

**WEATHER FORECAST**

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 31.8   L 25.5	H 27.4   L 25.0	H 29.0   L 25.4	H 32.8   L 26.2	H 32.6   L 25.0	H 29.8   L 26.8	H 29.8   L 26.8	H 27.5   L 24.8

Day and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:45pm and rises tomorrow at 5:26am. Country's highest temperature 32.8 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rajshahi and the lowest 23.9 degree Celsius in Sandwip.

**MURDER TRIAL**  
**Speedy tribunal judge served notice for delay**  
 STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a show cause notice on the judge of Speedy Trial Tribunal-2 in Dhaka for failing to dispose of a murder case in more than six years.

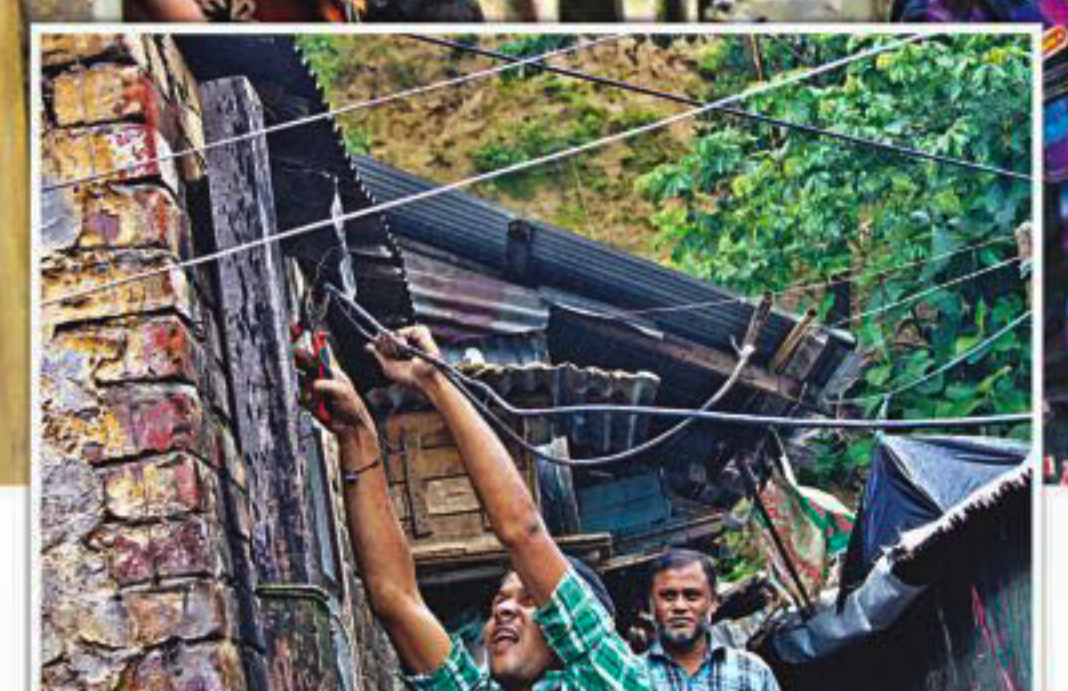
According to the Speedy Trial Tribunal Act, a case has to be settled in 135 working days after its trial proceedings begin. The HC asked the tribunal judge, Momtaz Begum, to explain in two weeks why she failed to do so.

The HC bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice ABM Hassan also fixed August 14 to pass a further order.

Accused Abdur Rashid, who has been in jail for six years and seven months over the killing case, filed a bail petition recently over the delayed trial.

The case was filed after a vegetable trader, Harun-or-Rashid, was killed in Mymensingh on February 11, 1990.

Over 19 years after the murder, the home ministry sent the case to the tribunal on October 19, 2009. But the tribunal is yet to finish the trial.



Fire service officials notify the dwellers to move to safer places before beginning of a Chittagong District Administration drive yesterday where they snapped utility connections, inset, of around 100 families living on risky hill slopes in Tigerpass Mothijharna area.

PHOTOS: ANURUP KANTI DAS

**Utility services of risky hill houses snapped**  
 STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Chittagong District Administration in a drive yesterday disconnected water, gas and electricity connections of around 100 families living on the risky hill slopes in Tigerpass Mothijharna area.

However, no residents were evicted from their houses, said district administration officials.

"We have cut the connections so that the families do not live there during the rainy season," said Noman Hossain, assistant commissioner (land) of Agrabad Circle Land office and executive magistrate, who led the drive.

Before the drive, the fire service officials asked the dwellers to shift to safer places by announcing over loudspeakers, he said.

Earlier on June 20, Hill Management Committee decided to snap all the civic amenities to keep the risky hill dwellers from living there during the rainy season.

Last year, eight persons including six children died in a landslide and since 2007 at least 193 people were killed in landslide incidents in Chittagong, they added.

**BANGLADESHI WORKERS**  
**Singapore warns against distributing radical works**

TOH YONG CHUAN and M ABUL KALAM AZAD for The Straits Times

Those who distribute publications that promote radical leanings will be dealt with firmly under the law, the authorities here warned.

"Anyone found doing so will be investigated for purveying extremist ideas," a Ministry of Home Affairs spokesman said on Sunday.

"The authorities take a very serious view of the distribution and propagation of radical teachings and ideology," the spokesman added in a reply to The Straits Times in Singapore.

He was asked whether hardline material was being handed out here, after an English newspaper in Bangladesh, Dhaka Tribune, reported on Saturday that books spreading radical teachings were being distributed to Bangladeshi workers in Little India this month.

The report comes six months after Singapore announced the arrest of 27 radicalised Bangladeshi workers. The men, who were sharing militant books and videos, met weekly and were recruiting other workers. They were nabbed under the Internal Security Act (ISA) in November and December last year.

All have since been deported, and 14 were arrested by the Bangladeshi authorities upon their return.

A second group of radicalised men were picked up between late March and early April. Another eight Bangladeshi workers were arrested for being members of a clandestine group that called itself the Islamic State in Bangladesh (ISB).

They were planning to foment violence back home to topple the government, and set up a caliphate under the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terror group.

Six were charged with financing terrorism - four were sentenced to between two and five years in jail this month and two have claimed trial. Another two remain in detention under the ISA.

Five others who were not involved in ISB but had shared radical material were deported, and arrested on arrival in Bangladesh.

The two waves of arrests have prompted Singapore leaders to warn that while those arrested were funding and plotting attacks on targets back home, they could easily have turned their attention to Singapore targets.

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**Dutch-Bangla chamber leader still traceless**  
 STAR REPORT

A younger brother has spoken of despair as three days have passed with no trace being found of Hassan Khaled, president of the Dutch-Bangla Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The 55-year-old chief executive officer of New Era Trading went missing after leaving his residence in House 45 on Road 4/A in the capital's Dhanmondi on Saturday around 9:00am intending to buy medicine, presumably from any nearby pharmacy.

"We are worried," his brother Murad Hassan told The Daily Star yesterday, adding that the licensee of Singapore-based Crocodile International in Bangladesh was suffering from high blood pressure.

Dhanmondi Police Station Officer-in-Charge Noor-Azam Miah said they found no trace of him analysing till yesterday evening a part of the video recordings collected from surveillance cameras in the neighbourhood.

Police sources say law enforcing and intelligence agencies have been alerted around the country.



**Foster youth talent with policy**  
 Migrant rights activists tell nat'l consultation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Migrant rights activists yesterday stressed including specific goals in Bangladesh's migration policy, including one to foster youths' talents so that they can show their potentiality in various professions at home and abroad.

Though the country is receiving around US \$15 billion as remittance from migrant workers, over 30 percent of whom are youths, youth-specific support services are inadequate, they observed at a national consultation.

Terre Des Hommes International Federation and the Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU) in partnership with Bangladesh Civil Society Coordination Committee (BCCCC) jointly organised the programme at the RMMRU office in the capital.

It focused on international migration and youth perspectives in Bangladesh ahead of the 9th Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD), scheduled to be held in Dhaka in December.

Presenting a keynote, Ansar Anas, policy

assistant, Terre Des Hommes International Federation, cited a UNFPA 2015 report saying over 30 percent of Bangladesh's population was under 30 years of age while around 12 percent of migrants worldwide are youths.

Migration and youth are often ignored in policymaking while it is urgent to integrate youths' voices into the mainstream policy said Prof Tasneem Siddiqui, RMMRU founding chair.

"It is a must to put our attention on the youths' potential for the benefit of the nation by training them in potential sectors. At the same time, the challenges the youths usually face must be resolved," she added while addressing as the chair in the programme.

Other participants recommended providing career counselling, an introduction to host country's culture and language and vocational training; having a youth-specific database and policy interventions and a special provision in the migration law and introducing youth branches under the expatriates' and foreign affairs ministries.

**Cop suspended over assault on car driver**  
 STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaka Metropolitan Police has suspended Sergeant Mehedi Hasan for his lack of professionalism and breach of discipline while dealing with a car driver on Saturday.

Mosleh Uddin Ahmed, joint commissioner (traffic) of DMP, said the suspension order was issued on Sunday, and police were conducting an inquiry. A video clip of Sergeant Mehedi beating up car driver Mohammad Yusuf went viral on social media Saturday. The beating followed an altercation between the two over filing of a case for illegal parking in the capital's Dhanmondi.

**Killing of N'ganj child condemned**  
 STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Several human rights organisations yesterday stoutly condemned and protested the brutal killing of a 10-year-old boy in Narayanganj.

They also demanded immediate arrest and exemplary punishment for those involved directly and indirectly in the murder. Sagar Barman died after some workers of Zobeda Textile and Spinning Mills allegedly pumped air into his body through the rectum at the factory in Jatramura area of the district's Rugganj on Sunday.

In a statement, Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) and its associate bodies said the increasing tendency of child repression took a dangerous turn, which was a matter of grave concern.

Referring to eight national dailies, the organisation said at least 134 children were killed from January of this year in the country.

Social indifference paved the way for the recurrence of such violent incidents, said Shaheen Anam, executive director of MJF.

Condemning the incident, Child Rights Advocacy Coalition in Bangladesh in another statement urged the government to take actions to stop such killings.

**JATIYA PRESS CLUB BODY SC denies permission to appeal against HC injunction**  
 STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday dismissed a leave to appeal petition against a High Court injunction, which had been issued one year ago restraining the activities of the then committee of Jatiya Press Club for six months.

The SC dismissed the petition as "being infructuous (ineffective)".

Counsel concerned of the case immediately could not say whether the then committee of press club, led by its President Muhammad Shafiqur Rahman and General Secretary Quamrul Islam Chowdhury, can now function following the apex court order.

Following a writ petition filed by Syed Abdal Ahmed, who claimed himself as the club's general secretary, the HC on August 6 last year issued the injunction order on the committee, led by Shafiqur and Quamrul, formed on May 28 last year.



Participants at a programme titled 'Coordination and Experience Sharing between NFSP and Local Forums' at the capital's The Daily Star Centre yesterday, organised by SGSP - Civil Society Component, in cooperation with UKaid.

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Members of police and Border Guard Bangladesh on their way to one of the chars of Padma during an anti-militancy drive in Rajshahi yesterday. According to the officials, five people were held during the raid and the joint forces also seized 200 grams of ganja (hemp).

PHOTO: STAR

**DU for united**

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 Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique said the Gulshan café attack was not acceptable, and those who were involved in it should be brought to book.

If the DU authorities find involvement of anyone of the university in militancy, he or she will be suspended outright, added the VC.

**Arrest warrants issued**

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 law enforcers to submit a report on August 23 on execution of the arrest warrants.

Meanwhile, the court granted bail to Barrister Rafiqul Islam Mia after he surrendered before it seeking bail in the case.

Now, eight others are on bail while another leader, Md Muson, is in jail.

According to the prosecution, a group of supporters of BNP-led 20-party alliance

**Two Shariatpur**

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 eight to 10 Razakars and 10 to 15 Pakistani army men came to the house of his neighbour, Mukunda Lal Paul, said Anil.

He said to have watched hiding in a bush with some others as the Pakistani army men bayoneted two guards, Sukrai Goon and Lalit Mohan Kundu, and threw them off the house's first floor.

They found the two dead after the attackers left, he said.

A defence counsel cross examined Anil before the three-member tribunal led by Justice Anwarul Haque adjourned proceedings until today.

**9 'members' of kidnapping**

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 people -- Siraj Uddin alias Khokhon, 57, and Aftab Uddin alias Milon, 50 -- and rescued an abductee, Waziul Islam, from a flat in Khilgaon.

Later, following information gleaned from two arrestees, the team conducted a drive in Rampura and made the arrest, said

Abdul Karim, operation officer of Rab-3.

Rab claimed that Waziul of Comilla was abducted by the gang members from Malibagh area on his way to a relative's house.

Rab officials said the gang members used to abduct people in different ways and demand ransom from their family.