

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 33.5 L 26.8	H 33.8 L 26.0	H 33.5 L 25.6	H 34.6 L 26.2	H 34.5 L 27.0	H 34.0 L 26.4	H 34.2 L 26.0	H 33.0 L 25.6

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind will likely occur at a few places over Rajshahi, Rangpur, Mymensingh, Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions with moderately heavy falls at places over the country in the next 24 hours. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:42pm and rises tomorrow at 05:28am.

INT'L MATH OLYMPIAD Bangladeshi winners accorded reception

DU CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Mathematical Olympiad Committee (BdMOC) yesterday accorded a grand reception to the Bangladesh team of International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO)-2016 for achieving silver and bronze medals at the 57th IMO held in Hong Kong this month.

The programme was held in the TCB auditorium at Kawran Bazar of the capital.

The Bangladesh team bagged one silver and three bronze medals, and received two honourable mentions, but narrowly missed the gold medal.

Asif E Elahi of Sylhet MC College was awarded the silver medal, while Ahmed Zawad Chowdhury of Chittagong Cantonment English School and College, Md Sabbir Rahman of Notre Dame College in the capital and Saizid Akhter Turzo of Sirajganj Government College were awarded the bronze ones.

SM Nayeemul Islam of Barisal Zilla School and Md Sanzeed Anwar of Mymensingh Anondamohon College received honourable mentions.

BdMOC Chairman Prof Jamilur Reza Choudhury, Deputy Managing Director of Dutch Bangla Bank Ltd Saidul Hasan and others congratulated the award winners and their team leaders Mahbubul Alam Majumder and AA Munir Hossain.

BdMOC formed the team after selecting participants from national and divisional-level Olympiads sponsored by Dutch-Bangla Bank Ltd and the Bangla daily Prothom Alo.

Bangladeshi students have been taking part in IMO since 2005 and so far got four silver and 17 bronze medals and 23 honourable mentions.



Condemning the "police attack" on the activists, who were heading towards the Prime Minister's Office, demanding cancellation of a proposed power plant project near the Sundarbans on Thursday, The National Committee to Protect Oil Gas Mineral Resources, Power, and Ports holds a protest rally in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

'Cops assault' on Rampal march protested

National Committee's rallies Aug 20
DU CORRESPONDENT

The National Committee to Protect Oil Gas Mineral Resources, Power, and Ports held a rally in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday, protesting Thursday's "police assault" on a procession demanding cancellation of the Rampal power plant project.

Academics and leaders of different left-leaning political organisations participated in the rally.

Speakers at the rally asked the government why the agreement to build the plant was inked disregarding public opinions, when the country was undergoing militant attacks.

Condemning the police assault, the Committee's secretary Prof Anu Muhammad said, "We wanted to submit an open letter to the prime minister, explaining why the committee opposed the project. The prime minister should have heard that following the rules of a democratic government. Instead, tear shells were fired and protesters were arrested."

On Tuesday, police allegedly fired teargas on marchers, who were heading towards the Prime Minister's Office with a seven-point demand, including cancellation of the project.

The committee also announced to hold rally at Central Shaheed Minar in the capital and also at districts and upazilas on August 20 to protest the project.

After the rally, they brought out a protest procession that ended in Paltan area.

The committee, political parties, green activists and environmentalists have long been protesting the project.

Missing classes don't mean becoming militant

Says Nahid but asks teachers to keep watch on absentees

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Urging all to not raise allegations against students over confusions, Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday clarified that the ministry had in no way meant to say that students absent for 10 consecutive days were involved in militancy when it asked teachers to check up on such absentees.

"...the teachers will contact the guardian. If the guardians show a reason of sickness or say their children are helping them in the field, things will be finished here," he told an award giving ceremony in the capital's Bishwo Sahitto Kendro (BSK).

If the guardians express concerns, the teacher will inform the upazila

education officer, who will pass it on to deputy commissioners. "The DCs will take steps through police and inform us," he said.

The programme, organised under the ministry's Secondary Education Quality and Access Enhancement Project (SEQAEP), saw 153 librarians selected from 40 Dhaka Division upazilas in 2015 being presented "Best Organisers Honorary Award", a cheque worth Tk 4,000, a book and a certificate each.

Nahid viewed book reading programmes as one of the effective ways to resist militancy. "The students should be brought up as a good human being first. For that to happen, they will have to be provided with

good books," he said.

He admitted that the creative question method introduced at secondary level six years ago was yet to bear fruit.

The problem lies in teachers accustomed to the old fashioned education system lacking the eagerness to work on it despite being provided training, he said.

BSK President Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed said reading books regularly would change students' attitudes, enabling them to love themselves and their country.

With the help of BSK, SEQAEP is implementing a "developing reading habit programme" in 250 upazilas where teachers and librarians are organising and encouraging youths to read books at educational institutions.

Man found dead beside highway

A CORRESPONDENT, Savar

A man, aged around 35, was found dead beside the Dhaka-Aricha highway in Hemaidpur area of Savar yesterday.

A CNG-run auto-rickshaw driver first found the body beside the highway and took it to Enam Medical College Hospital, said Officer-in-Charge of Savar Police Station SM Kamruzzaman, quoting the hospital authority.

Later, the body, with several injury marks, was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for autopsy, the OC added.

People in Sylhet vow to help fight militancy

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

People from all walks of life including religious leaders, politicians, police, educationists and journalists in Sylhet yesterday took an oath to protest militancy at an anti-militancy conference organised by Sylhet Metropolitan Police.

The conference was held in the city's Mohammad Ali Gym complex, while the speakers also urged the government to take necessary steps to eradicate militancy.

The conference was presided over by Kamrul Ahsan, commissioner of SMP, where Dr Saleh Uddin Ahmed, vice-chancellor of Metropolitan University, Dr Aminul Islam Bhuiyan, vice-chancellor of Sust, and Misbah Uddin Siraj, central organising secretary of Awami League, also spoke.



Though alerting pedestrians with barricade tape on poles, this dug up portion of the road on Dhanmondi 32 in the capital has left a hole, posing a risk of the footpath above to cave in and cause injuries. The photo was taken yesterday.

DUMCJAA forms new committee

DU CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University Mass Communication and Journalism Alumni Association (DUMCJAA) yesterday formed a new executive committee with Abu Alam Md Shahid Khan and Prof Mofizur Rahman as president and general secretary respectively.

The 41-member committee was formed at its 7th annual general meeting at the university's Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban.

Other members are: Kazi Rownak Hossain, Farida Yasmin, Kazi Moazzem Hossain, and Dr M Kamal Uddin Jasim as vice presidents; Sabrina Sultana Chowdhury, Mir Attaqui Masruzzaman, Gias Uddin Ahmed, Sanjib Chatterjee, Ahmed Pipul, Junaid Ahmad Halim, Sujjan Mahmud, and Jesmin Jahan Moon as joint secretaries; Tariqul Islam Khan,



treasurer; Mahmood Salahuddin Chowdhury, organising secretary; Md Asaduzzaman Kajol, office secretary; and Anwarul Azim, communication secretary.

DU Vice-Chancellor and chief patron of the DUMCJAA Prof Dr AAMS Arefin Siddique, Prof Dr Sakhawat Ali Khan and Chief Information Commissioner Prof Dr Golam Rahman, were present.

Tree plantation programme launched at RU

RU CORRESPONDENT

The Rajshahi University authorities launched a month-long tree plantation programme on the campus yesterday.

RU Vice-Chancellor Prof Muhammad Mizanuddin inaugurated the programme in front of Shaheed Habibur Rahman Hall of the university.

Pro Vice-Chancellor Chowdhury Sarwar Jahan and Student Advisor Mizanur Rahman were present among others at the inauguration ceremony.

Rajshahi to get

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the region as it produces surplus crops especially food-grains, fruits and vegetables.

He focused on the agricultural potentials of the region with a special emphasis on the value added agro-processing opportunities and agro-based industries. It could add to the industrialisation efforts of agro-based and agro-processing industry in the region for a sustainable and well-formed linkage of production, processing and marketing.

Moni described "value addition to agricultural products and agro-processing" as very much consistent with the government policy since due emphasis are being given on agro-processing at present.

AHM Khairuzzaman Liton, former mayor of the Rajshahi City Corporation, said economic zone is very important to bolster up economic condition and livelihood of people of any region. To this end, political will is very imperative.

He says the present government is very much positive towards strengthening Rajshahi's economic condition through proper utilisation of the existing potentialities.

He hoped that the new economic zone scheme will be implemented soon.

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