

**WEATHER FORECAST**

**YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES**

<b>DHAKA</b> H 32.0   L 26.8	<b>CHITTAGONG</b> H 32.4   L 25.5	<b>SYLHET</b> H 30.8   L 25.5	<b>RAJSHAHI</b> H 34.1   L 25.4	<b>KHULNA</b> H 34.2   L 27.5	<b>BARISAL</b> H 32.0   L 25.6	<b>RANGPUR</b> H 33.8   L 25.8	<b>COX'S BAZAR</b> H 30.0   L 26.5
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Day temperature may rise slightly and night temperature 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 Jessore and the lowest 24.6 degree Celsius in Sitakunda.

## Verdict on appeals of Gazipur attack case July 28

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday fixed July 28 for delivering verdict on the death reference and appeals in a case filed over a suicide bomb attack inside the Gazipur Bar Association office in 2005 that killed nine people and injured scores of others.

On November 29, 2005, suicide bomber Nazir Hossain, also known as Shariat Ullah, of Gaibandha, walked into the office on the ground floor of the Hall Building-2 at Bhawal Rajbari court and detonated the bomb strapped to his body. The bombing was apparently a part of banned militant outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh's attack on the judiciary.

On June 20, 2013, a Dhaka court sentenced 10 members of JMB to death for carrying out the attack.



With a call for national unity, people from all walks of life hold a candlelit procession in front of the Chittagong Central Shaheed Minar in the port city yesterday, protesting the recent militant attacks in the capital's Gulshan and Sholakia in Kishoreganj.

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## NEWS IN brief

### ACC arrests six ex-bankers over embezzling Tk 2cr

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday arrested six former bank officials in four separate cases filed for their alleged involvement in misappropriating about Tk 2.03 crore.

According to the cases filed between March 1, 2007 and July 23, 2015, Ashfakul Hakim and GM Humayun Kabir of the then Oriental Bank, now ICB Islami Bank, embezzled Tk 1.84 crore; Mojahar Ali of Janata Bank pocketed Tk 5.59 lakh; Aminul Islam and Sahiduzzaman Chowdhury of Pubali Bank grabbed Tk 2.88 lakh; and Bazlur Rashid of Grameen Bank misappropriated Tk 10.89 lakh.

### Bar Council punishes three lawyers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Bar Council, the licensing and regulatory body for lawyers, punished three lower court advocates for committing professional misconducts.

Abul Hasnat Bhuiyan, a member of Dhaka Bar Association, was removed from the profession forever and Shahjalal Chowdhury and Tobarak Hossain, members of Cox's Bazar Bar Association, were suspended for three years.

A three-member tribunal of Bar Council led by its Chairman Md Yahya yesterday sentenced them, as allegations brought against them of committing professional misconducts were proved, said the press release.

### Four 'ABT men' remanded in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Four suspected activists of Ansarul Islam Bangla Team (ABT), arrested in Sitakunda upazila in Chittagong on July 10, were placed on a five-day remand in an arms case yesterday.

Earlier, the court granted a five-day remand for the ABT men in another case filed under anti-terrorism act.

The four are Musa Ebne Omayer, 25, Shipon alias Foysal, 25, Khorshed Alam, 31, and Russell Md Islam, 40.

### Eqbal passes away

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Khan Mohammed Eqbal, former chairman of Padma-Sonali Group, died at a hospital yesterday. He was 77. Born in Paik Para of Dhamrai upazila in Dhaka, he left behind his wife, three sons and grand children.

He will be buried at his family graveyard after his namaz-e-janazas at Gulshan Azad mosque following the Juma prayers and at his village following the Asr prayers on Friday.

## DHAKA ATTACK ASK worried over 2 missing hostages

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rights body Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK) yesterday expressed deep concern over the missing of the two rescued hostages of Gulshan cafe attack.

Issuing a press statement, it demanded that authorities concerned take appropriate step in line with the law and show highest professional attitude to the matter.

The families of Abul Hasnat Rezaul Karim, a former teacher of North South University, and Tahmid Hasib Khan, a student in overseas, alleged that they are traceless after being rescued from the Holey Artisan Bakery on July 2.

The Dhaka Metropolitan Police had picked them up, but now they are saying that the duo is no more in police custody, said the statement, quoting media report.

"They were in law enforcers' suspects list, it read.

"Clear statement from related authorities is needed over their whereabouts. It is also needed to inform the families about the issue," it added. Militants took hostages at Holey Artisan Bakery on July 1 evening, killing 20 people including foreigners. An army commando operation ended the 12-hour hostage standoff the next morning, killing six suspected militants and rescuing 13 hostages, according to ISPR.

## 'Deprived' CU BCL men attack shuttle train protesting new body

Injure cop, loco master; halt university buses

CU CORRESPONDENT

Two persons including a police official were injured yesterday in an attack allegedly by Bangladesh Chhatra League men who were either deprived or did not get the expected post in the newly formed committee of the Chittagong University unit.

Earlier, the deprived BCL men had given a 48-hr ultimatum to the central committee for reforming its new body, which ended at 11:00am yesterday.

Mohammad Shuruzzaman, sub-inspector of Chittagong Railway Police, said around 25-30 BCL activists held loco master Md Waheduzzaman of the university's train at Jhautola station around 7:30am.

Locals along with Bangladesh Railway Police rescued him, he said,

adding, the train was also obstructed by more followers of the agitated group near Forest Gate area.

Sub-inspector Jakir Hossain of Sholoshohor Police Station and the loco master were injured when the group hurled stones at them, he said, adding that police fired five rounds of blank shots and dispersed them.

SI Jakir was sent to Chittagong Medical College Hospital while Waheduzzaman was given primary treatment, he added.

The deprived BCL leaders also did not allow any bus to leave the campus.

No examinations and classes were held as railway authorities have decided to stop train communication from the city to campus, resulting in low turnout of students and teachers, said CU Proctor Ali Asgar Chowdhury.

Divisional Transportation Officer Md Feroz Iftakhar said that they will decide about the train communication after talking to the university authorities.

Contacted, BCL central committee's general secretary SM Jakir Hossain said they have called the unit's president Mohammad Alamgir Tipu and general secretary Fazly Rabby Sujan to the capital to discuss the situation.

When asked about the allegation that Shibir men got post in the new committee, he said that they are investigating the allegation. "If the allegation brought against them is found true, we would suspend them," he said.

Mizanur Rahman Bipul, a CU BCL activist, said, "We will wait for the central committee's decision and decide our future course of action."

## Tutor kills female student in launch

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A private tutor killed his teenage student by slitting her throat in a launch cabin at the capital's Sadarghat yesterday, following a dispute over romantic relationship with her, police quoted the confessional statement of the man as saying.

Al Mamun, an honours third year student of a college in Dhaka, murdered ninth-grader Parul Aktar, 16, of Keraniganj, as he suspected that she had a relationship with another person, said Inspector (investigation) Parvez Aktar of Kotwali Police Station.

A knife, which was apparently used for the killing, was found in the cabin, he added.

Mamun rented the cabin after luring Parul to the launch with a promise to take her to Kuakata for a trip, said the police official.

Police recovered the body and arrested Mamun on the spot after a staff of the Patuakhali-bound launch saw blood coming out of the cabin and informed the other staff who later let police know the matter.

## 2 Destiny top bosses get bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday granted bail to two Destiny Group officials, including its managing Director Rafiqul Amin, in two money laundering cases filed by the Anti Corruption Commission.

Another official is Destiny Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd Chairman Mohammad Hossain.

ACC lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan said the ACC will move appeals before the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court against the HC verdict.

ACC filed the cases in 2012 against 22 Destiny officials over laundering Tk 4,200 crore.

It pressed charges against the Destiny Group MD, Destiny 2000 President Lt Gen (ret'd) Harun-Ar-Rashid and 49 others in the cases in 2014.

## DHAKA SECURITY BEEFED UP



Security measures have been tightened all over the capital due to the recent militant attacks. Clockwise from top, police stand guard in front of Jatiya Press Club. Barbed wire being installed over the walls of a house on Road 80 in Gulshan. Two policemen check a bag of a motor biker in front of Jamuna Future Park. Law enforcement personnel inspect a private car at the airport. The photos were taken yesterday.

## FIVE PATUAKHALI MEN ICT asks prosecution for war crime charges, if any

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday directed the prosecution to submit charges, if any, on September 5 in the case against five Patuakhali men who were allegedly involved in the crimes committed during the Liberation War in 1971.

Yesterday was fixed for submitting charges, but Prosecutor Rezia Sultana Chaman prayed for one month time for preparation and the tribunal granted her prayer.

The accused -- Esahaq Shikder, 83, Abdul Goni Hawlader, 72, Md Awal alias Awal Moulavi, 69, Abdus Sattar Pyada, 65, and Solaiman Mridha, 86, of Patuakhali sadar upazila -- are in jail.

Tribunal's investigation agency on May 4 completed probe in the case against them and said to have found evidence over their involvement in war crimes.

According to the agency, Esahaq was a member of Peace Committee in Patuakhali while the other four were members of Razakar Bahini.

They were "involved" in the killing of 15 people, rape of 15 women, abduction of six children and arson and looting of at least 21 houses in Patuakhali Sadar between May 4 and 14, 1971, it said.

## Obituary

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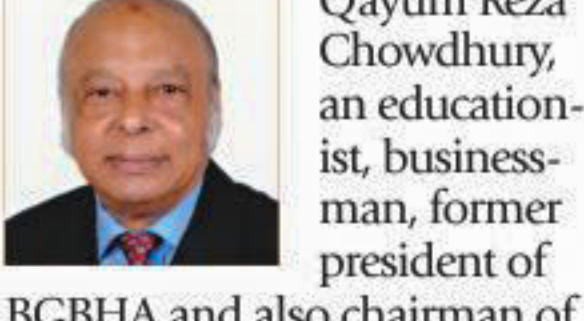
Asma Chowdhury, wife of former PWD chief engineer late Sharifuddin Chowdhury, passed away at Square Hospitals in the capital yesterday night, aged 74.

She left behind two sons and a daughter.

Her namaz-e-janaza will be held at Dhanmondi Taqwa Masjid after the Zuhr prayers.

## Qayum Reza Chy nominated for Asia Education Leadership Award

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Qayum Reza Chowdhury, an educationist, businessman, former president of

BCBHA and also chairman of University of Asia Pacific, has been nominated for the Asia Education Leadership Award.

The award is presented by the World Education Congress, CMO Asia with CMO Council as its Strategic Partner and Stars of the Industry Group as a research partner, said a press release.

He has been nominated for the award for surpassing several levels of excellence, setting an example of being a role model and exemplary leadership.

## Vast land slipping

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many cases repressed the underprivileged and marginalised people for protecting the interest of privileged.

They demanded that the government take land from the sugar mill authorities and give it back to the owners.

Eminent rights activist Sultana Kamal said everyone must raise voice against the injustice and repression. "We cannot leave the country at the hands of miscreants."

Columnist Syed Abul Moksud said the duty of policymakers and public representatives was to protect rights of the underprivileged, but the reverse was happening in Bangladesh.

The state is playing a double standard to people, he viewed.

Veteran left-leaning politician Pankaj Bhattacharya said the administration and bureaucracy was dominated by people, who were not bothered about the rights of general people.

Lawmaker Ushatan Talukder said the state had taken on a repressive character.

The state does not stand beside the people being evicted from their land, added women's rights advocate Khushi Kabir.

Land rights activist Shamsul Huda said law enforcers were more skilled in repressing people than combating terrorism.

Ethnic minority leaders, among others, also spoke.