

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA H 33.6L 27.5	CHITTAGONG H 31.0L 26.1	SYLHET H 33.7L 25.0	RAJSHAHI H 33.0L 26.6	KHULNA H 35.2L 26.2	BARISAL H 34.2L 26.0	RANGPUR H 29.5L 25.5	COX'S BAZAR H 32.2L 25.5
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Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind will likely occur at many places over Rangpur, Mymensingh, Sylhet and Chittagong divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi, Dhaka, Khulna and Barisal divisions in the next 24 hours.
The sun sets in the capital today at 6:43pm and rises tomorrow at 05:27am.

TAVELLA MURDER CASE

Court orders attachment of Quayum's properties

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday issued an order for attachment of properties of absconding BNP leader MA Quayum in a case filed over the murder of Italian national Cesare Tavella in September last year.

Metropolitan Magistrate Sadbir Yasir Ahsan Chowdhury passed the order after officer-in-charge of Belabo Police Station of Narsingdi district submitted a report saying that they raided Quayum's village home in Narsingdi to arrest him but failed.

It also issued the same order against Sohel alias Bhangari Sohel, one of the accused in the case. But Badda police submitted a similar type of report saying that they could not arrest Sohel as he was not found at his Badda residence.

The court fixed August 4 to submit reports on execution of the attachment order.

Earlier on July 17, the same court issued arrest warrants against Quayum and Sohel as they were shown fugitives in the charge sheet. The court also accepted the charges against seven including the two.

The other accused -- Quayum's brother Abdul Matin, Tamjid Ahmed Rubel, Russell Chowdhury, Minhajul Arefin, also known as Bhagne Russell and Shakhawat Hossain Sharif -- are in jail.

Tavella, an aid worker, was killed in Gulshan diplomatic zone on September 28, 2015.

On June 28, detectives submitted a charge sheet against seven people to a Dhaka court.



A city corporation worker removes a branch of a tree that was just cut as part of a roadside drain construction work on Road 62 in the capital's Gulshan-2 yesterday. Quite a few of the trees were felled in the name of road and drain construction. The pile of branches, inset, lying on the side of the road is a grim reminder of how the city is losing its greeneries even though the trees play a vital role in regenerating environment.



DSCC to reward rooftop gardening

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

House owners under Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) will enjoy a 10 percent tax rebate if they do gardening on the rooftop, balcony or the compound, Mayor Sayeed Khokon said in his budget speech yesterday, prioritising a green city.

"We are giving the tax rebate so that this money is used for gardening," he said.

The Tk 3,183.65 crore budget, proposed for the 2016-2017 fiscal year, is Tk 1,098.19 crore higher than last year's.

There has been a significant jump in the allocation for development of parks and playgrounds -- Tk 151.5 crore, which is 69 times bigger than the previous year's revised allocation of Tk 2.2 crore.

"We have taken initiatives to develop 12 playgrounds and 19 parks including construction of a modern

kid's park on Dhupkhola playground. The works will start in the current fiscal and will be completed by 2018," Khokon said.

Laying emphasis on waste management, he said they had already set up 5,700 waste bins and 50 steel fences around garbage dumps and were working to build 54 secondary transfer stations.

Many footbridges have been beautified while 16 more will be constructed, the mayor said.

To bring coordination under utility service organisations like Wasa and Dhaka Electricity Supply Company (Desco), the corporation plans to set up a 63km common utility tunnel.

"We are already in the final stages to appoint a firm to do a feasibility study in this regard," said Khokon.

He also said they had already set up 2,700 LED lights and taken initiative to set up 34,000 more.

There will also be six modern community centres, an elevated walkway in Gulistan, and cycle lanes in Dhaka University areas.

About holding tax, the mayor said the corporation would not raise holding tax but rather strengthen the assessment process to increase the amount of the tax realisation.

About the new unions which have come under DSCC recently, he said Tk 20 crore was allocated for development of the unions.

Khokon also said, "It was my election pledge to bring back the Buriganga to its earlier state. We have a plan for this."

There will be walkways, floating entertainment centres, luxurious resorts, parks, cruise ships, and restaurants under the project, he added.

Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) announced a Tk 2,083.35 crore budget for the 2016-17 fiscal on June 26.

Tk 3,183.65cr BUDGET		
INCOME	2016-17 (Proposed)	2015-16 (Revised)
Govt, foreign sources	Tk 1,703.32cr	Tk 538.65cr
Revenue target	Tk 1,391.27cr	Tk 426.93cr
Tax	Tk 500cr	Tk 180cr
Bazar Salami	Tk 650cr	Tk 15cr
Property transfer	Tk 65cr	Tk 57cr
Trade licences	Tk 65cr	Tk 75cr
EXPENSES	2016-17 (Proposed)	2015-16 (Revised)
Development spending	Tk 2,595.33cr	Tk 613.3cr
Revenue expenditure	Tk 478.15cr	Tk 324.6cr
Roads, traffic infrastructure	Tk 943.66cr	Tk 219.55cr
Salary, allowances	Tk 240cr	Tk 175cr
Parks, playgrounds	Tk 151.5cr	Tk 2.2cr
Environment	Tk 78.45cr	Tk 1.1cr
Graveyards, crematoriums	Tk 14.25cr	Tk 1.9cr
Tackling mosquito	Tk 11.5cr	Tk 9.9cr
Waste management	Tk 6.2cr	Tk 2.6cr

4 Kalyanpur detainees remanded for two days

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday ordered four persons including a son of the owner of Taj Manzil on a two-day remand each over giving shelter to militants killed at a flat of the building.

The four are Mazharul Islam, 28, son of the owner Ataur Rahman, Mahfujul Alam, 22, Momin Uddin, 45, and Zakir Hossain, 40.

Metropolitan Magistrate Nurunnahar Yasmin passed the order when the investigators produced them before it seeking a five-day remand each, said court sources.

The four were picked up from Taj Manzil during a special drive in the capital's Kalyanpur that saw nine militants killed in police encounter.

They were shown arrested in a case filed with Mirpur Police Station, said Bazlur Rahman, sub-inspector of the station and the case's investigation officer.

ICT team investigates allegations in Rajshahi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

An International Crimes Tribunal team yesterday concluded a three-day Rajshahi tour investigating 27 allegations of crimes committed during the 1971 Liberation War.

Led by Additional Inspector General of Police Abdur Rohim, the seven-member team visited spots and recorded statements of complainants and witnesses in Rajshahi, Naogaon and Chapainawabganj districts on July 25.

The team is investigating some 35 allegations.

18 winners awarded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Eighteen winners from six universities were awarded crests for their outstanding performance in The Daily Star Strategy Master 2016 yesterday.

The Daily Star Strategy Master 2016 is a competition where undergraduate students from diverse backgrounds and disciplines come up with innovative solutions to business corporation's most pressing challenges, which concentrates on the newspaper industry.

The competition took place at different universities of Dhaka division between April 4 and April 19.

While addressing winners at an award giving ceremony organised at the capital's The Daily Star Centre, founder and Managing Director (MD) of Bangladesh Brand Forum Shariful Islam said youths should focus on how they could play a key role in the country's development.

"What you need in a classroom or discussion is to open your horizon and make [yourself] a part of the society where you'll see challenges and find solutions," he suggested.

Sadman Samad Sad, Zobaydul Goni Ifat and Noor Nayeem Hasnat Farhan of Independent University, Bangladesh; Typhoon Khan, Ahmed Ishtiaq Zaidi and Shamma Rahman of American International University-Bangladesh; Md Fahimul Islam, Al Yousuf Hridoy and Sumaya Shamsad of Jahangirnagar University; Rubaiyat Shams, Sheikh Asadur Rahman and Ali Asgar of North South University; Mobassira Fabiha Haque, Ananta Prosd Paul and Parbon Acharjee of Dhaka University; and Ishrak Ahmed, Sifat Manjur and Shamima Tajrian of Brac University; won the competition.

Congratulations the winners, Editor of The Daily Star Mahfuz Anam suggested the youths to be hardworking, sincere, ambitious and creative to be successful in life.



Awardees of The Daily Star Strategy Master competition with guests at a ceremony in the capital's The Daily Star Centre yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

13 overloaded vehicles fined, 31 sued in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A mobile court of the Chittagong district administration fined 13 vehicles overloaded with goods Tk 15,000 on Dhaka-Chittagong highway in Boro Darogar Hat area of Sitakunda upazila yesterday.

The court, led by Assistant Commissioner (land) Sitakunda and executive magistrate Ruhul Amin, also filed cases against owners of 31 more vehicles. "We have found each of the vehicles carrying around four to 16 tonnes of more goods than the approved weight", said the magistrate.

Long-term steps must to fight militancy

FROM PAGE 3 Maj Gen Abdur Rashid said the recent attacks in the country are mostly domestic and political in nature.

AIG of Bangladesh Police Md Moniruzzaman, who presented a paper on "Law enforcement perspective on recent trends in extremist violence in Bangladesh", said, "The arrested suspects are highly motivated, they do not have any previous criminal record, and are eager to die."

"The entire nation will have to work together. We want a full-fledged counterterrorism unit, if possible within a month," he said.

He said police so far have arrested 184 offenders in 50 incidents of terror attacks since 2013. Of the arrested, 80 percent are below 30, 66 percent have studied in general education, 22 percent are from madrasa background, while 12 percent have no education.

Shahab Enam Khan, of Jahangirnagar University, who presented a keynote on "Alleged Linkage with Global Terrorism: A

case study of Bangladesh", stressed the need for a police reform and said the law enforcing agencies must be depoliticised.

Noted Islamic scholar and Imam of Sholokia Allama Fariduddin Masud, who spoke on "Religious explanation about Extremist Violence in Islam" said Islam is a religion of peace, stability and love.

He said, "Killing of innocent people irrespective of their religion is the most notorious crime and the worst sin in the eyes of Islam." Citing Hadith, Masud said the suicidal attacks are the worst act and sin and the attackers must go to hell (Jahannam).

He asked all not to identify the terrorists as "Jihadi" or use the word "Jihad" while writing or speaking about them because their acts of terrorism is not "Jihad" by any means.

Noted psychiatrist Dr Mekhala Sarkar, who also gave a presentation on "Psychological Motivation of Youths behind Extremist Violence", called for formation of a national research team.

centre and mobile apps" so that people can get instant support from the law enforcing agencies.

Former IGP Enamul Haque asked the law enforcing agencies to investigate on how many people are overstaying in abroad and their location.

Former Ambassador Nasim Ferdous called for developing a human resources development policy.

Prime Minister's Political Adviser HT Imam, Foreign Secretary Md Shahidul Haque, former ambassador Muhammad Zamir, MCCI President Syed Nasim Manzur, Chairman of Dhaka University's criminology department Prof Ziaur Rahman, former foreign secretary Shamsheer Mobin Chowdhury, Dr Atiq A Rahman, Lt Gen (Retd) Aminul Karim, BISS research fellow M Ashique Rahman and former election commissioner M Sakhawat Hussain also spoke. A number of foreign diplomats, including the ambassadors of US, Sweden and Indonesia, attended the seminar.

She also called for setting up a "call

UK launches simpler online visa forms

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladeshi visa seekers will be able to apply for their UK visit visas more easily thanks to a new online application form.

The new form "Access UK" offers a number of benefits including a shorter form, a mobile friendly format and the ability to download a pre-populated Schengen visa form.

The form will be also available in more local languages, according to a British High Commission press release yesterday.

Access UK is available at www.gov.uk/apply-uk-visa and the Visa4UK website will continue to be available for visitors.

Export may

FROM PAGE 3 badly hit due to a "fear factor" while restaurants and cafes have very low customers. Nasim Manzur mentioned that hotels have suffered a massive occupancy drop and there is a possible increase in illegal capital flight following the current situation. He also described how fear factors can contribute to potential delays and cost increase in large scale infrastructure projects. He mentioned that his company had employed three Italians before July 1 but they are not coming back to Bangladesh.

"Any loss of confidence in the security environment and state security apparatus could be potentially damaging for attracting investment and gaining access to markets," he observed.

Three child co-workers

FROM PAGE 3 rather the death occurred during conversations centring their work.

Necessary steps will be taken as per law taking into consideration the age of the three, aged between 12 and 13 years, he said, adding that a case was filed following due procedures over the fact that children had been employed there.

Sagar's father Ratan Barman, who also works at the factory, filed a case with Rugganj Police Station accusing four officials of the factory and some unnamed others, said Inspector Md Jamshid Uddin.

A manager, Nazmul Huda, 24, has been taken on a seven-day remand. Other arrestees are senior production officer Syed Azhar Imam Sohel and lineman Sohag Hossain alias Hridoy.