

WEATHER FORECAST

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Day and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:50pm and rises tomorrow at 5:14am. Country's highest temperature 37.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rajshahi and the lowest 24.6 degree Celsius in Tetulia.

Bangladeshi youth turns himself in to India police

Illegally crossed border to find work in foreign land but faced heartbreak

SUBRATA ACHARYA, Kolkata

A Bangladeshi youth, who had crossed over into India in the hope of getting a good job there but could not manage one in a month, has surrendered to the West Bengal police.

Dipankar Mistry from Dakop in Khulna was sent to prison on remand for 14 days.

He was arrested by Indian police and taken to Bashirhat subdivisional magistrate's court in North 24 Parganas. The court sent him to Bashirhat subdivisional prison.

North 24 Parganas police superintendent Bhaskar Mukherjee said the Bangladeshi youth surrendered to Basirhat Police Station on Friday night. A case was filed against him under the foreigners' act.

Dipankar Mistry entered the station and asked the duty officer Shampa Dey to arrest him.

He told the officer,

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HATIRJHEEL U-LOOP OPENS



One of the two U-loops of the capital's Hatirjheel development project Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina opened to the public yesterday. Incorporated in a revised draft project proposal, the loops would help commuters from Rampura, Badda and Banasree avoid being stranded in chronic traffic congestion at the Hatirjheel-Rampura intersection. Yesterday however was a different story with long tailbacks created on Bir Uttam Rafiqul Islam Avenue, inset, due to the adjoining loop being declared off-limits to vehicles for the duration of the inauguration.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Foreign minister postpones visit to Germany on its request

UNB, Dhaka

Amid the fast-changing scenario in Europe, Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali has postponed his visit to Germany at the "request" of the country.

Mahmood was scheduled to leave Dhaka for Germany on a four-day bilateral visit today.

Following a formal request from the German government, and the visit has been postponed, said a diplomatic source in Berlin, adding that the schedule will be re-fixed at a time convenient to both sides.

Majority of the UK people have already voted for leaving the European Union.

Water crisis deepens in Senpara Parbata

HELEMUL ALAM

Md Shawkat Akbar was hurrying to his friend's house at Monipuri Para, 1km away from his. He was running out of time before Juma prayers Friday. He needed a shower.

For the last few days, Shawkat of the capital's Senpara Parbata has been facing similar situations as a severe water crisis hit the neighbourhood.

"The water crisis has become very severe for the last five days," said Shawkat.

He said his wife also had to bathe in his Mirpur-6 office after returning home from her office.

"I am preparing to move to other area to get rid of this unbearable problem."

He said although Dhaka Water

Supply and Sewerage Authority (Wasa) provided water to the residents through its trucks, it was inadequate.

More than 1,000 families of Senpara Parbata have been suffering from the water crisis for the last couple of weeks. And the situation worsened in the last five days.

"We get water for only 10 to 15 minutes a day," said Akhtaruzzaman, another resident.

It takes two to three days to get a truck of water. "I received one truck of water today although I had applied for it three days ago," he said.

Over 50 jars of water were being provided every day, and the demand had increased in the last one week, said Masud, who sells water in rickshaws to different houses.

Amirul Islam, a resident of the area, said he had to purchase 10 jars of water to meet his family's daily need. "I have to spend Tk 600 a day for this," he said.

Yesmin Habib, another resident, said they bought water to drink and fetched water through buckets from reservoir to use it for household chores.

A Wasa official said the absence of a water pump in the area led to the crisis.

"We've already requested locals and public representatives to provide land on which the pump can be set up," he said, adding the official process was going on.

Wasa Managing Director Taqsem A Khan said they were also thinking of setting up a pump in an adjacent area to meet the demand.

Govt to bring more schools under MPO

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid tells JS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is trying to find ways to increase the number of schools under the monthly pay order (MPO) system, Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid told parliament yesterday.

"Our lawmakers have been demanding that more schools be brought under MPO. We will find out a way anyhow in this regard. And we are carrying out efforts to have a solution," he said while participating in the discussion on the proposed budget for the 2016-17 fiscal year.

Joining the budget discussion, ruling Awami League MPs including Whip Atiur Rahman Atik, too, came up with the same demand.

About the much talked debate regarding



quality of education, Nahid said it was not true at all that the quality of education did not improve.

"The government's strong move is continuing to further improve the standard of education," noted the minister adding that the government now focused on technical education and the training of teachers to this end.

The number of students in technical and vocational education marked a rise from 1 percent to 13 percent out of the country's total students over the last seven years, according to Nahid.

He added that the government set a target to further increase the number of the

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inside the modernised Silk City Express of the Dhaka-Rajshahi route after she inaugurated it at Kamalapur Railway Station in the capital yesterday, accompanied by Railways Minister Mazibul Haque and Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Harsh Vardhan Shringla.

PHOTO: PID

CU journalist accuses BCL men of slapping him

CU CORRESPONDENT

A journalist of Chittagong University-based CUTimes24.com filed a general diary while his fellows formed a human chain in Chittagong Press Club yesterday protesting him being allegedly slapped by two Bangladesh Chhtra League activists on Friday night.

Shariful Islam, a master's student, told The Daily Star that the assault followed him questioning one of the duo who was telling friends in front of Shah Amanat Hall of his dislike of journalists. The BCL men were not available for comment.

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Manna's release demanded

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Nagorik Oikya convener Mahmudur Rahman Manna has to be released immediately, demanded speakers at a discussion in the capital yesterday.

They also sought better treatment of Manna at the discussion organised by Rampura unit of Nagorik Oikya during an iftar party in Bansree, said a press release.

Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal General Secretary Comrade Khalequzzaman, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) General Secretary Abdur Malek Ratan, central committee member and convener of Dhaka City North unit of Nagorik Oikya Shahidullah Kaiser and Sonar Bangla Party general secretary Sheikh Abdun Nur addressed the function, among others.

They alleged that Manna has been kept in jail without any trial for around 16 months.

They said Manna is suffering from various diseases and the government must take the responsibility if anything happens to him. Plainclothes detectives arrested Manna in the capital on February 24 last year a day after his phone conversation with BNP leader Sadeque Hossain Khoka. In the conversation, Manna was heard talking about strengthening the anti-government movement.

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