

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 34.6 L 26.8	H 33.0 L 25.5	H 35.5 L 25.0	H 33.5 L 24.7	H 35.3 L 24.5	H 34.0 L 24.8	H 33.0 L 23.8	H 32.8 L 23.7

Day and night temperatures may remain nearly unchanged over the country, reports UNB. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:29pm and rises tomorrow at 5:58am. Country's highest temperature 35.7 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Chandpur and lowest 19.0 in Tentulia.

Two fugitive convicts held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
Police arrested two fugitive convicts in different areas under Bayezid Bostami Police Station in Chittagong city on Monday night. The arrestees are Md Enam, 33, of Wajedia area and Md Hanif, 35, of Roufabad, said Sub-inspector of the station Amir Hossain. Enam was sentenced to four years' imprisonment in a case filed under speedy trial act while Hanif was jailed for a year and six months in a case filed over drug peddling.

Death anniversary

CITY DESK
Today is the 21st death anniversary of Jahurul Islam, founder of Islam Group, said a press release. He died in 1995 due to a heart attack at the age of 67. On this occasion, a milad and doa mahfil will be held in his village Bhagalpur of Kishoreganj. His family members requested all relatives and well-wishers to attend the programme.

Shafiuddin Ahmed

CITY DESK
Today is the fourth death anniversary of Shafiuddin Ahmed, a Liberation War organiser, politician and social worker. On this occasion, a milad mahfil was held on Friday in his village Khaishakhali under Shibpur upazila of Narsingdi. Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to pray for his departed soul.



Pedestrians and vehicles cautiously cross a road in the capital's Malibagh-Moghbazar area, where vehicles getting stuck in potholes or craters, inset, has become a norm. Due to the development work for the Mouchak-Moghbazar flyover, the road remains in a dilapidated condition. Moreover, trucks with heavy construction materials frequently ply the road, which also worsens its condition and increases the risk of accidents. The photos were taken yesterday.

PHOTOS: AMRAN HOSSAIN

Female farmers doubly denied

Allege of paying bribe for govt services; claim of not getting fair share as they depend on husbands for selling products

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Underprivileged people at rural level have to pay bribe or lobby with local influential people to get the government services related to food and agricultural sector, alleged some female farmers yesterday. Farmers do not get just price due to middlemen and female farmers are doubly victim of such injustice, they alleged. They were speaking at the second Female Farmers Convention-2016 jointly organised by ActionAid, Khani Bangladesh and Kendrio Krishok Moitree with the support of the Netherlands in the capital's

Cirdap auditorium. "We do not get any government facility without paying money for it..." said Ripa Sarwari, a female farmer from Lalmonirhat. "We produce rice..., but do not get just price because of middlemen. We want an end to this culture," said Manju Ara, a farmer from Gaibandha. "Because of influential people, poor people do not get the benefit of the government's initiative..." said Shirin Akhter of Bogra. Laiju Begum of Lalmonirhat said, "Though I work more than my husband in producing crops, he takes away all the money after selling the

products," said. "As we cannot go to markets, we cannot sell our products. We have to depend on male family members for that..." said Marzina Begum of Patuakhali. Abdul Wadud, chairman of the parliamentary standing committee on food ministry, said there were corruption and irregularities due to a lack of good governance. It is not possible for the government to address the problem alone, all should be conscious and follow rules, he said. Farah Kabir, country director of ActionAid Bangladesh, demanded state recognition of female farmers.

Around 68.1 percent agricultural workers are women and they should be given equal opportunities, dignity and recognition, she viewed. Presenting a keynote paper, agriculture researcher Merina Juthi placed an 11-point recommendation, including formulation of law for protecting people's rights to food, ensuring land ownership to female farmers, separate budgetary allocation and formulation of a database for them. Over 100 female farmers, officials of rights organisations and agricultural experts attended the programme.

NEWS IN brief

15 establishments in Banani shut

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (Rajuk) as part of its ongoing eviction drive closed down 15 illegal automobile showrooms and workshops in the capital's Banani residential area yesterday. Utility service providing officials also severed the establishments' connections. The drive was carried out along roads no-1 and 2. The eviction team with a mobile court led by Executive Magistrate Khandker Oliur Rahman also cleared footpaths of the roads of five shops and three gardens.

ACC arrests Rajuk officer

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday arrested an authorised officer of Rajuk in a case filed for giving fake approval of a commercial building in Banani. Mizanur Rahman was held in the capital's Segunbagicha, ACC sources said. ACC also arrested one Shamsul Alam Talukdar in Chittagong's Agrabad over misappropriating Tk 1.15 crore. Meanwhile, it held field assistant of Rural Poverty Alleviation Programme of Bangladesh Palli Unnayan Board Mizanur Rahman Mizan in Noakhali over gobbling up Tk 21.2 lakh.

50 students start internship with Microsoft Bangladesh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Some 50 university students on Monday started internship for one month with Microsoft Bangladesh for the first time in the country. Around 300 students will get such chance, said a press release yesterday. Microsoft Bangladesh and Young Bangla campaign of the Centre for Research and Information (CRI), took the initiative. Sonia Bashir Kabir, managing director of Microsoft Bangladesh Ltd, spoke at the orientation event in the capital. Students still can submit their CVs at youngbangla.org/en/microsoft-intern/

Two arrested with phensedyl

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
Members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab-7) arrested two people and seized 1,875 bottles of phensedyl in Tigerpass area of Chittagong city on Monday night. On information, a team of Rab-7 stopped a covered van and seized the phensedyl from the vehicle. They also arrested van driver Mizanur Rahman, 34, and helper Antu Mandol, 24, of Jessore, in this connection.

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