

YESTERDAY'S

DHAKA H 31.0 L 25.0

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COX'S BAZAR H 30.2 L 24.4

Day and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:48pm and rises tomorrow at 5:22am. Country's highest temperature 33.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Satkhira and the lowest 23.5 degree Celsius in Sandwip.

TERROR ATTACK Australians asked to rethink need of visiting Bangladesh DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Australia yesterday raised the travel alert for its nationals from level 2 (exercise high degree of caution) to level 3 (reconsider your need to travel), citing it had "reliable information to suggest that militants may be planning to target Western interests in Bangladesh".

It was also for "an increase in terrorist attacks, including against Westerners", says an advice the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade issued.

"If you do decide to travel, take additional security measures, register your travel on Smartraveller and monitor the media and other sources about possible security risks," it adds.

Most western and major Asian countries, including the US, UK, Japan and South Korea, have issued similar travel warnings following the July 1 Gulshan café attack claiming the lives of two police officers and 20 hostages, including 17 foreigners.

Assessing the terrorist threat to be "real and credible", the US state department similarly updated its travel warning on July 10, authorising the voluntary departure of family members of government personnel posted at its Dhaka embassy.











CALL TO CURB MILITANCY

With a call for national unity and denouncing militancy and extremism, various student, working women, and journalist organisations bring out processions and form human chains in the capital yesterday. Imran H Sarker, spokesperson for a faction of Gonojagoron Mancha, at the inauguration of the faction's month-long campaign to make people aware of the scourge of militancy and the ways to resist it. The photos were taken on Dhaka University campus and in front of Jatiya Press Club.

Special anti-smuggling drive at Ctg port

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The Customs Intelligence lunched a twoday special drive titled "Operation Irene" at Chittagong Port yesterday to prevent trafficking of small arms, explosives, and drugs in parcels.

Officials of the Customs Intelligence and Investigation Directorate yesterday checked the imported goods stored at three cargo sheds of the port using the dog squad of

Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB). Chittagong Customs House and Chittagong Port Authority also assisted the

Additional Director General of the directorate Hossain Ahmed told The Daily Star that the special drive was being carried out as part of an anti-smuggling campaign going on simultaneously in 33 other countries in the Asia Pacific region, coordinated by Regional Intelligence Liaison Office for Asia Pacific (RILO AP), the intelligence wing of World Customs

Organisation. Bangladesh as an active member country of RILO AP has taken the WCO initiative with much importance as security has

become a global concern, he added.

day, he said.

The inspection was carried out yesterday at the port sheds where the cargoes imported in LCL (less than container load) containers are stored after being unstuffed from the containers. Each LCL container carries goods of different importers instead of one.

The directorate's Deputy Director SM Shamimur Rahman said other imported containers, which were directly delivered from the port, usually underwent scanning, physical examination, and other procedures; so they were focusing on LCL containers during the special drive.

The first day's drive that started at 11:00am went on for over six hours. The drive will continue at the remaining three

cargo sheds of the port today. Earlier, the Customs Intelligence conducted such special drives at the cargo sheds of Chittagong Shah Amanat International Airport for three days from Thursday and found six bottles of foreign liquor in an imported container.

With an aim to check smuggling, countrywide special drives started on July 8, the first one being conducted at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport. They will continue at all ports of entry -- land, sea and air -- till July 23.

PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES

Chhatra Union also wants politics there

Gonojagoron Mancha faction launches month-long campaign

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After Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), Bangladesh rorists. Chhatra Union (BCU) also demanded for allowing active: student politics in all private universities.

Lucky Akter and GM Jilani Shuvo, central president and . the "Television Journalists' general secretary of the left leaning student organisation, .: Union (TJU), Sylhet" in made the demand at a press conference at Modhur Canteen · front of the Sylhet Central

of Dhaka University yesterday. Shuvo, in a written statement, also demanded to hold: 11:00am. student union polls at all educational institutions to instill a ·

democratic culture there. Earlier, BCL President Saifur Rahman Sohag and General: were standing against the Secretary SM Jakir Hossain made the same demand on ·

They also announced to hold protest procession and

rallies all over the country. Meanwhile, a faction of Gonojagoron Mancha yesterday started a month-long campaign to aware people of the

scourge of militancy and how to resist it. They also expressed dissatisfaction over the tribunal · Uddin Ahmed Kamran, verdict that gave death penalty to three absconding: president of BNP's Sylhet Jamalpur Al-Badr men and jail until death to five others for : metropolitan unit Nasim

crimes committed during the Liberation War. The anti-militancy campaign was inaugurated at human chain presided over Teacher-Student Centre (TSC), where its spokesperson : by TJU President

Cross section in Public univ VCs Sylhet demands

Politicians, journalists and citizens in Sylhet yesterday demanded an integrated countrywide movement against militants and ter-

They made the call at a · human chain organised by · Saheed Minar around

The speakers said the militants were traitors and country's development.

Among others, former Sylhet City Corporation : mayor and president of Awami League's Sylhet metropolitan unit Badar · Hossain attended the

· Kamkamur Razzak Runu.

against militants assure support OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet in the fight : UNB, Dhaka

· vice-chancellors of public universities have assured that · they will extend their all-out support to the government to root out militancy and extremism from the country. The assurance came at a meeting held with the

Strongly condemning the university level militant activities,

University Grants Commission (UGC) at its office in the capital yesterday.

UGC arranged the views-exchange meeting with the VCs · on the country's current situation and other issues related to the universities. UGC Chairman Prof Abdul Mannan presided over the meeting. UGC members Prof Dr Dil Afroza Begum, Prof Dr M Shah

Nowaz Ali and Prof Dr Md Alauddin, the president of Association of University of Bangladesh, and vice-chancellors · of different public universities were present at the meeting.

The vice-chancellors urged the UGC to play a pro-active role in resolving various problems of the universities and · sought cooperation and assistance from the government to ensure overall security of the universities.

They raised various demands of the teachers at the meeting. In reply, Prof Abdul Mannan said the demands are · under active consideration of the UGC.

He informed the meeting that the UGC will discuss the

· matter with the government at a convenient time. The UGC chairman also urged the vice-chancellors to closely monitor the militant activities and curb extremism



Even though the road is known as VIP road, these potholes veiled under the murky stagnant water were created just because of a few days' rainfall, an eventual result of poor construction work and lack of maintenance.

Landlords to face music for tenants' militancy link

at university level.

Warns Ctg DC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Legal actions would be taken against the landlords if any of their tenants turn out to be militants, said Chittagong

Deputy Commissioner Mesbah Uddin. He said the owners must inquire about the tenants and obtain detailed information before renting their houses to them.

The DC said this in view of the recent arrests in connection to the militant attacks in the country. On Saturday, a professor of the capital's North South University and the next day, a landlord in Mirpur were arrested for "sheltering militants" and allegedly concealing tenant information from police and were placed on an eight-day remand each.

The DC was addressing the terrorism and subversive activities prevention committee meeting in Chittagong city yesterday, held at the DC office's conference room. The meeting was joined by teachers of different govern-

ment colleges, vice chancellors of private universities in Chittagong, political leaders and social activists.

The DC proposed to establish a mandatory exam on Liberation War in English medium and other schools to increase the spirit of nationalism among students.

He urged the teachers to organise regular meetings with the guardians and increase extracurricular activities to keep students away from the militant ideals. Chittagong Civil Surgeon Azizur Rahman Bhuiyan

proposed to increase anti-militant campaign on the internet. Social activist Jesmin Akther urged to take action against the numerous coaching centres across the city and form

neighbourhood based committees to keep vigilance.

BCL forms CU FROM PAGE 3

secretaries and nine organis-

ing secretaries. On July 20 last year, BCL nominated Mohammad Alamgir Tipu and Fazly Rabby Sujan as president and general secretary respec-

tively of the unit for one Later, on February 9 this year, BCL central committee suspended the unit's all activities for an indefinite period as the Tipu and Sujan groups repeatedly locked into clashes breaking

organisational discipline. When a bamboo

FROM PAGE 3 broken. Locals have filled it with a chunk of concrete.

Kazi Bourhan Uddin, executive engineer of zone-5 of DSCC, said they were not informed of the manhole situation and would take immediate action.

HC denies

FROM PAGE 3 Chittagong jail gate. On November 2 in 2014,

BNP activists hurled petrol bombs at vehicles and blasted several Molotov cocktails in the port city's Cinema Palace area, leaving a rickshaw puller seriously injured. Later, a case was filed under the explosives act, said the ADC.

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