

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA H 32.8 L 27.7	CHITTAGONG H 31.0 L 26.5	SYLHET H 31.0 L 24.8	RAJSHAHI H 35.8 L 27.2	KHULNA H 34.0 L 26.6	BARISAL H 32.1 L 26.6	RANGPUR H 32.0 L 26.0	COX'S BAZAR H 32.0 L 26.5
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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, Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions with moderately heavy to heavy falls in the next 24 hours. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:05pm and rises tomorrow at 5:44am.

It all comes down to today

Cattle buyers hope price will drop as supply aplenty; traders wishing trend of high profit will continue

HELEMUL ALAM

Despite yesterday's inclement weather, the price of sacrificial animal especially bulls was still high compared to the last year.

Though supply of the bulls was aplenty at the capital's cattle markets, traders are selling small and mid-sized bulls at a high price -- Tk 10,000 to Tk 20,000 more in comparison to that of last year. The price of a large size bull is also around Tk 20,000 to Tk 30,000 more.

For that, many buyers were seen returning empty handed. Many decided to buy today, the last day before Eid, as they are hoping the price may fall due to a huge supply.

Traders on the other hand are still hopeful of getting a good price till the last day for which they are not reducing their prices.

"I have decided to come back on Monday, hopefully the price will drop," said Abdul Kader, a resident of Mirpur-12 who went to the Eastern Housing cattle market at Mirpur-6.

Kholil, a resident of Mirpur's Shanbadik Colony who purchased a bull from there, said he paid Tk 63,000 for the animal, which was around Tk 50,000 last year.

Molla, a resident of Kazipara, said he also had to pay around Tk 10,000 more for a same size bull at the Kochukhet cattle market.

The traders on the other hand are happy as they are making good profits and praying that the trend will continue.

"I have sold 13 bulls till yesterday afternoon and made a good profit," said Abdul Gani, who brought 21 bulls from Kushtia to the Eastern Housing cattle market. "But I am a bit tensed as I still have eight left and the market is full of cattle."

Sarowar Hossain, a resident of Sobhanbag, however is happy getting a sheep for Tk 5,000 since he paid Tk 7,000 for a same size one last year.

BUTTI COW
Around eight Butti oxen, a variety of cattle from Bhutan, were brought to the Kamalapur cattle market.

"I have brought five Bhutani bulls from Kushtia on Wednesday and could sell only one for Tk 62,000 the next day. I am still not getting customers for the rest," said a tensed Anowar Hossain.

He said he reared the bulls for around eight months after purchasing those by paying Tk 15,500 to Tk 20,000. "I am willing to sell them at Tk 30,000 to Tk 40,000," he said.

MIRKADIM COW
The cattle from Mirkadim, an area in Munshiganj, are one of the most sought after among the country's beef connoisseurs. And you will not get Mirkadim cows everywhere or in large numbers.

There is just one cattle market during every Eid-ul-Azha where traders sell these particular breed. The numbers are limited and the cows are quite pricey.

For around six decades, Mirkadim cows are exclusively being sold at the Rahmatganj cattle market and people of old town are its customers.

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New owners of a bull struggle to stay in control so that the sacrificial animal reaches home safe to complete Eid-ul-Azha celebrations. The photo was taken on Abdul Gani Road in the capital yesterday. PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

AL announces 2 Dhaka city unit committees

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Even though the tenure of the last triennial council of the Dhaka city unit of Awami League has already expired, it finally got a full-fledged committee yesterday after more than a decade with Disaster Management and Relief Minister Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya and Food Minister Qamrul Islam as advisory council members of Dhaka south.

The last council was held on December 27, 2012 and its tenure expired on December 26, 2015.

AL Office Secretary Abdus Sobhan Golap announced the committee through a press release.

Before the 2012 council, the previous one was held on June 18, 2003; with Mohammad Hanif and Maya as president and general secretary respectively.

Mayor Annisul Huq was elected as advisory council member of the north unit, while Mayor Sayeed Khokon was made number one executive member of the south unit.

Haji Mohammad Salim was made south unit's executive member and Kamal Ahmed Majumder was elected as first advisory council member.

At the last council, nearly 2,000 councillors

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One child tells stories of tens of thousands

Rights activists urge rehabilitation programme for street children

BSS, Dhaka

He roams around the New Market area. Whenever he sees anyone with much baggage, he rushes to him or her and offers help.

His face glitters with smiles if anybody agrees to receive his help as he would get some pennies.

This is the sole income source of the 10-year boy Solaiman, whose mother is sick and father left them abandoned a couple of years back.

"My mother used to work as domestic help in different households. But now she is sick and lying on bed. So I have to work here for earning our livelihood," he said.

"I usually earn around Tk 200 to Tk 250 daily. During Fridays, my income raises to around 400 as the gatherings intensify on that day," he added.

"My father left us many days ago. Now I cannot recognise him and don't know where does he stay," teary Solaiman mentioned.

Asked about his education, he said, "When my mother could work, I used to go to school. But I have not been going to school for around six months as I have to work here."

"Mother has told me that I will be admitted to school again when she would be able to work again," added the boy.

This is a story of Solaiman, but he represents thousands of street children in the capital.

Although there is no study or survey on the street children in Dhaka, a rough estimation says that the number can be around 4 lakh, said Muzammal Hoque, deputy executive director of Action for Social

Development (ASD), which works for street children.

Street children suffer from various diseases due to a lack of access to balance diet, pure drinking water and sanitation services, said child rights activists.

Inadequate access to education and health care significantly contributes to their sufferings and puts them in vulnerability, they viewed.

There are different kinds of streets of children in Dhaka city. Firstly, there are some children, who live in streets round the clock. They have no accommodation, even in slums. Most of the children of this category are either orphan or being left out by their parents.

Secondly, there are some children, who work in streets in daytime and go

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Road fatalities continue

Six more lives lost, 94 injured

CITY DESK

Six people were killed and 94 others injured in road accidents in six districts yesterday and on Saturday.

In Tangail, two people were killed as a truck fell into a roadside ditch at Analiabari in Kalihati upazila yesterday.

However, identities of the deceased could not be known immediately, said police.

Meanwhile, around 12 people were injured in a head-on collision between a bus and a truck in the same area yesterday.

In Basail upazila of the district, four passengers of a car were injured as the vehicle collided head-on with a bus in Baoikhola area.

In Bogra, Omed Ali, 30, of Afsagari area was killed and three people were injured as a truck collided head-on with a three-wheeler carrying them on Bogra-Natore road in Boiradighi area of Shajahanpur upazila yesterday.

In Sherpur upazila of the district, Nitay Chandra Mohanta, 45, of Hatkhola area in Sherpur municipality was killed as a bus rammed an auto-rickshaw van carrying him on Bogra-Dhaka highway in Mirzapur Bus Stand area on Saturday night.

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Correction

In a report headlined "Bangladesh on track to enter top 30 economies by 2030: UN", published on September 11, 2016, we misplaced "US" with "UN". In fact, the United States (US), not the United Nations (UN), made the observation. We regret the error.



Md Nasar checks upon an elderly man, one of the hundreds of patients listed "unidentified" on arrival at Chittagong Medical College Hospital and cared for by the 28-year-old youth from Feni since 2013. The photo was taken recently. PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

Giving love to the forgotten

MINHAJ UDDIN, Ctg

What would you do coming across an injured stranger on a hospital floor with no attendant?

Such patients, especially if unidentified and with no family around, are the most hapless at hospitals. Most do not bother about them and ignore their sufferings.

But one 28-year-old youth from Feni is not like any other ordinary man for he has a heart of gold. That's because since 2013, Md Nasar has been selflessly serving patients listed as "unidentified" on arrival at Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH).

Spending five hours every day from 6:00pm, he has been able to come to the aid of some 300 persons, including 59 this year. Counting those helped since he embarked on the initiative in 2007, the total figure is around 700.

Some of the injured persons cannot talk, Nasar told The Daily Star. "Their condition remains very miserable amidst blood and dirt, some even urinating or defecating in their clothes," he said.

Many nurses and doctors do not want to touch such patients and leave them uncared for in a corner, said Nasar. He starts off by getting staff to bathe such patients and bring new clothes. He then helps them get medical checkups and remains by their side so that staff provides proper care.

Once patients are able to talk, he notes addresses and informs relatives, said Nasar. If anyone wants to thank him, he asks them to do the same for others.

Youngest among four brothers and with a younger sister, Nasar was not born with a silver spoon in his mouth. Spending his childhood in Chittagong city's

Oxygen area where his father ran a small pharmacy, he went to Feni in 2006 to complete his diploma in mechanical engineering.

It was there that he first came across the plight of unidentified patients. Moreover, many people would come to the polytechnic college near Feni Sadar Hospital seeking blood donations.

He had the same experience while caring for his terminally ill father at CMCH for around one and a half months in 2007. Starting to frequent the Feni hospital, he could initially only spend time with patients and provide old clothes.

He took up a job at an export processing zone factory in Chittagong and started spending a substantial portion of his income for patients at CMCH after office hours as a shipping company's technical officer.

His experience in the first few months was bitter as police and doctors used to often bar him from entering suspecting he was one of the many middlemen thronging the establishment. "But in the course of time, they found out why I come here," said Nasar, who also volunteered during the Rana Plaza tragedy.

Initially he had to search for "unidentified" patients. Now he gets a call from hospital police and staff whenever such patients arrive. "Most...are accident victims and remain at ward 26 and 28," he said.

Nasar opened www.mdnasar.org, with a software engineer's support, earlier this year keeping photos and updates on unidentified patients. He said his website could be a great help for those who want to serve selflessly like him.

And his dream is not to end there but to spread services across the country.

Police claim 3 'robbers' killed in 'gunfights'

STAR REPORT

Three suspected robbers were killed in three separate "gunfights" with law enforcers in Ashulia, Khulna and Brahmanbaria yesterday.

The deceased are: Anwar Hossain of Narsingdi, Rabiul Islam of Satkhira and Kajal Miah of Brahmanbaria.

Seven policemen were also injured in the alleged gunfights.

ASHULIA
The "gunfight" took place when the robbers were planning to commit a robbery in Shreekhondia village, said Mohoshinul Quadir, officer-in-charge of Ashulia police.

When a police patrol team reached the spot around 4:30am, the suspected robbers opened fire, forcing the law enforcers to fire back and thus triggering a gunfight between them, the OC said.

Anwar died instantly, he mentioned, adding that Anwar was accused in at least five cases including of murder and robbery.

KHULNA
Rabiul, a robber gang leader, was killed in

a "shootout" with police in Tiyakhal area adjacent to the Sonamukhi River in Koyra upazila around 4:00am.

Officer-in-charge of Koyra Police Station Sheikh Shamsar Ali said Rabiul, who was accused in eight cases, fired at police when they were patrolling the area, adding that in retaliation, the policemen opened fire prompting a gunfight between them, leaving Rabiul dead and sub-inspector and three constables injured.

Police recovered ammunition including two rifles, five rounds of bullets, one sharp iron weapon from the spot.

Four skins and two horns of deers were also recovered.

BRAHMANBARIA
Kajol along with his gang was plotting to carry out a robbery in Mohesh area near the Dhaka-Sylhet highway where police were patrolling.

Sensing the law enforcers' presence, the robbers opened fire on them, forcing the

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina makes a courtesy call on President Abdul Hamid at Bangabhaban yesterday to exchange greetings on the occasion of Eid-ul-Azha. The premier is due to leave for Canada and the United States Wednesday on an 11-day official visit. PHOTO: PMO

FIRE IN CTG RAILWAY SLUM

Mother dies with 3 year old child

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A mother along with her baby was burnt to death and two others injured in a fire at Railway Slum in Kalshidigirpar of Chittagong city early yesterday.

The dead were Fatema, 27, and her three-and-a-half-year-old daughter Marjan, of Bhabanichar of Lakshimpur. Shilpi Begum, 26, with a fracture and her six-year-old son Sabbir with 70 percent burns are undergoing treatment at Chittagong Medical College Hospital, said police sources.

The fire broke out from an electric short circuit around 3:30am and damaged valuables, including 77 one-room shanties and 12 shops, said fire officials. The fire was doused around 8:40am.