

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA H 29.5 L 22.8	CHITTAGONG H 27.5 L 23.2	SYLHET H 27.5 L 25.8	RAJSHAHI H 32.5 L 25.9	KHULNA H 31.1 L 21.9	BARISAL H 29.0 L 23.0	RANGPUR H 31.8 L 23.4	COX'S BAZAR H 26.8 L 23.4
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Rain is likely to occur at most places over Khulna, Barisal, Dhaka, Mymensingh, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at many places over Rangpur and Rajshahi divisions with heavy to very heavy falls at places over the country till 6:30pm today, said Met Office. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:47pm and rises tomorrow at 5:11am.



Sammilita Sangskritik Jote forms a human chain in front of the capital's national museum yesterday in protest against killing of people from minority communities and all the secret murders.

PHOTO: STAR

Artistes call on people to unite against targeted killings

DU CORRESPONDENT

Noted cultural personalities yesterday at a rally urged people from all walks of life to be united and to protest the recent targeted killings across the country.

Sammilito Sangskritik Jote (SSJ), a platform of cultural organisations, held the rally in front of National Museum at the capital's Shabbagh.

"The government cannot ensure security of the people. We want to see visible steps taken against the perpetrators of the killings," said theatre personality Ramendu Majumder, demanding that the government strengthen security measures.

Prominent dramatist and actor Mamunur Rashid said the planned attacks were being perpetrated to represent Bangladesh as a communal state.

"People have to protest such attacks through social

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Activities of 3 pvt medical colleges to be suspended

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday decided to suspend academic activities of three privately-run medical colleges for violating rules and low standard of education.

The students of Northern Medical College located in Rangpur, City Medical College in Gazipur and Nightingale Medical College in Ashulia will be transferred to other private medical colleges under relevant universities in the concerned areas.

The decision was taken at a meeting on private medical college policy held at the health ministry with Health Minister Mohammed Nasim in the chair, according to a health ministry press release.

Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique, Bangladesh Medical and Dental Council President Prof Md Shahidullah, the deans of Dhaka, Chittagong, and Rajshahi universities and Sylhet Shahjalal Science and Technology University, and senior officials of the health ministry were present at the meeting.

The meeting decided to suspend admission procedure for the 2016-17 academic calendar of Southern Medical College in Chittagong. It also decided to reduce the number of seats from 125 to 75 at BGC Trust Medical College in Chittagong.

"We had warned the medical colleges several times of low quality education, but they had not paid heed," said Prof Abdur Rashid, director of medical education of the Directorate General of Health Services.

The colleges do not have their own land and adequate patients at the hospitals which, too, are not approved, he told The Daily Star by phone.

Besides, there is a shortage of faculty members, while the three

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MITU MURDER CASE

Police still not sure

Says IGP, but does not rule out terrorists as suspects; IO changed; CMP forms five committees to support probe

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Inspector General of Police AKM Shahidul Hoque said that police still were not sure who actually had killed Mahmuda Khanam Mitu, wife of Superintendent of Police Babul Akter.

"Investigation of the killing of June 5 is still going on. Until any progress in the investigation, it cannot be told who were behind the killing. We can assume that any militant group or persons and terrorist groups whose activities are being hindered by the activities of police might have committed the heinous murder," the IGP told a meeting with eminent personalities in the port city yesterday.

Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan earlier, however, said that militants killed Mitu.

On June 5, some assailants stabbed and shot Mitu dead while she was taking her son to his school bus stop at GEC intersection in the city. Babul Akter had a successful run in curbing militancy with an iron fist in the port city.

So far, two suspects have been arrested in connection with the murder. A Chittagong court yesterday sent the duo-- Abu Nasar Gunnu, 45, and Md Shah Jaman alias Robin, 28--on seven days remand.

Police launched a weeklong crackdown

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Justice for Kalpana must to ensure ethnic minority's security

Speakers tell discussion marking 20 years past her abduction

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Security of ethnic minority communities of Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) will not be ensured until and unless Kalpana Chakma's abductors are tried and meted out rigorous exemplary punishment, speakers told a discussion yesterday, demanding publishing a proper probe report.

Hill Women's Federation (HWF) organised the discussion titled "When will the culture of impunity cease to exist?" in the capital's Dhaka Reporters Unity marking 20 years past Kalpana's abduction.

The indigenous community leader was abducted from her home in New Lalyaghona of Baghaichhari in Rangamati in the early hours of June 12, 1996.

After a judicial enquiry, two investigation reports by law enforcers and one progress report by the Rangamati superintendent of police, "Kalpana Khudu?" remains still unanswered.

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