

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 31.5 L 26.0	H 27.8 L 25.5	H 32.2 L 25.7	H 36.5 L 27.0	H 33.0 L 27.0	H 31.7 L 26.3	H 35.4 L 26.9	H 28.2 L 25.5

Day and night temperatures may remain nearly unchanged over the country. **The sun sets in the capital today at 6:46pm and rises tomorrow at 5:10am.** Country's highest temperature 36.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rajshahi and lowest 23.5 in Rajarhat (Rangpur).

DSCC to free Gulistan from hawkers

Says mayor

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) Mayor Sayeed Khokon yesterday said they will keep the roads of Gulistan area free from hawkers at any cost to reduce traffic congestion.

During a visit in Gulistan with Dhaka Metropolitan Police Commissioner Asaduzzaman Mia, the mayor said as the roads of Gulistan are hawker free people can now move freely and do their shopping.

Police commissioner Asaduzzaman said police will keep their close observation to maintain smooth vehicular and pedestrian movement.

DSCC few days ago freed different roads near Gulistan intersection from hawkers. However, the footpaths in the areas are still occupied by hawkers.



PHOTO: COLLECTED

Workers of Biponi Bitan Market in the capital's Gulistan ransacking footpath-based hawkers' makeshift shops situated there yesterday afternoon, right after Dhaka South City Corporation's Mayor Sayeed Khokon visited the spot to inspect whether the footpaths were cleared for pedestrians. Members of Dhaka Trade Centre (South) Shop Owners Association claimed that a clash erupted when they asked the hawkers to leave the area, who refused and attacked them instead, forcing the traders to retaliate, whereas the hawkers claimed they had already cleared the streets after the authorities concerned told them to do so. The "clash" eventually ended up disrupting traffic through one of the busiest areas of the city for more than two hours, causing untold sufferings to hundreds of people heading home.

Railway property reclamation bill placed in JS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A bill styled "Railway Property (Unlawful Possession Reclamation) Bill - 2016" was placed in parliament aimed at recovering the railway land and property from illegal occupation.

Railway Minister Mujibul Haque yesterday placed the bill which also annulled the "Railway Property (Unlawful Possession) Ordinance - 1979" giving legal coverage to the actions so far done under the ordinance.

Grabbing and illegal possessions of railway property will be considered as a punishable offence, according to the bill.

The bill was sent to the parliamentary standing committee on railway ministry for scrutiny and to report back to the House within 30 days. A total of 4,391 acres of railway land have been grabbed so far by individuals and government, semi-government, autonomous, private, religious and educational organisations, according to ministry sources.

Government, semi government and autonomous institutions have grabbed over 922.34 acres of land while religious and educational institutions have grabbed over 90.83 acres of land, said the source.

In the bill, there is a provision of maximum seven years' imprisonment or fine or both for stealing any kind of railway property as well as occupying such properties illegally.

Moreover, abettors will be jailed for five years or fined or both under the proposed law. The bill said the Railway Security Force would be able to arrest anyone without warrants if any officer and member of the force deemed that the very person was involved in cognizable offence under this law.

Appeal for help

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Al-Mamun, 25, a former student of Jahangirnagar University, is suffering from blood cancer.

He is now undergoing treatment at Mumbai's TATA Memorial Hospital in India, says a press release.

Tk 50 lakh is needed for his treatment which the family cannot afford. So, they requested the well-to-do of the society to help them financially.

Aid can be sent to Account No-1261510072166, Dutch-Bangla Bank Ltd, Elephant Road Branch, Dhaka; bKash A/C No-01717769877.

One can send money from abroad through swift code-DBBLBDDH, Al Mamun.

WAR CRIMES TRIAL OF FIVE MOULVIBAZAR SUSPECTS

Charges taken into cognisance

Testimony recording of third witness against two Shariatpur men ends

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday took the charges into cognisance brought against five Moulvibazar men for crimes allegedly committed by them during the Liberation War in 1971.

The three-member tribunal led by Justice Anwarul Haque also asked the inspector general of police to give a report on three fugitives of the case and fixed July 24 for passing the next order.

Of the accused, Yunus Ahmed, 71, of Sonatiki and Ujer Ahmed Chowdhury, 63, of Goashpur village are now in jail, while Samsul Hossain Tarafder, 65, of Bagajura, alleged Al-Badr commander in the upazila, Nesar Ali, 75, of Jamura, and Mobarak Mia, 66, of the same upazila, are on the run. Except for Samsul, all other accused were allegedly involved in the Razakar Bahini, the prosecution said.

Prosecution on May 25 pressed five specific charges against them and prayed to the tribunal to take them into cognisance.

The charges are: killing of Danu Mia, looting and torching of three houses and confinement of three people and abduction, confinement and torture of three people and looting and torching of the houses of one Harendra Bhattacharya between November 22 and December 5; killing of one Jamini Mohan Dev and abduction, confinement and torture of three people on November 25; abduction of four people including one Rasraj Bhattacharya on November 27; abduction and torture of four people and killing of two between November 29 and December 8; and killing of 14 people including one Shushital Dhar on December 29.

Meanwhile, the tribunal completed recording the testimony of the third prosecution witness in the case against Sulaiman Mollah and Edris Ali Sarder of Shariatpur for allegedly committing crimes during the Liberation War.

Abdul Jalil Howlader, of Chikndi village under Shariatpur Sadar Police Station, gave testimony linking the two accused to the killing of scores of people, mainly Hindus, and rape of Hindu women in 1971.

Abdul Aziz Sikder and Jalilur Rahman, the first and second prosecution witness, gave almost similar description of the incidents, implicating the duo.

The court adjourned the case proceeding until June 20 when Jalil will face further cross-examination.

DEATH OF PATIENT IN CTG HOSPITAL

Arrest warrant issued against two doctors, owner

For negligence in treatment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Chittagong court yesterday issued arrest warrant against two doctors and a managing director of a private hospital following a case filed by a patient's relatives alleging that the patient died due to negligence of the doctors.

Judge Harunur Rahsid of the Metropolitan Sixth Court issued the warrants after taking cognisance of the murder case.

They are: Kajal Rekha Roy, a gynaecologist, Debashis Talukder, a register of cardiology department of Chittagong Medical College, and Abdul Jabbar, managing director of Chittagong Patient Care Hospital located in Panchlaish area of the port city.

Quoting the case statement, Arefin Risbi, lawyer of the plaintiff, said the victim, Sayema Sikder, 22, a second year student of Government Women College in the city and the wife of Noakhali district's senior district judge Morshedul Alam, was pregnant and under the treatment of Kajal.

She was admitted to the hospital with labour pain on June 2 pursuant to a suggestion of Kajal after her mother Nargis Begum, who filed the case, informed the doctor of the pain.

She gave birth to a baby boy the following day around 1:00am after a caesarean section performed by Kajal.

Debashis, who gave her anaesthesia before the operation, was at the hospital till 4:00am and said that the patient was in good condition, but in fact she was not yet free from danger.

As there was no doctor at the hospital between 4:00am and 6:00am, the family wanted to shift her to other hospital, but the hospital authorities did not allow them to do so.

However, around 7:30am when the patient was taken to the city's Metropolitan Hospital, the doctors there said she died about one hour earlier, said the case statement.

This correspondent, however, found the trio incommunicado despite several attempts to contact them.

Nirmalendu Bikash Chakraborty, additional deputy commissioner (prosecution) of Chittagong Metropolitan Police, said the arrest warrant would go to Panchlaish police.



Buddhist monks distribute free iftar items among the poor in the capital's Basabo yesterday, as a part of their food distribution programme throughout the month of Ramadan.

PHOTO: STAR

LIBERATION WAR

Law on cards to stop distortion of history

Mozammel tells JS adding that initiative being taken to honour female freedom fighters

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Huq yesterday said stern actions would be taken against those trying to distort history of the country as the government was going to formulate a law to this end.

"The law will be enacted keeping the provision of punishment for those trying to distort the history of Liberation War, publish confusing information and speak anything favouring the 1971 mass-killers," said the minister while replying to lawmakers' queries.

He said all governments except the ruling Awami League distorted the real history of the war after the assassination of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Replying to another query, the minister said the present government showed due respect to the female freedom fighters for their outstanding contributions to the war.

"Necessary steps are being taken to give them state honour with freedom fighters allowance and residence facilities," said Mozammel.

Two DU students hacked, robbed

DU CORRESPONDENT

Muggers hacked and robbed two siblings, also students of Dhaka University, in the capital's Tikatuli yesterday.

Ezajul Haque, a master's student of applied mathematics, and his sister Faria Tabassum, a second year student of management, were admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Faria was hacked in the back and hands while Ezajul in the shoulder and leg. Sub-inspector Bachchu Mia of DMCH police camp told The Daily Star.

The two were going to Sayedabad bus terminal to go to their village home in Bagerhat, said Wari Police Station Officer-in-Charge Zihad Hossain.

As Ezajul tried to prevent them from snatching their bag containing a laptop, the criminals attacked the siblings with sharp weapons and took away Tk 5,000.

The OC said they would investigate the incident after getting a complaint.

No case was filed and none was arrested till last evening, he added.

UGC approves budget for universities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The University Grants Commission (UGC) yesterday approved a budget of Tk 3,425.74 crore for 2016-17 fiscal year for country's public universities and itself.

Of the total, Tk 3,390.69 crore will be spent for the 37 public universities while the rest Tk 35.05 crore for UGC, said a press release.

The budget was approved at the 144th meeting at UGC Bhaban with its Chairman Prof Abdul Mannan in the chair.

The meeting also approved the revised budget of Tk 2,826.74 crore for the universities and Tk 32.25 crore for UGC for the outgoing fiscal year.

Govt to try it out

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BARC Executive Chairman Abul Kalam Azad, heads of agricultural research organisations, Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BRRI), Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute (BARI), Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE), Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation (BADC) and host of other agriculturalists, experts, also participated in the discussion.

They emphasised putting in place better weed management as direct-seeded crops are susceptible to weeds and remaining careful about cold injuries to seeds and heat strike in case of late harvesting of Boro.

JU BCL men

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relationship, said police. Sarwar offered her a ride from the capital, and then tried to abduct her, police said, quoting her.

Meanwhile, students and teachers of the university yesterday formed a human chain on the campus, demanding exemplary punishment for the attackers.

Different teachers, students and journalists' organisation including JU Teachers' Association, JU Cultural Alliance, JU unit Student Union, students of Chittagong University, Jagannath University, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, and Gono Bisswabiddaloy Journalists' Associations have condemned the attack and demanded punishment in separate statements.

Nine held for selling

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Then Iqram used to prepare sets of question papers and sell them to interested students through Facebook in exchange for a good amount of money, Monirul added.

Police, however, did not mention the name of the BGP employee, who is now on the run.

Besides, another group, led by Jahangir and Rubel, used to prepare question papers on their own and deceived people by selling them on social media including IMO, Facebook and WhatsApp.



Pedestrians cover their noses to avoid stench from the garbage dumped by the corporation's trucks as per whom in Bongobir Road of Sylhet city. This has become a regular scene in the area, comprising people, schools and businesses. Even though locals have complained to the authorities concerned on numerous occasions regarding this issue, they seemed to be oblivious to the sufferings of people. The photo was taken yesterday afternoon.

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