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Day and night temperatures may remain nearly unchanged over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:47pm and rises tomorrow at 5:23am. Country's highest temperature 34.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rajshahi and the lowest 23.5 in Rangamati.

#### Five die after drinking rectified spirit in Rajshahi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,

At least five elderly people including a woman died after drinking rectified spirit at Charghat upazila headquarters of Rajshahi during the last 24 hours.

Godhuni Rani, 70, Zahar Lal, and Anil, 55, of Charghat Sweeper Colony died at Charghat Health Complex last afternoon, while Mahtab Uddin, 50, of Gour Shaharpur, and Helal Uddin, 55, of Mukhtarpur, died at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital, said Nibaran Chandra Burman, officerin-charge of Charghat Police Station.

Quoting RMCH doctors, the OC said evidence of excessive consumption of rectified spirit was found in the duo's autopsies.

Autopsy of the other three will be performed today, he added.



Family members and fans of noted writer Humayun Ahmed place flowers at his grave in Nuhash Palli of Gazipur yesterday marking his fourth death anniversary.

PHOTO:

## Two Sylhet univ students held as militant suspects

STAR REPORT

Police arrested two university students of Sylhet on Monday on the charge of suspected militant links.

One is a student of the Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (Sust), detained on the campus in the afternoon.

An official of the Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime unit of Dhaka Metropolitan Police told The Daily Star that they were on a hunt for the arrestee, Abdul Aziz, who was the coordinator of Sylhet city and Sust unit of banned militant outfit Ansarullah Bangla Team (ABT).

The official also said a local police team arrested Aziz, a fourth year student of industrial and production engineering, on information from Sust's administration.

"After we came to know about Aziz's involvement with ABT, we tried to arrest him but failed as he even skipped examinations," said the officer, adding that they then requested the university administration to inform them once he came to the campus.

A team from Dhaka was taking him to the capital for questioning, said the official, wishing anonymity.

Rashed Talukder, acting proctor of Sust, said Aziz was picked up near the cafeteria by plainclothes police, reports out correspondent in Sylhet.

Contacted, the detainee's brother, Abdul Kadir, told The Daily Star that his brother was a student of Sylhet Cadet College and got admitted to Sust. He said Aziz was involved

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## Online system to let guardians track status of students in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Chittagong District Administration has introduced an online-based education management system (EMS) at 10 secondary schools, madrasas and colleges to ensure teacher-student attendance, bring discipline, and improve quality of education there.

Officials said EMS would be introduced at the rest of the secondary and higher secondary education institutions of the district gradually.

Doulatuzzaman Khan, additional deputy commissioner (land acquisition), Chittagong, who is involved with the project, said that logging into the system through passwords, guardians could know

whether a student had attended classes or what was their academic at the beginning of the year," said progress.

Information of all education institutions in the district will be on a single web page (eductg.gov.bd) where the top management can easily see the academic progress of the total education system.

As of yesterday, 10 institutions including from the city were brought under EMS.

The official said the system was still under construction and guardians would be able to log in to it from late August. He added that students and teachers would use biometric student systems, so their status could be tracked easily.

"We started working on the system Doulatuzzaman. "We have a plan to bring all educational institutions under EMS by next five to six months."

Welcoming the initiative, Principal of Mirsarai Latifia Kamil Madrasa Mohammad Ekramul Huq said that after introduction of the system, the interest of students in attending classes had grown. Moreover, teachers and staff of the madrasa, who were not punctual, have also started to maintain schedules, he added.

There are 1,122 secondary schools, madrasas, and colleges in Chittagong district, including those in the city, said SEE PAGE 4 COL 3

#### Coordination cell must to help stop militants' bail

Says attorney general STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Attorney General Mahbubey Alam yesterday stressed the need for forming a coordination cell to take necessary steps to stop bail of militant suspects and their release from jail.

The coordination cell will preserve the particulars, including the names and addresses of all the militant suspects, he said.

The officials will monitor whether the accused of militancy related cases move bail petitions before any court and will inform this to the office of attorney general and public prosecutor, so that they can take necessary steps to stop the bail, he said while talking to the reporters at his office on the Supreme Court premises.

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# Centenarian lifer freed from jail on SC order

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur** 

Wahidunnessa, a hundred-year-old prisoner, was released from Kashimpur

Women's Central Jail yesterday morning inline with the Supreme Court order, after serving 16 years' jail in a murder case.

The Supreme Court issued the order on Monday as Wahidunnessa, who was serving life term imprisonment, filed a review petition for her release recently.

"We upheld her age and agerelated issues before Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha during his recent visit to the jail," said Subrata

Kumar Bala, jail superintendent of Kashimpur Central Jail. Deputy Registrar of the High

Court Farjana Yesmin told The Daily Star that the chief justice on June 26

> in Gazipur and talked to Wahidunnessa. The chief justice advised her to submit a review petition and also asked the jail authorities to assist

visited Kashimpur jail

her, she said, adding, a four-member bench of the Appellate Division on July 18 acquitted Wahidunnessa of the murder charge and ordered her

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Manusher Jonno Foundation Executive Director Shaheen Anam hands over Braille editions of 13 laws and policies on the rights of citizens, including those suffering from visual impairment, at a programme organised by the foundation in the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

### Visually impaired demand more Braille books on law

STAFF CORRESPONDENT People of all strata of life should extend their cooperation to the people with disabilities for ensuring their access to all social and government services, said discussants at

a function yesterday. They are deprived of equal rights and facilities. So, changing of public mindset is very crucial for establishing rights of physically challenged people, said rights activists and government officials.

ceremony of the books on 13 laws and policies of the government in Braille versions among the visually impaired people at the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

Manusher Jonno Foundation, which works for promoting human rights and good governance, prepared the Braille version of the books and also distributed those to five organisations that work for visually impaired people.

The organisations are -Dhaka University, Bangladesh Visually Impaired People's Society (BVIPS), Women with Disabilities Development Foundation (WDDF), Disabled Welfare Society and National Forum of Organisations Working with the Disabled (NFOWD).

Social Welfare Additional Secretary Khandoker Atiar Rohman said the Braille versions will help the visually impaired

people to know about their rights. The government may update the Rights and Protection of Persons with Disability Act, if necessary, to guarantee their rights

Manusher Jonno Foundation Executive Director Shaheen Anam said, "People with disabilities stumble in their life due to lack of equal opportunities and poor access to social They were speaking at the distribution services. But we want every person to get

> "The Braille version of laws and policies will empower them," she viewed.

A visually impaired woman Nazma Ara Begum Popy, also joint coordinator of National Disability Forum, demanded that all the laws and policies of the government should be printed in Braille version.

Harun-or-Rashid, another visually impaired person, demanded that the government should take necessary steps to make the information and technology related facilities more easily accessible for them.

further, he said.

equal opportunity and enjoy equal rights."

BVIPS President Saidul Huq chaired the ceremony, attended by representatives of different organisations working for people with disabilities.

EXPLOSIVE CASE Remand prayer for Aslam of

PHOTO: STAR

BNP rejected STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chittagong court yesterday rejected a prayer to place BNP Joint Secretary General Aslam

Chowdhury on remand in an explosive case. The court, however,

permitted police to quiz the BNP leader at the jail gate in the case, said court Chittagong Metropolitan Magistrate Nazmul Hossain

passed the order after Aslam was produced before the court with a 10-day remand prayer, said additional deputy commissioner (prosecution) Nirmalendu Bikash Chakraborty.

The case was filed with Chawkbazar Police Station after Jamaat-Shibir men on May 11 created panic by SEE PAGE 5 COL 1





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