

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA H 33.2 L 27.0	CHITTAGONG H 33.8 L 26.7	SYLHET H 30.8 L 25.3	RAJSHAHI H 33.4 L 25.6	KHULNA H 35.2 L 27.3	BARISAL H 33.3 L 27.0	RANGPUR H 30.2 L 24.3	COX'S BAZAR H 33.4 L 26.6
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Day and night temperatures may remain nearly unchanged over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:49pm and rises tomorrow at 5:13am. Country's highest temperature 35.6 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Jessore and lowest 24.3 in Rangpur.

TONU KILLING

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Mad rush as rail tickets for Eid go on sale

Holidaymakers demand more online tickets; some allege that services were slow at Kamalapur

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Razin Ahmed, a university student, came to the capital's Kamalapur Railway Station around 2:00am yesterday hoping to get a place in front of the queue. But after arriving at the terminal, he found out there were people already waiting patiently.

So, he stood in line as well.

Razin was waiting in a queue for advance train tickets. The ticket sale started at 8:00am.

"As I'm fasting daily, I was so tired and drowsy. I took my Seheri here. After waiting for around seven hours, I finally got my tickets," said Razin, who bought a ticket for Rajshahi.

Like him, many thronged Kamalapur since early yesterday and waited for several hours to get advance train tickets for celebrating Eid with their families.

As the day grew, the queue got longer. Many succeeded, while many failed as tickets were exhausted.

Railway authorities sell around 19,000 advance tickets of different intercity trains. Of them, 65 percent are sold at Kamalapur, 25 percent online, 5 percent are reserved for VIPs and 5 percent for railway employees.

Talking to The Daily Star, many passengers demanded that the authorities should increase the number online ticket sale.

"Then, we don't have to wait in line. It

will reduce our sufferings," said Mahmudul Kabir, a businessman.

Railway authorities said there may be a chance of selling tickets on black market, if more are sold online.

"One might buy around 50 tickets through online and sell those at higher prices. But a person in queue can buy a maximum of four tickets," said Kamal Krishna Bhattacharyya, additional secretary of the railways ministry.

Besides, many passengers do not have access to internet, he said.

Meanwhile, many passengers at Kamalapur alleged that ticket delivering process was slow.

A railway staff, who was selling tickets, seeking anonymity, said, "Due to huge pressure, at times, our server slowed down."

Railways authorities yesterday sold tickets of July 1. Train tickets of July 2, 3, 4 and 5 will be distributed today, 24, 25 and 26 respectively at Kamalapur and Chittagong railway stations.

CHITTAGONG

A small crowd of ticket seekers were seen at Chittagong Railway Station compared to previous years, reports our correspondent.

Visiting the terminal around 9:30am, the station counters were seen almost empty and a handful of people were buying tickets with ease.

Since it was the first day, there were fewer

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FASTING AND HEADACHE

Caffeine withdrawal headache can be prevented by a cup of strong coffee just before the start of the fast for the day. A meal with high sugar content taken before the day's fast begins can cause a rapid rise in blood sugar followed by a fast drop which might trigger a headache. Hence eating a low sugar content meal before the fast may prevent the onset of such headache during the day. Dehydration triggered headache can be prevented by adequate intake of fluid before the fast begins. Single dose pain-relievers help, which last for the full twelve hours of the fast; rest and sleep also help. Headache sufferers should avoid exposure to triggers like stress, fatigue and lack of sleep.

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Four errant bakeries fined

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mobile court of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday fined four bakeries Tk 5.5 lakh in the capital for using harmful chemicals in breads and biscuits and for absence of hygiene.

Al Noor Products and Meem Food Products at Chakbazar were fined Tk 1.5 lakh and Tk 2 lakh and Tasty Food and Zomzom Tk 1.5 lakh and Tk 50,000 respectively.

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