friday!

**THE (IN)DISPENSABLES**

In Bangladesh, we have a strange relationship with our domestic workers. From cooking to cleaning, we cannot think a day without them, but we hardly acknowledge their contributions to our life, and don't mind treating them with aggression and without them. But we hardly acknowledge their contributions to our life, and don't mind treating them with aggression and without them. But we hardly acknowledge their contributions to our life, and don't mind treating them with aggression and without them.