

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 34.7 L 27.6	H 33.7 L 27.0	H 32.7 L 24.6	H 35.0 L 26.7	H 34.5 L 27.0	H 33.5 L 27.4	H 33.0 L 26.6	H 32.4 L 26.4

Day and night temperatures may fall slightly over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:49pm and rises tomorrow at 5:13am. Country's highest temperature 35.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Jessore and lowest 24.6 in Sylhet.

Mir Quasem review petition hearing July 25

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday fixed July 25 for the hearing of a petition filed by war criminal Mir Quasem Ali seeking review of its judgement that had upheld his death penalty.

Chamber judge of the Appellate Division of the SC Justice Hasan Foez Siddique fixed the date following a government petition that prayed for a date for the hearing on the review petition.

On June 19, Quasem submitted the petition to the apex court through his lawyers seeking review of its verdict that had upheld his death penalty for crimes committed by him during the country's Liberation War in 1971.

In the petition, the Jamaat-e-Islami leader prayed to the SC to acquit him of all seven charges on which he was found guilty.

In the 86-page petition, 14 grounds have been mentioned based on which the SC may consider the review petition.

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

On November 2, 2014, the ICT-2 handed down capital punishment on 63-year-old Quasem, chief of Chittagong Al-Badr force, for committing crimes against humanity in 1971.

On March 8 this year, the Appellate Division upheld the ICT-2 verdict.

Quasem is considered by many as the main financier of the anti-liberation party. He allegedly paid \$25 million to an American lobbyist firm to carry out a smear campaign to make the war crimes trial controversial, the then law minister Shafique Ahmed told parliament on April 28, 2013.

The death row war criminal was shifted to the Dhaka Central Jail from Kashimpur prison of Gazipur on June 20.



Law enforcers disperse workers of Kojima Lyric Garments Ltd in Gazipur yesterday after they had blocked Dhaka-Joydebpur road demanding full basic salary as an Eid bonus and Tk 500 as attendance bonus, instead of Tk 200. Three workers got shot and at least 20 were injured when cops fired shotguns, charged them with batons and fired tear shells when the workers began hurling brick chips at them, according to witnesses. The workers alleged that they have been demanding a bonus for over a month and the management assured them of giving a decision yesterday, which they did not.

PHOTO: STAR

Power sector faces seven challenges

Nasrul Hamid tells JS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The power sector faces seven challenges in the coming days, State Minister for Power Nasrul Hamid told the parliament yesterday.

The challenges are primary fuel, skilled manpower, service enhancement, reduction of corruption at field level, making renewable energy popular, implementation of projects in due time and ensuring investment.

The state minister talked about the issue while participating in a general discussion on the proposed budget for 2016-17 fiscal. He said the government had planned to set up four floating regasification units, and is going to set up three land-based LNG terminal to ensure primary fuel in the country.

Aiming to create skilled manpower, Nasrul said the government wanted to introduce a curriculum on power and energy. "This course is also absent at the university level, but we need enough electrical mining engineers."

On the improvement of service and reducing corruption, Nasrul said the transmission and distribution payment gateway should be privatised, while distribution companies should be service-oriented.

He also opted for automation of all the systems through call centre supervisory control and data acquisition system.

Check operation of unfit vehicles during Eid rush

Rights activists demand at human chain

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rights activists yesterday demanded that the government take effective steps to check operation of unfit vehicles and launches during Eid rush.

Some profit-mongering businessmen operate rundown vehicles and vessels taking advantage of the huge rush of passengers, which causes fatal accidents, they added.

The nuisance must be stopped, they viewed at a human chain organised by the Passenger Welfare Association of (PWAB) in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club.

Mozammel Hoque Chowdhury, secretary general of the association said, "As per our assessment, around 20 percent of the passenger vehicles, operated on highways, are unfit. But the percentage rises at 29 during Eid rush."

Similarly, 17 percent of the launches, which ply during Eid rush, are unfit, he viewed.

Nirapad Sarak Chai Joint Secretary General

Goni Miah said transparency and accountability should be ensured in selling advance Eid tickets. Rights activists Ruhin Hossain Prince and Monirul Haque also spoke.

TRAIN TICKET
Bangladesh Railway will begin selling advance train tickets today to ensure hassle-free journey for Eid holidaymakers.

Train tickets of July 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 will be distributed on June 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26 respectively at the capital's Kamalapur and Chittagong railway stations.

A passenger can buy a maximum of 4 tickets and commuters will be able to collect tickets from 8:00am; the sale will continue until tickets are exhausted, said railway officials.

BUS TICKET

At the second day of bus operators selling advance Eid tickets, many city dwellers yesterday thronged different bus counters in the capital. Many also failed to get tickets as tickets for desired dates were sold out.

TARGETED KILLINGS Govt annihilating suspects for cover-up

Claims BNP; sympathises with RK Mission over threat to priest

DU CORRESPONDENT

Calling for a national consensus to eliminate militancy and terrorism from the country, BNP yesterday alleged that the recent encounter killings of suspected criminals had been carried out to conceal the facts of the targeted killings and suppress political opposition.

"The government is covering up the facts behind the recent encounters in order to spread lies and pass the blame on the opposition party," said BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir, adding, "It is enough, just stop it."

Fakhru made the remarks at an iftar programme organised by Dhaka University unit of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal at the Institute of Engineers Bangladesh in the capital.

BNP is calling on the government for a national convention of all political parties to fight militancy and extremism, but without putting any heed to the issue, the government is heading towards eliminating political dissent, he alleged.

He urged the students to compel the DU vice chancellor to hold election to Dhaka University Central Students' Union (Ducusu) so that students of different ideologies could co-exist in the university.

The Ducusu election is important to groom future national leadership, he said.

Ducusu went to polls for the last time on July 6, 1990. Former vice-chancellor of DU Prof Emaz Uddin Ahmed said the nation expected a free, fair and credible election.

BNP SYMPATHISES WITH HINDUISM

BNP standing committee member Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain yesterday visited the Ramakrishna Mission, and said the people were worried over the death threat to a priest of the Mission.

"We have come here at the instruction of our chairperson to sympathise with the Mission. We strongly condemn the threat," he told reporters while visiting the Mission with nine other party leaders. They talked to the Mission's principal, Swami Dhruvsharananda Maharaj, and other officials.

"Militancy and terrorism has created panic in the country. We want a national consensus forged against militancy and terrorism. We believe that extremism and militancy can be resisted through national unity," he said.

Last week, criminals claiming to be followers of militant group Islamic State threatened to kill the head priest of the Mission.

"Militants and terrorists are making some people their targets and killing them. The perpetrators of the incidents remain out of touch as the government is busy suppressing the opposition," he said.

Confirming the visit, Mission's member Swami Devadhyanananda told The Daily Star that BNP was always beside the mission.

He expressed gratitude as many people including those from the government and political parties expressed their sympathies.



A mobile court of Chittagong District Administration yesterday fined Priya Drinking Water, a mineral water supplying company, at Hazari Lane in the port city Tk 2 lakh for selling water without purification and not having expiry date and BSTI licence.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

WAR CRIME TRIALS Court orders publishing advert for appearance of two fugitives

Testimony, cross-examination of fourth prosecution witness against 2 Shariatpur accused recorded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday directed its registrar office to publish advertisements in two national dailies asking for the appearance of two fugitives, including a former leader of Habiganj Awami League, who were allegedly involved in crimes during the 1971 Liberation War.

The three-member tribunal led by Justice Anwarul Liakat Ali, 61, former president of Habiganj's Lakhai upazila unit Awami League, and Aminul Islam alias Rajab Ali, 62, of Astogram upazila in Kishoreganj, to appear within one week of the day the ad is published.

Earlier, police submitted a report

saying they were fugitives. The tribunal also fixed August 21 to pass the next order in the case.

On May 3, the prosecution pressed seven charges against the duo and the tribunal accepted the charges on May 18.

The seven criminal incidents they were "found to have been involved in" are looting and killing of 43 Hindu men in Krishnapur in Lakhai, killing of nine Hindu men in Chandipur in Lakhai, killing of 26 Hindu men in Gadainagar in Lakhai, killing of eight Hindu men in Sadanagar village in Lakhai, killing of one Rangu Mia in Nasirnagar, killing of five men in Sabiyannagar in Astogram, and killing of 10 other men in the same village.

Meanwhile, the tribunal completed recording the testimony and cross-examination of the fourth prosecution witness in a case against two men of Shariatpur, Sulaiman Mollah and Edris Ali Sarder, who are facing similar charges.

Nurul Islam Sarder, 69, of Kashabhog village under Palang Police Station testified, linking the two to the killing of scores of people, mainly Hindus, and rape of Hindu women.

Earlier, Abdul Aziz Sikder, Jalilur Rahman and Abdul Jalil Howlader, the first, second and third prosecution witnesses, gave near similar descriptions of the incidents, implicating the duo.

The tribunal adjourned proceedings until today.

Osama Bin Noor to receive British queen's award tomorrow

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Osama Bin Noor, the winner of the British Queen's Young Leaders Award from Bangladesh, will receive the award at a ceremony at Buckingham Palace in London tomorrow, said a British High Commission press release.

Osama, 25, is the co-founder of Youth Opportunities, an online platform which advertises scholarships, internships and conferences.

This year's award winners are working to support others, raise awareness on a variety of issues including education, climate change, gender, mental health and improving the lives of people with disabilities.

Mobile app for women's, children's safety in offing

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internet for the app free of charge, she said.

Dr Abul Hossain, project director of Multi-Sectoral Programme on Violence Against Women at the ministry, said they were providing 467 street children from Karwan Bazar and Kamalapur a place to stay and three meals a day.

This project will be launched all over country soon, he said, adding that 5,882

women of 64 districts were trained on computing on the 2015-2016 fiscal year to ensure employment. Moreover, he said the ministry established a 24-hour help centre for women and children, JOYEETA Foundation (an organisation for female micro-entrepreneurs), a hostel for female garment workers, 44 daycare centres for children, and Kishor-Kishori Club (a platform to create awareness for teenage girls).

Dhaka mayors get minister's status

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Formed in 2009, the AL-led grand alliance government gave no such privilege to mayors elected during its tenure.

They include BNP-backed Chittagong mayor M Manjur Alam (elected on June 17, 2010), independent Narayanganj mayor Selina Hayat Ivy (elected on October 30, 2011) and pro-BNP Comilla mayor Monirul

Huq Sakku (elected on January 5, 2012).

The only pro-AL mayor was Sarfuddin Ahmed of Rangpur (elected on December 19, 2012). The trend continued during the AL-led government's second consecutive term from 2013. During this time BNP-backed mayors came to office defeating AL-backed candidates in Rajshahi, Sylhet, Barisal, Khulna and Gazipur.

Land admin impeding return of vested property

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Land ministry that allowed the administration of a certain district to file a writ petition against the lower court verdicts regarding vested property.

It said that although the directive applied to only one district, all district administrations were taking advantage of the "controversial" directive to harass people.

It demanded cancellation of this directive, too.

Kamal Lohani, president of the Cell; Rana Dasgupta, general secretary of Bangladesh Hindu-Buddhist-Christian Unity Council; Tabarak Hossain, vice-president of Sammilita Samajik Andolan, and Kajal Debnath, adviser of Bangladesh Puja Uddjapan Parishad, were present.

Obituary

CITY DESK

Mostafizur Rahman, an expatriate engineer in the USA, died from lung cancer in a Louisiana hospital on Friday, aged 69, says a press release.



Hailing from Rajarampur area in Senbag of Noakhali, he left behind his wife Fahmida Nilufa, an engineer, two daughters, two sons and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death.

Mostafizur completed his graduation from an engineering university in Peshawar. He also served as the executive engineer of Bangladesh Water Development Board.

Besides, he worked as government officials in Iraq and Kuwait.

He worked at University of California as a professor. He wrote several books on his political views.

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Invitation for Int'l Tender No. 21/2016		
01	Agency	Biman Bangladesh Airlines Ltd.
02	Invitation for	Procurement of Fruit Juice (Foreign) (01 Ltr Aseptic pack).
03	Invitation for Ref:	DACHS/INT'L TENDER/FRUIT JUICE (F)/44/2016/1517 Dated: 30-05-2016
04	Tender document selling date	From 22-06-2016 to 19-07-2016 (During office hours).
05	Tender closing date and time	Date: 20-07-2016 Time: 1200 hrs BST
06	Tender opening date and time	Date: 20-07-2016 Time: 1430 hrs BST
07	Selling address of schedule (Local)	(I) Address:- a. Manager Finance, Biman Flight Catering Centre, Hazrat Shahjalal Int'l Airport, Kurmitola, Dhaka. b. Manager Cash & Banking, Balaka Bhaban, Biman Bangladesh Airlines, Dhaka.
08	Selling tender document (Foreign)	(II) Address:- Finance Manager, Biman Dubai, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Singapore, London, Rome, Jeddah & Riyadh.
09	Receiving tender document	a. BFCC Main Security Gate, Hazrat Shahjalal Int'l Airport, Kurmitola, Dhaka. b. Biman Balaka Bhaban, Security Counter (Ground Floor), Hazrat Shahjalal Int'l Airport, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
10	Price of tender schedule (TK)	USD 25.00 per set or BDT 2,000.00 (non-refundable).
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		3) Supplying Period
		Two years
12	Procuring entity & fund	General Manager, BFCC, Hazrat Shahjalal Int'l Airport, Kurmitola, Dhaka. BFCC's own fund.
13	Official-inviting tender	Dy-General Manager, BFCC, Hazrat Shahjalal Int'l Airport, Kurmitola, Dhaka. PH: 8901760-64 Fax-8901638
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