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Day and night temperatures may remain nearly unchanged over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:18pm and rises tomorrow at 5:40am. Country's highest temperature 36.4



Arriving since the first light of day started to appear, people wait patiently for their turn at the counters in Kamalapur Railway Station in the capital for tickets of September 7 as advance sales marking Eid-ul-Azha began yesterday. Tickets were still available as the rush dissipated by noon.

PHOTO: **AMRAN HOSSAIN** 

#### EID TRAIN TICKET SALE STARTS

# Rush expected today

Pankag Karmakar

Tanjil Ahmed looked fatigued.

Standing for five hours since 4:30am in a long queue before a ticket counter at Kamalapur Railway Station in the capital yesterday, he was struggling to ward off the overwhelming urge to fall asleep.

As the queue inched forward, he appeared to become tense, uncertain whether stocks would last before his turn came to make all the trouble he had gone through worthwhile. He finally gave an ecstatic jump around 10:00am, clasping in his hands September 7 travel passes to Rajshahi.

"All my sufferings are now gone thinking of the nice moments I will celebrate during my Eid holidays with my dear ones at my village home," the university student told The Daily Star.

There were hundreds of others like him thronging the station to purchase advance tickets, made available from yesterday to ensure hassle free journeys for holidaymakers ahead of Eid-ul-Azha,

expected to be celebrated on September 12. Despite the long wait, almost everyone got tickets and the queues dissipated by around 12:30pm. During a visit around 1:00pm, this correspondent found tickets available for nearly all destinations in offer including Rajshahi, Jamalpur, Sylhet,

Chittagong, Dinajpur and Rangpur. However, railway officials expect the rush to intensify from today for high demands. Tickets for September 8, 9, 10 and 11 will be sold today, August 31 and September 1 and 2 correspondingly.

With some 44,000 local, mail and intercity train tickets being sold daily, the station sees the departure of around 65,000 to 70,000 people every day during the Eid rush, said officials. "Standing tickets", for those willing to journey in the manner the name implies, are also made available during this period they added. Several railway officials claimed that Bangladesh Railway's capacity has been increased in the last couple of years.

"In the last six months, we bought 150 more coaches. These new coaches can carry around 9,000 more passengers," said Divisional Transport Officer Mahbubur Rahman.

Ten special trains will run from September 9 to cope with the excessive rush, along with the 378 operating daily.

"Solakia Special" trains will also operate on the Bhairab-Kishoreganj-Bhairab and Mymensingh-Kishoreganj-Mymensingh routes on Eid day marking the country's largest congregation.

Moreover, 140 coaches and 18 locomotives will be included to the existing 1,006 and 202 ones respectively. Bangladesh Railways Director General Amzad Hossain said adequate security measures would be taken to deter black marketing of tickets and subversive activities.

Every year, around 60 to 70 lakh people for morphing leave the capital to celebrate Eid with their near and dear ones at their village homes. The majority of them travel on roads and railways, as per travel operators.



A 68-year-old Gazipur resident, Md Nurul Hoque Akhand, receives the first five-year multiple entry tourist visa from Indian High Commissioner Harsh Vardhan Shringla yesterday. The facility was introduced for Bangladeshis above 65 years of age.

## ALLEGATION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT

# RU expels female student for 'falsely' accusing teacher

A CORRESPONDENT, RU

Rajshahi University has expelled a female student for life for bringing false allegations of sexual harassment against a teacher.

The syndicate, led by Vice-Chancellor Dr Muhammad Mizanuddin, took the decision of expulsion on Sunday night after an investigation found her allegations false.

Syndicate member and Pro-VC Chowdhury Sarwar Jahan said, "As the complaint was found false in investigation, it was unanimously decided in the meeting that she will be expelled."

The student filed a complaint on December 20 last year, accusing the teacher of unwanted sexual advances. Within a few days, a team started investigating the matter and submitted the report to the syndicate on March 28, saying that they found no authenticity of the allegations.

The female student was an activist of Bangladesh Chhatra League, confirmed Rashedul Islam Ranju, acting president of the RU unit of the pro-Awami League student body.

#### Kerry recalls slain Xulhaz, Gulshan attack victims

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

US Secretary of State John Kerry remembered Xulhaz Mannan, a former US embassy staff and editor of an LGBT magazine, who was brutally killed by extremists on April 25, and also the victims of the Gulshan terrorist attack. ... Xulhas Mannan was

murdered by extremists, his life taken away from us. And then of course, two months ago, just down the street from here at the Holey Artisan Bakery, 22 civilians -- Bangladeshi and others -- murdered, again, and two police officers who were trying to save their lives," he said while speaking to US embassy officials yesterday.

About his embassy colleagues, Kerry said they are serving here in Bangladesh in a very exciting time, a time of transformation, a time of huge possibilities, and yes, a time of challenge."

About his visit to Edward M Kennedy (EMK) Center in Dhanmondi, he said, "Ted Kennedy came here in 1971 and - in 1972 he came here, but in 1971 the war of independence began and was going on, and he supported the independence of Bangladesh, as did people in my state of Massachusetts.

#### Terror attack

FROM PAGE 3 In the morning, he also visited a readymade garment factory -- Mark Vision 2000 Ltd -- in Mirpur to see the policies and standard for the factory workers' health and safety. British High Commissioner Alison Blake and Country Representative of DFID Jane Edmondson were also present.

# NEWS<sub>IN</sub> brief

#### Seven held with firearms in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police arrested seven alleged robbers with firearms and ammunition in Satkania upazila of Chittagong early yesterday.

On secret information, police arrested Mohosin Kaisar, Abul Kashem, Sankar Chowdhury, Jahangir Alam, Shamshul Alam alias Shamshu, Jakir Hossain, and Md Monir from different places but five of the gang managed to flee.

Police recovered some of the four pipe guns, a light gun, 24 cartridges and three sharp weapons from their possession while the others by digging an area near a pond in Amilaish union.

#### Workshop on teaching held at IUB

CITY DESK

A daylong workshop on "Enhancement of Teaching Quality" was held on Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) campus in the capital's Bashundhara yesterday.

Faculty members from different schools participated in the workshop where Mosabbir Dewan from the University of East London presented key elements of preparing a teaching module. The University Grants Commission and IUB funded the workshop under its sub-project of Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HEQEP). Mahbub Alam, dean, School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, IUB, and the subproject Mmnager, welcomed the participants.

#### Shakil president, Ataullah GS of OCAS

CITY DESK

Dr Shakil Ahmed, Md Ataullah and Abu Ibne Sina Yen have been elected the president, general secretary and treasurer respectively of Old Cadet's Association of Sylhet (OCAS) for the session of 2016-18.

The election was held after the annual general meeting of OCAS at RAOWA Convention Hall in the capital on Friday. Some 624 alumni of Sylhet Cadet College attended the event conducted by Maj (retd) Mahmudur Rahman Chowdhury.

#### Scholastica's Mirpur campus wins Model UN best delegation Award

CITY DESK

Students of Scholastica's Mirpur campus hosted their first Model United Nations conference on the school premises in the capital.

Starting on Thursday, the conference ended on Saturday. Over 270 students attended it from 22 schools. Brid Gen (retd) Shahedul Anam Khan, The Daily Star's associate editor, spoke at the opening event. At the conference, the "Best Delegation Award" was handed to the students of Scholastica's Mirpur campus, with their delegates receiving the highest number of awards. Nasim Firdaus, former ambassador of Bangladesh to the UN in Geneva, addressed the closing session.

### Youth held female MP's photo on FB

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Police arrested a youth in Barisal city on Sunday night for using a morphed image of a female law-

maker on Facebook. Junaid Ahamed Sumon, a second year honors' student of Social Welfare at BM College and an activist of Bangladesh Chhatra League Barisal district unit, confessed to police that he had morphed and sent the photo to the lawmaker's son's inbox on Facebook,

said police. Soeb Ahamed Sijan, a Jubo Legue leader, filed a case early yesterday.



Sewerage water floods a road in Kalurghat BSCIC industrial area of Chittagong city, washing away what remains of its asphalt surface. Due to movement of heavy vehicles, the road is already in bad shape, and the dirty water has compounded the problem. However, the situation has remained unchanged for the last few months, while people keep suffering. The photo was taken Saturday. PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

# গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

পরিবেশ অধিদপ্তর পরিবেশ ভবন, ই/১৬, আগারগাঁও

শের-ই-বাংলানগর, ঢাকা-১২০৭

তারিখঃ ০৮/০৫/১৪২৩সন ২৩/০৮/২০১৬খ্রিঃ

#### নং-পরিবেশ/ওডিএস(আঃওঃদিঃ)/৮৬/২০১৬/৫৮৭ শিশু-কিশোর চিত্রাংকন প্রতিযোগিতা

জানানো যাচ্ছে। পরিবেশ অধিদপ্তর কার্টিজ পেপার সরবরাহ করবে।

বাংলাদেশ শিশু একাডেমী, দোয়েল চতুর, হাইকোর্ট এলাকা,

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খ গ্রুপঃ ০৭ বছর - অনুধর্ব ১১ বছর

গ গ্রুপঃ ১১ বছর - অনূর্ধ্ব ১৬ বছর

ঘ গ্রুপঃ বিশেষ চাহিদাসম্পন্ন শিশু (অটিস্টিক)

পেঙ্গিল ছাড়া অন্য যে কোন অংকন সামগ্রী

ঃ প্রতি গ্রুপে ৩ (তিন) জন বিজয়ীকে সনদপত্র ও পুরস্কার প্রদান করা হবে আন্তর্জাতিক ওজোন দিবস, ২০১৬ উদ্যাপন উপলক্ষে শিশু-কিশোরদের চিত্রাংকন প্রতিযোগিতা আগামী ৩১ আগষ্ট ২০১৬ তারিখ, রোজ বুধবার, বাংলাদেশ শিশু একাডেমী, দোয়েল চতুর, হাইকোর্ট এলাকা, ঢাকা প্রাঙ্গণে অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। আগ্রহী প্রতিযোগীদের দুপুর ৩ঃ৩০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে প্রয়োজনীয় উপকরণ (রং, তুলি, বোর্ড ইত্যাদি) এবং জন্ম সনদপত্রের ফটোকপিসহ উপস্থিত হয়ে প্রতিযোগিতায় অংশগ্রহণের জন্য আহবান

বিজয়ী প্রতিযোগীদের নাম মূল জন্ম সনদপত্র যাচাইপূর্বক ডাকযোগে জানানো হবে এবং ১৬ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০১৬ তারিখে আন্তর্জাতিক ওজোন দিবস উপলক্ষে আয়োজিত সেমিনারে পুরস্কৃত করা হবে।

> কাজী সারওয়ার ইমতিয়াজ হাশমী অতিরিক্ত মহাপরিচালক

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# student at CU

Suspecting him of being Shibir man

CU CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Chhatra League activists of Chittagong University unit beat up a student suspecting him of being an Islami Chhatra Shibir man on the campus yesterday.

Omar Faruq, a third year student of Bangla of the university, who was given primary treatment at CU medical centre, said he was attacked by 20 to 30 BCL men while he along with his friends was gossiping before the Shaheed Minar.

"They dragged me in front of the arts and humanities faculty and started beating again," he added.

"I do not know why I was attacked. I am not involved in Shibir politics," said Omar, adding that police, later, rescued him.

Md Mokkaddash, officer-in-charge of CU police outpost, said they rushed to the spot on information that followers of CU BCL president Mohammad Alamgir Tipu were assaulting a general student.

CU Proctor Ali Asgar Chowdhury said they would take steps against the BCL men if they were found guilty. CU BCL joint secretary Abu Torab

Porosh said they only slapped the student and handed him over to police.

Alamgir Tipu said Omar believed to be a Shibir man was trying to commit subversive acts on the campus.

# BCL activists beat | Bangladesh Boi Mela begins in Kolkata Thursday

UNB, Dhaka

The 10-day 6th book fair tilted "Bangladesh Boi Mela" will begin on Thursday in Kolkata of India.

Academic and Creative Publishers Association o Bangladesh will organise the fair in collaboration of the cultural affairs ministry of Bangladesh, National Book Centre and Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) under the supervision of Bangladesh deputy high commission in Kolkata.

Cultural Affairs Secretary Akhtari Momtaz disclosed the details of the fair at a press conference at the secretariat yesterday.

She said the fair will be very beneficial to introducing Bangladeshi writers and their books to the readers of West Bengal. A total of 50 Bangladeshi publishers will participate in the fair on Rabindra Sadan premises. Emeritus Professor Anisuzzaman of Dhaka University

will inaugurate the fair while Education Minister of West Bengal Partha Chatterjee will attend the inaugural ceremony as the chief guest.

Prominent poet and essayist Shankha Ghosh will also be present as a guest of honour.

A cultural programme will be arranged where Bangladeshi singers Meher Afroz Shaon and Farida Parveen are expected to perform. Poets from both Bangladesh and India will recite some poems marking the event.

A total of five seminars on various issues of Bangla literature will be held during the fair.

The book fair will be open for all from 2 pm to 8 pm every day from Monday to Friday while from 3 pm to 8 pm on Saturday and Sunday till September 10.

#### Explain failure to finish Cox's Bazar murder trial

HC asks judge

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday sought an explanation from a Cox's Bazar judge for his failure to finish trial proceedings of a murder case in six months despite its

order. Additional District and Sessions Judge of Cox's Bazar Osman Gani was asked to submit the written explanation to the HC in two

weeks. The HC bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice JBM Hassan passed the order while hearing a bail petition filed by

an accused in the murder case. The bench also issued a rule upon the government to explain in two weeks why the accused, Nabi Hossain, should not be granted bail.

On March 20, 2013, Rashida Begum of Cox's Bazar was killed while she was asleep. Later the victim's mother filed the case against Rashida's husband Nabi, Deputy Attorney General Shaikh AKM Moniruzzaman Kabir told The Daily Star,

referring to the case statement. On November 25 last year, when hearing Nabi's bail petition, the HC asked the judge to finish the trial proceedings in six months.

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