

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA H 34.4 L 27.2

CHITTAGONG H 34.5 L 26.0

SYLHET H 37.6 L 27.6

RAJSHAHI H 35.5 L 26.4

KHULNA H 33.5 L 25.6

BARISAL H 31.9 L 26.0

RANGPUR H 34.7 L 25.8

COX'S BAZAR H 32.8 L 26.0

Day and night temperatures may rise slightly over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:40pm and rises tomorrow at 5:30am. Country's highest temperature 37.6 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Sylhet and the lowest 24.7 in Rangamati.

Bodies of two youths found in Turag river

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

The bodies of two youths, who drowned while taking a bath in the Turag River in Birulia area of Savar on Tuesday, were recovered yesterday.

The deceased were Mizanur Rahman, 28, and Minhaz, 17, of Kashimpur in Gazipur city. They came to Birulia with their friends to attend a picnic, said locals.

A team of police and divers from Fire Service and Civil Defence carried out a rescue operation on Tuesday after the youths drowned. However, divers postponed searching as they could not trace the duo till 8:00pm, said SM Kamruzzaman officer-in-charge of Savar Model Police Station.

They resumed their rescue operation yesterday morning and recovered the bodies, the OC said.



A woman and a child cross the ever busy Mirpur Road amid traffic even though there is a foot-over bridge nearby, not in picture. Pedestrians, crossing busy streets, often remain exposed to the constant danger of losing life or limbs, not only due to the reckless driving, but also for lack of public awareness. The photo was taken in front of Aarong in the capital's Lalmatia area.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

JnU students seek dorms on land of old Dhaka jail

Boycott classes, stage demo

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jagannath University students yesterday demonstrated on the campus boycotting their classes to press home their demands for constructing residential halls at the place of Dhaka's old central jail, already shifted to Keraniganj.

Saying that the on-going militancy issue is making difficult for bachelors and students to rent houses, they demanded that the government fix their housing problem.

Hundreds of students in a procession paraded on the campus from around 9:00am to 12:00 noon.

"We are suffering from severe residential problems. The problem can easily be solved with establishing some residential buildings in that place," said Mahmudur Hasan, a student.

JnU Registrar Md Ohiduzzaman told The Daily Star that the authorities sent a letter to the home ministry over permanent ownership of the former Dhaka Central Jail's land on March 23, 2014.

"We are yet to get any answer from the ministry," he said.

In the letter, JnU authorities mentioned that the land of the central jail after shifting the prisoners could be used for building residential halls to solve the housing crisis of the students.

More than 6,000 prisoners of Dhaka Central Jail were shifted to the newly constructed jail in Keraniganj on Friday.

Although different quarters came up with different proposals including establishing a museum, park for children and open space, any concrete plan on that land is yet to be unveiled by the government.

Three to die for killing in Gazipur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

A Gazipur court yesterday sentenced three members of a family to death for killing a woman in 2008.

The convicts are Siddik Bhandari of Vobonathpur village in Narayanganj and his wife Ayesha Khatun and son Murad Hosen.

Ataur Rahman, additional public prosecutor of Gazipur Judge's Court, said Safia Begum, 65, wife of Jamir Hosen Paik of the village, went missing on May 14, 2008. The next day, her body, bearing several injury marks, was found near her house.

Later, Safia's husband filed a murder case.

Ctg young businessman, driver missing, car found

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A young businessman in the port city has been missing since Monday afternoon.

Even though his car has been found in front of the parking lot of the Chittagong Diabetic General Hospital last night, police are yet to find his or his driver's whereabouts, said Sub-inspector Md Alamgir of Khulshi Police Station.

Zunaid Hossain Akib, 25, of Kusumbag Residential area, went to the city's Agrabad area with his driver Mohammed Mostafa, 30, in the afternoon for processing some visa documents, said family members.

Zunaid, who completed his undergraduate degree from the capital's North South University last April, returned to Chittagong

to look after his family business as his father died last February, they added.

He did not return home afterwards and his mobile phone was found switched off, said his brother-in-law Abul Manzur, who filed a general diary with Khulshi Police Station.

After speaking to the locals of the area where his car was last seen they came to know that his car was hit by a Pajero jeep near Goribullah Shah Mazar area, he said.

Zunaid had a scuffle with two of the passengers of the vehicle who later assured him to repair his damaged car, he added.

Nizam Uddin, officer-in-charge of Khulshi Police Station, said Zunaid's mobile phone was last active at 2:45pm on Monday and the location was West Khulshi.



Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Atiar Rahman, a freedom fighter and businessman of Satkhira, died duo to old-age complications at a Dhaka hospital yesterday. He was 76.

He left behind a son and two daughters, said a press release.

He joined postal services under the then Pakistan government in 1969. He was the general secretary for Satkhira District Association in Dhaka and was a life member of Dhaka Ahsania Mission.

He was buried in Azimpur graveyard with state honour.



Death anniversary

CITY DESK

Today is the 14th death anniversary of Air Commodore Ghazi Lutfur Rahman.

On the occasion, a quarkhani and destitute feeding programme will be held in the capital, said a press release.

He was commissioned in the Air Force in 1960. During his career, he held positions as director of Armed Forces Division and Agrani Bank.

Relatives, friends and admirers are requested to pray for his departed soul.

Regular garbage collection in Lalmatia resumes finally



Residents of Lalmatia can finally heave a sigh of relief as the garbage collection service has finally resumed in the neighbourhood. The photo was taken in front of the Lalmatia New Colony Playground yesterday, where cleaners, working under the Dhaka North City Corporation, dump garbage after collecting from houses for the corporation to transport it to the landfill.

PHOTO: PRABIR BARUA CHOWDHURY

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After a long week, regular garbage collection in the capital's Lalmatia, which was stopped over a dispute of establishing a secondary transfer station on its playground, has started again yesterday.

Visiting the area yesterday morning, it was seen that the cleaners, working under the DNCC, were collecting garbage from the houses with their van and then dumped it on the previous spot, in front of the Dhaka North City Corporation councillor's office.

Besides, heaps of wastages were also seen in several intersections, spreading malodour, which was thrown by the people of the area during night times.

According to the DNCC officials, it will take a few more days to collect garbage of the entire area as around 14 tonnes of wastages generated from the locality every day. 28 cleaners with 14 vans regularly took part in the waste collection, they said.

There are seven blocks in the locality and around 3,000 families have been living there, they added.

DNCC insiders and locals said the problem arose when some of the dwellers opposed the DNCC's decision of building a secondary transfer station at one side of the Lalmatia New Colony Playground.

At one stage, the corporation stopped

collecting wastages, alleged the locals.

Talking to The Daily Star, several dwellers alleged that the total cleaning system of the locality had collapsed as cleaners collected the wastages once a week in the last month.

"I think it was a total violation of one's right as every one pay taxes for various purposes including collection of domestic wastes. You can not stop waste collection in the name of any dispute," said a dweller of the locality, also a retired joint secretary.

Contacted, Bipon Kumar Saha, chief waste management officer of DNCC, said that the corporation has been keeping garbage on the eastern side of the street corner in front of the playground for almost 12 years.

Recently, DNCC decided to set up a secondary transfer station in that place and sought permission from different offices including the public works ministry, he said.

The corporation also started building the station but the ministries gave a direction to set the station inside the western part of the field, he added.

"But the work stopped after a few days as some locals opposed it. Since there was not enough space to store the wastages, the corporation had to stop their collections," said Bipon.

He said they have resumed the collection from yesterday as huge garbage started to pile in the locality and assured that the collection service will continue.



Makeshift shop owners keep the furniture of their dismantled shops on the trees at Suhrawardy Udyan in the capital every day, after they close their activities for the day, damaging the beauty of the park on one hand and harming the trees on the other. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

UDC owners to write govt's successes at grassroots

BSS, Dhaka

The Union Digital Center entrepreneurs will write reports and features to disseminate those through social and mass media, said organisers of a workshop, which was organised yesterday at Jessore TTC, to provide training to them on writing reports, features and outsourcing and e-commerce.

Chaired by TTC Principal Nikhil Kumar Roy, the workshop was addressed by Director General (admin) of PMO Kabir Bin Anwar, Additional Secretary of ICT Division Sushanta Kumar Saha, journalist Ajit Kumar Sarkar and Deputy Commissioner Dr Humayun Kabir.

Rajshahi Peace school

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previous name. "Now we are preparing to get the new name approved."

The school started in Rajshahi in January 2015.

According to an intelligence report, around 27 Peace schools are being run in six districts by pro-Jamaat people, and a part of their income is spent on the party's organisational activities. The schools are owned by Invitos Peace Ltd, a private company, whose Chairman Abu Zafar Muhammad Obaidullah was a former president of the Islami Chhatra Shibir, said the report.

On Tuesday, the education ministry decided to shut the Peace schools because they do not have government approval.

Principal M Alauddin said, "We are confused over the government order because we do not know whether it is still applicable for us as we have changed the name. We did not also get any instruction from the local administration. So we are still continuing its operation."

He claimed that although they had started as a part of the Peace school chain, they later ran it in Rajshahi independently.

An assistant commissioner of Rajshahi Metropolitan Police, Iftekhar Alam, said police were keeping a close watch on the activities of the school.

During a visit recently, this correspondent saw the school was operating in two

neighbouring buildings including Gazi Bhaban of Terokhadia area.

Terokhadia is known as a Jamaat stronghold and many top leaders of the party live there.

With a workforce of 50 including 25 teachers, the school has over 250 students from playgroup to class V. The school follows strict religious norms in uniforms and teaching.

Local people said people associated with Jamaat and Islami Chhatra Shibir ran the school and they appointed only those belonging or being loyal to Jamaat, Shibir or Islami Chhatra Shangstha.

Morshed Jaman Mia, a haematologist of Islami Bank Medical College Hospital, who is widely known as a Jamaat patron, is chairman of the school's management committee, while the principal is its member-secretary.

Meanwhile, the authority is still running its Facebook page and using a street sign under the previous name.

When contacted, primary education officer in Rajshahi Abul Kashem said that besides the Peace school, a number of other schools were operating in Rajshahi without approval.

"We have talked to government big officials over the issue several times but got no instruction."

STAR WEEKEND

in other news...

The Star Weekend has an array of interesting articles for you. This week our spotlight is on the historical significance and the current condition of what is known as the city's lungs- Ramna Park. We also have a tribute piece dedicated to the victims of the 1/7 Gulshan attacks. Don't forget to grab your copy of the Star Weekend, tomorrow, Friday!

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THE CITY'S OASIS

MD SHAHINARAZ KHAN CHANDAN
PHOTO: SHIBIR MANSUR HOSSAIN

Ramna Park is called the lungs of Dhaka City. With 66.50 acres of land adorned with 211 species of trees and a huge tranquil lake, it is the largest and most popular park in the country. Thanks to its influence on the emergence of Dhaka city and its significance on the liberation movement of Bangladesh, Ramna Park is not only a public park but also is one of the most important heritage sites of our country. To know the history and the current condition of this legendary park, read this week's spotlight on pages 8 and 9.

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