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Light to moderate rain/thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi, Rangpur, Mymensingh, and Sylhet divisions in the next 24 hours. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:13pm and rises tomorrow at 5:42am.



Bangabandhu's aide Abdur Rahim dies

CITY DESK

M Abdur Rahim, one of the close associates of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, a Liberation War organiser and western zone chairman of the then Mujibnagar government passed away at the capital's Birdem Hospital yesterday. The former lawmaker was 89.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina paid rich tributes to him by placing wreaths on his coffin at the south plaza of the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban yesterday, reports BSS.

Speaker of the Parliament Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, deputy parliament leader Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury, Finance Minister AMA Muhith and Law Minister Anisul Huq expressed deep shock at his death.

Abdur Rahim breathed his last around 11:00am, confirmed his younger son Iqbalur Rahim, a lawmaker from Dinajpur-3 and whip of the Jatiya Sangsad.

He left behind his wife, two sons and four daughters.

Born on November 21, 1927 in Dinajpur, Abdur Rahim played a crucial role whenever the country faced crisis. He was elected a member of the then provincial government formed in 1970

He was also a member of the constitution formulation committee and the vice president of Awami League when Bangabandhu was its president.



Encroachment on every possible side of what used to be a canal in the Pirerbagh area of the capital's Agargaon goes on unabated. The waterway confluences with Kallyanpur main canal but encroachment and garbage dumped from the illegally erected stores next to it not only exaggerates the waterlogging crisis but also clogs the storm water drainage and renders the canal almost useless. PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

through media

JS body suggests govt over militancy UNB, Dhaka

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Ministry yesterday suggested the government carries out a media campaign against militancy by making anti-militant documentaries, short films, advertisements and video clips.

The committee also recommended strengthening surveillance so that imams of mosques and teachers of religious institutions cannot instigate militancy. The parliamentary watchdog came up with the sugges-

tions at its meeting at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban with its chairman Tipu Munshi in the chair. The committee asked the government to formulate anti-

militant awareness programmes in coordination with local elite, imams, teachers, public representatives and NGOs. The meeting was told that a total of 13,641 new posts have

so far been created in police force to increase such posts by 50,000 for modernising the force and increasing its capacity. Committee member Home Minister Asaduzzaman

Khan, among others, attended the meeting.

Conduct campaign JnU to get 10-story hall

Nahid assures teachers' delegation; construction to start in Keraniganj

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The construction of a 10-storey hall of residence for about 1,000 male students of Jagannath University (JnU) will start in Keraniganj, said Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday. He was talking to a JnU Teachers'

Association delegation which went to his Bangladesh Secretariat office in the capital seeking a solution to an accommodation crisis and to hold a discussion on JnU's overall situation. Briefing journalists afterwards, Nahid

said a project proposal involving Tk 274.10 crore had been prepared and would be sent to the government for approval. The construction might end by 2020, he added.

Several hundred JnU students have been waging a movement since August, boycotting

classes and exams and blocking roads, demanding that a hall of residence be built on the land formerly housing Dhaka Central Jail in Old Dhaka's Nazimuddin Road.

Many of the around 21,000 students studying at JnU have been living in rented houses.

Nahid said the education ministry could do nothing about the land as it belonged to the home ministry. "(It) is totally up to the government," he claimed.

Addressing a roundtable organised by the agitators in Dhaka Reporters Unity on Saturday, noted citizens said the students have been deprived due to negligence of the university administration and the government and the authorities should clarify steps being taken to meet the demand.

The demonstrators had issued an ultimatum, threatening to intensify their movement if the demand was not met by September 18.

NEWS_{IN} brief

3,610kg of shrimp injected with harmful substances seized

A CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

A mobile court has seized 3,610kg of shrimps injected with substances harmful and jailed five persons in this connection in Rupsha upazila of Khulna.

Shahidul Islam and Nashir Sheikh were jailed for one year each, Ibrahim one month, Fazla Ali and Iqramul Hoque 15 days each, said Khulna District Administration Executive Magistrate Atiqul Islam, who led the drive. The convicts are staff of shrimp businesses, said Atiqul Islam.

NSU welcomes fall students

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North South University organised an undergraduate orientation programme for 1,200 freshers of fall session on its campus in the capital Saturday.

Sixty-two students were awarded scholarships for their outstanding result in the admission tests.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md Shahriar Alam attended the event as chief guest while Director General of Rapid Action Battalion Benazir Ahmed was special guest. Prof Atiqul Islam, vice chancellor, NSU, chaired, and Azim Uddin Ahmed, chairman of NSU Board of Trustees, were also present.

Books on interviews

politician Tofayel Ahmed, drama personality Ali Zaker, poet Nirmalendu Goon, writer Joy Goswami, Nazrul Sangeet singers Sohrab Hossain and Prof Mozaffar Ahmad, writer Foyez Ahmed, child specialist Dr MR Khan, Nazrul Sangeet musician Sudhin Das, Tagore exponent Dr Sanjida Khatun, barrister Rafique-ul Haq, litterateur Abdus Shakur and actress Ferdousi Majumdar.

The volumes were published earlier by Somoy Prokashon, but the publication ceremony was held yesterday at the capital's Bangla Academy. Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor took interviews of 230 eminent persons in five years which was aired at a private television -- Desh TV.

Saifur Rahman's 7th

12 national budgets. He took part in the 1952 Language Movement and was awarded Ekushey Padak in 2005.

BNP will organise a milad and doa mahfil today at the party's Naya Paltan central office. BNP units in Moulvibazar and Sylhet will distribute food among the destitute. Saifur died in a road accident at Ashuganj in 2009 on route to Dhaka from his Moulvibazar village home.

DCCs set to double

and for that they are sending their representatives to the districts from where high volume of cattle comes to the capital, they informed.

"We are trying to woo the cattle traders in different local markets...," said Morshed Ahmed Chowdhury, joint convenor of East and Club, which won the bid of a cattle haat on the club ground.

He said they offered Tk 93 lakh this year to ensure that they win the bid and the second highest bid was Tk 76 lakh. Abul Kalam Azad offered a price nine times higher than

that of the previous year in the bidding of a cattle market at Donia College ground in Jatrabari under the DSCC not knowing how to get back his investment. Last year this place along with three others was union parishads under Dhaka district, he said. As Donia came

under the city corporation, he offered highest money in the open tender process as his elder brother used to run a cattle market there previously, he said. Azad also echoed Morshed about participation of bid-

ders and the tender process. Both Morshed and Azad said they would get only five percent commission on each sale and are hoping to sell at least 7,000 and 12,000 cattle respectively to get back their

investments. Azad said the price of cattle might increase slightly this

year due to a high price quotation in the biddings. Those makeshift cattle markets which saw significant increase compared to the previous year include Balurmaath of Gopibagh which has been offered at Tk 1.99cr. It was only Tk 26.4 lakh last year.

Sadeque Hossain Khoka field in Dholaikhal received an offer of Tk 1.55cr which was Tk 58.05cr last year.

In DNCC, the open ground of Banarupa Residential Project in Khilkhet received Tk 2.41cr offer which was Tk 1.51cr last year. Contacted, DSCC Mayor Sayeed Khokon said there was no syndication in the tender process this year, thus they have received much higher offers.

He said some cattle markets including Donia College ground in Jatrabari has seen an increase in bidding quota-

A senior official of DNCC also expressed similar views.

Somoy TV

FROM PAGE 3 whether any contemptuous comment was made during the show. The SC passed the order after Attorney General Mahbubey Alam told it that some of the comments of the talk show

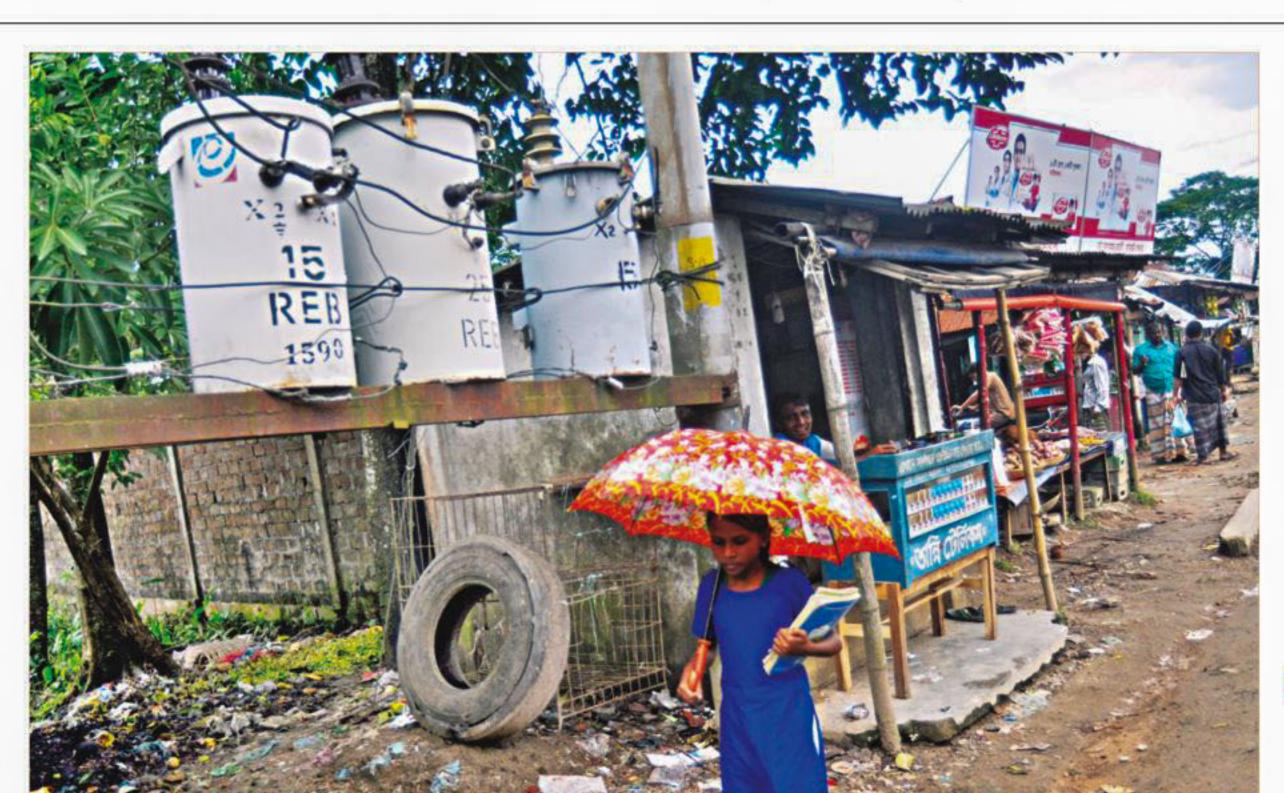
were contemptuous. Former Appellate Division justice AHM Shamsuddin Choudhury Manik, International Crimes Tribunal prosecutor Tureen Afroz, and journalist Swapan Das Gupta participated in the talk show.

Legal water

FROM PAGE 3 Feroze said the tariff would remain low if DWASA can use water of the rivers surrounding the capital.

AKM Kamruzzaman, on behalf of Nasaf, presented the proposals, including providing zonal support cells for low income groups and slum communities, specific allocations for the latter, low tariffs for low income communities, concessions for slum people and involving citizen groups in the entire service delivery process.

Manusher Jonno Foundation Director Dr Tofail Ahmed moderated the programme.



A school kid walks past three transformers at **Badaghat Bazar in sadar** upazila of Sylhet yesterday, putting herself at risk, as these heavy electrical equipment, set up just above her head, may explode or she may come in contact with its live wires. The residents say they informed the authorities concerned of the matter, but to no avail.

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