

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA
H 34.0 L 27.0

CHITTAGONG
H 33.4 L 26.2

SYLHET
H 32.9 L 26.0

RAJSHAH
H 35.7 L 26.4

KHULNA
H 33.8 L 26.5

BARISAL
H 33.4 L 25.2

RANGPUR
H 34.8 L 27.2

COX'S BAZAR
H 31.5 L 26.0

Light to moderate rain is likely to occur at many places over Rangpur, Rajshahi, Mymensingh, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Dhaka, Khulna and Barisal divisions with moderately heavy falls at places over the country till 6:00pm today, Met office said. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:49pm and rises tomorrow at 5:12am.



Members of one of the two factions of Bangladesh Chhatra League that clashed in Chittagong College in the port city yesterday leaving eight persons injured.

PHOTO: STAR

8 injured as BCL factions clash in Chittagong College

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

At least eight activists were injured, including two suffering bullet wounds, during a clash between two Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) factions in Chittagong College yesterday around noon.

Of the injured, Nijhum Parial, 22, and Md Monir, 22, shot in the legs, and Humayun Tipu, 20, were admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital. Imran Ahmed Tipu, 24, Khademul Islam Durjoy, 22, Kanik Barua, 21, Jamal Uddin, 21, and Md Kayser, 19, were admitted to private hospitals.

There is no BCL unit in the college. The warring factions claimed they were followers of Awami League Chittagong city unit President ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury and General Secretary AJM Nasir Uddin.

When asked to comment on this reference, Mohiuddin over the phone said, "Do I study in the college?...What did you find in the spot? Whatever you smelled in the spot, give that." Nasir did not pick up repeated calls on his cellphone last evening.

Witnesses said one group of activists, chanting slogans in favour of Nasir and welcoming admission seekers, were entering the college in a procession around 12:30pm when Mohiuddin's followers stopped them, leading to altercations.

A clash erupted, the groups chased each other and at one point some brandished firearms and fired shots, said several students wishing not to be named. This continued till 2:30pm when admission seekers took refuge inside the college's buildings.

Both groups blamed each other of first attacking first and police for not taking action. Chawkbazar police arrested none. No complaints were filed.

3 DU JCD men beaten up, handed over to police 'by BCL' DU CORRESPONDENT

Three men of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal's (JCD) Dhaka University (DU) units were beaten up near Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) and handed over to Shahbagh police yesterday allegedly by Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists.

JCD DU unit Joint Secretary Shahnewaz was interogated and released while Toufiqul Islam and Moniruzzaman Mamun, joint conveners of JCD units in Fazlul Huq Muslim Hall and Salimullah Muslim Hall respectively, have been kept detained.

BCL activists beat the three after chasing JCD leaders and activists gathering in front of DMCH's outdoor gate "protesting the prime minister's recent derogatory comments about BNP Senior Vice Chairman Tarique Rahman", said DU sources. SEE PAGE 5 COL 2

Ruling alliance event makes commuters suffer

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Amid scorching heat in the month of Ramadan, thousands of commuters suffered for hours due to heavy traffic congestion on major city roads since early afternoon yesterday, thanks to a ruling party event on roads.

The congestion stayed for at least three hours although the event was scheduled for about an hour beginning from 3:00pm.

Commuters including home-bound office-goers, many of who had been fasting, were seen waiting at different points for about 30 to 40 minutes to catch transports leading to their destinations while processions of Awami League (AL) and its front organisations were marching on roads.

Sudden shower in the early evening brought some respite but it also augmented the congestion, said dwellers and traffic police officials.

"I wanted to have my Iftar with family. Now it seems that I have to have it on the road," said Sultan Nasir at Farmgate around 6:00pm while he was returning to his Agargaon home from Tejgaon.

The AL-led 14-party alliance organised human chains at 15 different city points, protesting recent "secret killings", atrocities and subversive activities all over the country, said the party sources.

A number of commuters alleged that major roads were blocked due to the event which created traffic jams on adjacent

roads and allies. Vehicles were seen stand still for 15 to 20 minutes at Farmgate and Karwan Bazar areas while it took about an hour for those to cross the Karwan Bazar signal.

Patient-carrying ambulances were also seen stuck in the congestion, augmenting woes of patients.

Shimuli Aktar said it took over two hours for the BRTC bus she was travelling on to reach Farmgate from Gabtoli in the afternoon. She was coming from Aricha.

"Whenever I come to Dhaka I suffer in traffic jam," she told The Daily Star.

Traffic jams were also reported from Uttara, Abdullahpur, Mohammadpur, Dhanmondi, Gulistan, Jatiya Press Club, Asad Gate, Gabtoli and Mohakhali areas.

Many also uploaded photos and shared posts on social media describing their sufferings in traffic congestion and wanted to know updates about other roads.

"Unbelievable traffic jams in Segunbagicha. We have been stuck in one road for more than 45 minutes. Now is probably not an ideal time to head out or come in this area!" one Sarah Rahman posted on Traffic Alert, a closed Facebook group with over 38,000 users.

Wishing anonymity, a helper of Welcome Transport said it took an extra hour for the bus to reach Farmgate from Gabtoli due to heavy traffic in Aminbazar. SEE PAGE 4 COL 3

14-party accuses BNP, Jamaat of secrete killings

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The ruling Awami League-led 14-party alliance yesterday accused the BNP-Jamaat coalition of recent secrete killings and violent activities, and called for mass resistance against such attacks.

The ruling alliance announced to observe a "Mass Resistance Week" from July 15 to July 21 protesting killings and anti-state conspiracy "hatched by BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami."

Throughout the week, the 14-party leaders would make countrywide visits and try to create public awareness against militancy and criminal activities. The announcement came at an hour-long countrywide human chain, held to protest secret killings. In the capital, the 14-party leaders and activists took positions at 15 places from Gabtoli to Jatrabari. The human chain that continued for an hour from 3:00pm caused traffic jam and huge sufferings to people.

The protesters gathered at Gabtoli, Shyamoli, Asad Gate, Dhanmondi 27, Russell Square, Green Road, Bashundhara City, Sonargaon Hotel, Shahbagh, Matsya Bhaban, Jatiya Press Club, Paltan, Noor Hossain Square, Bangabandhu Square, Gulistan Park, Ittefaq More, Rajdhani Market, Syedabad and Jatrabari.

Addressing the gathering at Gulistan, the 14-party spokesperson Mohammed Nasim said they would build mass resistance against conspiracies and criminal activities through uniting people. About BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia's recent call for building national unity against targeted killings, Nasim said, "We will consider the call if BNP chief Khaleda Zia cuts ties with Jamaat and apologises for her previous mistakes."



MITU MURDER CASE

Remand produces nothing Police start interrogating second suspect

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

After remanding him for seven days, police have failed to confirm the involvement of an arrested youth in the killing of a police officer's wife in Chittagong city.

Police said further investigation was needed to see if Rabin, 28, an alleged local

criminal, took part in the murder. They did not seek to remand him further.

The youth was arrested on June 11 following CCTV footage showing three men attacking and killing Mahmuda Jahan Mitu, 32, wife of Superintendent of Police Babul Akter. SEE PAGE 5 COL 2

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FASTING AND POST SURGERY CONCERN

One can safely undertake fasting within a month of gall bladder surgery, colorectal surgery, breast surgery including cancer surgery. Gastrointestinal surgery may take longer to heal and it is wise to consult a Surgeon before fasting. It's advisable to drink plenty of water, to avoid oily food and to add green leafy vegetables in diet to avoid constipation. In Ramadan, fasting beneficially decreases pro-inflammatory cytokine release thereby decreasing inflammation; it also decreases tumour necrosis factor hence decreasing cancer spread. For those who are otherwise healthy with their wound healed, fasting after surgery is not a health hazard.

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