

**WEATHER FORECAST**

**YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES**

<b>DHAKA</b> H 32.6   L 26.4	<b>CHITTAGONG</b> H 33.7   L 26.5	<b>SYLHET</b> H 33.3   L 25.2	<b>RAJSHAHI</b> H 34.2   L 26.3	<b>KHULNA</b> H 34.3   L 26.5	<b>BARISAL</b> H 31.6   L 26.2	<b>RANGPUR</b> H 39.5   L 26.0	<b>COX'S BAZAR</b> H 31.7   L 26.0
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Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at a few places over Rajshahi, Rangpur, Dhaka, Mymensingh, Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions in the next 24 hours. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:38pm and rises tomorrow at 5:54am.

**GP, Robi staff shot, robbed of Tk 3 lakh**

A CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Armed muggers snatched around Tk 3 lakh from two men at Nicchintopur in Ashulia, on the outskirts of the capital, leaving them bullet-injured.

Habibur Rahman, 20, is a sales representative of Garmeenphone, and Shohel Rana is a sales representative of Robi.

Intercepting the two in Nicchintopur area around 2:30pm while they were going to the mobile operators' Narsinghopur local office, a group of four armed muggers riding in two motorcycles shot them and snatched their bags containing the money, police quoted locals as saying.

Critically injured, they were first taken to Nari O Shishu Hospital in Ashulia and then to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, said Mohoshinul Kadir, officer-in-charge of Ashulia Police Station.



The Hatirjheel lake is being secured with razor wire on top of the iron fence near Moghbazar in the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

**Huge 'date-expired' milk powder seized in Ctg**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Huge amount of powdered milk of Noor Dairy and Food Processing Company Ltd was seized from Majhirghat area of

Chittagong city yesterday for not having "production and expiry dates".

Around 4,400 sacks, each containing 25 kilogrammes of powdered milk, were seized from a warehouse in

the area, said Executive Magistrate Forkan Elahi Anupam of Chittagong District Administration, who led the mobile court drive.

The owner admitted they used to put fresh expiry dates on the sacks, he said. The owner, Md Nazim Uddin, was sentenced to prison for three months and fined Tk 1.5 lakh, he added.

He said the milk powder, imported from the Ukraine as per the owner's statement, will be destroyed.

The Detective Branch of Chittagong Metropolitan Police and Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution assisted the drive, Anupam added.



The seized sacks of milk powder.

PHOTO: STAR

**NGOs to build database on road accidents**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Six non-government organisations yesterday created a platform, Safe Roads and Transports Alliance (SROTA), to build a national database on road accidents.

The launch was announced at a news conference at Jatiya Press Club in the capital. The six organisations are Nirapad Sarak Chai, Brac, Power and Participation Research Centre (PPRC), Bangladesh Bus-Truck Owners' Association, Bangladesh Jatri Kalyan Samity, and Bangladesh Society for Emergency Medicine.

Around 4,000 people are killed in road accidents in the country every year, causing an estimated economic loss of Tk 5,000 crore, said Dr Hossain Zillur Rahman, founder-chairman of PPRC, citing official data. The economic loss constitutes nearly one to three percent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), said Hossain, a former caretaker government adviser.

Syed Abul Moksud, columnist, and Mokhlesur Rahman, organising secretary of Bangladesh Sarak Paribahan Samik Federation, will give support to the alliance, while Brac would provide the secretarial space for it.

The alliance would work to help reduce recurrence of road accidents, said Dr Hossain, replying to a question.

Road accidents are a major roadblock to the country's economic development, said Asif Saleh, of strategy, communications and empowerment programme of Brac. Ilias Kanchan, chairperson of Nirapad Sarak Chai, was present among others.

**Two more lives lost**

CITY DESK

A bus driver was killed and 25 people were injured as the vehicle turned turtle after it fell into a roadside ditch at Rahimbazar in Kaunia upazila of Rangpur yesterday.

The deceased was Md Polash, 33, of Jatrabari area in Dhaka.

Locals rushed the injured to Kaunia Health Complex. Of them 11 were later shifted to Rangpur Medical College Hospital as their condition deteriorated.

Meanwhile BSS reports, a motorcyclist was killed as a microbus hit his vehicle on Karatoa road in Debiganj upazila of Panchagarh on Friday afternoon.

The deceased Kajol Mia, 27, of Tapriganj village in the upazila, was a trader.

**SNAPS & snippets**

**Woman found dead in Ctg slum house**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A woman was found dead in her house in Ambagan area of Chittagong city yesterday.

On information, police recovered the body of Juli Akter, 20, -- wife of Abdul Ohid of the area -- from the tin-roofed slum-house which was locked from outside, said Officer-in-Charge of Khulshi Police Station Nizam Uddin.

The reason behind the death could not be ascertained, said the OC adding, Ohid -- a garbage collector and also rickshaw-puller -- was detained for interrogation. The body was sent to Chittagong Medical College Hospital for an autopsy.

**Air force starts firing exercise**

BSS, Ctg

Air to air live firing exercise by fighter aircraft of Bangladesh Air Force (BAF) started at Kutubdia firing range in Chittagong yesterday.

The exercise will continue till October 26, from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

During this 19-day exercise, BAF fighter aircrafts -- F-7BG/FT-7BGI, F-7BG/FT-7BG, MiG-29B/UB, L-39ZA, K-8W, YAK-130 and F-7MB/FT-7B -- will practice different air combat maneuvers and tactics along with air to air live firing, an ISPR release said.

The pilots of the mentioned aircrafts and other BAF personnel of different ranks are actively participating in the exercise.



Guests along with artisans and potters at the closing ceremony of a two-day programme organised in Barisal city yesterday to honour the latter for their contributions in preserving the country's cultural heritage and traditional arts and crafts through the use of clay.

**12 examinees held, 5 jailed for cheating in recruitment test**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mobile court sentenced five people to 15-day imprisonment and held 12 others for cheating in a recruitment examination of the Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE).

The five were taking the examination using fake identity. Of the 12 others, 11 were using electronic devices and another was helping them during the examination on Friday. The court handed the 12 over to Rab, says a press release. A total of 20,935 examinees took part in the test for deputy assistant agriculture officer post.

**Use of jute bags urged to bring back golden glory**

BSS, Rajshahi

Large-scale promotion of jute sacks could be the effective means of revitalising the lost glory of jute, said speakers in a discussion in Rajshahi city.

They viewed forging social resistance against use of plastic bags has become an urgent need for protecting the environment from further degradation. Emphasis should be given on wide-ranging promotion of jute bags instead of the polythene bags.

Use of plastic bags by the wholesale traders and vegetable vendors to designer shops has been growing despite the ban on the use, production and storing of the environment-harming plastic bags of less than 55 micron thickness.

The observation came at a view-sharing session styled "Mandatory Jute Packaging Act 2010" for the compulsory use of jute in packaging products held at the conference hall of Deputy

Commissioner on Friday.

The District Administration and the Department of Jute jointly organised the advocacy programme where more than 60 government and non-government officials concerned including paddy, rice and automatic rice mills owners and businessmen attended.

Dilip Kumar Shaha, joint-secretary (administration) of the Ministry of Jute and Textile, addressed the discussion as the chief guest with Kazi Ashraf Uddin, deputy commissioner of Rajshahi, in the chair.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (general) Ataul Gani, Additional District Magistrate Abdul Baset, Assistant Director of Jute Saifur Rahman and Chief Jute Inspector Harunur Rashid also spoke.

The discussants said the used bags eventually find their ways into drains, canals, rivers, parks and streets harming the environment. The worst thing

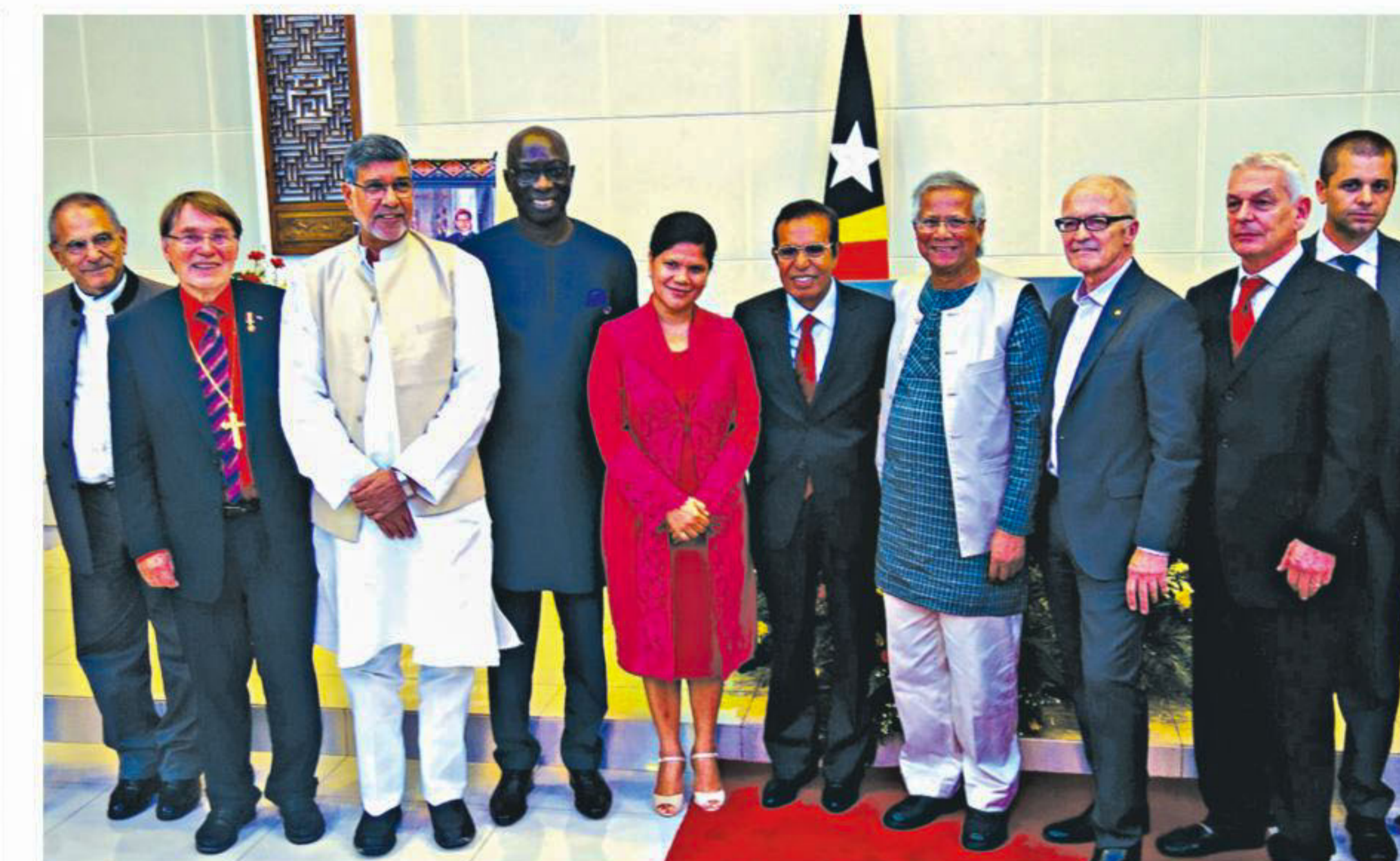
about polythene is that it is non-biodegradable and its decomposition takes at least 400 years, they added.

In every metropolitan cities of the country including the capital, the widespread use of plastic bags was seen as a major cause of clogging the drains causing water logging.

Chief guest Dilip Kumar said mobile courts will be conducted against the use of plastic bags to enforce the law.

He also urged the participating businessmen to supplement the government agencies in this regard.

Taking part in the discussion, the traders suggested strict enforcement of the ban on plastic bags, making jute bags handy and cheaper so the products become competitive with polythene bags. The jute goods will not be popular until polythene bags are banished from the market and other selling points, they added.



Nobel Laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus at the opening of an International Conference on "Citizenship, Peace and Well-Being" in Timor-Leste on Friday marking the 20th anniversary of José Ramos-Horta and Bishop Carlos Ximenes Belo being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. On his right are President of Timor-Leste Taur Matan Ruak and First Lady Isabel da Costa Ferreira.

PHOTO: YUNUS CENTRE



People under the banner of Association for Law Research and Human Rights (ALERT) form a human chain in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday protesting the attack on Khadiza Begum Nargis and demanding exemplary punishment for the attacker, Badrul Alam.

PHOTO: STAR

**TAQI MURDER**

**Candle-light vigil held demanding justice**

A CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

The criminals are enjoying patronage of political parties nowadays, for which justice is being delayed, alleged Rafiur Rabbi, father of Tanwir Mohammad Taqi. He made the allegation at a candle-lighting programme at Narayanganj Kendrio Shaheed Minar yesterday.

Narayanganj Sanskritik Jote arranged the programme demanding justice for Taqi.

The seventeen-year-old went missing after he had left home for Sudhijon Pathagar, a library, around 4:00pm on March 6, 2013. Later, his body was found floating in the Shitalakhya river on the morning of March 8.

"It has been more than three years but investigators are yet to press charges in the case," said Advocate Prodig Ghosh Babu. Ziaul Islam Kazol, the Jote's president, said, "The assailants, regardless of their political allegiance, must be brought under trial."

Nikhil Das, Hafizul Islam, Tariquul Suzan, Abdur Rahman, Jahirul Islam and other activists were also present.

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