

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA H 32.8 L 26.4	CHITTAGONG H 32.1 L 25.7	SYLHET H 34.2 L 26.7	RAJSHAHI H 34.0 L 26.5	KHULNA H 33.6 L 26.5	BARISAL H 32.8 L 26.28	RANGPUR H 32.5 L 27.0	COX'S BAZAR H 30.4 L 25.8
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Light to moderate rain/thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over Rangpur, Rajshahi, Mymensingh and Khulna divisions and at a few places over Dhaka, Barisal Chittagong and Sylhet divisions in the next 24 hours. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:10pm and rises tomorrow at 5:43am.

HC asks for security to judge's family

In response to protest against him

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the government to give security to the family members and relatives of Justice Gobinda Chandra Tagore in Kadambari area of Madaripur.

The court also asked the government to submit the details about the persons, who participated in a human chain against Justice Gobinda, an HC judge, at Rajoir in Madaripur recently.

It also issued a rule to explain in four weeks why their inaction to prevent the illegal gathering [human chain] should not be declared their voluntary failure and professional negligence and asked the authorities to show causes why they should not be directed to take legal action against the people who organised and instigated the human chain.

The bench of Justice Quazi Reza-Ul Hoque and Justice JN Deb Choudhury passed the order and issued the rule following a writ petition filed by Supreme Court lawyer Gazi Mostaque Ahmed and one Istiaque Ahmed from Keraniganj.

Petitioners' lawyer ABM Siddiqur Rahman Khan told The Daily Star that cases were filed against some people of Kadambari including one Bidhan Bishwas, a union parishad chairman of Aruakandi, for felling of the government trees.

But, several people formed a human chain recently on Dhaka-Barisal highway at Rajoir saying that the false cases were filed at the instigation of Justice Gobinda, which has damaged the prestige and dignity of the judge, he said.



No matter how much this worker cleans and fixes the worn-out bus ahead of Eid to attract passengers and make some extra cash, these vehicles still remain unfit and plying the streets without fitness tests. Even the paint job, which it is scheduled to have will not make the journey any safer, unless authorities concerned enforce strict safety rules and impound these vehicles. The photo was taken at Kadamtali area in Sylhet city yesterday noon.

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FINED FOR CONTEMPT

Ministers need not resign: Anisul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

While legal experts raise fresh debates, Law Minister Anisul Huq yesterday said it was not necessary for Food Minister Qamrul Islam and Liberation War Affairs AKM Mozammel Huq to resign based on Supreme Court recently convicting them for committing contempt of court by making contemptuous and derogatory comments.

On March 27, an eight-member Supreme Court bench, headed by the chief justice, also refused to accept their unconditional apologies and ordered them to pay Tk 50,000 each within a week, to which they complied.

This was the first time the SC sentenced two sitting ministers for contempt.

"They have acted in violation of law and are in breach of their oath of office to preserve, protect and defend the constitution," the SC said in its full judgment released on September 1.

On September 5, SC lawyer Eunus Ali Akond filed a writ petition with the High Court challenging the legality of the two ministers holding office. It is scheduled to be heard today.

Anisul told a press briefing at his Bangladesh Secretariat office in the capital that there is no law, rules or convention in Bangladesh stating of punishment for violating oath.

Besides, the five SC judges who passed the decision that the ministers violated their oaths did not state that they are no more ministers for violating their oaths, he said, adding that three other judges did not state that the ministers violated their oaths.

He said article 66 of the constitution spoke about

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Medical equipment: Tk 7.18cr vanishes in just one purchase

Investigation finds at Ctg General Hospital

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Mesbah Uddin, Dr Faisal Iqbal Chowdhury, member of hospital management committee, and Dr Azizur Rahman Siddique, civil surgeon of Chittagong, was formed on April 10, 2016 to probe into the procurement of medical equipment in 2014-15 fiscal.

The committee said Dr Sarfaraj was the head of the procuring entity and the chairmen of technical evaluation committee of tender and technical sub-committee, which was not allowed by PPR-2008.

After scrutinising the demand letters from different upazila health complexes and the hospital, it was seen that excessive money was spent in purchasing some items including patient monitors (2 pieces), pulse oxymeters (2 pieces), colour dopplers (2D)- 3pieces, anesthesia machine (with ventilator)-one piece; also two air coolers were bought without demand, said the probe report.

Dr Sarfaraj prepared the market rate of the equipment after taking the quotations from three local organisations, which were not the authorised dealers, said the probe report, adding, they submitted the proposals separately but it was found that the same person signed for the companies.

An MRI was bought at around Tk 9.95 crore but when the committee contacted the manufacturing company

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'72 CONSTITUTION Formulators asked to weave in dreams

Recalls Dr Kamal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Those who formulated the constitution of 1972 were asked to incorporate the dreams of those who partook in the Liberation War along with that of martyrs centring Bangladesh, said Dr Kamal Hossain, chairman of the formulation committee, yesterday.

"We tried to follow the instruction," Dr Kamal, also Gonoforum president, told a discussion on the constitution, democracy and rule of law organised by

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ধানমন্ডির প্রাইম লোকেশনে সেরা কমাশিয়াল স্পেস

ধানমন্ডি রাপা প্লাজা সংলগ্ন ১৬ নং রোডে (পুরাতন-২৭) অবস্থিত জেনেটিক প্লাজার ৬ষ্ঠ তলায় ১১৭৫০ বর্গফুটের আকর্ষণীয় কমাশিয়াল স্পেস জরুরী ভিত্তিতে বিক্রি হবে।

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