

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 29.5 L 26.0	H 28.5 L 26.5	H 29.9 L 25.5	H 28.7 L 26.9	H 31.0 L 25.5	H 30.4 L 25.5	H 31.2 L 27.0	H 29.7 L 25.0

Slight fall in day and night temperatures may occur over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:48pm and rises tomorrow at 5:21am. Country's highest temperature 32.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Mongla and the lowest 23.5 in Feni.

PEOPLE'S CALL TO FIGHT AGAINST MILITANCY



Calling for social awareness and tolerance, different socio-political and rights organisations hold anti-terrorism human chains at the capital's Shahbagh and Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

Two 'Ansarullah' men remanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
A Chittagong court placed two suspected activists of Ansarullah Bangla Team (ABT) on a four-day remand each in an arms case yesterday.
The court passed the order after Tohidul Alam Manik alias Abdullah alias Abidur Rahman and Ariful Mostafa were produced before it with a seven-day remand prayer, said court inspector AHM Moshir Rahman.
On early Thursday, Tohidul was arrested in Sundarpur of Fatikchhari while Ariful in Barabkuda of Sitakunda.
Earlier on Sunday night, four ABT men -- Musa Ebne Omayer, 25, Shipon alias Foyzal, 25, Khorshed Alam, 31, and Russell Md Islam, 40 -- were held in Barabkuda area of Sitakunda upazila.
Four swords, four machetes, one laptop, one tab and six mobiles were seized from their possession, said police.

Use of only force won't help fight terrorism

Human chain in capital told

DU CORRESPONDENT
Applying only force will not be helpful in fighting militancy and there is a need for building national unity, awareness and social resistance, speakers said at a human chain yesterday.
Civil society organisation Sushashoner Jonno Nagorik (SHUJAN) organised the anti-militancy programme at the capital's Shahbagh.
Different social, political, and human rights organisations including Ain o Salish Kendra, BLAST, Brotee, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD), and Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (Bapa) participated in the human chain.
Security analyst Brig Gen (retd) M Shakhawat Hossain said, "Steps have to be taken socially on the basis of national unity. If there is disarray, it will be difficult to resist the rise of militancy."
Calling for stopping crossfire, Shakhawat, also a former election commissioner, said, "Crossfire is not an answer; SEE PAGE 5 COL 1

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Find social, political, economic causes
- Establish tolerant, pluralistic society
- Stop political oppression
- End extra-judicial killings
- Try perpetrators thru due judicial process
- Ban religion based political parties
- Stop radicalisation thru motivation, reason

Govt failed to stop attacks

Says Ershad
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Jatiya Party (JP) Chairman HM Ershad yesterday said the government has totally failed to provide security to the country's people and stop terrorist attacks.
Ershad, also a special envoy to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, also called upon the government to sit with all political parties to find ways for tackling militancy in the country.
"There was no such instance of killings and terror attacks during my tenure. Jatiya Party government is therefore necessary for restoring peace in the country," he told an anti-militant rally JP organised in front of the party's central office in the capital's Kakrail.
"We will continue our movement and SEE PAGE 5 COL 7

Spread true spirit of Islam

Ctg imams, khatibs urge fellows saying that Islam not linked to terrorism
STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
Imams and khatibs in Chittagong city yesterday said there was no relation of terrorism with Islam, and those who were killing people in the name of Islam were not Muslims.
Those who do not understand Islam and misinterpret the religion are instigating militancy, they said at a views exchange meeting with the district administration.
Chittagong Deputy Commissioner Mesbah Uddin presided over the meeting at Chittagong Circuit House.
They noted that it was the responsibility of imams and khatibs to spread the true spirit of Islam and that a few Alem-Ulamas (Islamic scholars) were also instigating militancy by presenting Islam partially.
If anyone studies the Quran and Hadith properly, they cannot be militants and kill people, they added.
The religious leaders urged caution in listening to speakers like Dr Zakir Naik. SEE PAGE 5 COL 4

Dr Kamal also for nat'l unity

UNB, Dhaka
Describing the recent terror attacks as disastrous for the nation, Gano Forum President Dr Kamal Hossain yesterday called for forging national unity mobilising social and political forces to effectively tackle terrorism.
"We are calling for national unity to get rid of terrorism...It is not only of political parties, but also of the country's all people..." he said.
"We also urge all the human rights bodies, civil society organisations, women and professionals to come forward to forge the national unity and resist terrorism," Kamal told a press conference held at the capital's Jatiya Press Club after a meeting of Gano Forum presidium members.
Justifying his call for the national unity, the veteran politician said the identities of those behind the terrorism and militancy SEE PAGE 4 COL 4

HIMU MURDER

Verdict July 28

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
A Chittagong court yesterday set July 28 to deliver the verdict in a case filed over the murder of Himu in 2012.
The court also directed to send two accused -- Shah Selim Tipu and Md Shahadat Hossain Saju, who were on bail and appeared before the court -- to jail, said court sources.
Judge Nurul Islam of Chittagong Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge Court-4 fixed the date after the defence and prosecution ended their arguments yesterday, said Additional Public Prosecutor Anupam Chakraborty.
According to the case statement, centering his anti-drug role, Summerfield School and College's A-level student SEE PAGE 4 COL 4

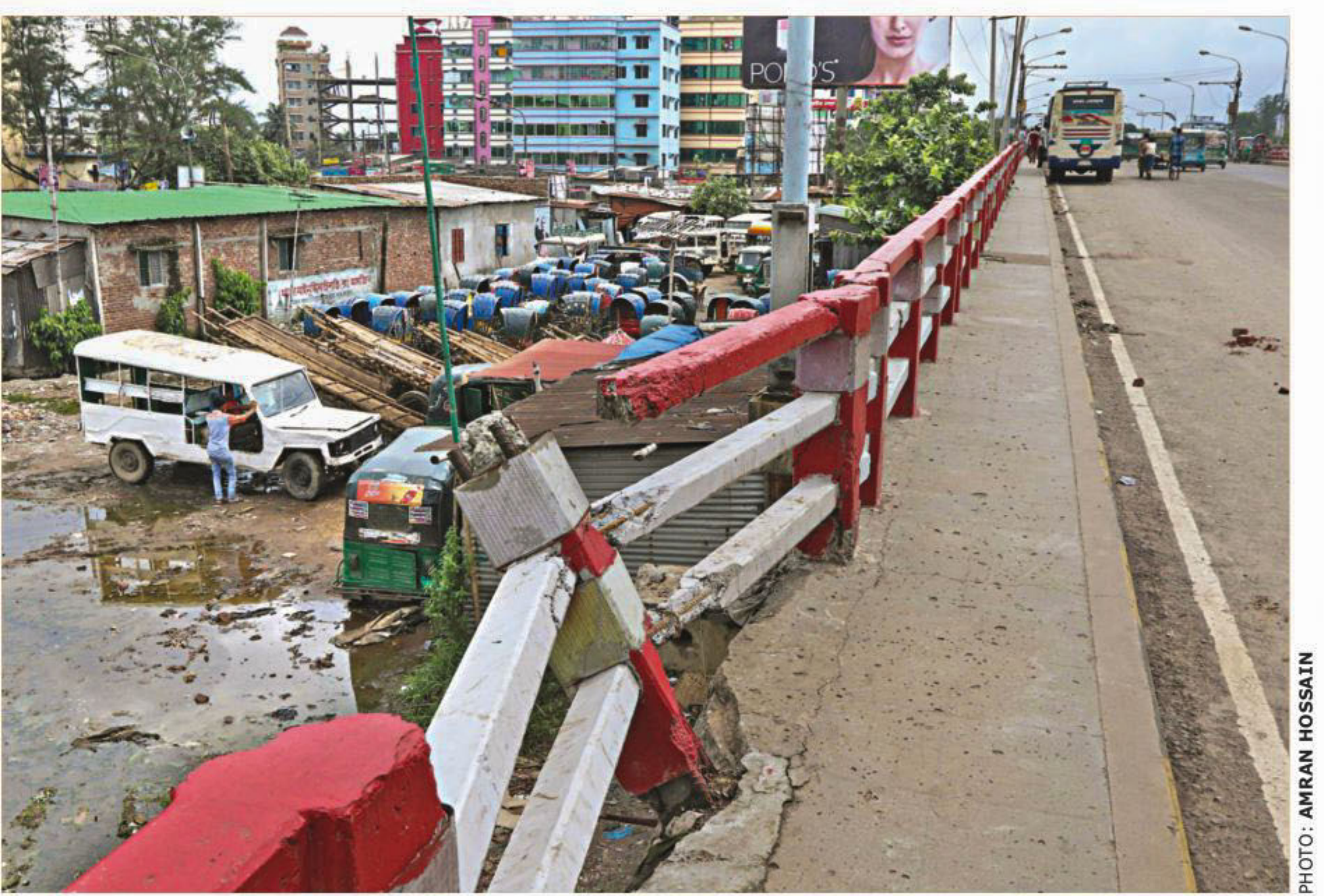
4 Bagerhat men arrested over war crime charges

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Police yesterday arrested four of 13 people of Bagerhat against whom a warrant was issued earlier in the day by International Crimes Tribunal-1 in a case over their alleged involvement in crimes during the 1971 Liberation War.
The arrestees are Khan Akram Hossain, 60, of Teligati village and Sheikh Mohammad Ukil Uddin, 82, of Capri village under Morelganj upazila; and Edris Ali Mollah, 64, of Jessore village and Mokbul Mollah, 79, of Udankhali village under Kachua upazila.
Akram was arrested in Puran Bazar area of Bagerhat town, Ukil Uddin in Labanchara area of Khulna sadar upazila and Edris and Mokbul at their respective villages, Additional Superintendent of Police Goutam Kumar Biswas told our local correspondent.
Police are trying to arrest the rest, said prosecutor Sabina Yesmin Khan Munni, who moved a petition seeking the warrant from the three-member tribunal led by Justice Anwarul Haque with members Justice Md Shahinur Islam and Justice Md Shohrwardi.
Sabina told the tribunal that the investigation began on June 4, 2015 and the investigation officer already found their "involvement" in crimes, including murder and rape, in the district.
Influential persons of their localities, the accused were "intimidating" SEE PAGE 5 COL 4

A vitamin A Plus capsule being administered to an infant at Binodini Health Complex in the Sylhet city as part of National Vitamin A Plus Campaign which started yesterday.



PHOTO: SHEIKH NASTIR



This damaged concrete railing of Bangladesh-China Friendship Bridge-1 in the capital's Postogola has been awaiting repairs for long, threatening the safety of those using it and below. The photo was taken on Wednesday.

Programmes against Rampal deal declared

UNB, Dhaka
The National Committee to Protect Oil-Gas-Natural Resources and Power-Port yesterday announced fresh programmes, including bringing out a demonstration towards the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) for July 28, protesting the signing of a contract for implementing the Rampal power plant project near the Sundarbans.
The protest procession will be brought out from the capital's Jatiya Press Club at 11:00am.
Leaders of the national committee announced the programme at a press conference at Mukti Bhaban in the capital.
The other programmes include country-wide demonstrations on July 18 and a rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club at 4:00pm, road marches in Dhaka and in the districts around the Rampal project on July 19-25.
Bangladesh-India Friendship Power Company Ltd (BIFPCL), a joint venture company formed by Dhaka and New Delhi, signed a contract on July 12 with SEE PAGE 4 COL 4

Death threat note found in Barisal temple

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An anonymous handwritten note warning that Hindu community leaders and priests would be killed was found inside a temple in Barisal city on Friday evening.
Authorities of Pashanmoyee Kali Mata Mandir filed a general diary later that night, the temple's priest, who lives there with his father, told The Daily Star.
He quoted the note as saying that law enforcement agencies would not be able to prevent the attacks and killings.
Kotwali police were investigating the matter. Police beefed up security at the temple and several others including that of Ramkrishna Mission, said Deputy Police Commissioner Abdur Rouf.

Court asks cops to probe bribe charges against Shyamal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj
A Narayanganj court yesterday directed Bandar police to submit a report on September 4 on investigating an allegation that Shyamal Kanti Bhakta, who was humiliated in public in the presence of an MP, took a bribe from a teacher with false promises of enlisting her for the monthly pay order.
An English teacher of Piyar Sattar Latif High School in Bandar area, Morsheda Begum, filed an appeal on Thursday seeking to file a case alleging that she had bribed the headmaster Tk 1.35 lakh.
Narayanganj Judicial Magistrate Saidduzzaman Sharif also fixed the report submission day for the next hearing.
On May 13, Shyamal was physically assaulted by a mob over allegations that he made derogatory comments about religion while meting out corporal punishment to a student.
Salim Osman, Jatiya Party lawmaker SEE PAGE 4 COL 4