

**WEATHER FORECAST**

**YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES**

<b>DHAKA</b> H 32.6   L 25.9	<b>CHITTAGONG</b> H 34.2   L 23.5	<b>SYLHET</b> H 32.0   L 24.5	<b>RAJSHAHI</b> H 34.0   L 25.0	<b>KHULNA</b> H 29.0   L 24.2	<b>BARISAL</b> H 31.2   L 25.0	<b>RANGPUR</b> H 30.5   L 25.4	<b>COX'S BAZAR</b> H 31.5   L 24.8
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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 34.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Chittagong & Chandpur and lowest 22.0 degree in Rangamati.

### New citizens' platform seeks govt protection against Islamist terrorism

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Journalists, activists and leaders of different socio-cultural organisations yesterday demanded government protection for bloggers, publishers, free-thinkers and people of different faiths who are being hacked to death allegedly by Islamic militants one after another.

They organised a "unity and solidarity rally" in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday to demand the government to identify and arrest the killers without arresting and harassing thousands of ordinary people in the ongoing anti-militancy drive by law enforcement agencies.

Media Activists for Secular Bangladesh (MASB), a journalists' platform, organised the rally, presided over by Joint Secretary General of a faction of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and MASB Coordinator Pulack Ghatak.



Leaders of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad at a human chain in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday demand justice for the recent serial killings of the members of religious minorities.

### MITU MURDER CASE

## JMB man remanded in another case might also be interrogated

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg**

A JMB activist who was taken on a five-day remand yesterday, might be interrogated in connection with the murder of Mahmuda Khanam Mitu, wife of Superintendent of Police Babul Akter, said police.

Bulbul Ahmed alias Fuad was arrested last October in an anti-militancy drive led by SP Babul, who was the additional deputy commissioner of detective branch (DB) of Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) at that time.

Chittagong Metropolitan Magistrate Harun-ar-Rashid granted the remand in a murder case filed on May 25 in 2015 against Bulbul, said Additional Police Commissioner (Prosecution) Nirmalendu Bikash Chakraborty, adding that Bulbul was shown arrested on May 12.

Bulbul, who is in jail custody, is the first JMB man whom police took in remand after Mitu's murder on June 5.

Following the murder, CMP Commissioner Iqbal Bahar said the JMB men who are now in prison will be interrogated, if necessary. He also suspected that the imprisoned JMB men might also be linked with these kinds of murders.

Police Bureau of Investigation (PBI) is investigating the murder case filed in connection with recovering an unidentified body bearing stab injuries from the city's Bakalia area.

"There is information that the accused (Bulbul) from jail

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## Extending primary edu not gonna be easy

**Experts tell seminar at DU**

**DU CORRESPONDENT**

Extension of primary education up to class VIII would be a major challenge as it would require appointment of skilled and additional teachers, their training, preparation of new curriculum and textbooks and a big expenditure, said educationists and government officials.

Most of the discussants advocated scrapping the primary terminal examinations this year, saying the exams at this stage create a huge pressure on the children. They also suggested making the curriculum and textbooks simpler.

They were addressing a seminar, "Primary Education up to Class VIII and the Reality", at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Building of Dhaka University yesterday.

On May 18, the government took the decision to extend the level of primary education from class V in line with the National Education Policy 2010.

In his keynote speech, Prof Siddiqur Rahman, a former teacher of the Institute of Education and Research at DU, stressed formation of a curriculum development committee and preparing new syllabuses for class VI, VII and VIII considering those under the primary level.

"Initially the government needs to introduce class VI, VII and VIII at 20,000 primary schools and each school should have at least five new teachers. Therefore, a total of 1 lakh more teachers will be needed."

M Tamim, a professor of Buet, said,

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RECOMMENDATIONS
Administrative reshuffle at related ministries
Increasing manpower in the directorate of primary education and at field level
Strict monitoring system
Decentralisation
Formulation, implementation of compulsory primary education law
Turning primary training institutes into colleges with adequate manpower and suitable curriculum
Allocation of adequate fund for the goal
Executing the decision at 20,000 schools through mapping in the beginning stage
Extending some primary schools up to class VIII and transforming some secondary ones into primary
Making at least Bachelor's with honours or Master's degree as requirement for a primary school teacher
Recruiting specialised teachers for math, science, and English
Adjusting textbooks and other teaching and learning materials based on adjusted national curriculum

## '8 JAMALPUR WAR CRIMES SUSPECTS' Court vexed with prosecution over dearth of witnesses

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday expressed discontent over investigations carried out centring one of five charges in a case against eight "Jamalpur Al-Badr men" over crimes committed during the 1971 Liberation War.

The accused are Ashraf Hossain, 64, Prof Sharif Ahammed, 71, Abdul Mannan, 66, Abdul Bari, 62, Harun, 58, Abul Hashem, 65, Shamsul Haque, 75, and AKM Yusuf Ali, 83. Shamsul and Yusuf are in jail while the rest absconding.

Prosecutor Tapos Kanti Baul yesterday placed closing arguments on the second, third, fourth and fifth charges, citing testimonies of prosecution witnesses, documentary evidence and that they were able to prove the charges "beyond reasonable doubt".

The three-member tribunal led by Justice Anwarul Haque with members Justice Md Shahinur Islam and Justice Md

Shohrowardi expressed dissatisfaction over the fifth charge which says all except Harun, along with their accomplices and the Pakistani occupation army, used to confine and torture thousands of innocent unarmed civilians at a torture camp in Jamalpur's PTI Hostel and killed them on the banks of the Brahmaputra river at night between April 22 and December 11, 1971.

Justice Anwarul Haque asked why prosecution witnesses testified over the torture of only one person when, as per the charge, the victims numbered in the hundreds.

Justice Shahinur Islam said, "Was it not possible to find others out? Why did not the investigator find them out? Will we give a decision on the basis of a lone incident that hundreds of people were torture and killed there?"

"You mentioned that 10,000 people were killed. Could not the investigators find the identities of at least 10 out of 10,000 victims?" he asked.



Students of Nightingale Medical College and Hospital stage a demonstration in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday protesting "the charging of truncheons, firing of rubber bullets and their eviction from residential facilities of the college in Savar by police" while they were demonstrating at the time of sehti against a June 12 government decision to suspend academic activities of the college and two others for violating rules and not having the required standard of education.

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## Inu claims media enjoying full freedom

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu yesterday claimed that both print and electronic media are now enjoying "full freedom" under the Sheikh Hasina-led present government.

While replying to lawmakers' queries, the minister also said the government always expects that the media will publish and broadcast "true and objective" news.

Inu said this in reply to a scripted question from Jatiya Party lawmaker Mohammad Elias.

The minister said the government is on a "tough stance against yellow journalism".

The government has taken various steps to eradicate yellow journalism through the Press Information Department, Bangladesh Press Council, Press Institute of Bangladesh and National Institute of Mass Communication.

## Govt often lax about traffic laws considering public sufferings

**Claims Obaidul Quader adding that 1,000 volunteers to be deployed at 14 spots on highways to ensure smooth vehicular movement during Eid rush; mobile toilets too for home-bound people**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The government in some cases shows relaxation in applying traffic laws considering public sufferings, said Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader yesterday.

"We ignore some issues in some cases if we cannot make any alternative arrangement or replacement for people," he said.

The minister was talking to reporters while visiting a mobile court drive of Bangladesh Road Transport

Authority against unfit and unregistered motorbikes at the capital's Manik Miah Avenue.

Many bus operators in the capital suspend their services when the government conducts drive against unfit vehicles, which creates a huge public transport crisis and cause sufferings to city-dwellers, he said.

"If we wipe out all the unfit buses without replacing those, it will create a chaotic situation on roads," he said.

"But we have kept continuing

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## Bangladesh elected VP for 71st UNGA session

**DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT**

Bangladesh was elected on Monday as one of 21 vice-presidents (VP) of the United Nations General Assembly's 71st session, something diplomatic sources say will help the country augment its active participation.

Earlier, Ambassador Peter Thomson of Fiji was elected to be the session's president for one year, beating Cyprus Ambassador Andreas Mavroyiannis in a close 94 to 90 vote with seven invalid ballots and one abstention.

Of the remaining VPs, five are the permanent members. The remaining elected VPs are Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Mauritania, Nigeria and Zambia (Africa); Nepal, Solomon Islands and Turkmenistan (Asia-Pacific); Armenia (Eastern Europe); Bahamas, Belize and El Salvador (Latin America and Caribbean); and Belgium and Germany (Western Europe and others).

Bangladesh's candidature was endorsed by the Asia-Pacific Group.

**Correction**

In a report published Tuesday on page 3 of The Daily Star under the headline "Ex-DU VC Prof Moniruzzaman passes away", we inadvertently wrote Prof Moniruzzaman Miah served as a commissioner of the now defunct Bureau of Anti-Corruption between 2004 and 2007.

Actually, he was a commissioner of the Anti-Corruption Commission between 2004 and 2007. We regret the error.

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