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Night and day temperatures may remain nearly unchanged over the country, reports UNB. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:19pm and rises tomorrow at 6:05am. Country's highest temperature 34.3 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Sylhet and lowest 15.7 in Tentulia.

## 19 accused plead not guilty in N'ganj 7-murder case

A CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Nineteen accused yesterday pleaded not guilty after a Narayanganj court read out charges against them individually in a case filed over the murders of seven people.

Earlier on October 24, four accused pleaded not guilty.

Prosecutor Wajed Ali Khokon said while reading out the charges the court mentioned how they directly and indirectly plotted the murders and committed the crime.

Seven people, including Narayanganj City Corporation panel mayor Nazrul Islam and senior lawyer Chandan Sarkar, were abducted from the Dhaka-Narayanganj Link Road on April 27, 2014.

Their bodies were found floating in the Shitalakkhya a few days later.

The court adjourned the proceedings until November 21 for next hearing.



Avoiding the nearby footbridge, a boy crossing busy Dhaka-Chittagong highway in the port city's Kornelhat area, risking his life on Sunday.

## NEWS IN brief

### Dhaka condemns Houthi attack

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Expressing concern about the missile attack by the Houthi targeting the holiest shrine of Islam in Makkah, Bangladesh stands by the government and the people of Saudi Arabia to protect and secure the two holy mosques, according to a statement issued by the foreign ministry yesterday.

"Bangladesh strongly condemns such attacks on the very fundamental symbol of faith and unity of Muslim Ummah. Bangladesh reiterates its commitment to stand by the government and the people of the Kingdom to protect and secure the two holy mosques," it says.

### Youth stabbed to death in Rajshahi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

A youth died after being stabbed by his friends over previous enmity in Rajshahi city's Jamalpur Tantipara area early yesterday.

Nasir Uddin Lala, 16, son of Abul Kashem of Meherchandi Chalkpara, died at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital. Police arrested Riazul Islam Siam, 16, Rabbi Ahmed Sihab, 20, and Shakil Alam, 17, who confessed to the killing. Police recovered a blood-stained knife from them.

### Youth found dead in Sylhet, 3 held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Police recovered the body of a youth from the Sutarkhal river at Sadipur union in Osmaninagar upazila of Sylhet yesterday morning.

The deceased was Ripon Miah, 20, son of Sakir Miah of Sadipur Paschim Hati village in Osmaninagar upazila. Police arrested Ripon's friend Putul Das of nearby Karikona village, his wife Kalyani Rani Das and their daughter Shipa Rani Das in their residents in connection with the murder. The body was tied with a big stone and bore several wounds which suggest it was a planned murder, said police.

### Book fair begins at DU today

DU CORRESPONDENT

A three-day nonfiction fair begins today on the Faculty of Business Studies premises at Dhaka University.

Bonik Barta and the faculty are organising the fair where around 24 publishers along with institutions are participating. The fair will be open to all from 10:00am to 8:00pm.

### Breast cancer awareness event held

CITY DESK

Soroptimist International Club, Dhaka held a breast cancer awareness programme for mothers who attend their free pre-primary Literacy Centre in Moghbazar yesterday, says a press release.

Two cancer survivors from Breast Cancer Support Society founded by Dr Hasina Azam, recounted their experiences as breast cancer patients. They gave very important information on early detection and steps to be taken if a lump in the breast is detected.

### IUB launches business advisory board

CITY DESK

Independent University, Bangladesh launched the business advisory board of the School of Business on its Bashundhara campus in Dhaka on Saturday, says a press release.

A Matin Chowdhury, chairman of IUB Founding Trust; Rashed Chowdhury, chairman of IUB; and Prof M Omar Rahman, vice chancellor, were, also present.



KIBRIA MURDER

## Ariful denied bail in explosives case

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A Sylhet court yesterday rejected the bail petition of suspended city mayor Ariful Haque Chowdhury in an explosives case filed over the murder of former finance minister SAMS Kibria.

The court also fixed November 8 as the next hearing date, said Manjur Uddin Ahmed Sahin, lawyer of Ariful, who is in jail.

On January 27, 2005, five people, including Kibria, were killed and 70 others injured in a grenade attack on a public rally of local Awami League at Baiddar Bazar in Sadar upazila of Habiganj.

The following day, an AL leader filed two cases -- one for murder and another under the Explosives Substances Act -- with Habiganj Police Station.

## Port city gets hassle-free electricity billing system

PDB installing 1.39 lakh prepaid meters

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Cg

The Power Development Board (PDB) has started installing 1.39 lakh prepaid meters in four of its divisions in the port city under a pilot project.

The four divisions are Pahartali, Agrabad, Khulshi and MA Aziz Stadium, according to PDB officials, who said around 80 percent of clients in the areas would get "hassle-free" services once the project is completed.

The officials believe both the government and clients will benefit from the project, as revenue collection will increase and billing anomalies disappear. Besides, misuse of electricity will also be checked to a great extent, they added.

Initially around 5,000 prepaid devices will be installed in Agrabad CDA Residential Area this month, said the PDB officials.

Insiders said the PDB floated an international tender in February this year for the Tk 137-crore project. Seven international companies from different countries including France, Vietnam and China took part in the bidding, they mentioned, adding that

China Hexing Electrical Company finally got the work, which has already supplied the 5,000 meters.

Contacted, Mohammad Moniruzzaman, senior assistant director of PDB, Chittagong, said a similar move was taken for Agrabad area in the city in 2007. As many as 5,000 clients were given prepaid meters, but the prepaid billing system was scrapped for some reasons.

Many of those clients were forced to reinstall post-paid meters as they did not get any replacement once the prepaid ones started malfunctioning, he said. However, around 15,000 clients have been using prepaid electricity in Khulshi area under the supervision of a private company since 2007, added Moniruzzaman.

"This time the company will replace the meters in case of any mechanical or any other problems," he mentioned.

Kamal Uddin, project director of Prepayment Metering Project for Distribution Southern Zone (Phase-1), PDB, said the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecnc) approved the project in 2009.

After a year the Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources took a decision of unified specification of prepaid meters throughout the country, he added.

"We received the unified specification prepaid metering document from the ministry's Power Division and floated an international tender in February last year," Kamal said.

As per the conditions of the tender, the company will supply and install 1.39 lakh prepaid meters by December next year and also provide three-year operational services, he said, adding that each meter will have a three-year warranty.

The company will receive \$48 per meter and the amount included installation and service charges for three years, he mentioned.

Once the meters are installed, around 80 percent of clients in the four divisions will receive hassle-free services, Kamal said.

He added that the clients would be given prepaid cards, which could be refilled in vending stations in each division.

## Legal notice served to free roads

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Supreme Court lawyer yesterday served a legal notice on the police officers concerned to implement in 24 hours the High Court directive that had asked them to free roads and footpaths from Zero Point to Sadarghat in Dhaka.

Following a writ petition, the HC on February 26, 2012 ordered the law enforcers to take steps in 48 hours in this regard.

It ruled that the authorities have to ensure that nobody will keep sand, rods and other materials, park rickshaw-vans and carts and establish makeshift shops by occupying the road and footpaths and asked them to submit a progress report on the implementation of the order to the court in every 30 days.

Writ petitioner's counsel Manzill Murshid yesterday sent the legal notice to the officers-in-charge of Ramna, Bangshal, Kotwali and Sutrapur police stations, saying that the HC order has been reportedly flouted by them.

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## Why promoting cops to ASPs with BCS rank should not be illegal?

HC asks govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday questioned the legality of a government decision to promote non-cadre police officers to the post of assistant superintendent of police (ASP) with a rank of Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) cadre.

It issued a rule asking the government to explain in two weeks as to why the decision should not be declared illegal.

The HC came up with the rule following a writ petition filed by Yusuf Siddiqui, officer-in-charge of Juraichhari Police Station in Rangamati, challenging the decision.

Petitioner's counsel ABM Altaf Hossain told The Daily Star that the home ministry on July 16 promoted 99 unarmed police inspectors to the post of ASP, breaching relevant laws, and issued a gazette notification in this connection.

Yusuf was not promoted to the ASP post although 70 inspectors who are junior to him, were elevated to the post with the BCS cadre rank, he said.

The authorities concerned were also asked to explain why their decision to drop Yusuf from the promotion should not be declared illegal.

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