

**WEATHER FORECAST**

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

**DHAKA** H 34.4 L 25.8

**CHITTAGONG** H 33.2 L 27.0

**SYLHET** H 34.9 L 26.3

**RAJSHAHI** H 32.7 L 25.2

**KHULNA** H 34.4 L 26.5

**BARISAL** H 33.5 L 25.7

**RANGPUR** H 33.5 L 24.2

**COX'S BAZAR** H 31.5 L 26.1

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at most places over Barisal, Chittagong and Dhaka divisions and at many places over Rangpur, Rajshahi, Mymensingh, Sylhet and Khulna divisions in the next 24 hours. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:49pm and rises tomorrow at 5:49am.



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Clockwise from left, Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor consoles grief-stricken Anwara Syed Haq, wife of Syed Shamsul Haq, in their Gulshan residence after the eminent writer passed away yesterday. People gather at the house after his body arrived. The swing on which he is said to have enjoyed his leisure remains empty while on the background awaits an ambulance to take the body away. His body will be kept at the capital's Central Shaheed Minar at 11:00am today for his admirers to pay their last respect.

**SNAPS & snippets**

**2-yr-old burnt in Chawkbazar dies**  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A two-year-old girl, who was burnt along with her parents and sister in a fire in their Chawkbazar house in Old Dhaka on Thursday, died early yesterday. Sanjida breathed her last at Dhaka Medical College Hospital's burn unit around 7:20am, said doctors. Conditions of the three other members are also critical, they added. Rezaul Islam, 35, his wife Rani Akter, 25, and their two daughters Anika, 3, and Sanjida suffered burns in a fire believed to be originated from accumulated gas in their Chawkbazar house. Anika is undergoing treatment with 26 percent burns.

**Bapa observes World River Day**  
A CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

The Narayanganj unit of Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (Bapa) yesterday formed a human chain in front of Narayanganj Press Club to mark the World River Day. Speakers at the programme raised different issues concerning river pollution and urged the government to take actions to save rivers and stop river land grabbing. President of the unit AB Siddique, General Secretary Tareq Babu, Narayanganj Sangskritik Jote President Ziaul Islam Kazol, its General Secretary Dhiman Saha Jewel, social and cultural activist Bhabani Shankar Roy, Narayanganj Nagarik Committee leader Abdul Hai, and Sammilita Samajik Andolan leader Selim Bhuiyan were present.



**National Garment Workers' Federation forms a human chain in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday, demanding arrears for the workers of the Prince Garments, which they allege was closed unlawfully.**

**CCC knocks down 30 illegal shops**  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A mobile court of the Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) yesterday demolished around 30 tin-roofed shops, which were illegally constructed occupying footpaths, in Amtal area of Chittagong city. CCC Executive Magistrate Sanjeeda Sharmin led the court, which was assisted by the members of Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP).



**6 arrested with illegal drugs in Ctg**  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police arrested three people and seized 1,800 Yaba tablets and 175 bottles of phensedyl in Halishahar area of Chittagong city yesterday. The arrestees are Nurul Alam, of the area, Md Jamal, of Pathantuli area and Md Abdullah, 35, of Lakhkipur, said a press release. In the city's Bandar area, Rapid Action Battalion (Rab-7) arrested Babul Das and Dilip Das, with 30,000 Yaba tablets on Monday. Later, following information gleaned from them, Rab-7 arrested Shahadat Hossain, with 20,000 more Yaba tablets in Reazuddin Bazar area yesterday.

**3 day labourers die from electrocution**  
A CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Three day labourers were killed and two of their co-workers injured from electrocution in Amin Bazar area of Savar, on the outskirts of the capital, early yesterday. The deceased were Sayedul, 30, son of Nurul Islam of Chhatiya village in Porsha upazila of Mymensingh; Shah Alam, 25, son of Rohis Uddin of Katlamari village in Phulchhari upazila of Gaibandha; and Galu Mia of Naogaon. Locals said the five were hanging a signboard of "Rashid Dental Surgery" in Aminbazar bus stand area around 8:00am.

At one stage, the signboard got electrified as it came in touch with a live electric wire of a nearby pole. Three died on the spot. The injured, whose identities could not be known immediately, were taken to a Savar private clinic in a critical condition, said police. Police sent the bodies to Dhaka Medical College morgue for autopsies, said SM Kamruzzaman, officer-in-charge of Savar Model Police Station. The dental clinic's owner Mamunur Rashid, who hired the workers, was detained for interrogation, he added.

**Acid attack on woman 'by ex-husband' in Ctg house**  
*Mother also sustains burns; incident sparks protest*  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A man allegedly hurled acid at his former wife and mother-in-law in their Chittagong city residence in Pologroun area on early Monday. Sheli Akter, ex-wife of Md Jahangir, with 15 percent burns; and Hosne Ara, her mother, with 10 percent, are being treated at the burn unit of Chittagong Medical College Hospital, said CMCH sources. Meanwhile, Prothom Alo Trust and Prothom Alo Bandhusabha jointly formed a human chain in front of Chittagong Press Club yesterday, demanding immediate arrest and exemplary punishment for the culprit. Sheli Akter filed a case with Kotwali Police Station accusing CNG-run auto-rickshaw driver Jahangir, said Officer-in-Charge Jasim Uddin. Jahangir is on the run but his vehicle was

seized from near the house of Sheli, said police. Visiting the burn unit of CMCH, The Daily Star found that Sheli was groaning in pain with burns to her face, head, chest and hands. Sheli's mother Hosne Ara, who sustained injuries to her hand, said the acid entered through the gap between two bamboos which their house was made of. They were asleep at that time, she said. "Sheli divorced Jahangir as he was a drug addict... and used to beat her over trifling matters," she added. After the divorce, Jahangir often stalked Sheli and finally launched the acid attack to take revenge. Hosne Ara, who along with her daughter runs a tea stall, said, "We live from hand to mouth. Now who will bear the cost of our treatment?"



A man stares at the portion of an abandoned building in Mirpur's Shah Ali area, which collapsed on a tin-shade house around 3:00am yesterday killing a teenage girl and injuring a minor boy. The abandoned building belonged to the department of social services, who used it as a shelter and later shifted following its dilapidated condition.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

**THREE MOULVIBAZAR 'RAZAKARS' ICT wants probe report Nov 29**  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday directed the prosecution to submit the investigation report, if any, on November 29 in a case filed against three Moulvibazar men who allegedly committed crimes during the 1971 Liberation War. Yesterday was fixed for submitting the investigation report but Prosecutor Mukhlesur Rahman Badal sought two months to complete the report and the three-member tribunal led by Justice Anwarul Haque granted it. Earlier, the prosecutor was given two months' time on July 13. The accused are Abdul Aziz alias Habul, Abdul Mannan, and Abdul Matin, of Barlekha upazila in Moulvibazar. Of them, Aziz and Mannan are in jail while Matin is on the run. According to the investigation agency, the accused were involved with Razakar Bahini, an auxiliary force of the Pakistani occupation army. The investigator of the case said to have already found evidence over their involvement in at least two incidents of crimes involving rape, arson and torture in Barlekha, Shahjahan Kabir, the investigation officer, told The Daily Star.

**DHAKA TODAY**

**Discussion**  
The Information Commission will hold a discussion on "Right to Information Day". Venue: Osmani Memorial Auditorium, Time: 2:00pm

**Seminar**  
The Asian Age will hold a seminar on "Indo-Bangladesh Cooperation for Mutual Sustainable Growth Acceleration". Venue: Hotel Lakeshore, Time: 10:30am

**Discussion**  
Manobadhikar Jote will hold a discussion on "International Day of Peace". Venue: Jatiya Press Club, Time: 4:30pm

**ACC arrests two for 'embezzling Tk4.2cr'**  
STAR REPORT

Anti Corruption Commission arrested two businessmen in Rangpur yesterday for allegedly embezzling Tk 4.2 crore through fake cheques. ACC Assistant Director Jahangir Alam said Touhid Rafiq Chowdhury and Rafiqul Islam Khandakar withdrew the money from district account offices in Rangpur and Lalmonirhat. Junior auditor of these offices -- Saidur Rahim and Gul-e-Saba -- abetted them in the embezzlement, he said, adding that they arrested Saidur in May. Four cases were filed against them with Rangpur and Lalmonirhat police stations. Arrest of Gul-e-Saba is underway. Meanwhile, the commission arrested in-charge of Rajbari food control office Kazi Hasibul Hasan and upazila food controller in Kishoreganj Abdul Jalil in a case filed for misappropriating Tk 20.22 lakh. ACC said the officials while working at Karimganj upazila food office in Kishoreganj did not confiscate 1,183 sacks surplus food grains rather sold them out in black market.

**Chinese team meets officials to discuss its president's visit**  
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The visiting high-level 15-member Chinese advance team yesterday discussed with high government officials on various aspects of the forthcoming visit of Chinese President Xi Jinping in the middle of next month. This is the first time in 30 years a Chinese president is coming to Bangladesh. This is also Xi Jinping's second visit since he first visited in 2010 when he was China's vice president. Foreign ministry sources said the team met with Acting Foreign Secretary Rear Admiral (Retd) Khurshed Alam and officials from the Protocol and East Asia and the Pacific wings.



Artistes perform at a special musical programme organised by Star Melodies at the capital's The Daily Star Centre yesterday to pay tribute to Kanan Devi, the first Bangalee female star of film and music, marking her birth centenary.

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