

**WEATHER FORECAST**

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 33.5 L 25.2	H 31.2 L 26.1	H 34.0 L 25.0	H 33.0 L 25.8	H 33.2 L 25.0	H 33.0 L 25.2	H 31.0 L 26.0	H 32.0 L 25.0

Day and night temperatures may rise slightly over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:44pm and rises tomorrow at 5:26am. Country's highest temperature 34.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Sreemangal and Tarash and the lowest 24.0 in Tangail.

## SC okays Jatiya Press Club body to run

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Upholding its chamber judge's stay of a High Court injunction, a Supreme Court Appellate Division bench yesterday allowed running of Jatiya Press Club's existing committee led by President Muhammad Shafiqur Rahman and General Secretary Quamrul Islam Chowdhury.

The four-member bench headed by Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha also asked the lower court concerned to complete within the next three months trial of a case filed for declaring this committee illegal.

On August 6 last year the High Court issued an injunction, stopping the committee's activities for the next six months, following a writ petition filed by Syed Abdal Ahmed, who claims to be the general secretary.



A few skeletons of trees stand surrounded by garbage near the Teghoria Bazar area on the Dhaka-Mawa highway on the outskirts of the capital. The garbage is not only causing the trees to die but also spilling into the water body next to the highway, further damaging the environment. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

## NEWS IN brief

### Ismat new OIC envoy to EU mission

**UNB, Dhaka**

Ismat Jahan, currently Bangladeshi ambassador to Belgium and the European Union (EU), has been appointed envoy of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) at its Permanent Observer Mission to the EU in Brussels.

OIC Secretary General Iyad Ameen Madani has approved the appointment of Ismat though the government is yet to disclose it officially, a diplomatic source told the news agency on Tuesday night.

Ismat will serve as OIC envoy for the next four years.

### Unicef expresses concerns over child killing in Narayanganj

**CITY DESK**

Unicef Bangladesh has expressed grave concerns over the recent killing of a 10-year-old child in his workplace in Narayanganj, says a press release.

The UN body has appealed to the government of Bangladesh to take speedy legal action against those responsible for such violence.

Sagor Barman, 10, a worker of a local factory, died allegedly after air was pumped into him through his rectum in Rupganj upazila of the district on Sunday.

## HC restricts knocking down of 5 structures

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The High Court yesterday issued restriction on demolishment of two schools, two hotels and a guesthouse in Dhaka's Gulshan and Banani for different periods.

The five structures are Aurara International School at Gulshan-2 and Scholastica Limited on Gulshan North Avenue, Coffee World in Banani, Hotel Amari in Gulshan-2 and Holiday Planet (the guesthouse) in Gulshan-2, Deputy Attorney General Mokhlesur Rahman told The Daily Star.

In response to five writ petitions by the authorities concerned, the HC, however, ordered the authorities concerned of the structures to shift those from the areas on their own.

The authorities have been ordered to take proper security measures there until they are relocated, DAG Mokhlesur said.

He also said Aurara International School and Scholastica school have to be relocated by December 31 and the hotels and guesthouse in three months.

The HC also issued five separate rules asking the authorities concerned of Rajuk and the government to explain in four weeks why the demolishment of the structures without any notice and without giving them sufficient time should not be declared illegal.

They recently submitted the petitions seeking directives from the HC on the government and Rajuk not to evict them without issuing notices and giving them sufficient time.

## Rajuk shuts thirteen more establishments

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Rajdhani Unnayan Kartipakkha (Rajuk) yesterday shut down different establishments including six restaurants, a hotel and six shops for operating those illegally in Dhanmondi and Gulshan.

Rajuk also asked a university, a school and a hospital in Dhanmondi to remove their structures.

A mobile court led by Executive Magistrate Md Nasir Uddin conducted the drive on Road-5, 6 and 11 in Dhanmondi.

Authorised Officer of Zone 5 of Rajuk ASM Shafiqul Hannan said they shut the six shops, three restaurants and two NGO offices on Road No-5 in Dhanmondi.

He said they asked the authorities of Eastern University, Paedihope Hospital and Lakehead Grammar

School to remove their buildings operated illegally. Gas and electricity connections of the school were disconnected, he said.

Meanwhile, another mobile court led by Executive Magistrate Khandaker Aliour Rahman closed down three restaurants and the hotel on Road No-2, 7 and 8 in Gulshan-1.

It also disconnected the utility service lines of a motor showroom and dismantled an illegal ramp of a house in the area.

According to Rajuk, a total of 342 restaurants, 62 hotels and guesthouses, 16 bars, 56 schools, 3 colleges, 23 universities, 50 hospitals and medical centres have been operating illegally in Gulshan, Banani and Baridhara.

Earlier, the government has issued notices to 13,000 commercial establishments in residential areas under city corporations across the country.

## UN adopts resolution tabled by Dhaka

**CITY DESK**

President of the Inter Parliamentary Union Saber Chowdhury has said that the partnership between the IPU and the UN has evolved considerably and the time has come to put the relationship on a strategic and stronger institutional footing.

He was speaking as the final speaker at the UN Headquarters in New York on Monday on a draft Resolution expressing a strong support for greater and deeper interaction between the UN, national parliaments and the IPU, says a press release yesterday.

The resolution was tabled by Bangladesh Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Masud Momen, and later adopted by the general assembly.

## COMMUNICATION DISORDERS DEPT AT DU People with conditions need special attention

**Saima Wazed tells launching event**

**DU CORRESPONDENT**

Lack of awareness among general people, social stigma, and discriminatory attitudes are the key reasons for compounding of the sufferings of people with communication disorders, autism expert Saima Wazed Hossain said yesterday.

The chairperson of the National Advisory Committee on Autism in Bangladesh shared the observations at the launching ceremony of the communication disorders department of Dhaka University, in an auditorium of Bangabandhu Memorial Trust.

Such speech and language impaired people need special attention from peers, she said. "Along with it a massive nationwide awareness campaign based on scientific knowledge can lead to a change in their lives."

Saima said the impaired people were no less than any other person in terms of intellectual capacity.

Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique and Chairman of the dept Prof Hakim Arif also spoke.

The department started last year with a master's programme. The graduate programme was launched this academic session.

## Canadian team meets PM's security adviser, foreign secy

**DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT**

A Canadian delegation yesterday met Prime Minister's Security Affairs Adviser Maj Gen (ret'd) Tarique Ahmed Siddique and Foreign Secretary Md Shahidul Haque on the first day of its two-day visit to assess the security situation in the capital in the aftermath of the July 1 Gulshan attack.

The team led by David Drake, international security and intelligence director general of the Canadian foreign office, arrived yesterday.

During the meetings, the team said Canada would stay beside Bangladesh in the newly emerged situation, said diplomatic sources. The delegation did not brief the media.

Canadian High Commissioner in Dhaka Benoit-Pierre Laramee accompanied the delegation. David Drake is scheduled to leave on Friday.

## MOTIJHEEL ARSON CASE 59 of BNP-led 20 parties face arrest

**COURT CORRESPONDENT**

A Dhaka court yesterday issued arrest warrants against 59 leaders and activists of the BNP-led 20-party alliance, including Selima Rahman and Barkatullah Bulu, in a Motijheel arson attack case filed in January last year.

After accepting charges against 87 accused, Judge (in-charge) Ruhul Amin of the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court passed the order showing the 59 fugitives.

BNP leaders Maruf Kamal Khan Sohel, Shirin Sultana, Shamsur Rahman Shimul Biswas, Habibunnabi Khan Sohel, Sultan Salauddin Tuku and Azizul Bari Helal are also among the accused.

The court asked the law enforcers to submit a report before it on September 18 on execution of the arrest warrants.

A parked vehicle of Titash Paribahan was set on fire in the city's Motijheel area on January 25 last year. The case was filed against 76 people on the same day with Motijheel Police Station.

Police on March 31 this year pressed charges against 87 people. The investigation officer showed 59 as fugitives and appealed to the court to issue arrest warrants.

Twenty-eight other accused, including BNP leaders Amanullah Aman, Ruhul Kabir Rizvi Ahmed and Shawkat Mahmud, are now on bail.

## 'RISE HIGH BANGLADESH' Star, Crown Cement, Mediacom sign deal for export idea contest

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The signing ceremony of an export idea contest "Rise High Bangladesh", organised by The Daily Star, Crown Cement and Mediacom, was held at the capital's The Daily Star Centre yesterday.

The Daily Star Editor and Publisher Mahfuz Anam, MI Cement Factory (Crown Cement) advisor Maj Gen (ret'd) Hameed AL Hasan and Mediacom Ltd Operation Director Pradip Nag represented their organisations.

The primary objective of the initiative is to export new ideas from the country's university students, who can submit their ideas to the newspaper by forming a team of three, said the organisers.

The winner of the competition will be selected by both the jury and readers' and will win an exciting foreign trip as a reward, they added.

Many Bangladeshi artefacts including Nokshi Katha, clay pottery and rickshaw painting have huge export potentials and market acceptability in the world. This campaign will inspire people to come up with creative ideas for anything great of the country that can be exported and thus bring glory to Bangladesh, they said.

Bangladeshis for their contribution in art and architecture, environment sustainability and their role as global citizens will also be recognised and awarded through this event.



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BKS Sadharan Shiksha Samiti, Madrasa Shiksha Odhdhaptar unit, forms a human chain in front of the capital's Shiksha Bhaban yesterday protesting the recent terror attack in Gulshan.

## ACC to track graft

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education, and education." Mentioning that there is systematic corruption at every institution of Bangladesh, supernumerary professor of history at Dhaka University Syed Anwar Hossain said in many universities, teachers were appointed not on the basis of their merit but political identity.

Prof Mohammad Mohabbat Khan, member of UGC, suggested that ACC gain public confidence by catching big fishes who are involved in huge corruption scams.

Prof Sadeka Halim said as long as the lawmakers do not change their mindsets, ACC will not be fully functional. Prof Anwarul Karim, pro-vice chancellor of Northern University of Bangladesh, said moral education and patriotism should be incorporated in the curriculum.

ACC's strategic plan states its proposed initiatives, among others, to fight coaching business and use of notebooks, and give moral education to students.

The commission chief said it had identified students of classes VI to X as the target group to impart moral education.

## BNP briefs diplomats

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Pakistan, Spain Norway, Australia, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Germany, Indonesia and UN. While coming out, Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir told journalists that it was a routine meeting.

## Advertisement



## Discussion meeting on World Hepatitis Day held

**Special Report**

On the occasion of The World Hepatitis Day a discussion meeting was held at the Auditorium of a local Medical College yesterday in the city. The meeting was organized by Hepatology Society, Dhaka. Renowned hepatologist and President of the Hepatology Society Prof. Mobin Khan presided over the meeting. Former Vice Chancellor of BSMMU and renowned virologist Prof Md. Nazrul Islam spoke on the occasion as special guest.

General Secretary of the Society Dr. Md. Motahar Hossain, Hepatologist Prof. Dr. Abu Sayeed, Dr. Md. Shahinul Alam, Dr. Md. Golam Mustafa, Dr. Md. Golam Azam, renowned journalist Dr. Moral Nazrul Islam and Md. Zakir Hossain, General Manager of Julphar Bangladesh also spoke on the occasion. Special guest, speakers and president of the society called upon the members of the civil society, philanthropist and health care professionals to come forward to fight this deadly illness from the society. They also pointed out for need of vaccination and awareness to the society to combat these deadly viruses. Speakers also told the audience that new cheaper drugs for hepatitis is now available in the country.