

**WEATHER FORECAST**

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 34.8 L 26.5	H 34.2 L 26.5	H 34.7 L 26.3	H 34.6 L 26.5	H 33.5 L 27.2	H 31.4 L 26.8	H 33.7 L 26.7	H 32.5 L 25.0

Day and night temperatures may remain nearly unchanged over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:48pm and rises tomorrow at 5:12am. Country's highest temperature 34.8 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Dhaka and lowest 24.6 in Teknaf.

**AHSANULLAH MASTER MURDER**

**BCL in Tongi disappointed at HC verdict**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

BCL activists in Tongi yesterday formed a human chain expressing disappointment at the High Court partilly revising a lower court verdict that gave death sentences to 22 people and life terms to six others for assassinating Awami League lawmaker Ahsanullah Master on May 7, 2004.

They formed the human chain in Tongi College Gate area around 11:30am, organised by Tongi Thana and Tongi Government College unit BCL.

At one stage, the activists lay down on the Dhaka-Mymensingh highway to press home their demand, halting the traffic movement, said police.

BCL activists left the area in the afternoon and the

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**IS TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT OKAY?**



Traffic stands still for long phases stretching way back into Hatijheel in the capital from the end near Bangladesh Film Development Corporation, a situation commuters blame is being caused by the long period it takes for the lights to turn green at the Sonargaon intersection, where traffic cones have been placed to prevent vehicles arriving from Farmgate from taking a right turn, leading to long queues on Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue yesterday.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

**Economic deprivation to thwart SDG attainment**

Says Citizen's Platform comprising 28 NGOs, eminent personalities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Without good governance, achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) would be difficult, said noted development and human rights leaders in the capital yesterday.

"Mere economic growth is not development in a modern democracy," said human rights activist Sultana Kamal, adding, "Justice and security too has to be in place."

Lack of good governance widens scope for corruption and denial of

human rights, she added.

It will be hard to achieve the SDGs with the ongoing pattern of economic deprivation and human rights violations, said Shaheen Anam, executive director of Manusher Jonno Foundation.

Becoming a middle income country by leaving 17 percent of the population under the poverty line will not be socially and morally correct, she stressed.

With the biggest crisis prevailing in the area of good governance, incidents

of human rights violations have been recurrent, said Anam.

The Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) organised the launching at a media briefing in the capital's Cirdap auditorium.

Dr Iftekharuzzaman, executive director of Transparency International Bangladesh, said the platform, as a supporting forum of the government, will help make the SDGs' achievement endeavor inclusive and participatory.

Rasheda K Choudhury, executive

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**Another round of clampdown on extremism if necessary**

Says home minister UNB, Dhaka

Claiming the weeklong countrywide combing operation as a successful one, Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan yesterday said they may launch another such drive if necessary.

He also said Madraipur college teacher's attacker Golam Faizullah alias Fahim, who was in police remand, was killed and Tulip received death threat, by law enforcers.

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**PM slams British govt for giving 'shelter' to Tarique**

She welcomes 'constructive' criticism from media; also writes to House of Commons speaker, Labour MP condoling death of Jo Cox

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday came down hard on the British government for giving shelter to BNP senior vice-chairman Tarique Rahman, saying he has link to killings in Bangladesh and giving threat to British MP Tulip Siddiq.

"...why has the British government given him shelter with caring? After his arrival in the UK, one British MP was killed and Tulip received death threat," she said while addressing an iftar party organised by a

faction of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) on the Jatiya Press Club premises.

The prime minister hoped that the British government would take appropriate measures in this connection.

Referring to the recent attack on a Madaripur college teacher, the prime minister said it is now clear that the BNP-Jamaat men are behind these types of attacks and killings.

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Rights activist Sultana Kamal speaks at a media briefing of the launching of Citizen's Platform for SDGs, Bangladesh in the capital's Cirdap auditorium yesterday, organised by the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD).

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**Family meets Quasem at Kashimpur jail**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Family members of condemned war crimes convict Jamaat leader Mir Quasem Ali met with him at Kashimpur jail in Gazipur yesterday afternoon.

Nine family members including his wife, son and daughter-in-law reached the jail gate around 12:45pm and left after an hour, said Subrata Kumar Bala, jail superintendent of Kashimpur jail, adding that it was part of a regular meeting.

The International Crimes Tribunal on June 6 issued a death warrant for Quasem Ali hours after the Supreme Court released the full text of its verdict upholding his death penalty.

The tribunal sentenced him to death on two charges and different jail terms on eight other charges, which he later challenged.

On March 8 this year, the SC upheld his death penalty for one charge -- the brutal torture and killing of a young freedom fighter named Jasim.

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