

**WEATHER FORECAST**

**YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES**

<b>DHAKA</b> H 32.6 L 27.0	<b>CHITTAGONG</b> H 32.7 L 25.4	<b>SYLHET</b> H 34.2 L 25.5	<b>RAJSHAHI</b> H 32.0 L 26.4	<b>KHULNA</b> H 30.2 L 25.5	<b>BARISAL</b> H 31.6 L 26.4	<b>RANGPUR</b> H 33.5 L 27.6	<b>COX'S BAZAR</b> H 30.2 L 24.5
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Day and night temperatures may remain nearly unchanged over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:37pm and rises tomorrow at 5:31am. Country's highest temperature 34.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Sylhet and the lowest 23.5 in Teknaf.

# War crimes trial of four Noakhali men starts

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Trial of four Noakhali men began at the International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday in a case filed against them for allegedly committing crimes against humanity during the 1971 Liberation War.

The three-member tribunal led by Justice Anwarul Haque recorded the opening statement of the case placed by Prosecutor Zahid Imam and fixed September 28 for recording testimony of the prosecution witnesses.

The accused are Amir Ali, 70, Md Joynal Abedin, 73, Abul Kalam alias AKM Mansur, 67, and Md Abdul Kuddus, 84, are of Sudharam upazila. Of them, Abul Kalam is on the run while the rest are in jail.

The prosecution on October 5 last year pressed three charges against five men from Noakhali, including the four. Mohammad Yusuf later died from old age complications and was not indicted.

They were "involved" with Razakar Bahini, an auxiliary force of Pakistani occupation army, and the killing of at least 111 people in three incidents, according to the prosecution.

According to the first charge, the four were involved in the killing of at least 100 people of Sreepur and Sonapur villages on June 15.

Amir, Abul and Joynal were involved in the abduction and killing of two people of Pashim Karimpur and Debipur village on September 13, reads the second.

The third charge says, Amir and Abul Kalam were involved in the abduction, torture and killing of at least nine people of Ramharitaluk, Debipur and Uttar Chakla villages on the same day.



The road in front of the capital's Karwan Bazar wholesale fish market becomes muddy as the craters on it get filled with rainwater mixed with waste materials during this monsoon. The photo was taken yesterday.

# HC stays sedition trial of BNP's Fazlur

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The High Court yesterday stayed the trial proceedings of a sedition case against BNP chairperson's adviser Fazlur Rahman for a month.

The court also issued a rule upon the government to explain in four weeks as to why the case proceedings against Fazlur should not be scrapped.

The order and rule came following a petition filed by the accused BNP leader praying for quashing the proceedings of the.

The sedition case against Fazlur cannot run, as it was filed by one Ali Hasan not by the government, M Masud Rana, a lawyer for Fazlur, told The Daily Star.

The sedition case was filed against Fazlur, a former Awami League lawmaker, over making derogatory statements about President Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and the ruling AL on March 19, 2014 while addressing an election rally in Itna, Kishoreganj.

# Chehlum of Faraaz Ayaz Hossain held

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The chehlum of Faraaz Ayaz Hossain, who was killed in Holey Artisan Restaurant terror attack in Gulshan, was held in the capital yesterday.

The programme was held after Asr prayers at the Gulshan residence of Faraaz's grandfather Latifur Rahman, also chairman and chief executive of Transcom Group.

Special prayers were offered seeking eternal peace for his departed soul at a milad mahfil held on the occasion.

Distinguished persons from different tiers of the

# Rulers always treated CHT as colony: Santu Larma

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The country's governments have always treated ethnic minority populated Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) as colony, ethnic leader Jyotirindra Bodhipriya Larma alleged yesterday.

He said the ruling class and a discriminatory social system were responsible for the "miserable lives" of minorities. "The ruling class doesn't love us, doesn't trust us, and doesn't treat us as human beings," the president of Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS) said.

Also known as Santu Larma, he shared the grievances at a policy dialogue in the capital's Cirdap Auditorium, organised by the Parliamentary Caucus on Indigenous Peoples, ahead of International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples tomorrow.

Larma mentioned incidents of eviction of ethnic people from ancestral lands, deprivation from education, repression by "Bangalee



# Premature ageing DMCH doctors examine 4yr old Bayezid

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Doctors at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) yesterday started examining and treating the four-year-old boy of Magura, who has been diagnosed with a premature ageing condition.

An eight-member medical board headed by the hospital's Burn Unit Prof Abul Kalam Azad, was formed yesterday to examine and treat Bayezid Hossain.

About 20 to 21 medical tests will be conducted before they start the treatment, said Samanta Lal Sen, chief coordinator of the National Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery at DMCH.

Bayezid with his swollen face, wrinkled skin, hollow eyes, aching joints and other old-age signs including small jaw, was admitted to the hospital on Saturday.

He was initially diagnosed with progeria by a five-member medical team of Magura Sadar Hospital, which later suggested sending him to DMCH for better treatment and research by specialists.

Bayezid was born with the face resembling that of an elderly man, said his parents.

# Road crashes kill couple among 4

**CITY DESK**

Four people including a couple were killed in road accidents in three districts yesterday and on Saturday.

Our Mymensingh correspondent reports, a couple was killed as a truck rammed the rickshaw carrying them in Baghrapara area of Bhaluka upazila in the district yesterday.

The deceased were Abul Kalam, 55, and his wife Sufia Khatun, 40, of Mukhhapur village in the district.

Mamun-or-Rashid, officer-in-charge of Bhaluka Police Station, said the couple worked as cook at the police station. They were in their way to the station to make breakfast. They died on the spot.

Our Dinajpur correspondent reports, Abdus Salam, 37, of Balubari area was killed as he went under a rear wheel of a tractor he was sitting on as his lungi got entangled with the wheel in Kamarhat village under Kaharol upazila yesterday.

Meanwhile in Rangpur, a bicyclist was killed when a truck hit his vehicle from behind in Balabari village under Taraganj upazila on Saturday afternoon.

The deceased was Lalu Mia, 55, of Jagadishpur village.



# Fazilatunnesa Mujib's birthday today

**UNB, Dhaka**

The 86th birth anniversary of Bangamata Sheikh Fazilatunnesa Mujib, wife of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, will be observed today.

On this day in 1930, she was born in a noble Muslim family at Tungipara village of the then Gopalganj subdivision in Faridpur district.

She was assassinated along with Bangabandhu and most of her family members on August 15 in 1975.

The ruling Awami League (AL), its associate bodies and other socio-cultural organisations have chalked out programmes to mark her birth anniversary.

The programmes include placing of wreaths at Begum Mujib's grave at the capital's Banani graveyard at 8:30am to be followed by a Qurankhwani, a milad and a doa mahfil there.

In a statement, AL General Secretary and Public Administration Minister Syed Ashrafur Islam called upon the party leaders and activists to observe Bangamata's birth anniversary in a befitting manner.

# 2,245 ROAD DEATHS IN SEVEN MONTHS

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

At least 2,245 people were killed and 6,031 injured in 2,082 road accidents in the first seven months (January to July) of the year across the country. Of the deceased, 311 were children and 301 women. A non-government organisation, the National Committee to Protect Shipping, Roads and Railways, has collated the figures by monitoring 12 national dailies, 12 regional newspapers, and six online news portals.

**7 CAUSES OF ROAD ACCIDENTS, IDENTIFIED BY THE GROUP**

- Reckless driving
- Unskilled, unlicensed drivers
- Overloading, overtaking
- Driving for hours without rest breaks
- Violation of traffic rules
- Unfit vehicles
- Risky curves, battered roads



Zariaif Ayaaz Hossain speaks at the chehlum of his younger brother Faraaz Ayaz Hossain at his grandfather Latifur Rahman's Gulshan residence in the capital yesterday. Faraaz was killed in the recent terror attack in Holey Artisan Bakery.

# DSCC launches week-long mosquito crash drive

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) yesterday launched a week-long crash drive to rid DSCC area of mosquitoes by destroying them and their larva.

DSCC Mayor Sayeed Khokon inaugurated it at Rabindra Sarobar in the capital's Dhanmondi.

Visiting different areas in Dhanmondi to observe the development activities, he ordered to remove waste material and mud from there.

Khokon also directed the engineers concerned to set up escalators in the two footbridges near Gausia Market and gate-2 of New Market.

# Diplomatic efforts ongoing

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lies. We have taken the challenge and are working on that."

He said countries which oppose death penalty naturally do not hand over convicted killers. Diplomatic sources said the government would bring the six back through mutual legal assistance or memorandums of understanding to extradite them. The ministries of the law, home, and foreign affairs are working together to identify the countries where the convicts are absconding and maintaining diplomatic channels.

Since 2010, a government taskforce has been working to locate and bring back the six -- Rashed Chowdhury, Noor Chowdhury, Khandaker Abdur Rashid, Shariful Haque Dalim, Abdul Mazed and Moslehuddin.

Earlier in August 2015, US Ambassador in Dhaka Marcia Bernicat officially informed Dhaka that fugitive Rashed was staying in the US securing political asylum.

A highly placed government source yesterday told The Daily Star that the government has already asked the US to cancel Rashed's political asylum and extradite him.

The taskforce is certain of Noor's location. He is now in Canada without any legal papers. Canada declined both Noor's application seeking political asylum and deporting him as it is against its policy to send a person back to where the death sentence provision exists.

The taskforce has no confirmation about the location of the remaining four. In January 2010, five condemned killers of Bangabandhu were hanged at Dhaka Central Jail.

The Appellate Division dismissed their pleas to review a Supreme Court verdict confirming capital punishment for 12 former army officers on November 19, 2009.

# JU student held as militant suspect Family files GD; two held in Ctg

**A CORRESPONDENT, JU**

Plainclothes police detained a student of Jahangirnagar University on the campus Saturday, on suspicion that he might be involved in militancy.

Ibna Mollah Mosharrar alias Ibrahim, a third year student of the Institute of Information and Technology (IIT), was picked up during the class.

He lives with family in the capital's Kalyanpur.

JU Vice Chancellor Prof Farzana Islam told The Daily Star that a few days ago the special branch of police called her and requested that they wanted to interrogate a student.



Piles of garbage remain in this way beside the main street of posh Upashahar area in Sylhet city with the pedestrians being forced to cover their noses to avoid stench. Hundreds of people including schoolchildren pass through the road on a regular basis. The local ward councillor says a modern dustbin will be set up on the spot soon. The photo was taken yesterday.