

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 34.1 L 26.5	H 33.5 L 25.8	H 33.8 L 22.8	H 34.7 L 26.6	H 34.6 L 24.1	H 34.0 L 24.5	H 31.5 L 23.2	H 34.2 L 26.2

Light to moderate rain is likely at may places in seven divisions, reports UNB. Day temperature may rise by 1-3 degree Celsius and night temperature may fall over the country, Met Office said. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:47 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:50 am. Country's highest temperature 34.8 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Jessore and lowest 22.8 in Sylhet.

Students want Liberation War sculpture at CU

CU CORRESPONDENT

Chittagong University students yesterday demanded immediate setting up of a sculpture on CU campus as a tribute to the Liberation War. They also announced to go for a tougher programme if the authority does not decide to build the sculpture before the golden jubilee celebration of CU on November 18. The demand was made at a press conference held at the Arts and Humanities Faculty.

Speakers at the conference said there are sculptures on the theme of the Liberation War at Dhaka, Rajshahi and Jahangirnagar universities but no such sculptures were built at CU even after its 50 years of establishment.

Due to the indifference of the CU authority and activities of the anti-liberation forces this kind of sculptures were not made, they said.

The authority should immediately erect a sculpture on the theme of the 1971 Liberation War and uphold its history, they said.

They will start a signature campaign to build public opinion in support of the demand from October 1 to 15 and a human chain will be formed on October 18, informed the organisers.

Bangladesh Chhatra Union CU unit President Mehedi Hasan, CU unit Chhatra Federation President Hasn Kamrul, CU unit Samajtantrik Chhatra Front Convener Fazle Rabby was present among others.



Students of different schools of the capital's Mirpur area demonstrating on Rokeya Sarani yesterday, demanding cancellation of a government decision to raise the number of creative questions from six to seven in SSC and HSC examinations.

PHOTO: STAR

Ex-husband held over acid attack

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police arrested a man in Dhaka's Rupnagar yesterday in a case filed for throwing acid at his former wife and mother-in-law in their Polo Ground house in Chittagong city early Monday.

The arrest was made after Jahangir was called over the cellphone by one of his brothers-in-law, who was detained earlier, said Md Jasimuddin, officer-in-charge of Chittagong Kotwali Police Station.

CNG-run auto-rickshaw driver Jahangir was being brought to Chittagong while the report was filed in the last evening, the OC said. Sheli Akhter and her mother Hosne Ara came under the acid attack while they were asleep on that day. Police seized Jahangir's vehicle near the residence of Sheli who filed the case with the police station.

The two are being treated at the burn unit of Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

Police charge baton on Ctg school students

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

They protest against rise in creative questions in Ctg

Denying the allegations of charging batons, Officer-in-Charge of Khulshi Police Station Nizam Uddin said, "Three to four hundred students of different schools tried to block the roundabout. When police barred them from doing so, they defied and came in the middle of the intersection."

"The students left the area when police started blowing whistle to disperse them," claimed the OC.

The students have been protesting the decision to increase the number of questions from six to seven since February, reasoning that it will be very difficult for them to do well in the examinations unless the time is increased.

Some 18 students were injured yesterday afternoon when police allegedly charged baton on them at GEC intersection of the port city as they were demonstrating there protesting a government decision to increase the number of creative questions in SSC and HSC examinations without increasing time, alleged the students.

Of the injured, two had their hands broken in the baton charge, who were admitted to a private hospital, alleged a student of the city's Muslim High School.

The other injured were given primary treatment, he said.

Toilets still there

MINTU DESHWARA, Sylhet

The recently built toilets on the ground floor of a two-story building on the east side of the Surma river, near the Kazirbazar bridge under Sylhet city, is still being used by the fish traders despite numerous protests from the green activists and lack of intervention from the authorities concerned.

While visiting the area Tuesday, this correspondent saw there were eight such toilets and the waste was directly being released into the river through pipes.

This newspaper also published a report titled "Toilets occupying river land a new way to kill Surma" on September 10, highlighting the issue.

The toilets have been built by Kazirbazar Fisheries Agent Association (Kazirbazar Matsya Arotardar Samity) for the fish traders of the area.

"Surma is a part of the country's history. But the river is under constant threat due to encroachment, dumping of waste and recently the toilets along its bank," said Abdul Karim Kim, the Surma river keeper

and general secretary of Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon, Sylhet.

Contacted, Jahangir Alam, general secretary of Kazirbazar Fish Traders association, said the land belonged to them.

"We urge the concerned authorities to take necessary measures," said Abdul Hye Al Hadi, chief coordinator, Save the Heritage and Environment.

The green activists also submitted a memorandum to the deputy commissioner of Sylhet on Saturday demanding immediate removal of the toilets.

They said the river banks cannot be sold or settled and as per the Land Management Manual, no one is allowed to construct a building on the river banks let alone toilets.

"The DC said he will dismantle the toilets within 24 hours, but nothing happened," said Abdul Karim Kim yesterday.

Contacted, Sylhet DC Md Joynal Abedin said, "I did not specify any time. But I have already appointed a magistrate to look into the issue and will order the Water Development Board to demolish the toilets as soon as possible."



The bathroom doubling as rest area on the bank of the Surma from which waste is directly released into the river.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

The elderly need warmth of family

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a seminar yesterday stressed the need for strengthening social and family bonds to ensure a better living of the elderly.

The society has a lot to do for the elderly, they said, urging the government to chalk out plans and give a budgetary allocation for them. The Good Earth, a Dhaka based voluntary organisation, arranged the seminar at Dhaka Reporters' Unity ahead of the International Day of Older Persons-2016 to be observed tomorrow.

Addressing the seminar, Mujibul Haque, state minister for labour and employment, said there are many people in the country who do not take care of their old parents as they remain engrossed with their own lives and careers. "Should a strong family bonding be in place, the parents will not need to live in a miserable condition or take shelter at old home," he said, adding that every person must take care of their old parents; otherwise they would be punished according to the Parents Care Act-2013.

Ferdous Ara Begum, trustee board member of HelpAge International, said the government needs to prepare a separate work plan and budget allocation for the elderly.

"A department could be established in this regard," she said. Stressing the need for giving priority to the elderly at government and private hospitals while they take treatment, Good Earth Executive Director Rafiqul Islam said, "The government should fix a certain numbers of seats at public transports for them and their fares should be deducted by 20 percent."



Hanging placards and bringing different plants in the capital's Jatiya Press Club area yesterday, Moulik Bangla, a socio-cultural organisation, protests construction of any power plant considered destructive of the Sundarbans.

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Building

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The BNBC focuses on safe building construction and demolition, safety of life and property, conservation of environment and liability of technical professionals.

It provides for appointment of a required number of building officials to issue building permits and oversee enforcement of the code.

The BNBC of 2006 provides that a new authority would be instituted or some relevant existing authorities would be designated for enforcement of the code.

The updated BNBC of 2015, which has been at the law ministry for vetting for the past one year or so, talks only of a separate independent Building Regulatory Authority with a five-member apex body.

Farah Kabir, country director of ActionAid Bangladesh, also spoke.

SNAPS & snippets

'Robber' held with arms, ammo

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Rapid Action Battalion claimed to have arrested a robber from Shahrira Para village in Chakoria upazila of Cox's Bazar yesterday and seized seven locally made SBBL guns, four one-shooter guns, 21 cartridges, two mobile phones and some cash from his possession.

The arrestee, Fazal Kader, 40, was preparing to commit a robbery, Company Commander SSP Sharafat Islam told a press conference at Rab's Cox's Bazar camp.

Tipped-off, they conducted the raid and detained Fazal, who is an accused in 11 murder cases, he added.

Cops in recent anti-militant drives honoured by IGP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police officials who took part in the recent anti-militant raids were honoured by Inspector General of Police AKM Shahidul Haque yesterday.

The ceremony was held at the Police Headquarters in the capital, said a press release.

The IGP commended the officials of Dhaka Metropolitan Police for successfully conducting the drives.

JU admission process starts Oct 4

A CORRESPONDENT, JU

The online process for the first-year honours admission tests of Jahangirnagar University under 2016-17 academic session will begin on October 4 and continue till October 31.

The tests will be held from November 19 to 27. JU Deputy Registrar Mohammad Ali (education-1) said this year the university authority will conduct only one admission test under the Arts and Humanities Faculty. Last year, separate subject-wise tests were held under the faculty.

Details of the admission process would be announced soon, he added. For more information, admission seekers can visit www.juniv.edu/admission.



Doctors, actors, media figures, business persons and community leaders at the thought sharing session "Power Your Life" organised by the capital's United Hospital at its seminar hall yesterday, marking World Heart Day.

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