

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA H 34.2 L 24.9	CHITTAGONG H 32.8 L 25.5	SYLHET H 34.8 L 26.2	RAJSHAHI H 36.4 L 27.8	KHULNA H 34.5 L 27.0	BARISAL H 33.2 L 26.6	RANGPUR H 31.0 L 24.3	COX'S BAZAR H 33.2 L 26.6
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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 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.

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.

Youth held for morphing 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 lawmaker 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



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.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

পরিবেশ অধিদপ্তর

পরিবেশ ভবন, ই/১৬, আগারগাঁও
শের-ই-বাংলানগর, ঢাকা-১২০৭

নং-পরিবেশ/ওডিএস(আঃওঃডিঃ)/৮৬/২০১৬/৫৮৭ তারিখঃ ০৮/০৫/১৪২৩সন
২৩/০৮/২০১৬খ্রিঃ

শিশু-কিশোর চিত্রাংকন প্রতিযোগিতা

বিষয় : পরিবেশ
স্থান : বাংলাদেশ শিশু একাডেমী, দোয়েল চত্বর, হাইকোর্ট এলাকা, ঢাকা

তারিখ : ৩১ আগষ্ট ২০১৬; সময়ঃ বিকাল ৪:০০ ঘটিকা
প্রতিযোগীর বয়স : ক গ্রুপঃ ০৩ বছর - অনূর্ধ্ব ০৭ বছর
খ গ্রুপঃ ০৭ বছর - অনূর্ধ্ব ১১ বছর
গ গ্রুপঃ ১১ বছর - অনূর্ধ্ব ১৬ বছর
ঘ গ্রুপঃ বিশেষ চাহিদাসম্পন্ন শিশু (অটিস্টিক)
মাধ্যম : পেনসিল ছাড়া অন্য যে কোন অংকন সামগ্রী

পুরস্কার : 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 চত্বর, হাইকোর্ট এলাকা, ঢাকা প্রাঙ্গণে অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। অগ্রহী প্রতিযোগীদের দুপুর ৩ঃ৩০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে প্রয়োজনীয় উপকরণ (রং, তুলি, বোর্ড ইত্যাদি) এবং জন্ম সনদপত্র ফটোকপিসহ উপস্থিত হয়ে প্রতিযোগিতায় অংশগ্রহণের জন্য আহ্বান জানানো যাচ্ছে। পরিবেশ অধিদপ্তর কার্টিজ পেপার সরবরাহ করবে।

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
ও
জাতীয় প্রকল্প পরিচালক
ওডিএস প্রকল্পসমূহ
ফোনঃ ৮১৮১৭৬৭/৮১৮১৮০১

জিডি-১৭২০

BCL activists beat 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 Mokkaddas, 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.

Bangladesh Boi Mela begins in Kolkata Thursday

UNB, Dhaka

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

Academic and Creative Publishers Association of 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.