

**WEATHER FORECAST**

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAH	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 34.7   L 26.8	H 33.2   L 26.2	H 27.8   L 25.8	H 35.5   L 25.8	H 35.2   L 26.5	H 33.0   L 26.3	H 34.6   L 26.0	H 32.0   L 26.2

Light to moderate rain/thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over Rangpur, Mymensingh and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Dhaka and Chittagong divisions in the next 24 hours. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:58pm and

### Mother tries to commit suicide after killing son in Rajshahi

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi**

A mother reportedly tried to commit suicide after killing her seven-year-old son in New Budhpara area of Rajshahi city on Saturday night.

The deceased, Shahriar Alam Kabya, was a class-I student of Sheikh Russel Model Primary School.

Police admitted his mother Taslima Khatun, 35, in an unconscious state to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital. She needed 13 stitches on her head.

According to Kabya's father Rofiqul Islam on Saturday evening he brought Kabya home from his paternal grandfather's house and left for his pharmacy. Upon returning, he broke open the door as no one responded from inside and found his son and wife in a pool of blood.

Police quoting Rofiqul said Taslima had psychological issues. Police recovered a knife and a scissor from the spot.



Students file into the central library of Jahangirnagar University in a recent morning, but a close look will reveal that it is a long queue extending as far as the Central Shaheed Minar of the campus. This has been a common scenario for quite a while as the library faces a crisis of seats with the number of visitors often becoming almost double its capacity.

### CASES AGAINST KHALEDA

## BNP plans to wage political battle too

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

BNP is planning to take up political programmes while continuing to legally fight "false" cases against its chairperson Khaleda Zia and others, Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said yesterday.

"We are now again talking about it. We will try our best," the party's spokesperson told journalists after a meeting with associate and front bodies at BNP's Nayapaltan headquarters in the capital.

His comment coincides with the final trial proceedings in the Zia charitable and orphanage graft cases.

BNP leaders yesterday discussed observing Khaleda's jail release day with a discussion involving senior leaders and pro-BNP intellectuals at the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh tomorrow afternoon, says a press release.

Khaleda was arrested on September 3, 2007 and released on bail on September 11, 2008 over graft charges.

Fakhrul said Khaleda would be given a due reception on her scheduled return home from Saudi Arabia on September 22. She went there on September 7 and performed Hajj with family members arriving from London.

Standing Committee Member Gayeshwar Chandra Roy, Joint Secretary General Khairul Kabir Khokon and Organising Secretary Imran Saleh Prince were present.



### Two killed falling off train roof

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur**

Two people died and two others were injured critically as they fell off the roof of a running train in Raninagar upazila of Naogaon yesterday.

The deceased were Delwar Hossain, 35, of Jamalpur and Sajju Mia, 25, of Joypurhat Sadar.

Police said the four hit the girder of a bridge while they were travelling on the roof of the Dhaka-bound Nilsagar Express train.

Delwar died on the spot while Sajju died at Natore General Hospital.

## A new trend breeds seat crisis at JU library

**A CORRESPONDENT, JU**

The long queue of students with their bags waiting for the door of the central library to open so that they can grab a seat before anyone else is a common scenario between 6:30am and 7:30am at Jahangirnagar University.

Sometimes students who are tired of standing for a long time put their bags on the ground in a queue and come back later to reclaim the spot just before the gate opens.

The early rush of the students to the library to occupy a seat speaks volumes of the dearth of space.

The university was founded in 1970, but the library opened for students in 1986. Currently, it can accommodate only 436 whereas students triple of its capacity go there every day to study with their examinations ahead. As a result most students have to come back after failing to get a seat.

"We have to keep our bags in line by 6:30am if we are to ensure a seat in the library... Standing in the queue for a long time is exhausting," said Salekul Islam, a master's student of economics.

"Former students and outsiders who take preparations for examinations like Bangladesh Civil Services (BCS) or other jobs often occupy seats deepening the crisis and depriving the regular students," said Saiful Islam Saif, a fourth-year student of geography and environment.

"Some students come here along with their friends and younger brothers of other institutions who will take the upcoming admission tests or job examinations," he said.

Sometimes students get locked into altercations over grabbing seats which often turn into scuffles.

Students, mostly of first and second years, who live in packed dormitories, are

### CRIMINAL CASES

## SC upholds Rizvi's bail

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The Supreme Court yesterday upheld the High Court orders that had granted bail to BNP Senior Joint Secretary General Rizvi Ahmed in five criminal cases filed between 2013 and 2015.

His bail was upheld as the chamber judge passed "no order" on five petitions seeking stay on the HC orders that granted him six months' bail in the cases on September 7 following five bail petitions of Rizvi.

He cannot get released from the jail as he was arrested in another criminal case, Jahirul Islam Sumon, a lawyer for Rizvi, told The Daily Star.

## 6 pro-AL men sued

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Six named and four to five unnamed persons were made accused in the case over the killing of Jubo League activist Rizvi Hasan in the capital's Motijheel area Friday night.

Victim's father Abul Kalam on Saturday night filed a case with Motijheel Police Station.

The shooting also left Rizvi's fellow activist Ahsanul Haque Emon critically injured. He is receiving treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

The six are -- Hirok, 30, Milon, 31, Sunny, 30, Aminul, 31, Raza, 30, and Alam, 30. The case statement only mentioned their and their father's names.

However, locals and party insiders said the six are ruling party men and had a longstanding rivalry with Rizvi over establishing supremacy in the Motijheel AGB Colony and its adjacent areas.

According to them, Mahbubul Haque Hirok is the vice-president of Dhaka South city unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League. The sixth accused Alam is his close aide.



RIZVI MURDER



The aftermath of incessant rain on low-lying areas in Sylhet city since morning yesterday. The downpour receded in the afternoon. The photo was taken at City Super Market.

### Road crashes kill three

**CITY DESK**

A woman was killed and her husband and daughter were injured as a bus of Greenline Paribahan rammed their motorcycle on near Garaganj bus stop in Shailasskupa upazila on Saturday night, reports our Jhenaidah correspondent.

The dead is Rupali Khatun, 35, wife of Hamidul Islam of Chittagong Metropolitan Police.

In Chittagong city, Saleh Ahmed, 75, of Munshipara area was killed as a bus hit a rickshaw carrying him at Dewanhat yesterday.

In Thakurgaon, Sontosh Roy, 25, of Gopinathpur village was killed as a microbus hit his motorcycle in Pailaganj village of Pirganj upazila on Saturday.

## Gas leak alert ignored

**Say Tongi police; file murder case against 10 including owner over Tampaco fire**

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur**

Although factory workers informed of a gas leak three days prior to the September 10 fire, authorities concerned of Tampaco Foils Ltd took no step to address it, leading to the loss of 34 lives till date, said Tongi police on filing a murder case yesterday.

Police in primary investigation found that the factory's buildings became unfit for use four years ago, electrical wirings there were faulty and the boilers had no expiry labels, Officer-in-Charge Firoz Talukdar told this correspondent.

"Though they (management board) were aware of it, they did not take any measures. As a result, these people have died and it is tantamount to killing," he said.

Ten persons have been accused in the case filed by Sub-inspector Ajoy Chakrabarty including Tampaco's owner Mokbul Hossain Lechhu, his wife and the factory Director Parvin, and daughter and Deputy Managing Director Habiba.

The others are his son-in-law and member of its board of directors Safiuddin, son and Managing Director Tanvir Ahmed, General Manager Safikur Rahman, Deputy Managing Director Alamgir Hossain and managers Manir Hossain, Samir Ahmed and Hanif.

One case has already been filed with Tongi police by Abdul Kader, father of deceased factory worker Jewel, on September 11 against the owner and seven others.

At least 11 people are still unaccounted for and 50 others suffered burns in the fire as the rescue operation continued for the eighth day yesterday.

### Charges cognisance decision by ICT Oct 17

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday fixed October 17 to decide whether to take into cognisance eight specific charges against eight men from Mymensingh and Jamalpur over their alleged crimes against humanity during the Liberation War in 1971.

The three-member tribunal led by Justice Anwarul Haque fixed the date after prosecutor Abul Kalam stated to have submitted the formal charges on September 7.

## ICT training sought for women farmers

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Experts yesterday suggested preparing digital contents and providing training to women involved in farming activities for enabling them to make use of technologies so that they can contribute to the country's advancement.

They were addressing a roundtable discussion held in the capital's Jatiya Press Club.

The discussion was jointly organised by Bangladesh Association of Software and Information Services (BASIS), Nagorik Sanghota, Oxfam, and Monash University, Australia.

The country's advancement is not possible if the women farmers are denied access to information and communication technology (ICT), observed Mustafa Jabbar, president of BASIS.

Around 40 percent women are involved in agriculture and ICT can help them get necessary information, said Gul Hossain, former director of Brac.

The government, NGOs and private organisations took initiatives for the implementation of ICT in agricultural sector... but they did not work properly in many cases, said Priordrshini of Oxfam in her keynote speech.

### Man to die for killing wife in Rajshahi

**BSS, Rajshahi**

A Rajshahi court yesterday sentenced a man to death for killing his wife Shima Khatun in the district around three and a half years back.

The convict is Sujan Ali, 30, son of Shamsuddin of Polashbari village of Durgapur upazila.

Two other accused, Sujan's father Shamsuddin and mother Meher Nigar, were acquitted as the murder charge brought against them could not be proved beyond doubt.

Sujan Ali used to torture Shima for dowry and on March 1, 2013 he strangled her.



An unkempt section below the Mayor Mohammad Hanif Flyover in the capital, spoiling the view with the neat roads surrounding it. The photo was taken at Wari yesterday.