

**WEATHER FORECAST**

**YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES**

<b>DHAKA</b> H 35.2   L 26.8	<b>CHITTAGONG</b> H 33.7   L 25.8	<b>SYLHET</b> H 35.8   L 27.4	<b>RAJSHAHI</b> H 37.7   L 27.2	<b>KHULNA</b> H 35.5   L 27.5	<b>BARISAL</b> H 34.8   L 28.0	<b>RANGPUR</b> H 34.7   L 26.0	<b>COX'S BAZAR</b> H 33.5   L 26.2
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Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind will likely occur at a few places over Rajshahi, Rangpur, Mymensingh, Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions in the next 24 hours. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:50pm and rises tomorrow at 05:14am. Yesterday's highest temperature 37.7 degree Celsius was recorded in Rajshahi and the lowest 24.2 degree Celsius in Rangamati.

**N'ganj slum dwellers beat up 3 cops, snatch accused who was later rearrested**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

An alleged accused in over 20 cases managed to evade police for several hours after Chonpara Slum's dwellers reportedly snatched him and beat up two assistant sub-inspectors (ASI) and a constable during a raid in Narayanganj's Rupganj around 2:30pm yesterday.

Members of Dhaka Metropolitan Police's (DMP) Detective Branch (DB), ASI Milon, 30, has been admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital while ASI Shakhawat, 30, and constable Monir, 45, were released after treatment.

Shamsher Ali, 28, an accused in over 20 cases of robbery and drug peddling, was finally arrested along with three others in the evening in a joint drive by DMP DB and local police,

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This road, connecting Shalutikkor-Sylhet-Shiberbazar, is slowly breaking down, unable to take the load of some 10,000 to 12,000 vehicles using it every day as an alternative to the one connecting Sylhet-Companyganj-Belaganj, which is in such a dilapidated state that only big wheelers can now ply on it. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

**QUAKE-VULNERABLE BUILDINGS Govt's demolition order ignored**

**Rajuk, city corporations sit on it; experts frustrated at failure to enforce the building code**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (Rajuk) and the two Dhaka city corporations have yet to demolish the 32 unsafe buildings the government wanted to see knocked down by May 27.

"They [Rajuk and the city corporations] have been dragging their feet on the government's demolition order," said Disaster Management and Relief Secretary Md Shah Kamal at a workshop on earthquake preparedness and awareness building.

Organised by the disaster management ministry, the workshop was held at a city hotel.

In January this year, the secretary had said Dhaka city has over 72,000 buildings that are vulnerable to earthquakes.

Rajuk acting chairman Abdur Rahman told The Daily Star yesterday that demolition of such buildings does not fall under Rajuk's jurisdiction. "It's not our job. We have informed the ministry that it's the task of the city corporations."

The Daily Star could not reach officials concerned of the

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**101 tortured to death in custody in 7yrs: Odhikar**

**MAHDI AL MUHTASIM**

At least 101 people have died due to torture in custody by law enforcement agencies in seven years between January 2009 and May 2016, according to a report of human rights group Odhikar.

The tortures and inhuman behaviours in custody are occurring because of a culture of impunity and non-implementation of the Torture and Custodial Death (Prevention) Act, 2013, said Odhikar.

Adilur Rahman Khan, secretary of Odhikar, shared the information

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Use law to stop repression
- Create independent body to probe torture
- Enforce Torture and Custodial Death (Prevention) Act
- End impunity
- Conduct free trial

Organisation Against Torture (OMCT) jointly organised the programme.

Adilur said local human rights activists of Odhikar put together the figure of 101 after interviewing the victim families, and they had with them the profiles of the victims.

He said Odhikar's observations suggest that torture by law enforcers had become a common phenomenon. The problem has been compounded due to political interference and weaknesses in the criminal justice system, he claimed.

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**Banking scams behind poor investment**

**Water resources minister claims in JS**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Water Resources Minister Anisul Islam Mahmud yesterday in parliament blamed widespread corruption in the banking sector for a "gloomy investment scenario", saying corruption must be stopped to attract investment.

Speaking about development, the water resources minister stressed the need for concentrating more on investment in the country aiming to become a middle-income country by 2021.

"If we want to turn Bangladesh into a middle-income country by 2021 and a developed one by 2041, we'll have to concentrate on investment," he added.

Investment has increased only by 0.18 percentage points of the GDP in the last seven years, he said. "It'll be difficult to achieve our targets with such investment."

Anisul, however, expressed his satisfaction over the annual inflow of the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), which has reached \$2.2 billion.

He said Bangladesh had become the second largest FDI recipient in South Asia, "but there should be a clear guideline on how to increase our private investment."

He also put emphasis on infrastructural development to attract investment.

**Bill on banning Jamaat likely in current JS session**

**Liberation war minister tells parliament**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Huq yesterday hoped that the government would place a bill in parliament soon to ban Jamaat-e-Islam that opposed the country's independence in 1971.

He was speaking in parliament on the proposed budget for 2016-17.

Mozammel said the government had finalised the definition of freedom fighter, which now would include those engaged in running the Mujibnagar government, Shwadhin Bangla Betar Kendra, medical teams that treated freedom fighters, and football teams. The rape victims (known as Biranganas) of the 1971 war will also be treated as freedom fighters, he said.

On banning Jamaat, he said, "The law

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Here are the accounts of two victims who narrated their stories of torture in custody at the Odhikar discussion yesterday. The stories are told in their own words here. The Daily Star withholds their detailed identities for their security.

**I was sued for sedition I was shot in the knee**

**STUDENT, Dhaka University**

Apart from my studies, I used to write articles in newspapers. Politically I am a supporter of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal. On August 8, 2014, I left the Dhaka University campus to go home in Cox's Bazaar. Before going to the bus counter, I went to Baitul Mukarram mosque for Juma prayers.

Police caught me there and asked me whether I was involved with Islami Chhatra Shibir or not. After I denied, they dragged me into a pickup van and took me to Paltan Police Station. They took away my mobile phone and Tk 700.

At the police station, they searched my bag and found the draft copy of an article titled "Movement against the government and what BNP should do".

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**STUDENT, Government Bangla College**

On January 17, 2015, at around 4:00pm, I went to Paltan, to attend a programme of BNP. At around 6:00pm, some plainclothes policemen caught me and forced me into a "Leguna" (a local passenger vehicle). At first, police took me to the Gulistan Police Outpost. They beat me for about two hours with sticks and also kicked me after pushing me to the floor. After two hours, they dragged me outside the outpost and handcuffed me and put me in the "Leguna". Inside the "Leguna", they gagged me and blindfolded me with "Gamcha" (local cotton towel).

At around 8:30pm, they brought me to a pond near the "Mahanagar Natya Mancha Park" and after dragging me out, they fired two bullets into my right knee at

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