



YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA H 35.0 | L 28.0

CHITTAGONG H 34.6 | L 26.6

SYLHET H 36.2 | L 26.6

RAJSHAHI H 35.0 | L 27.6

KHULNA H 32.9 | L 27.2

BARISAL H 32.7 | L 27.0

RANGPUR H 34.4 | L 27.0

COX'S BAZAR H 33.0 | L 26.2

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 temper-

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

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 Akthar 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

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He said law enforcement agencies were working relentlessly to indentify 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 (GCERF) as a founding member. Our 'zero tolerance approach' to terrorism, violent extremism and radicalisation has been appreciated by the international community."

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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

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