

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA H 33.3 | L 28.0

CHITTAGONG H 33.3 | L 26.5

SYLHET H 25.0 | L 24.8

RAJSHAHI H 34.0 | L 27.2

KHULNA H 32.7 | L 26.6

BARISAL H 31.6 | L 26.5

RANGPUR H 33.6 | L 27.9

COX'S BAZAR H 30.5 | L 25.5

Day temperature may rise slightly and night temperature may remain unchanged over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:38pm and rises tomorrow at 5:31am. Country's highest temperature 35.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Sylhet and the lowest 24.8 in Sylhet.



People gather in numbers on the road covered with banners and festoons in front of the capital's Officer's Club during the daylong election of the Bangladesh Chemists and Druggists Samity, who blocked the entire street that connects Bailey Road and Ramma Park. Though the heightened security measures due to the recent terror attacks have affected normalcy for the city dwellers, it is quite obvious that a few are still above it. The photo was taken yesterday around 11:00am.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Jubo League man shot dead by rivals in Noakhali

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

A Jubo League activist was shot dead by his rivals in Chowdhurirhat of Companiganj upazila in Noakhali on Thursday night.

Md Abu Sufian, 30, son of Md Abdur Rashid, was a member of the upazila Jubo League, said Azam Pasha Rumel, president of the unit of the youth wing of the Awami League.

Mozammel Hoque Kamrul, chairman of Charparbati Union Parishad, said one Md Azad, an accused in a murder case, and his associates shot Abu Sufian while he was returning to his house as he had been demanding justice for the killing.

Azad, who had been in jail for a long time, committed the crime after getting bail on Wednesday, he said.

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Excessive study load isolating children from society

PKSF chief Kholiquzzaman tells scholarship awarding ceremony

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Criticising the excessive pressure of study on children in the current education system, Dr Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad, chairman of Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF), yesterday said the system isolates students from society and turn them into machines.

"The pressure of classes, examinations and coaching turn them into machines and humanity does not grow in them. Thus they create a different world which isolates them from society," he said.

Citing the example of recent militant attacks in the country where students who received higher education participated, the PKSF chief further said the isolation turned these students into militants.

He was addressing a scholarship giving ceremony of Manabik Shahajha Sangstha (MSS), organised at The Daily Star Centre in the capital yesterday.

"If we can make sustainable development and include the spirit of the Liberation War everywhere, none will remain isolated," said Kholiquzzaman.

MSS, a non-government organisation, awarded scholarships, worth Tk 23.8 lakh, to 286 underprivileged meritorious students of schools, colleges and universities in 10 districts of the country. Of them 32 students among 60 of

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CTG COLLEGE BCL FACTIONAL CLASH CASE Businessman claims he was falsely accused

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, CtG

A businessman in Chittagong claimed that he was wrongfully accused in a case filed over a clash between two rival factions of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) for not paying extortion.

HM Sohrab Mostafa, the accused, owns several coaching centres and a transport agency in Chawkbazar area, said locals.

He said some youths demanded Tk 2 lakh as extortion in the name of BCL Chittagong College unit around seven months ago. But he did not comply.

"I was astonished to see my name in the local newspapers as the 11th accused. I was never involved with BCL and was not even present at the scene," said Sohrab while talking to this correspondent yesterday.

He also organised a press conference on Thursday to describe his harassment. Sohrab, however, was reluctant to mention the names of those who asked him for money, fearing further repercussion.

Subash Mallik Sabuj, a BCL leader, filed the case against 11 named and 10 to 15 unidentified persons on August 1 after four BCL activists and leaders were bullet-hit during a clash between two rival groups of BCL in Chittagong College while holding an anti-militancy rally before it on July 31. "I was sure about the first six accused. The rest were

given by other leaders," he said.

Several BCL leaders of his faction said Abu Mohammed Arif, a former vice president of Chittagong College BCL, included Sohrab's name.

Contacted, Arif said, "I have confirmed the names based on eyewitness' account." He termed the claim of extortion false.

"Police will investigate the names of those accused," said Aziz Ahmed, officer-in-charge of Chawkbazar Police Station, adding, "No one will be harassed just because their name is mentioned."

Mentionable, Subash, is known as a follower of Chawkbazar area Jubo League leader Nur Mostafa Tinu and the rival faction is led by BCL Chittagong city unit general secretary Nurul Azim Rony.

The faction of Tinu yesterday issued a statement signed by one Muktar Hossain Razu, which said Sohrab is a criminal, a murder case accused and an arms trader. The statement also claimed he was a Shibir leader.

Contacted, OC Aziz Ahmed said they have information that Sohrab is a Shibir activist but he could not verify the other claims.

Contacted, Sohrab claimed that he was falsely accused in murder of a youth at his village home in Chakaria over a land dispute in 2015, which is being investigated and police is yet to give a charge sheet.

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SQ Chy's son Humman still traceless

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Humman Quader Chowdhury, son of executed war criminal Salauddin Quader Chowdhury, is still traceless after he went missing near a Dhaka court premises on Thursday.

Farhat Quader Chowdhury, mother of Humman who was with him during the incident, told The Daily Star that they did not know her son's whereabouts.

They field a general diary (GD) online on that day as Bangshal police refused to do so, saying that they had no permission from high-ups, an allegation from Farhat denied by Officer-in-Charge Nure Alam Siddiqui.

None came to the police station to file a GD regarding the missing, said the OC.

Some plainclothes men asked Humman to go with them after knowing his identity while her vehicle got stuck in a traffic jam near the court gate at 11:15am on that day, said Farhat.

"They did not tell me about their (plainclothes men) identity, but their behaviour seemed to me that they were law enforcers," she said.

"When I told them that we have to go to a court to attend a hearing, they said Humman has to come with them," said Farhat.

Meanwhile, BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir

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