

**WEATHER FORECAST**

**YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES**

<b>DHAKA</b> H 32.8   L 26.9	<b>CHITTAGONG</b> H 34.0   L 26.0	<b>SYLHET</b> H 28.1   L 22.5	<b>RAJSHAHI</b> H 35.0   L 23.6	<b>KHULNA</b> H 36.2   L 25.5	<b>BARISAL</b> H 35.5   L 28.0	<b>RANGPUR</b> H 27.2   L 19.6	<b>COX'S BAZAR</b> H 33.8   L 25.6
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Rain is likely to occur at many places over Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi, Rangpur and Dhaka divisions till 6:00pm today. Mild heat wave is sweeping over Khulna, Mongla, Jessore and Patuakhali regions and it may abate, Met Office said. **The sun sets in the capital today at 6:36pm and rises tomorrow at 5:14am.**

# PUBLIC HUMILIATION OF TEACHER

## Demand raised for Salim Osman's expulsion from JS

*Also for prosecution; countrywide condemnation continues*

STAR REPORT

Ministers, teachers and leaders of the Hindu community and of social, cultural and political organisations continued their protests yesterday over the "despicable and unpardonable" public humiliation of a Narayanganj headmaster on Friday by local Jatiya Party (JP) lawmaker AKM Salim Osman.

Apart from arrest and exemplary punishment, many demanded that Salim be stripped of his parliamentary membership, JP take organisational action and Shyamal Kanti Bhakta's suspension by the school managing committee be withdrawn.

Headmaster of Piya Sattar Latif High School in Bandar area, Shyamal was beaten up by a mob and made to do squats holding his ears.

He told The Daily Star that locals were provoked by false allegations that he had made disparaging statements about religion and that a group of teachers of the school held a grudge against him.

"He (Salim) failed to uphold the dignity of a parliamentarian," Health Minister Mohammed Nasim told journalists at the Awami League (AL) president's political office in the capital's Dhanmondi.

Salim's role cannot be supported, said Nasim, also the spokesperson of the ruling AL-led 14-party alliance, adding, "It was unjust...he (Shyamal) should be reinstated."

Information Minister Hasanul Haque Inu termed it "an act of incivility." "Law is not for mass people to misuse," he told journalists in Sylhet after a visit to the shrine of Hazrat Shah Jalal.

He said the government would take necessary steps to find the truth and ensure justice for the teacher, reports our Sylhet correspondent.

AL lawmaker Suranjit Sengupta told journalists at Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban that the government must take action after an investigation. "Such despicable acts cannot be accepted. We must protect the dignity of teachers," he said.

Addressing Bangladesh Puja Udjapan Parishad's human chain in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club, its Adviser Rana Dasgupta accused Selim of leading the mob.

"By doing this, Salim Osman lost the quality of being a lawmaker and undermined the image of the parliament of Bangladesh of the nation," said Rana, also the general secretary of Bangladesh Hindu Buddhist Christian Oikya Parishad.

He said though Law Minister Anisul Huq had announced punishing the perpetrators, the government was yet to take any action. "If the state does not take any action, we will take it that we have been cheated," he added.

The puja parishad General Secretary Tapash Kumar Pal demanded effective government steps to end the trend of

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Bangladesh Puja Udjapan Parishad forms a human chain, left, in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday while Bangladesh College-University Teachers Association forms another at the base of Raju Memorial at Dhaka University, protesting the public humiliation of a Narayanganj headmaster on May 13 by local Jatiya Party lawmaker AKM Salim Osman, and demanding punishment for the perpetrator.



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# College, univ teachers for budgetary allocation boost

DU CORRESPONDENT

Economist MM Akash suggested increasing allocation for education sector from 12.2 percent to 16 percent in the upcoming national budget.

He made the recommendation in his keynote paper at a seminar titled 'Education Budget of Bangladesh: Trend, Reality and Way Out,' organised by Bangladesh College-University Teachers' Association at the Teacher-Student Centre (TSC) of Dhaka University yesterday.

In a bid to make an addition fund for education, the Dhaka University professor suggested imposing education surcharge on taxes of the 10 percent richest taxpayers as well as additional education VAT (value added tax) on luxury products and services.

He said the government can increase budgetary allocation for education significantly only combating corruption and ensuring good governance in the country.

Education Minister Nurul Islam

RECOMMENDATIONS	
Increase allocation from 12.2% to 16% of total budget	Levy education surcharge on top 10% wealthy people
Eliminate corruption to increase revenue	Reduce excessive expenditure in admin services
Create technical, vocational education syllabus commensurate to market demand	Impose education VAT on luxury products, services
Increase number of scholarships	Make allocation for lunch for poor students

Nahid said people must pay respect to teachers considering them as the main regulator of education and the actor of making a brilliant nation by teaching students.

Nahid said, "We have brought a radical change in education sector but it is quantitative, not qualitative. If we

want to bring a qualitative change in education sector, meritorious teachers must be appointed in this sector and they will work as dedicated persons."

Stressing the need for increasing investment and budgetary allocation for education, the education minister said, "We have inadequate budget in education, so it should be increased to build skilled human resources for boosting socio-economic development and social changes in the country."

He also stressed the need for enrolling more students in vocational education institutions so that they can get jobs after graduation.

DU Vice Chancellor Dr AMMS Arefin Siddique said, "If we can't protect teachers' dignity, there will be no benefits from increasing budgetary allocation in education sector."

He said if teachers don't get respect, it will be difficult to get quality education and young generation will lose their attraction of teaching profession.

# Ansarullah Bangla Team getting arms from criminals

*Cops claim to have gleaned from interrogation of ABT operative; also that he supplied firearms to killers of Xulhaz, Tonoy*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Banned militant outfit Ansarullah Bangla Team (ABT) is collecting firearms from criminal groups across the country in exchange for a lump sum amount of money for using them (arms) to ensure its member's safe escape after killing their targets.

Arrested ABT operative Shariful Islam Shihab told these to detectives during a three-day remand, said a detective branch (DB) official of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) yesterday.

Shihab was arrested on Saturday in Kushtia for supplying a firearm to the killers of USAID employee Xulhaz Mannan and his friend Khandakar Mahbub Rabbi Tonoy, claimed the DB officials.

On April 25, Xulhaz and Tonoy were hacked to death in the former's flat at the capital's Uttar Dhanmondi.

Police recovered two firearms from the spot from a bag abandoned by the killers.

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