

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 32.2 L 25.3	H 33.2 L 26.4	H 29.6 L 25.4	H 34.0 L 25.7	H 31.5 L 26.0	H 32.0 L 25.5	H 32.0 L 26.0	H 31.0 L 25.2

Day and night temperatures may remain nearly unchanged over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:45pm and rises tomorrow at 5:25am. Country's highest temperature 34.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rajshahi and the lowest 24.0 in Teknaf and Tentulia.

3-day border coordination meeting of BGB, BSF starts

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

A three-day meeting between Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) and Border Security Force (BSF) of India started in Agartala of Tripura yesterday to sort out problems at border.

A 21-member BGB delegation led by Brig Gen Md Habibul Karim reached Agartala through the Akhaura check post.

Karim said the border coordination meeting was a routine programme to identify problems at border.

Asked about the relations between border guards of the two neighbours, Karim said, "We are at the height of our good relations. We want to further improve it."

BSF's Tripura Frontier Inspector General JB Sangwan is leading the 21-member delegation of the force at the meeting.



A part of the metal structure dividing the road in Shapla Chatter area of Motijheel in Dhaka has remained bent for a month, putting vehicles at risk of being hit against it any time. The photo was taken on Friday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Bangladesh to welcome only need-based help

Says State Minister Shahriar Alam

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh will welcome only need-based supports from foreign nations as a number of countries, including India and the USA, have come forward to help Bangladesh in its fight against terrorism after the recent attacks on a Dhaka café and police at Sholakia, State Minister for Foreign Affairs M Shahriar Alam told the news agency yesterday.

"We will take support based on needs only depending on the nature of crimes and will focus on information sharing," he said, adding that the blood samples of the Gulshan café attackers were sent to the US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for further analysis.

"So, the entire thing will be need-based one," mentioned Shahriar.

The state minister said the issue of cooperation with India in countering terrorism was also discussed during his recent visit to India.

The home minister-level meeting in New Delhi on Thursday is expected to be a landmark one on how the cooperation will be strengthened between Bangladesh and India to fight against terrorism effectively.

Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan will leave for New Delhi on Wednesday to join the meeting with his Indian counterpart Rajnath Singh.

President for preservation of local fish species

BSS, Dhaka

Underscoring the need for taking steps to produce and preserve different varieties of local fishes, President Abdul Hamid yesterday said people need to be encouraged to cultivate and preserve those varieties to protect the country's aquatic environment and biodiversity.

"Production of local fishes has been decreased to a large extent and some varieties of local fishes are facing extinction. So, we must take steps to encourage people to cultivate and preserve different varieties of local fishes for maintaining biodiversity," the president said at a function at Darbar Hall of Bangabhaban in Dhaka marking the National Fisheries Week-2016.

Mentioning the potential of the fisheries sector, the president suggested proper implementation of different laws related to fish production and preservation and asked authorities concerned to make the people, especially the fish producers and traders,

aware about these laws.

He put emphasis on taking a programme comprising the government and all fisheries related stakeholders including non-government, voluntary and commercial organisations as well as research institutes to boost fish production.

"It is not the responsibility of the government alone to increase fish production and to maintain proper management of vast aquatic resources," he added.

He said the fisheries sector has been fulfilling 60 percent of demand for animal protein. Moreover, 11 percent of the total population of the country depends on this sector.

Later, the president released fish fries in Lion Pond of Bangabhaban.

Fisheries and Livestock Minister Muhammad Sayedul Hoque, State Minister for Fisheries and Livestock Narayan Chandra Chanda, Secretary Maksudul Hasan Khan and DG of the Department of Fisheries Syed Arif Azad also spoke.



President Abdul Hamid accompanied by others releasing fish fry into water at the capital's Bangabhaban yesterday, marking National Fish Week-2016.

PHOTO: PID

Court asks

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AKM Mosharrif Hossain were present at the court.

The ACC accuses the former premier and 15 others of causing a loss of Tk 159 crore to the state exchequer by awarding a contract for operation of Barapukuria coalmine to a Chinese company between June 2003 and June 2005, abusing power.

On October 5 of 2008, the ACC pressed charges against Khaleda and 14 others in the case. Other accused include former ministers of BNP are M Saifur Rahman, Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, M Shamsul Islam, MK Anwar, Barrister Aminul Haque and Altaf Hossain Choudhury.

AG can form cell to

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Court-3) along with his family members left for Malaysia a few days after he delivered the judgment, acquitting Tarique in November 2013, he said.

The minister also said the government issued a notice asking him to get back to work, but he did not respond.

Earlier yesterday, Jatiyatabadi Ainjibi Forum demanded that the law minister withdraw his statement.

The leaders of the pro-BNP lawyers' platform protested the law minister's comment saying that the judge, Motahar Hossain, did not go abroad immediately after acquitting Tarique.

Judge Motahar Hossain had discharged his judicial duties for around one and a half months after delivering the judgement on Tarique. Then he went into retirement and later went to Malaysia, AM Mahbub Uddin Khokon, secretary of the forum, said at a press conference at the Supreme Court Bar Association auditorium in Dhaka.

2 crude bombs

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BNP leader Tarique Rahman in a money laundering case. Mohammad Alamgir Tipu, president of CU unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League, said JCD activists might have hurled the bombs. The district unit president of JCD Gazi Siraz, however, denied the allegation.

MANJUR MURDER CASE

CID gets 3 more months for probe

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday for the 12th time gave the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of police three more months to complete the investigation in a case filed over the killing of Maj Gen Abul Manzur in 1981.

The court fixed October 23 for submission of the probe report. The order came after CID Special Superintendent Abdul Kahar Akond, also investigation officer of the case, submitted a petition seeking more time for further investigation.

In yesterday's petition, Kahar said he had investigated some matters at home and abroad, but could not interrogate all the witnesses. He therefore needed more time to complete the probe.

HM Ershad, the then chief of army staff and now Jatiya Party chief as well as special envoy to the prime minister, is the main accused in the case.

Manzur was killed in Chittagong Cantonment on June 1, 1981, two days after the assassination of the then president Ziaur Rahman. His elder brother Abul Mansur Ahmed filed the case 14 years later on February 28, 1995.

Appeal for help

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ninth-grader Popi Akter of Bagerhat is suffering from heart diseases.

The girl is undergoing treatment at the cardiac surgery department of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University.

Tk 4 lakh is needed for her treatment, which the family alone cannot afford.

So Popi and her father Md Al Amin Hawlader have sought financial help from the well-off of the society.

Aid can be sent to savings Account No-115886, Pubali Bank, Shahbagh Avenue Branch, Dhaka. The patient can be contacted at 01714-410890 or 01838-351497.



Law Minister Anisul Huq inspecting the dilapidated office.

Part of ICT chief

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"Having seen it [the office building], I feel that major repairs need to be done. The first floor will be relocated and repair work will be done thereafter," Anisul mentioned. "I have already instructed my ministry to contact the public works department's engineer tomorrow [today] and asked to visit the site and prepare an estimate. We intend to start the work as soon as possible," he added. On Thursday morning, a portion of the false ceiling of the building, where the prosecution office is situated, collapsed, raising concern among the staff. Following the incident, the chief prosecutor wrote to the ministry to shift the office immediately.

Jamaat for first time announces anti-terror demonstration tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jamaat-e-Islami yesterday in a statement announced for the first time that it would hold nationwide demonstrations tomorrow protesting the rise of terrorism and militant attacks in the country.

Meanwhile Assistant Secretary General Miah Golam Parwar in another statement termed false Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal's comment, published in The Daily Star yesterday, that Jamaat's link to the July 7 terrorist attack in Sholakia has been found.

In the first statement, acting secretary general Shafiqur Rahman said there was a panic situation prevailing among people.

He blamed the government for barring the formation of national unity against militancy and urged it to take credible initiatives.

The party faces immense criticism for its role during the 1971 Liberation War and for its alleged involvement in the terrorist activities.

Pro-BNP professionals and intellectuals recently advised BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia to ask Jamaat, a member of the BNP-led 20-party alliance, to apologise to the nation for opposing Bangladesh's independence and the crimes it committed in 1971.

They said it must be done before the alliance moved forward to forge national unity against militancy and that if Jamaat refused, BNP should conduct the movement forming a platform excluding the Islamist party.

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