

WEATHER FORECAST

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YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAH	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
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Day and night temperatures may remain nearly unchanged over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:39pm and rises tomorrow at 5:30am. Country's highest temperature...

Power is a responsibility

Says Hasina

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said power to her was not a matter of consumerism but a great responsibility to take the country forward and ensure prosperity.

"We have seen the nature of different political parties in the past. But the party which originated from grassroots with a vision to change the socio-political condition of the people have a different way of thinking..." she told the signing ceremony of Annual Performance Agreement (APA) with ministries and divisions at her Tejgaon office in the capital.

She said Bangladesh would certainly be able to achieve its cherished economic goal by 2021 and 2041 if everybody works a

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With a call to make a stand against terrorism, Bangladesh Government Secondary Teachers Association forms a human chain in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Ensure youths' participation in policymaking

Launch of 'Young Change Makers Coalition' told STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Youths of different educational institutions demanded that their participation in the government's policymaking process be ensured.

The state should provide opportunities to the youth to raise their voices on social and national issues and strengthen their leadership capacities, they told the launch of a youth platform "Young Change Makers Coalition in Bangladesh," organised by 12 national and international rights groups in the capital's Cirdap auditorium Wednesday.

The 12 organisations are: Plan International Bangladesh, Youth for Change, Save the Children, SERAC Bangladesh, World Vision, Youth Alliance International, Sight Savers, VSO International, ADD International Bangladesh, National Children Task Force, The Hunger Project, and SNV Netherlands Development Organisation.

"We demand that the government seriously consider us while formulating policies," said Faez Belal, a student of University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh. Youths are the future leaders, So their voice should get priority in policymaking, said Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid, the chief guest.

NEWS IN brief

Footbridge opens for Hajj pilgrims

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

To facilitate the Hajj pilgrims' movement, Dhaka North City Corporation yesterday opened a footbridge built at the entrance of the airport for public before its inauguration.

The modern footbridge over the Dhaka-Mymensingh highway has two escalators on both the sides.

It is being built particularly considering the movement of children and elderly people, said a press release.

After finishing some final tasks the footbridge will be inaugurated soon.

Three Agrani Bank officials get bail in loan scam case

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday granted bail to three Agrani Bank high officials, including its Deputy Managing Director Mizanur Rahman Khan, in a case filed for their alleged involvement in loan scams of Tk 108 crore.

The other accused are the bank's principal branch's Deputy General Manager Akhtarul Alam and Assistant General Manager Shafiqullah.

On June 30, Anti Corruption Commission filed the case with Motijheel Police Station accusing eight people, including the trio.

Teen kills rival's 4-year-old sister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A four-year-old girl has been killed allegedly by a teenage boy following a quarrel with her brother in the capital's Darussalam area.

Police recovered the slit-throat body of Khadiza Akhtar Jannat from the boy's house, adjacent to Khadiza's at Diabari, around 2:00am yesterday, nine hours after she went missing, said Selimuzzaman, officer-in-charge of Darussalam Police Station. The body wrapped in a piece of cloth was kept in a basket, he said. Khadiza's family informed the local police after she went missing since 5:00pm Wednesday.

Police arrested Rakib Hossain, 14, who primarily confessed to his involvement, the OC added. Quoting Rakib, police said he killed Khadiza, daughter of Masum Bahadur, following an altercation with her brother over a trifling matter.

The victim's brother-in-law Mohammad Hasan told journalists that Khadiza's brother Parvez had quarrelled with Rakib over pigeons a few days ago. Enraged, Rakib planned to kill Khadiza, he said. Police recovered the sharp weapon used by Rakib.

Rakib's mother Ranu Akhter, 32, was produced before a Dhaka court for helping him to hide the body with a 10-day remand prayer but the court granted a five-day remand.

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Quarters out to destabilise Bangladesh using religion

Dhaka informs Saarc home ministers' meeting

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh yesterday told the 7th Saarc home ministers' meeting that certain vested quarters are trying to destabilise the country and halt its advancement by creating a sense of fear and insecurity among people.

"They also want to tarnish Bangladesh's image...at home and abroad," said Bangladesh High Commissioner in Islamabad Tarik Ahsan, who is leading the Bangladesh delegation.

These vested groups dislike the secular values the government is promoting, he said, adding, "Unfortunately, religion is being used as a tool and means to achieve this agenda."

"We consider this important Saarc ministerial meeting very timely, when we're facing terrorism and violent extremism, both globally and locally," he said.

He said terrorism is a global challenge occurring almost every day. "No country is free from this scourge," he said.

Tarik said the July 1 Gulshan attack, still haunting Bangladesh, was the first large scale and well plotted terrorist act, unprecedented in the country's history. The July 7 Sholakia Eid congregation attack "...could have been deadlier had our police not foiled it," he added.

He said law enforcement agencies were working relentlessly to identify the masterminds. "We're also verifying whether the extremists are receiving any guidance from the international terrorist groups," he said, adding, "We've joined the Global Community Resilience and Engagement Fund (GCRF) as a founding member. Our 'zero tolerance approach' to terrorism, violent extremism and radicalisation has been appreciated by the international community."

Tarik also put emphasis on further strengthening efforts through regional cooperation and exchange of information, technologies and training expertise.



Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University AAMS Arefin Siddique accompanied by others cutting a ribbon to inaugurate the AR Mallick Lecture Hall, a multimedia classroom named after noted academic and diplomat Prof Azizur Rahman Mallick, at the university's arts building yesterday. The family of AR Mallick supported the modernisation of the classroom. A former VC of Chittagong University, Mallick also served as finance minister in 1974.

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