

**WEATHER FORECAST**

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 35.0   L 27.0	H 34.2   L 27.7	H 29.5   L 20.5	H 36.0   L 25.2	H 35.8   L 28.5	H 34.6   L 28.3	H 31.0   L 20.0	H 36.2   L 27.4

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty/squally wind is likely to occur at one or two places over Dhaka, Rangpur, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions till 6:00pm today. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:35pm and rises tomorrow at 5:15am.

## Jamaat ban likely in JS June session

Says Liberation War Affairs minister

BSS, Dhaka

Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Haque yesterday said Jamaat-e-Islami might be banned and properties of executed war criminals confiscated as a bill in this regard would be placed in Jatiya Sangsad's budget session in June.

He was addressing a human chain formed in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club by Bangabandhu Adarsha Bastabayan Sangsad protesting, what they claim, a "deep conspiracy" hatched by BNP Joint Secretary General Aslam Chowdhury and Mossad in India.

The minister demanded exemplary punishment for those "involved in a conspiracy to oust the government of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina".



Bangladesh Buddhist Federation holds a human chain and silent procession in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday, demanding arrest of the killers of U Damma Oaing Cha Bhikkhu and exemplary punishment for them.

PHOTO: STAR

## BUDDHIST MONK MURDER

### Arrest killers, ensure security of minorities

Rights activists, religious leaders urge govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Human rights activists, leaders from different religious community yesterday urged the government to arrest the killers of the Buddhist monk in Naikkhangchhari immediately as well as ensuring the security of the minority communities.

Calling for a collective move against the murder, they said people from all religions need to be united, otherwise killings would continue unabashed, while addressing a human chain in front of the Jatiya Press Club in the capital organised by Bangladesh Buddhist Federation.

U Damma Oaing Cha Bhikkhu, a 73-year-old Buddhist monk was found dead, with his throat slit, inside his temple in Bandarban on Saturday.

Advocate Rana Dasgupta, general secretary of the Bangladesh Hindu-Buddhist-Christian Oikya Parishad, said a smokescreen has been created to hide the real criminals of the recent killings.

Barrister Biplob Barua, assistant secretary of central sub committee of Awami League, said the monk's murder is a part of the series of killing and hoped that none will make any comment regarding the murder that will interrupt the investigation.

Dilip Barua, former minister and president of the Samyabadi Dal, Shahriar Kabir, acting president of Ekattorer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee, lawmaker Ushatan Talukdar, Dr Jinobodhi Mohathero, Ashoke Barua, general secretary of Buddhist federation, Bhikkhu Sunandapriya, joint secretary of the same organisation and Nirmal Rozario, secretary general of Bangladesh Christian

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## Barisal suicide victim finally passes SSC exam after re-scrutiny

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Sarbajit Ghosh Ridoy finally got A+ in Hindu Religious and Moral Education subject and achieved 4.67 in this year's SSC examination after the Barisal board reassessed his papers and declared the corrected result on Saturday.

But it was too late as the dismayed student of



## AGITATION OVER BANSHKHALI POWER PLANT

### 3 injured as locals protest cop raid

Father of movement's convener detained

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Three persons were allegedly injured as police dispersed Gondamara union locals protesting a raid in Chittagong's Banshkhalia upazila yesterday when the 90-year-old father of a convener of a committee against a proposed coal-fired power plant was detained.

Additional Superintendent of Police Habibur Rahman claimed two locally-made "light guns" were recovered from the house of Liakat Ali, son of detainee Hazi Dudu Miyan and convener of House and Graveyard Protection Movement Committee.

Superintendent of Police (SP) Hafiz Akhter said the detainee would be released after information concerning Liakat was collected.

Liakat is one of the over 3,000 people accused in three cases, two over murder and one over assault on police, filed

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## Farid Hossain Bangladesh minister (press) in New Delhi

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The government has appointed Farid Hossain, a senior journalist and former bureau chief of the Associated Press (AP), as the Minister (Press) at Bangladesh High Commission in New Delhi on a two-year contract, said an official circular published on Sunday.

He will replace Enamul Haque, who had been

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## Healthcare makes Denmark haven for mothers

PORIMOL PALMA, from Copenhagen

Denmark was ranked the fourth best country to be a mother in Save the Children's annual Mothers' Index last year. But, what does it take to be that?

"Because you have little risks as you give birth to a baby," says Agnete Norrelund-Madsen, a mother-of-two, aged four and two.

"We have an excellent healthcare system where skilled midwives and obstetricians are there. Everybody is provided quality care through taxed money, not from your pocket," she told this correspondent at Bella Centre in Copenhagen where a four-day 4th Global Conference of Women Deliver began yesterday.

The conference brought together some 6,000 participants -- politicians, govern-

## DIG of police links Jamaat, Shibir to recent killings

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Deputy Inspector General of Police (Dhaka range) SM Mahfuzul Haq Nuruzzaman yesterday linked Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Chhatra Shibir with the recent murders of people of different faiths and ideologies.

Briefing journalists at his office about the monthly crime conference, he said, "These (killings) have a connection with them...All the names of militant outfits that we see now...if you look at their past, you will see that they are Jamaat-Shibir men."

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