


**YESTERDAY'S
TEMPERATURES**
DHAKA
H 34.8 | L 26.6

CHITTAGONG
H 32.8 | L 25.7

SYLHET
H 32.6 | L 26.8

RAJSHAH
H 35.7 | L 26.7

KHULNA
H 33.3 | L 27.0

BARISAL
H 33.3 | L 26.0

RANGPUR
H 34.2 | L 27.2

COX'S BAZAR
H 32.5 | L 26.3

Day temperature may rise slightly and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:28pm and rises tomorrow at 5:36am. Country's highest temperature 35.7 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rajshahi and the lowest 25.0 in Rangamati and Kumarkhali.

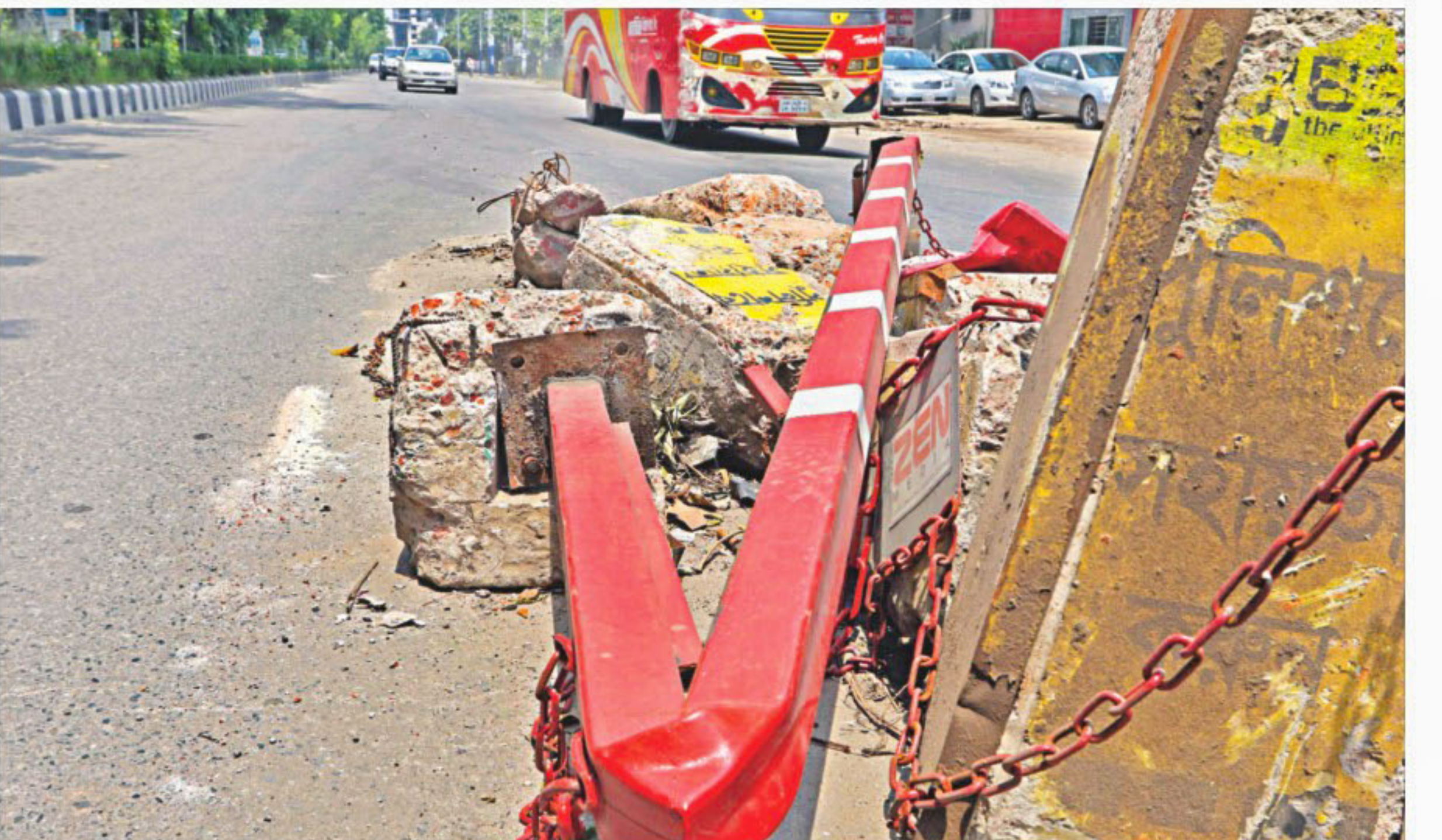
Bogra panel mayor with bullets held at Dhaka airport

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A panel mayor of Bogra municipality was arrested with 25 bullets at the capital's Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport last night.

Nur-e-Azam, officer-in-charge of Airport Police Station, told The Daily Star that passenger check-in staff detained Aminul Islam while checking his bag. He was later handed over to the police station. A case was filed against him.

He was going to Bangkok for treatment and forgot that the bullets of his licensed arms were somehow left in the bag he was carrying, said Aminul during police interrogation.



Though the wrecked road divider has been in this state for quite a long time, the authorities still seem to be oblivious, causing frequent traffic accidents in the area. The photo was taken in the capital's Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani yesterday.

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PRABIR DAS

Rampal power plant will also hurt Indo-Bangla ties

Prof Anu Muhammad tells discussion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The proposed coal-based Rampal power plant will not only destroy the Sundarbans but also damage the friendly relationship between India and Bangladesh, said Prof Anu Muhammad at a discussion.

The friendship and communication between Bangladesh and India is so important, said Prof Anu, adding that Indian environment scientists also agreed that the power plant will also harm the Sundarbans, the largest mangrove forest.

The discussion on Rampal power plant was held at the Bishwa Sahitya Kendra, organised by the Centre for Bangladesh Studies.

Sultana Kamal, convenor of the Sundarban Rokkha Jatiya Committee, urged the youth of the country to join the movements demanding cancellation of the power

plant project.

She alleged that the powerful persons have already started setting up industrial plots around the Sundarbans because of the Rampal plant, an India-Bangladesh initiative.

Prof Badrul Imam said experts already informed the ministers of the government about the possible environmental degradation due to the power plant but they said it will not cause any harm.

The speakers said the government claimed that the power plant is 14kms away from the Sundarbans.

But the Pashur River is just beside the power plant and all the polluted water with waste materials will fall into the water body, they said, adding that eventually the river water will enter the forest spoiling its life and food circle.

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