

**WEATHER FORECAST**

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAH	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	MYMENSINGH
	H 31.2   L 22.9	H 26.2   L 24.0	H 30.6   L 24.1	H 32.4   L 23.0	H 27.5   L 24.2	H 23.3   L 23.8	H 29.8   L 24.0	H 31.6   L 22.8

Day and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:47pm and rises tomorrow at 5:11am. Country's highest temperature 32.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rajshahi and lowest 22.0 degree in Tangail.



**Ex-DU VC Prof Maniruzzaman passes away**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
Former Dhaka University (DU) vice chancellor (VC) Prof M Maniruzzaman Miah passed away at a hospital in the capital yesterday. He was 81. The noted educationist breathed his last around 11:45am while undergoing treatment at the Intensive Care Unit, Square Hospital's marketing and business development officer, Achintya Chakraborty, told The Daily Star. He had been admitted two days back with various ailments. The DU authorities declared a holiday today, exempting exams, in his honour, said a press release.

A pro-BNP intellectual, he was the chairman of Zia Parishad and member of Shoto Nagorik Jatiya Committee, a pro-BNP intellectual platform. Born in May 1, 1935, Prof Maniruzzaman passed matriculation in 1951 and ISC in 1953. He completed his masters in geography from Rajshahi University in 1957. He started his career the next year by joining Jagannath College. After obtaining PhD from the University of Paris in 1966, he joined the geography department of DU where he taught for many years. He became a professor in 1986, and was also involved with academic and administrative activities. He was appointed as DU VC in March 24, 1990 and served until November 1, 1992. He went on retirement in 1992. Prof Maniruzzaman was a talented teacher, said DU VC Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique in a condolence message.



Playing football on wet fields following rains has always been a popular pastime activity among Bangladeshi youths. The photo was taken in Chittagong city's CRB area yesterday noon.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

**Hasina urges Obama to work together to eradicate terrorism**

**Condemns Orlando attack UNB, Dhaka**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday strongly condemned the deadly terrorist attack on a Florida nightclub in the United States and called for taking collective efforts to eradicate this hateful menace from society. "I condemn this distasteful act of terror in the strongest possible term and reiterate my government's 'zero tolerance' policy against any form of terrorism and violent extremism," she said in a message sent to US President Barack Obama. The prime minister said terrorists must be regarded as terrorists regardless of their colour, creed, origin or orientation. "Let's redouble our collective efforts to eradicate these hateful menaces from our peace-loving societies," she said. "My government and people stand shoulder to shoulder with your government and the friendly people of the United States of America at this difficult hour and renew our commitment to work together

**Cops find nothing on first day of remand**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg**  
On the first day of the remand, police could not get any new information from the two persons held in connection with the murder of Mahmuda Khanam Mitu, wife of Superintendent of Police Babul Akter, said Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) sources. Police is enquiring Md Shahzaman Robin and Abu Nasar Gunnu to know about which ideology they believe in, and examining the CCTV footages and other evidence to be sure of their involvement, said CMP officials. Contacted, the newly appointed Investigation Officer (IO) also Assistant Commissioner (AC) Kamruzzaman of DB said they are interrogating Robin and Gunnu to know whether they have any link with militant outfits.



When asked about whether Robin is the very person seen in CCTV footage crossing the road and approaching Mitu with a mobile phone in hand, IO Kamruzzaman said they started interrogating him. "It is yet to be confirmed," he said, adding that a special team of CMP was working on it. A CID team examined the motorcycle used by the three assailants and collected DNA samples from it, said a DB source. Talking to the media, Additional Commissioner of CMP Devdas Bhattacharya said they still did not find anything to say before the media. Meanwhile, a microbus driver, who was detained from Sitakunda on Thursday, was released as police did not find any strong evidence of his involvement in the killing, said the additional commissioner.

Some 1,000 students of three medical colleges have become worried of their future after the government on Sunday decided to suspend their academic activities for not complying with private medical college policy. The colleges include Northern Medical College located in Rangpur, City Medical College in Gazipur and Nightingale Medical College in Ashulia. 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. Prof Abdur Rashid, director of medical education of the Directorate General of Health Services, said low quality of education, lack of own building, faculty shortage, withdrawal of the initial deposit of Tk 1 crore without the ministry's permission, led to their decision. The meeting, however, decided that the students will be transferred to other private

**GOVT DECISION OF SUSPENDING 3 PVT MEDICAL COLLEGES 1,000 students reeling in uncertainty**

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Use of unhygienic premises led to a Tk 2 lakh fine being imposed by a mobile court on a vermicelli producing factory of Star Gold Shemai in the capital's Chawkbazar, where used cooking oil kept with food at iftar shops were also discarded by the magistrate yesterday.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

**BCL leader Rony gets six months ad-interim bail**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
The High Court yesterday granted ad-interim bail to a leader of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), who was jailed for two years for carrying an illegal firearm and vote rigging during Union Parishad election in Chittagong's Hathazari upazila, for six months in an arms case. Nurul Azim Rony, BCL general secretary of Chittagong city, was sent to jail on May 8, a day after he was held with an illegal firearm at a polling centre in Hathazari. Yesterday, the bench of Justice Md Habibur Gani and Justice Md Akram Hossain Chowdhury also issued a rule upon the government to explain in four weeks why Rony should not be granted regular bail. Assistant Attorney General Monzu Naznin told The Daily Star that the HC granted the bail as the case was filed against Rony on May 8, though he was shown arrested on May 7. The government will move an appeal for staying the HC order. Our Chittagong correspondent reports that on May 7, during Union Parishad election, a mobile court arrested the BCL leader with a nine mm pistol and 15 bullets from Chariya Board School centre at Mirzapur Union. He was sentenced to two years' imprisonment under Sections 74 and 75 of the

**Rebels behind UP polls violence**

**Law minister tells JS; installation of tube wells, water sources in all constituencies mulled, says LGRD minister**  
**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
Rebel candidates of political parties and intolerance were responsible for violence in the recently held Union Parishad (UP) elections, Law Minister Anisul Huq told parliament yesterday. Replying to lawmakers' queries, the minister said that stray incidents of violence took place in some areas of the country owing to "intolerance" among rival candidates of the same political parties. Anisul, who is also in-charge of the Election Commission in the parliamentary affairs, claimed that the elections to 4,104 UPs were held amid fierce competition from its first phase to the last phase. However, according to media reports, the UP elections, held between March 22 and June 4, were marred by widespread violence that left at least 126 people dead and countless more injured across the country. **INSTALLATION OF TUBE WELLS** The government has undertaken a special project aimed at installing tube wells and different sources of water in all the 300 constituencies across the country, LGRD Minister Khandker Mosharraf Hossain told the House.

**No foreign help needed to save minority people**

**Says Inu UNB, Dhaka**  
Information Minister Hasanul Haque Inu yesterday said the government does not need help from any foreign country to ensure security of the minority community people as it is capable enough to protect them. The minister came up with the remark while replying to a question at a press briefing on the present law and order situation at a PID conference in the capital. "Operation is going on to stop secret killings. Attacks are being carried out on minority people to embarrass the government. But it will not disturb communal harmony", he said. "Our government is determined to resist all conspiracies against the country, and working on the basis of information and evidence" he added.

**Healthy RAMADAN**

**FASTING AND CARDIAC ILLNESS**  
Patients with stable cardiac illness can fast during Ramadan, provided they comply with the recommended dietary and medication regimens. Patients with angina or chest pain and old myocardial infarction or heart attack who are able to perform normal activities can observe the fast as well; however, they should reduce their physical activity during the month. Fasting is helpful in patients with ischemic heart disease associated with diabetes, overweight & dyslipidemia. Those who have had recent heart attack should not fast.

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