

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 32.5 L 28.0	H 34.5 L 26.6	H 35.2 L 25.0	H 37.6 L 26.3	H 34.5 L 27.2	H 32.8 L 25.4	H 33.6 L 25.8	H 33.4 L 26.3

Rain is likely to occur at many places over Khulna, Barisal, Dhaka, Mymensingh, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at few places over Rangpur and Rajshahi divisions till 6:00pm today, said Met Office. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:45pm and rises tomorrow at 5:10am.

Keep Mouchak Market shut until Rajuk clearance: HC

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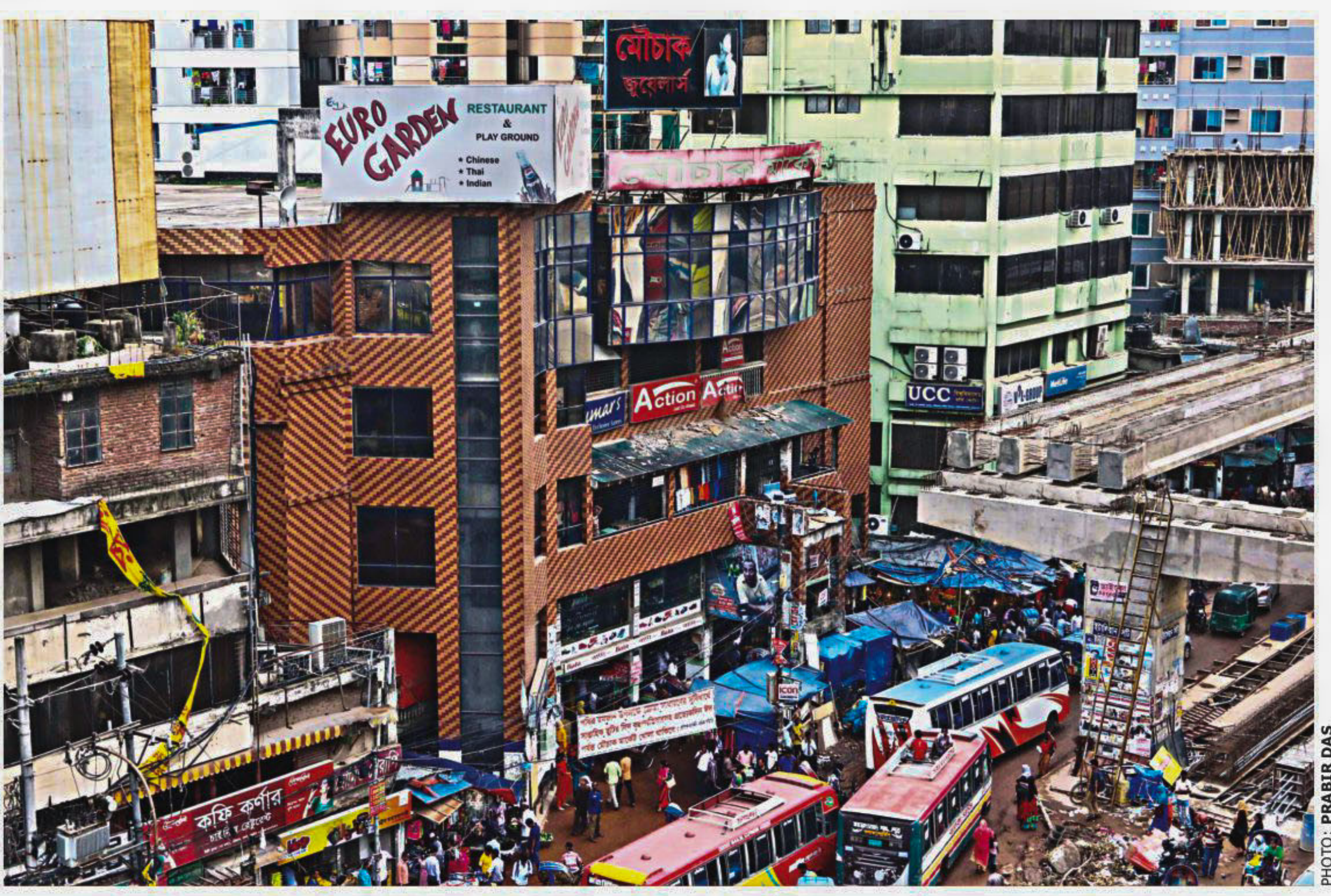
The High Court yesterday directed the authorities concerned to keep the shops at Dhaka's Mouchak market closed until a certificate is received under the building code after the market is repaired.

The bench of Justice Quamrul Islam Siddique and Justice Razik-Al-Jalil gave the order following a petition that challenged the legality of an order issued by the Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (Rajuk) for repairing the building.

Based on a report prepared by Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) in September last year, Rajuk sent a letter to the market owner on May 2 this year asking to vacate the shops and repair the market immediately as it became risky.

Yesterday, Ashraf Kamal Pasha, the owner, filed the

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The capital's Mouchak Market, which the High Court has ordered to shut down immediately for necessary repairment. The photo was taken yesterday.

KILLINGS OF SP'S WIFE, CHRISTIAN GROCER

Protests ringing

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Foreign envoys in Bangladesh, Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK), Bangladesh Mahila Parishad, Bangladesher Workers Party and other socio-political organisations yesterday stoutly condemned the recent killings, including of a police official's wife and a grocer, and demanded proper investigation and trial of the murders.

They also urged the government to take strict measures to check militant groups.

On Sunday, Mahmuda Akter, the wife of a police official, was murdered in the port city.

In Natore, grocer Sunil Gomez, a Christian by religion, was hacked to death the same day. Islamic State reportedly claimed the responsibility of the killing of the Christian grocer.

US Ambassador to Bangladesh Marcia Stephens Bloom Bernicat and UK Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office Hugo Swire mourned the killings.

"I join Bangladeshis in mourning the brutal killings of two more citizens -- a mother and a grocer -- who are the latest victims of violent extremism," said Bernicat.

Terming the violent extremism a global threat, she called for a collection action to deal with extremism.

"I am deeply saddened to learn of more brutal murders in Bangladesh. We stand with Bangladesh in the global fight against extremism," said Hugo Swire in a twitter statement.

Terrorist groups are perpetrating these murders because of unethical patronisation by the government, alleged Communist Party of Bangladesh in a statement signed by its president Mujahidul Islam Selim and general secretary Abu Jafar Ahmed.

"We think it is the government's responsibility to ensure security of the citizens. But the serial killing and victimisation of the general people are forcing them to feel

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Historic Six-point Day today

BSS, Dhaka

The historic Six-point Day marking the demand for autonomy for the then East Pakistan, now Bangladesh, will be observed today across the country in a befitting manner.

Different socio-political organisations including the ruling AL have drawn up elaborate programmes marking the historical day.

In separate messages President Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina paid their tributes.

"Our government is firm to protect people's democratic rights, being motivated

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34 HINDU MURDER IN KISHOREGANJ IN 1971

Another accuses Hussain

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Another prosecution witness yesterday implicated Syed Mohammad Hussain alias Hossain, the alleged Nikli Thana Razakar commander, in the killing of 34 Hindu men including his father and relatives, rape of women and force conversion of Hindus to Islam.

Badal Chandra Sutradhar, the second prosecution witness in the case against Hussain and Muhammad Moslem Pradhan of Kishoreganj, gave a vivid description of the incidents and of Hussain's role, at the International Crimes Tribunal-1.

On Sunday, Badal Chandra Barman, the first prosecution witness in the case, gave almost a similar description over the incidents linking Hussain, younger brother of convicted war criminal Syed Mohammad Hasan.

Hussain and Moslem face six charges. Moslem is now in jail and pleaded guilty, while Hussain is on the run.

Badal Sutradhar, 60, of Dampara village, said in the first part of the Bangla month of Bhadra, one Saheb Ali alias Teku, then chairman of both Dampara union and the Peace Committee formed there, arrived at their village with his associates. They said Razakar commander Syed Mohammad Hussain sent them and asked the Hindus to convert to Islam if they want to stay in the country. Then, the Hindu people of their village were converted, given Muslim names and kept under watch to see whether they practiced Islam, he said. "They told our Hindu women not to use vermilion. Then they destroyed the idols of gods and goddesses and religious books kept in our houses," he added.

On Ashwin 6, Hussain, Teku Chairman, some 65 Razakars, and the Pakistani occupation army men arrived at Dampara Bazar

Today's women owe it to Nurjahan Begum

Memorial discussion on pioneering women's magazine editor told; granddaughter screens own documentary on granny's life

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

She had been working in media for three years, but always shied away from revealing that she is the granddaughter of pioneering woman journalist Nurjahan Begum. Priota Iftekhar, a model and actress, thought she was not yet worthy enough to expose it.

The first time she spoke of this identity was through the documentary film, "Nurjahan Begum -- Itihaaser



Nurjahan Begum with granddaughter Priota Iftekhar.

Kingbadanti Nari" (Nurjahan Begum - Legendary Woman in History). Made by Priota, which was screened Saturday at the Bashundhara City's Star Cineplex.

"I will further improve this documentary and screen it worldwide...grandma said there was no time for women to look back," Priota said, aloud.

"My grandma is a hero for me. She would always say 'you have to go forward'."

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City corporation's garbage management workers gather trash while a garbage collection truck, filled to the brim, waits leisurely, in the capital's Farmgate area amid a long tailback. Daytime garbage collection has been declared banned by the corporations recently, a law that is much needed and appreciated, though remains futile until strictly implemented. The photo was taken yesterday at 5:45pm.

HC asks for details of owners still running Hazaribagh tanneries

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the industries secretary to submit by June 13 the list of names and addresses of the businessmen who are still running their tanneries in the capital's Hazaribagh.

The HC bench of Justice Syed Muhammad Dastagir Husain and Justice AKM Shahidul Huq gave the order following a petition filed by the Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh (HRPB).

Petitioner's counsel Manzill Murshid told the Daily Star that the HC on April 13 following a petition ordered the industries secretary to submit the list in three weeks.

As the secretary did not submit it, the rights organisation moved the same petition seeking the HC's directive upon the secretary to submit the list, the counsel said.

Many people have reportedly been continuing their tannery business in Hazaribagh although the HC in 2001 and 2009 directed them to relocate the tanneries to Savar by 2010. The court later extended the deadline until 2013, Manzill said.

The tanneries are being run in violation of the HC directive, which is tantamount to contempt of court, he said.

They would pray to the HC to initiate contempt proceedings against the tannery owners after the industries secretary provides their names and addresses, he added.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO ACCIDENT VICTIMS

Contempt rule issued against 3 govt officials for not taking steps

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The High Court yesterday issued a contempt rule against three government high officials including the health secretary for not complying with its order to submit a report on the progress in ensuring emergency medical services to those injured in accidents.

The two other officials are: the secretary to the Ministry of Road, Transport and Bridges, and the director general of Department of Health Services.

The court in the rule asked them to explain in a week why contempt proceedings should not be brought against them for violating its directive.

The HC bench of Justice Moyoenuul Islam Chowdhury and Justice Md Iqbal Kabir issued the rule after hearing a pending petition filed by Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust and Syed Saifuddin Kamal, a social entrepreneur.

The bench fixed July 12 for the next hearing.

Following the petition, the HC on February 10 directed the officials to take necessary steps for providing emergency medical services to all critically injured persons at the government hospitals and private clinics across the country.

The court also ordered them to submit a report to it in three months on the progress in ensuring emergency medical services to the accident victims under the National Road Safety Strategic Action Plan 2014-2016.

It asked the officials to propose guidelines for management of such emergency services and also for measures to create public awareness about the services through print and electronic media.

Yesterday, the HC issued the contempt rule as they did not implement its directives, said petitioners' lawyer Sharmin Akter.

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