



YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

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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 5:16am. Country's highest temperature 33.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rajshahi and the lowest 24.4 degree Celsius in Tangail.

HASSLES IN EID TRAVEL



Transport workers pester people, manhandling some at times, in their attempts to fill up buses in the capital's Sayedabad Bus Terminal yesterday with the competition among bus helpers leading to frequent altercations, top right. Some of the passengers alleged that they were being forced to pay fares higher than what the helpers initially said they would be charged to get them to board the buses.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

GULSHAN MASSACRE

Resisting brainwashing of youths urgent: Joy
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Protests pour in

STAR REPORT
Foreign countries and their envoys in Dhaka, international organisations, and cross section yesterday and on Sunday stoutly protested the barbaric militant attack on a café in the capital's Gulshan on Friday night.
They also extended condolences to the bereaved families and relatives of the victims.
OIC
Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Secretary General Iyad Ameen Madani called on the Bangladesh foreign minister on Sunday to express his sympathies and OIC's support to Bangladesh in the aftermath of the terrorist attack, reports our staff correspondent.
Calling for collective international efforts to defeat such menace against humanity, he stressed the need for understanding as well as addressing extremism, violence and terrorism in a comprehensive approach.
AUSTRALIA
In a press release issued from the Australian High Commission in Dhaka, the mission said, "Terrorism constitutes one of the most serious threats to international peace and security."
On Saturday, Julie Bishop MP, Australian minister for foreign affairs, expressed her strong condemnation to the attack and sympathy to the people of Bangladesh.
BRAZIL
Terming the attack cowardly, Brazilian Ambassador Wanja Campos da Nóbrega expressed solidarity on behalf of the Brazilian government with the governments of Italy, Japan, India and the United States for the loss of their nationals in the attack.

Attack result of failed institution
Says Asian Human Rights Commission
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

IRAN
Bahram Qasemi, Iranian foreign ministry spokesman, yesterday expressed deep condolence to the Bangladeshi nation and government and the families who lost their loved ones in the gruesome attack.
He said in a press statement that all peace loving countries in the world should put mounting pressure on supporters of such extremist groups to help lessen such anti-human crimes.
CHITTAGONG
Our staff correspondent in Ctg reports: Chittagong Union of Journalists (CUJ) organised a rally and a human chain, protesting the attack.
RAJSHAHI
In Rajshahi, city Awami League (AL) brought out a procession that paraded through Shaheb Bazar to Alupatty intersection and held a rally in front of its Kumarpara office, condemning the attack, adds our staff correspondent in Rajshahi.
Rajshahi Journalists Union (RUJ), Workers Party, the Rajshahi district unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League also held separate processions and human chains, protesting the terrorist attack.
Meanwhile, Gervas Rozario, the bishop of Rajshahi and also president of the Bishops' Commission for Justice and Peace, condemned the massacre.
He said, "...the attack is an unjustified barbarous act... Now Muslims believers must stand up to protect their religion," reports Asia News.

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Tributes paid to the slain
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A cross-section of people yesterday paid tributes at a makeshift memorial near the Holey Artisan Bakery at Gulshan, mourning the victims of Friday's hostage crisis.
"Your sudden loss is never to be filled, it will always be our force to break through the darkness...Your loving memory and vibrant ambience will be the means of progress to us," the friend of a victim, who preferred anonymity, wrote on a piece of paper attached to a wreath.
Equipped with firearms and swords, militants stormed the cafe, popular among foreigners, on Friday evening and killed 20 hostages, including nine Italians, seven Japanese, one Indian, one Bangladeshi American and two Bangladeshis. Two police officials were also killed.
The standoff ended after 12 hours following an army-led commando operation on Saturday morning, killing six militants, according to Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) briefing about the operation. One was arrested, and 13 hostages rescued, said ISPR.
Mahmuda Aktar, an acquaintance of victim Faraaz Ayaz Hossain, laid flowers in memory of the 20-year-old.
A delegation of Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) led by its President Siddiqur Rahman paid tributes around 4:20pm.
Speaking to reporters, Siddiqur said the incident would not affect the country's RMG sector.
"We have overcome the Rana Plaza incident. Hopefully this incident will not affect the RMG sector," he said, referring to the Italian victims involved in RMG business.
Two Japanese nationals visited the spot around noon, said on-duty policemen.
Meanwhile, a family from Narayanjan's Shiddhirganj went to the incident spot, claiming that their son, Zakir

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BNP slams AL for talking against unity to root out militancy
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP yesterday alleged that the ruling Awami League was giving various conditions as it was not willing to forge a national unity to deal with the growing threats of militancy and terrorism.
"Now the country is in a serious crisis. Had the ruling party been sincere to tackle militancy and terrorism, they would not have given any condition for forging a unity even at this time," BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir told reporters at the Army Stadium after paying homage to the victims of the Holey Artisan terrorist attack.
Following the attack, Fakhru said all will have to get united forgetting the past bitterness and rivalry.
"Our chairperson yesterday [on Sunday] called for a national unity forgetting all divisions to deal with the

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Garbage, mainly comprising plastic, floats in a canal in Sylhet city's Kazir Bazar area, just a quarter of a kilometre away from the city corporation, posing the threat of floating down to the Surma river and causing further devastation for marine life. The photo was taken last week.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

WE MOURN



We mourn the tragic death of Ms Nadia Benedetti in an attack on the Holey Artisan Bakery, Gulshan, Dhaka on 1st July 2016. She was the Managing Director of Valmont Group which is our valued customer. We pray to the Almighty for the eternal peace of Nadia and all the departed souls in the incident. May the Almighty give strength to the members & friends of the bereaved family to bear the loss.

