

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA H 31.0 L 26.3	CHITTAGONG H 29.4 L 26.3	SYLHET H 35.2 L 27.3	RAJSHAHI H 31.0 L 25.5	KHULNA H 30.5 L 26.5	BARISAL H 29.5 L 26.0	RANGPUR H 32.2 L 25.6	COX'S BAZAR H 31.2 L 25.7
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Day temperature may fall slightly and night temperature may fall by 1-3 degree Celsius over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:29pm and rises tomorrow at 5:35am. Country's highest temperature 35.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Sylhet and the lowest 25.0 in Tangail and Teknaf.

Demo for halls creates tailback

JnU students will also boycott classes, exams today demanding dorms on Old Dhaka jail's land

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jagannath University (JnU) students yesterday blocked a major road in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club to press home their demand for residential halls on the land of the recently shifted Dhaka Central Jail, creating huge tailbacks in the nearby areas.

School goes and people suffered badly due to the demonstration that started around 10:30am. Vehicles on the nearby roads also got stuck for around an hour.

The students observed a two-hour sit-in after police foiled their attempt to besiege the education ministry at the secretariat.

Before closing the programme around 12:50pm; Monirul Islam Rajon, one of the protestors, declared boycotting all academic activities including exams at their university today.

The students then marched towards the campus, clearing the roads.

Prior to that, students gathered on the campus around 9:30am and marched towards the ministry.

Breaking police barriers at Raysaheb Bazar, Tanti Bazar, Bangshal and Gulistan, the agitating students moved forward.

Driven away by police, they later took to the street and chanted slogans like "we do not want to stay in messes" and "give us residential halls".

They also chanted slogans against the university

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Students of Jagannath University stage a sit-in in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday, demanding residential halls on the land of Dhaka's old central jail.

Eid bus ticket sale starts Aug 23

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Private bus operators will start selling advance tickets for home-goers ahead of the Eid-ul-Azha from August 23.

The decision came following a meeting of Bangladesh Bus-Truck Owners' Association at its office in the capital yesterday.

"We have decided to start the sale on August 23 and continue until the tickets are exhausted," Faruk Talukder Sohel, chairman of the association, told The Daily Star.

Bus companies will sell their tickets from their respective counters, said Sohel, also the managing director of Sohag Paribahan.

The Eid-u-Azha will be held in the middle of September.

Every year, around 60-70 lakh people leave the capital to celebrate Eid with near and dear ones at their village homes. A large chunk of them travel on roads.



OIC secretary general arrives

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

OIC Secretary General Iyad Ameen Madani arrived in Dhaka yesterday for a two-day visit to Bangladesh.

Additional Foreign Secretary Kamrul Ahsan received him at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in the capital.

During the third visit to the country, the OIC chief is leading a three-member delegation, says a foreign ministry press release.

This will be a part of his tour in four Asian OIC member countries.

Madani will call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina today and also meet Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali.

Foreign ministry officials said Madani will discuss issues of mutual interest, including microfinance, promotion of intra OIC trade and economic activities, and situations of Rohingya Muslims.

Madani is expected to exchange views on the situation of Muslim Ummah. He is likely to visit ICDDR, B.

During the meetings, he is expected to exchange views on role of Bangladesh in the 2017 OIC Summit on Science, Technology and Innovation to be held in Astana, Kazakhstan.

35TH BCS EXAM RESULTS OUT PSC picks 2,158 for cadre posts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Public Service Commission (PSC) yesterday published the final results of the 35th Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) examinations, recommending 2,158 successful candidates for recruitment in different government cadres.

Now, the recommended candidates will go for police verification and medical tests.

Results of 16 candidates were withheld, AYM Nesar Uddin, exam controller (Cadre) of PSC, told The Daily Star yesterday.

The 3,359 other candidates who have passed the written tests and viva were not recommended for the lack of vacant posts, according to a PSC press release.

Initiative will be taken to recruit them for class I or class II non-cadre posts, upon requisition from the government but no confirmation of job can be given, it said.

A total of 2,44,107 candidates applied for the 35th BCS examinations, and 6,078 of them were called for an interview after they passed the preliminary and written tests.

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Dhaka division may be trimmed further

Says PM at meeting on Mymensingh division; asks for long-term new township plan

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday asked the authorities concerned to formulate any new township plan keeping in mind the context of at least 20-25 years and the country's population at that time to ensure smooth development and avert future complexities.

"Whenever you [authorities concerned] take up any plan, you'll have to consider what would be the population in the next 20 to 25 years and what would be the extent of economic activities and our needs. Now we have a mindset of thinking about the present context, but we will have to think with farsightedness to avoid future complexities," she said.

The PM was speaking at a meeting on the newly formed Mymensingh division at her office.

Hasina said whenever any new township is built, there should be enough provisions for water bodies and water reservoirs so that water is easily found in case of any fire incident, waterlogging problem can be addressed and the environment can be protected. The premier told the meeting that she already gave specific

Four die 'saving boy'

As their car swerved, fell into ditch in N'ganj

A CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

They were in their late twenties and grew up in the same neighbourhood in Madhabdi area of Narsingdi.

Four cloth traders getting used to the ropes of the trade. Yesterday afternoon Atiqur Rahman Pavel, Tusar, Limon and Ovi decided to travel to the capital. They got on a private car and started their journey amid planning for business and especially how to take it further. By the time they reached Purinda of Arahazar upazila in Narayananj it was almost 5:30pm. Though they were being careful, what they did not expect was an eight-year-old boy, lost in his thoughts, crossing the highway.

The driver swerved, to avoid hitting the boy and lost control over the vehicle, which plunged into a ditch beside the Dhaka-Sylhet highway.

Tusher died on the spot and the rest were taken to the Apollo Hospitals Dhaka, where they breathed their last, said Sub-inspector of Arahazar Police Station Abudus Salam.

Inspector (investigation) of the station Shafiqul Azam, quoting locals, said the boy was crossing the highway, while trying to save his life the driver took a sharp turn, lost control over the vehicle, and fell into the ditch.



Large potholes and rugged surface make it a tough task for vehicles to ply the road in front of the Department of Environment in the capital's Sher-e-Bangla Nagar. The picture was taken yesterday.

Country facing human rights crisis

Says Fakhru

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir yesterday alleged that Bangladesh is now facing a human rights crisis for the absence of democracy.

He was addressing a discussion organised by Jatiyatabadi Help Cell in the capital's Dhaka Reporters Unity to hand over grants to family members of those falling victim to forced disappearance from 2010 to 2015.

Fakhru claimed that around 1,000 leaders and activists were killed during its anti-government movement and around 500

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Oxford College to hold memorial service

STAR REPORT

A memorial service will be held at Oxford College on August 28, for two Emory University students - Abinta Kabir and Faraaz Ayaaz Hossain, who were killed in the July 1 terrorist attack at Holey Artisan restaurant in Dhaka.

According to the Emory campus news centre, the service will take place at 6:00pm at Allen Memorial United Methodist Church in Oxford, Georgia, US, following a reception in the college library.

The lives of Abinta and Faraaz were honoured earlier in a July 7 interfaith vigil held at Emory's Cannon Chapel to remember the 20 individuals killed in the attack, as well as victims of violence around the world.

At that service, they were remembered as bright, warm and humble. Both had served as the chair of the programming subcommittee for Oxford's Student Activities Committee (SAC), the epicentre of social planning on campus.

Rev Lyn Pace, chaplain of Oxford College, said the memorial service will provide an opportunity to "come together in our continued grief to mourn their deaths while also celebrating the impact and legacy of their lives". Abinta, 19, was

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জরুরী হজ্জ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

আগামী ৭২ ঘন্টার মধ্যে হজ্জ এজেন্টদের আসন সংরক্ষণপূর্বক টিকেট সংগ্রহ করার অনুরোধ জানিয়েছে বিমান।

যাত্রী স্বল্পতার কারণে বিমান বাংলাদেশ এয়ারলাইন্স এ পর্যন্ত মোট ১০টি হজ্জ-ফ্লাইট বাতিল করেছে। বাতিলকৃত ফ্লাইটের কারণে বিমানের হজ্জযাত্রী পরিবহনে ৫ হাজার আসনের ক্যাপাসিটি খোয়া গিয়েছে। গত ৪ঠা আগস্ট থেকে শুরু হওয়া হজ্জ-ফ্লাইট পরিচালনা কার্যক্রমের আওতায় এ পর্যন্ত বাতিলকৃত ফ্লাইটের কারণে আর্থিক ও মারাত্মক যাত্রী সংকটের মুখোমুখি হয়েছে বিমান।

উপস্থূপরি ফ্লাইট বাতিল ও যাত্রী সংকটের বিষয়টি বিমান বাংলাদেশ এয়ারলাইন্সের জন্য অত্যন্ত উদ্বেগজনক। এ অবস্থা উত্তরণে বা পরিস্থিতির আরও অবনতি রোধে বিমান বাংলাদেশ এয়ারলাইন্স সকল হজ্জ এজেন্টদের আগামী ৭২ ঘন্টার মধ্যে বিমানে তাদের আসন নিশ্চিত পূর্বক প্রয়োজনীয় টিকেট সংগ্রহ করার জন্য অনুরোধ জানাচ্ছে।

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বাংলাদেশ এয়ারলাইন্স

Gaibandha war crimes accused arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Police yesterday arrested a fugitive war crimes accused at Kismat char in Sunderganj upazila of Gaibandha.

Tipped off, police raided Kismat char and arrested Abdul Latif, 61, said Israil Hossain, officer-in-charge of Sunderganj police.

Latif of Panchgachi village in the upazila's Santiram union was an assistant teacher of Khamar Panchgachi Dakhil Madrasha.

He is one of the six accused who were indicted on June 28 for allegedly committing crimes against humanity during the 1971 Liberation War, said Helal Uddin, investigation officer of the case.

The five other accused in the case are Abu Saleh Md Abdul Aziz Mia, 65, a former Jamaat lawmaker and alleged commander of local Razakar Bahini; Ruhul Amin alias Manju, 61; Abu Muslim Md Ali, 59; Najmul Huda, 60; and Abdur Rahim Mia, 62.

Drives are going on to arrest the five, as they are on the run, added Israil.

The prosecution pressed the charges on March 20 and the tribunal took them into cognisance on March 24.

Charges brought against the six include killing of a Hindu man and looting of his house in Moujamali village in Sadar upazila, and killing of a Chhatra League leader and 13 chairmen and members of five unions in the upazila.

STAR WEEKEND
in other news...

The Star Weekend has an array of interesting articles for you. This week our spotlight is about the current conundrum that bachelors all around town are facing, especially after the 1/7 attacks- renting homes. We also have an important article on the psychological phenomenon called the bystander effect. Don't forget to grab your copy of the Star Weekend, tomorrow, Friday!

NO BACHELORS PLEASE!

FAYEKA ZAREEN SIDDIQUI
PHOTO: RAJI TABSIN ACAE/AP/REDA

Single and unmarried people who have been living in Dhaka for work or education, without their families, have to go through an ordeal when it comes to finding a place to live. The landlords, on the other hand, believe that renting out flats to them leads to several problems. In fact our society has a number of common misconceptions regarding this 'category' of tenants. After the recent anti-terror drives, the situation of these single tenants in different places of the capital has become even worse. To read more, turn to pages 8 and 9.

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