

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA H 34.1 L 24.2	CHITTAGONG H 33.6 L 25.4	SYLHET H 33.7 L 24.0	RAJSHAHI H 35.3 L 24.2	KHULNA H 35.5 L 22.0	BARISAL H 33.7 L 24.0	RANGPUR H 32.5 L 24.4	COX'S BAZAR H 32.7 L 25.0
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Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty/squally wind is likely to occur at many places over Rajshahi, Rangpur, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Khulna, Chittagong and Barisal divisions till 6:00pm today. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:39pm and rises tomorrow at 5:11am.

College admission process begins today amid jitters

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As college admission applications begin to be accepted online from today, apprehension runs high among 14.52 lakh students passing this year's SSC and equivalent exams and their parents over whether last year's complexities would reappear.

The online application system opened last year where students got to state five colleges of their preference and the boards specified which college to enroll to following a merit list based on the SSC and equivalent exam results.

However, an apparent lack of preparation on the government's part led many of the over 11 lakh applicants to face complexities, including naming of colleges not on choice lists and far away from the residence concerned and males being offered women's colleges.

Dhaka Education Board officials assured that similar problems would not surface as they were now more experienced. The Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology will continue providing technical assistance, they said.

A student this year will be able to name up to 10 colleges of their preference logging in to www.xiclassadmission.gov.bd and paying Tk 150. Another 10 can be named individually through SMS, each time costing Tk 120.

Applications, including of those passing in 2015 and 2014, will be accepted till June 9. The list with the college specified for each student will be published on June 16.

Students will be able to enrol from June 18 to 30. Admission on payment of late fees will be accepted from

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Women and children gather near a leaking city corporation water pipe to fetch water in Sylhet city, which has been facing an acute water crisis for a long time. The photo was taken in the Ambarkhana area yesterday.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

BNP meets CEC, asks him to quit

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP yesterday urged Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmad to quit, claiming fair polls were not possible under him.

A four-member delegation led by Vice Chairman Abdullah Al Noman said to have stated this after meeting the CEC at the EC secretariat for around an hour starting around 2:00pm.

Noman told journalists afterwards that polls under the present EC were marked by irregularities, ballot stuffing, occupying of polling stations and intimidation on rival candidates by the ruling Awami League men.

But the EC did not take any effective measure because it turned into an "errand boy" of the government, he alleged, demanding judicial investigations to reveal actual scenarios of the polls.

Arrest warrant for Khaleda part of govt 'evil plot'

Rizvi tells press briefing
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP yesterday said the arrest warrant against its Chairperson Khaleda Zia issued in a case of violence was a part of the government's "evil plot" to demoralise her.

"As the government fears Khaleda, it is taking various steps to force her to back off from her movement for the restoration of democracy," BNP Senior Joint Secretary General Rizvi Ahmed said at a press briefing at the party's Nayapaltan central office.

A Dhaka court yesterday issued the arrest warrants against 38 BNP leaders, including Khaleda Zia, in a case filed in connection with an arson attack during the party's last year's movement.

Dhaka Metropolitan Sessions Judge Mohammad Qamrul Hossain passed the order asking the investigation officer to submit a report by July 18 on execution of the warrants.

"The BNP chief was besieged at her Gulshan office when the incident took place," Rizvi said, adding, "Her telephone line and power connection were also snapped. So, how did she give the order for the attack?"

Khaleda will not be dispirited by the government's move as millions of people are supporting her, he said.

"You (government) are showing us the fear of going to jail. You also get ready to go there as you're creating the ground for it."

Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra reminisced

46th anniversary celebrated
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

"What a joy it was!" she reminisced. Shamsunnahar is now the principal of Home Economics College.

"The next day when Major Ziaur Rahman broadcast the declaration, I was even more energised and confident that we would be independent," she added.

She is an epitome of the entire Bangalee nation that dreamt of an independent country with the constant inspiration generated by the Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra, which turned 46 yesterday.

The radio centre, which evolved from the Kalurghat transmission centre in Chittagong, was abandoned after Pakistan Airforce shelled it on March 30. It resumed its operations from April 3, 1971 in Tripura of India and finally was shifted to Kolkata on May 25.

"It was the heartbeat of the Bangalees. The voice of the artists appeared to be of the angels," said Prof Shamsunnahar in an emotion-choked voice at the anniversary function at Home Economics College.

Swadhin Bangla Betar Employees

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Artists of Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra sharing memories with the audience yesterday, celebrating the 46th founding anniversary of the radio station established during the Liberation War to encourage the freedom fighters and garner international support.

PHOTO: STAR

27 BNP leaders face arrest in arson case

Court orders police to submit report on execution of warrant by July 18
COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday issued arrest warrant against BNP chairperson's personal assistant Shamsur Rahman Shimul Biswas and 26 others for their alleged involvement in a petrol bomb attack on a bus in the capital's Jatrabari last year.

After accepting charges against BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia and 37 others including the 27 accused, Judge Kamrul Hossain Mollah of Dhaka Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court issued the arrest warrant.

One person was killed and 30 others were injured in the attack in the area on the night of January 23 in 2015.

The court directed the investigation officer of Jatrabari police to submit by July 18 a report on execution of the arrest warrant.

The other accused facing the arrest warrant include BNP leaders Barkatullah Bulu, Habibunnabi Khan Sohel, Mir Sarfat Ali Safu, Azizul Bari Helal, Sultan Salauddin Tuku, former BNP lawmaker from Dhaka Salauddin Ahmed and Khaleda's press secretary Maruf Kamal Khan.

Of the accused, BNP leaders MK Anwar, Amanullah Aman, Ruhul Kabir Rizvi Ahmed, Khaleda's adviser Khandker Mahbub Hossain and three

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Traders of essentials will be penalised for price hike

Declares DSCC Mayor Khokon ahead of Ramadan
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Vowing to keep prices of daily essentials stable during Ramadan, Dhaka South City Corporation Mayor Sayeed Khokon yesterday warned of legal action against unscrupulous traders for not following its price list during the holy month.

Quoting a survey which says there is an adequate supply of daily essentials and other goods, the DSCC mayor said there is no reason to hike prices of daily necessities during Ramadan.

He was addressing a meeting with leaders of business bodies from 13 city corporation's kitchen markets located in its southern part. There will be no scope to hike prices of essentials more than the fixed prices as six teams of the commerce ministry will monitor markets, said Khokon at the meeting held at Nagar Bhaban.

He also warned that unscrupulous traders will be penalised for selling formalin-mixed foods and date-expired products as well as deceiving consumers at weight.

Khokon said prices of essentials come down during Ramadan in other countries like Saudi Arabia but in Bangladesh it goes up as there is no justification here.

The businessmen at the meeting requested the mayor

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Second Death Anniversary

On this day two years ago, Dr. Mirza M Huq – an eminent psychiatrist, loving father and husband, and a wonderful human being, left this world. We remember him with much love, and request family and friends to pray for the peace of his departed soul.

'Say not in grief that he was no more, but live in thankfulness that he was.'

WAR CRIMES CASE OF 8 'JAMALPUR AL-BADR MEN'

Closing arguments begin June 14

Tribunal directs its registrar to publish ad asking 114 accused from Cox's Bazar to appear before it
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Proceedings in a case against eight "Jamalpur Al-Badr men" is set to enter the final stage as International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday fixed June 14 to begin hearing closing arguments.

The defence yesterday completed cross-examining the last prosecution witness, Motiur Rahman, also the case's investigation officer, and declined producing witnesses.

As per previous precedents, the three-member tribunal led by Justice Anwarul Haque will later on keep the case waiting for a verdict.

Shamsul Haque and SM Yusuf Ali are in jail and plead not guilty.

Ashraf Hossain, Prof Sharif Ahamed, Abdul Mannan, Abdul Bari, Harun and Abul Hashem are absconding. They face five charges including murder, torture and

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BARAPUKURIA CASE Full HC verdict for resuming Khaleda's trial released

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court has released its full judgement directing the trial court to proceed with the Barapukuria coalmine corruption case against BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia in accordance with law.

The court also vacated its 2008 stay order on the case proceedings.

Earlier on September 17, 2015, the HC bench of Justice Md Nuruzzaman and Justice Abdur Rob rejected a writ petition of the BNP chief in 2008 challenging the legality of trial proceedings in the case filed by the Anti Corruption Commission earlier that year.

ACC lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan yesterday told The Daily Star that the HC

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STAR WEEKEND

in other news...

The Star Weekend has an array of interesting articles for you. Our spotlight this week is about the Building Bridges Through Leadership programme by Bangladesh Youth Leadership Center (BYLC), which helps students acquire leadership skills. We also have a satire article on how foreigners perceive Dhaka and all its quirks. Don't forget your copy of Star Weekend, coming out tomorrow, Friday!

DARE TO LEAD

What do you think of when you hear the word 'leadership'? Flip through the dictionary and you will find a long list of definitions. The word is often used to describe a person who is able to inspire and guide others. In this issue, we explore the concept of leadership and how it can be used to build a better world.

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