

**WEATHER FORECAST**

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 31.1 L 26.1	H 33.0 L 26.4	H 30.6 L 25.7	H 33.4 L 26.5	H 35.4 L 27.5	H 33.4 L 27.0	H 31.3 L 26.0	H 30.6 L 25.7

Light to moderate rain is likely to occur at many places over Rangpur, Rajshahi, Mymensingh, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions. Day and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:56pm and rises tomorrow at 5:48am. Country's highest temperature 35.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Khulna and the lowest 23.5 in Dima.

## DU, JnU admission tests begin Friday

**DU CORRESPONDENT**

Admission tests of Dhaka University and Jagannath University will begin on Friday with the Kha unit and B unit tests respectively. Kha unit admission test of DU will be held from 10:00am to 11:00am across 73 examination centres. A total of 34,606 applicants will compete for each of the 2,241 seats available, said a press release.

The Cha unit admission test of DU will be held on Saturday from 10:00am to 11:00pm.

According to the schedule, the Ga unit admission test will be held on September 30, Ka unit on October 21, and Gha unit on October 28.

Meanwhile, B unit admission test of JnU will be held from 3:00pm to 4:00pm across 15 examination centres. A total of 670 seats are available for 36,225 applicants.

Meanwhile, E unit admission test of JnU will be held on Saturday from 3:00pm to 4:00pm.

The admission test of C unit will be held on September 30, that of A unit on October 21 and D unit on October 28.

Students are asked not to bring calculators, mobile phone sets in the examination halls. Mobile courts will be close by to avert any type of plagiarism.

The JnU authority ordered students to be dressed in half-shirt and wear sandals. Wearing shoes and socks are prohibited in the examination centres. But the dress code is flexible for those who follow religious dress codes.

Seat plans of DU are available at the university's website [admission.eis.du.ac.bd](http://admission.eis.du.ac.bd) while for JnU the address is [www.jnu.ac.bd](http://www.jnu.ac.bd)



**It is quite hard to believe that this field where boats are kept for selling used to be a canal even a year ago where rows of boats used to dock along its bank in Deulbhogh area of Munshiganj making it look like a wharf. The canal has been filled up by some influential locals and many places have been encroached upon while an iron bridge on top of it, inset, remains as a grim reminder that this not only impedes the water flow but also can trigger waterlogging in the area. The photo was taken recently.**



PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

# Comfortable public transports instead of cars can cut tailbacks

## Seminar marking World Car Free Day told

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Availability of adequate and comfortable public transports can discourage people from using private cars which will help reduce tailbacks in the capital as well as keep the environment free from pollution, speakers said in a seminar yesterday.

The seminar was organised in the capital's Jatiya Press Club by a committee of green activists formed to observe the World Car Free Day.

Mihir Biswas, joint secretary of Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon, said the increasing number of cars produce a huge amount of toxic gases everyday, which is responsible for

environment pollution.

"We need to increase the number of bus and trains so that the mass people become more interested to use public transports instead of using private cars," said Saifuddin Ahmed, executive director of Work for a Better Bangladesh Trust.

Establishment of an adequate number of footpaths is also needed while the existing ones require to be free from illegal occupation for safe movement of pedestrians, he added.

Dr Adil Mohammad Khan, joint secretary of Bangladesh Institution of Planners, said the purpose of observing the day is not to ban private cars rather to control the use

of the vehicles.

"Strict rules should be set to provide car licence as some families use multiple cars for their daily purposes," he said.

Thanking the government for collaborating to observe the World Car Free Day, Poribesh Bachao Andolon Chairman Abu Naser Khan said self awareness is also needed to implement the concept.

The organisers declared to observe the World Car Free Day tomorrow (September 22) along with around 44 government and non-government organisations from 10:00am to 1:00pm at the south part of Manik Miya Avenue

where Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader and Dhaka North City Corporation Mayor Annisul Huq will be present.

Various sports events and discussions will be held on the road and entrance of motor vehicles will be restricted during the period.

From next year, the day will be observed in all big cities in the country, said the organisers. Additional Executive Director of Dhaka Transport Coordination Authority Zakir Hossain Majumder and Additional Deputy Commissioner (Traffic-West Division) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police Saiful Islam also spoke.

## AL to accord reception to PM on Sept 26

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The ruling Awami League will accord a grand reception to party President and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on September 26 on her return from the USA.

AL General Secretary Syed Ashraf Islam announced it at a press conference at the party president's Dhanmondi office in Dhaka yesterday.

Hasina is currently in the USA to join the 71st United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) after participating in the 5th Global Fund Replenishment Conference in Canada.

The AL will also greet the prime minister on her birthday on September 28 and hold a discussion on that day.

Responding to a query about BNP's allegation that its leaders and activists are being harassed in the name of combating militancy, the AL second-in-command said actions would be taken if some militant elements belonged to BNP. "The militants will not be spared, no matter who they are," he added.

Replying to another question whether AL feels the lack of a strong and vibrant opposition, Ashraf said, "Tell them (BNP) to take part in the polls. It will be proved which party is much popular..."

About any possibility of holding a mid-term national election, Ashraf said it could be held if the president and prime minister wanted. "But nothing will be held violating the constitution."



**Raw waste mixed with rainwater makes this road with numerous craters before Dhaka's Karwan Bazar wholesale fish market muddy, multiplying the sufferings of travellers. The photo was taken yesterday.**

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

## CMC awards 7 alumni marking its anniversary

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg**

Seven former students of Chittagong Medical College (CMC) were honoured with lifetime achievement award marking its 60th anniversary observed yesterday.

They are freedom fighter Shah Alam Bir Uttam (posthumous), former vice-chancellor of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Prof Pran Gopal Datta, neurosurgeon Prof LA Quader, lawmakers Dr Afsarul Ameen and Dr Mozammel Hossain, Dr Badiuzzaman Bhuiyan Duble, and Prof Mohammad Abul Faiz.

Chittagong City Corporation Mayor AJM Nasir Uddin was present as the chief guest.

## Two held with Yabas in Ctg, Barisal

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg**

Police arrested a youth with 3,000 pieces of yaba tablets in Ekki kilometre area of Chittagong city early yesterday.

The arrestee is Md Sohel, 19, of Teknaf in Cox's Bazar.

Abu Mohammad Shahjahan Kabir, officer-in-charge of Chandgaon Police Station, said Sohel was involved with Yaba trading.

In Barisal city, Rab arrested another drug trader, Kamal Sharif of Chandrahar area, with 507 pieces of Yaba tablets in Lakutia area on Monday noon.

## Ashikuzzaman president, Motaheer GS of BIWTC Officers' Association

**CITY DESK**

SM Ashikuzzaman and SM Motaheer Hossain were elected president and general secretary respectively of BIWTC Officer's Association for the 2016-18 session on September 8, said a press release.

The 35-member executive committee also includes Senior Vice-President Mohiuddin Ahmed Ratan; vice-presidents Enamul Huq Apu, MA Kuddus, and TM Alam; joint-secretaries Abdus Sobhan and AKM Sahjahan; Organising Secretary Asrafullah Khan; Finance Secretary Baddrudoja; and Office Secretary Kamrunnahar Bithi.



Ashikuzzaman Motaheer

## Six killed in road

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Kalabagan area of Pirganj upazila yesterday.

The deceased was Dinobandhu Roy, 60, of Lalmonirhat.

In Comilla, pick-up van driver Mahe Alam, 33, of Bosra village was killed as his vehicle collided head-on with a bus on Dhaka-Chittagong highway in Eliotganj under Daudkandu upazila yesterday.

Meanwhile in Hasanpur of the upazila, an unidentified woman, aged around 60, was killed as a vehicle ran her over on the highway yesterday.

## Joy receives ICT

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the award will be given regularly on an annual basis.

Eminent actor Robert Davi handed over the award at a gala function.

Addressing the event, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina thanked the organisers for nominating someone from Bangladesh for the award.

She said, "He (Joy) continues to inspire our youth to think big and act boldly."

"As a mother, I am indeed proud to see my son being recognised for his work..."

Joy said, "I feel deeply honoured to receive this award." He dedicated this award to all the youths of Bangladesh.

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