

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA H 34.2 L 27.6	CHITTAGONG H 33.5 L 26.6	SYLHET H 33.0 L 25.5	RAJSHAHI H 28.0 L 24.6	KHULNA H 34.3 L 27.5	BARISAL H 33.3 L 27.2	RANGPUR H 30.8 L 24.4	COX'S BAZAR H 31.8 L 26.0
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Day and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:48pm and rises tomorrow at 5:11am. Country's highest temperature 34.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Jessore and lowest 23.5 degree in Badalgaoh.



A huge influx of rickshaw-pullers occurs in the capital in the month of Ramadan, most aiming to earn some quick money right before Eid-ul-Fitr and since there is little work in the crop fields with the harvest of paddy already ending in the northern districts. The photo was taken on Topkhana Road yesterday.

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Akikunnessa's anniversary of death today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 34th death anniversary of Akikunnessa Ahmad, a noted writer and pioneer in progressive women's movement in the late 40's, will be observed today. She was the wife of renowned litterateur, journalist and politician of the sub-continent late Abul Mansur Ahmad and daughter of eminent Islamic thinker and litterateur Maulana Ahmad Ali Akaluki. Her significant literary works include "Adhunik Stree" (Modern wife) and "Adhunik Swami" (Modern husband). Friends and well-wishers are requested to pray for her departed soul.

EASTERN HOUSING AT AFTABNAGAR, BANASREE Form expert committee to identify water bodies: SC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court has asked the government to form an expert committee to identify the water bodies and water reservoirs within the project of Eastern Housing at Aftabnagar and Banasree in Dhaka and to measure their sizes. The environment and forest secretary has been ordered to form a six-member committee led by a professor of the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) in 15 days from the receipt of the order. The expert committee has been asked to

submit a report on the numbers and sizes of water bodies and water reservoirs within the project of Eastern Housing at Aftabnagar and Banasree to the apex court in 45 days after formation of the committee. A four-member bench of the Appellate Division of the SC headed by Chief Justice SK Sinha came up with the directive in a full text of its order on an appeal filed by the Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh. The apex court released the full order yesterday, as it passed the short order on May 26. HRPB's lawyer Manzill Murshid told

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Ctg city traffic management terrible: DC

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Terming Chittagong city's traffic management system terrible, Chittagong Deputy Commissioner (DC) Mesbah Uddin yesterday urged senior traffic officials to actively try to lessen sufferings during Ramadan. Addressing a meeting of the District Law and Order Committee at his office, he accused traffic sergeants and constables of gossiping during work hours and said paying due attention to work would bring about a positive change. Mesbah said chickpeas and sugar prices were at a "tolerable" level for regular drives by the administration's mobile court. He said the courts were also checking prices of clothes at shopping malls. "Our mobile courts found a punjabi of Tk 1,000 being sold at Tk 3,000 in the shopping malls. They can profit Tk 500 per punjabi but how can they charge at such a high rate," he asked. The district superintendent of police, Hadiz Akter, said warrants have been issued for arresting some 20,000 people

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Healthy RAMADAN

FASTING AND CANCER

Cancer patients with a strong motivation to fast are usually encouraged to fast as spirituality plays a major role here; patient feels himself more active being involved in the religious activities, hence feels less depressed and isolated. Scientific evidence shows fasting activates certain nerve pathways releasing nerve-nourishing factors which enhance mood and relieve pain. Fasting beneficially impacts immune system thus enabling cancer growth control; fasting also sensitizes tumor cells and improves the outcome of radiation therapy. However cancer patients should consult their Oncologists before a fast; those with metastasis or particularly disseminated aggressive forms of cancer or with history of non-compliance to treatment, should not fast.

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Zero tolerance for police extortion on highways

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Superintendent of Police of Chittagong AKM Hafiz Akter yesterday warned police personnel against extorting transport workers on Dhaka-Chittagong and Chittagong-Cox's Bazar highways. He said he would show zero tolerance in this regard and urged transport owners and workers to report any case of extortion immediately to him. In the same breathe, the police official warned transport operators against overcharging passengers during Eid-ul-Fitr. Hafiz Akter voiced the warnings while meeting with transport owners and workers at his office in the port city to discuss how to ease homebound people's journey on the occasion. It was decided that cargo vehicles will not operate on highways three days before and after the Eid day. A police control room would be set up to receive complaints and address those immediately, he said. Conveying their demands, the transport owners called

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MITU MURDER CASE

Court rejects revision petition of suspect

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A Chittagong court yesterday afternoon rejected a revision petition moved by defence side challenging the remand granted against Abu Nasar Gunnu, who was arrested in connection with the murder of Superintendent of Police (SP) Babul Akter's wife Mahmuda Khanam Mitu. Chittagong Metropolitan Sessions Judge Md Shahenur passed the order, said court sources. Earlier, a Chittagong Metropolitan Magistrate court granted a seven-day remand for Gunnu and following the order, defense lawyers lodged the petition, said Public Prosecutor Fakruddin Chowdhury. On June 8, detective branch of Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) conducting a drive at a shrine named Darbare Musabiya in Hathazari detained Gunnu. Following the arrest, mentioning him as an "ex-Islami Chhatra Shibir activist", police officials said they have information that he was present at the place where Mitu was killed. Asked about progress of the investigation, CMP Commissioner Iqbal Bahar said they still have not found any visible progress. "We are trying so that no aspect remains untouched in our investigation," he said.

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