

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA H 28.5 L 26.0	CHITTAGONG H 29.0 L 26.7	SYLHET H 26.8 L 24.5	RAJSHAHI H 29.5 L 23.7	KHULNA H 28.2 L 25.2	BARISAL H 28.2 L 26.0	RANGPUR H 32.0 L 21.0	COX'S BAZAR H 28.2 L 26.0
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Light to moderate rain is likely at most places in Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong, Dhaka, Mymensingh and Sylhet divisions and at a few places in Rajshahi and Rangpur divisions, reports UMB. Day and night temperatures may fall by 2-3 degree over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:17pm and rises tomorrow at 6:08am.

TANGENTS

BY IHTISHAM KABIR



White-throated fantail, Purbachol. PHOTO: IHTISHAM KABIR

Elegy for Paradise

I became a regular visitor to Purbachol eleven years ago. I had just returned home after three decades abroad and was adjusting to frenetic Dhaka. Its eastern periphery was a bucolic escape for me every weekend when my friends and I bicycled Purbachol's village roads. Nowadays I rarely bicycle, but I visit Purbachol for its birds, having found many rare and special species there.

The area is large, so I am constantly finding new corners to explore. One afternoon last week I found myself in one such place. In an open area filled up with pumped-in riverbed sediment, where remains of shells and nautilus fossils lurked in the sand like modern fossils, a grid of machas supported a farmer's vegetable creepers. The far side of the machas was fenced by a row of tall dhol-holmi plants. Shouldering my way through them, I beheld a small meadow, about a quarter of an acre, surrounded by nondescript trees and a longish puddle of muddy water on one side. Two taal palms grew at a far corner. The farmer's leaky water pipe ran through the meadow bringing water to the vegetable patches from a distant pond.

In short, it was a run-of-the-mill boring village meadow.

The afternoon sun behind me burned a soft golden yellow. As I walked through the meadow a bird's movement near the puddle caught my eye. I quickly hid behind some trees, stood still, and scanned for that bird.

What unfolded in the next few minutes was like a dream. Within five minutes the meadow had filled with birds, some bathing in the water leaking from the pipe, others eating fruits and insects from trees, yet others simply playing with each other.

There must have been an astonishing fifteen species there, from small flycatchers to mynas and

bulbuls, from common doves to uncommon cuckooshrikes. They stayed for ten or fifteen minutes before flying off to... who knows where?

In the past year I found other places in Purbachol that were equally astonishing: a banyan tree full of green horial pigeons, a rare Burmese shrike hunting in its territory (which made us re-evaluate the status of this bird in Bangladesh), hundreds of munias playing among the kash, raptors such as kestrels, falcons, buzzards, eagles and kites hunting from the sky. I saw wildlife too: jackals, mongoose, monitor lizards, snakes, and various rodents.

So here I was in this meadow of dreams, relishing a scene that every birder wishes for, so close to Dhaka. And yet my heart ached. For I knew it would be gone next year.

The face of Purbachol is changing so fast it makes my head spin. Dozens of boundary walls are erected every day around plots worth crores. One time, I returned after two weeks to a bamboo grove - where I had on many occasions watched a delightful white-throated fantail playing - to find it decimated, its underlying earth gouged out by giant machines - and who knew or cared about one small fantail?

So this is the price of development. Don't misunderstand me. I love development - it means our people earn and live better, longer. It means we hold our head up high among nations.

But isn't there some way to save even a part of this paradise so close to Dhaka? If you are a Purbachol landowner I urge you to plant bird-friendly, native trees (banyan, mango, boroi, jackfruit, koroj etc.) in your plot so our slice of heaven can breathe just a little longer.

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Dhaka, Delhi agree to work for disaster management

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh and India yesterday agreed to bolster their cooperation in disaster management through sharing of each other's experiences in early warning, evacuation, rescuing and relief operations.

The agreement came during a meeting between Indian Home Minister Rajnath Singh and Bangladesh's Disaster Management and Relief Minister Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya in the former's office.

Maya is leading the Bangladesh delegation at the Asian Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in New Delhi, according to a press release of Bangladesh High Commission in New Delhi.

He told the home minister about how Bangladesh over the years has developed an efficient system of dealing with natural disasters like cyclones and floods.

Bangladesh, he said, can still benefit from Indian experiences in rescue and relief operations during earthquakes, while Rajnath hailed Bangladesh's "zero tolerance" policy to terrorism.

Syed Muazzem Ali, Bangladesh high commissioner in India, and Md Shah Kamal, secretary to the disaster and relief ministry, were present during the meeting.



Suborna and her father eating breakfast together on Thursday. PHOTO: FARHANA MIRZA

Finally, a happy meal for Suborna

FARHANA MIRZA, Munshiganj

It was a simple menu consisting of paratha, vegetable and egg.

But for Suborna it felt like a feast since after long two years the six-year-old was having a proper meal.

And most importantly the little girl was enjoying the food with her father Thursday.

Suborna, daughter of Chan Mia of Mirapara area of Munshiganj, was tortured, forced to do all the chores, and kept unfed frequently for almost two years by one Kalpana Begum, wife of Siraj Matbor of Ballabari area.

Kalpana, a mother of two sons, adopted Suborna, but never treated her as her daughter, and kept on torturing her, said police quoting neighbours.

A neighbour rescued Suborna on Wednesday and took her to Munshiganj General Hospital, said police.

"At first we thought she was Kalpana's daughter. But she used to beat and mistreat her regularly. Whenever we asked, she misbehaved with us. On Wednesday, I heard loud screams and saw Kalpana was beating her," said Rana, the neighbour.

"There were marks of burn and beating injuries on

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Education seems a far cry for Jahid, a 13-year-old hawker in Sylhet selling toothbrushes from 9:00am to 10:00pm for his employer to provide his cart-puller father Tk 110 every day so that his six-member family can have a decent meal. The photo was taken at Zindabazar area around 11:00am Wednesday. PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

Man missing from Dhaka found dead in Manikganj ditch

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man was found dead in a ditch in Ghior upazila of Manikganj yesterday three days after he had gone missing from the capital's Agargaon.

The dead, Mukhlesur Rahman, 35, of Jamalpur, was an accounts officer of a private firm at Karwan Bazar in Dhaka, said relatives.

He remained missing since he came out of his Agargaon residence on Tuesday to go to his office, they added. On that day, his family filed a general diary (GD) with Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Police Station in the capital.

Yesterday, locals spotted the body and informed the matter to police who later sent it to Manikganj Sadar Hospital.

Zahurul Islam, uncle of the deceased, told The Daily Star that after getting phone call from someone at the hospital morgue, he along with some other relatives went to the spot and identified the body. He might have been abducted and later killed, he said.

He, however, could not say whether Mukhlesur had enmity with any one. An autopsy will be conducted today, said Ghior police.

JU butterfly fair enthralls all

A CORRESPONDENT, JU

The premise of Zahir Raihan auditorium in Jahangirnagar University (JU) took on a festive look yesterday as hundreds of butterflies and their photographs were put on display.

The fluttering of vividly coloured butterflies and a myriad of programmes kept both the young and the old alike mesmerised at the daylong butterfly fair.

Over 500 butterfly species of around 80 species were exhibited beside the auditorium and the university's Butterfly Park and botanical garden.

"They are so beautiful to look at," said an elated Hritiza Khandaker Naba, an eight-year-old visitor from Uttara.

The zoology department of JU and Prokriti o Jibon Foundation organised the fair, sponsored by Daffodil International University.

Sabbir Hussain, a master's student of zoology, was given the "Young Butterfly Enthusiast" award and Prokriti o Jibon Foundation the "Butterfly Award".

PHOTO: STAR



A brightly coloured butterfly at the fair.

NEWS IN brief

8 birds rescued, one poacher held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

A mobile court, led by Natore Sadar Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO), yesterday rescued six egrets, a gallinule and a waterhen, and sentenced a bird poacher to six months' imprisonment during separate drives.

Being informed, Md Nairuzzaman, the UNO, raided Chandrakola Beel and recovered six egrets, including two trained ones, but the poachers fed away.

In another drive at Chandpur village, the court arrested Shariful Islam, 28, in his house and rescued the other two birds and also seized many bird hunting equipment.

Two arrested with fake notes

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab)-14 detained two persons with 25 fake notes of Tk 1,000 in Bhawanipur Bazar area of Gouripur upazila in Mymensingh early yesterday.

The duo, Md Al Amin, 28, son of late Billal Hossain of Noagaon; and Md Mannan, 32, son of Abdul Hashem of Gouripur, were handed over to Gouripur police. A case was lodged.

ACC arrests passport officer

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) arrested an assistant director (AD) of the Department of Immigration and Passport, posted in Feni, in his Kachari Bazaar house in Rangpur yesterday in a graft case.

According to the case filed on June 2 with Jaldhaka Police Station, Md Rezaul Islam embezzled Tk 14.61 lakh when he was the branch manager of Janata Bank in Jaldhaka upazila of Nilphamari.

Children with special needs can contribute to dev

Meeting on child neurology told

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Children suffering from neurological disorders are not a burden and with compassion and the government's patronisation they can also contribute to the country's development, said Health and Family Welfare Minister Mohammad Nasim at a meeting yesterday.

"Many scholars were born with autism and other developmental disorders. I believe our children can take themselves to that level and contribute to the development of the country if they are nurtured with compassion and get government's patronisation," he said.

The minister was speaking as the chief guest at a two-day "ICNA Educational Meeting" on child neurology and development at a hotel in Cox's Bazar.

The meeting was organised by the Institute of Paediatric Neurodisorder and Autism (IPNA) under Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) and International Child Neurology Association (ICNA).

"The government is paying attention to increase awareness on neuro-developmental diseases including autism and taking initiatives to provide more trained professionals for diagnose and effective early intervention...", said Nasim.

Prof Dr Kamrul Hasan Khan, vice-chancellor of BSMMU, expressed his commitment to provide best services to the children with autism and other neurological disorders.

Eleven speakers from USA, Australia, Belgium, India, Turkey and Bangladesh will deliver their presentations and more than 200 participants including doctors and professionals were participating in the event, held in the country for the first time.

Prof Dr Shaheen Akhter, project director of IPNA; Prof Dr Pratibha Singhi, member of executive board of ICNA; Shaimum Sarwar Kamal, lawmaker of Cox's Bazar-3 constituency; Md Sirajul Islam, secretary of health and family welfare ministry; and Mohammod Shahidullah, president of Bangladesh Medical and Dental Council; were present.



Health Minister Mohammed Nasim and other dignitaries at the two-day educational meeting on child neurology and development in Cox's Bazar yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

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১. মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়
২. এজেন্সী	কারিগরি শিক্ষা অধিদপ্তর
৩. সংস্থাকারী সত্তার নাম	মহাপরিচালক, কারিগরি শিক্ষা অধিদপ্তর, এফ-৪/বি, আদারগাঁও, ঢাকা-১২০৭।
৪. সংস্থাকারী সত্তার কোড	২৫৫১
৫. সংস্থাকারী সত্তার জেলা	ঢাকা
৬. কি জন্য আহ্বান	কারিগরি শিক্ষা অধিদপ্তর/বিভাগে ০৪ (চার) টি পলিটেকনিক ইনস্টিটিউট (মাস্টার, কিশোরগঞ্জ, মৌলভীবাজার ও চাঁপাইনবাবগঞ্জ) এ আউটসোর্সিং এর মাধ্যমে জনবল নিয়োগের নিমিত্ত ০৪ জন ড্রাইভার (সাইট), ০১ জন ইলেকট্রিশিয়ান কাম পাশ অপারেটর, ১৬ জন শ্যাভেটেরী বেয়ারার, ৪৪ জন এমএলএসএস, ০১ জন ওয়ার্কশপ থালাসী, ০৩ জন আয়োজন, ০৫ জন পরিষ্কার কৰ্মী, ০৩ জন ক্রিনার, ০৪ জন সুইপার, ০৪ জন মালি এবং ০৪ জন নিরাপত্তা এজেন্ট/পার্টে মাসিক সাহস্য বেতনের ভিত্তিতে অস্থায়ী নিয়োগ।
৭. আহ্বানের সূত্র ও তারিখ	শ্রাবক নং- ৩৭.০০.০০০০.০৭৬.১২.০৩৫.১৫-৮৭৮, তারিখঃ ২৯/০৯/২০১৬খ্রিঃ
৮. সংস্থার পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (Open Tendering Method)
৯. বাজেট অর্থায়নের উৎস	রাজস্ব (জিবিবি)
১০. টেন্ডার প্যাকেজ নং	OMR-1 (Outsourcing for Manpower Recruitment)
১১. জনবল সরবরাহের সম্ভাব্য সময়	০১ জানুয়ারি ২০১৭খ্রিঃ
১২. জ্ঞানভিত্তিক পরিমাণ	১৫,৩৫,৭০০/- (পনের লক্ষ পঁয়ত্রিশ হাজার সাতপঁচাত্তর টাকা মাত্র)
১৩. দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের তারিখ	০৬/১১/২০১৬ খ্রিঃ তারিখ থেকে প্রত্যহ অফিস সন্ধ্যাকালীন সময়ে
১৪. দরপত্র দলিল বিক্রয়ের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময়	৩০/১১/২০১৬ খ্রিঃ রোজ বুবার বিকাল ৫:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত
১৫. দরপত্র দলিলের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের তারিখ হতে ০১/১২/২০১৬ খ্রিঃ রোজ বৃহস্পতিবার বেলা ১২:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত
১৬. দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	০১/১২/২০১৬ খ্রিঃ রোজ বৃহস্পতিবার বিকাল ৩:০০ ঘটিকা
১৭. দরপত্র দলিল বিক্রয়, প্রার্থকরী অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা	(১) পরিচালক (প্রশাসন) এর অফিস (২য় তলা), বক নং-২০৫, কারিগরি শিক্ষা অধিদপ্তর, এফ-৪/বি, আদারগাঁও প্রশাসনিক এলাকা, শেরে-বাংলা নগর, ঢাকা-১২০৭। (২) শাখা-১৫, শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়, বক নং-১৭০৪, ভবন নং-০৬, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা-১০০০ (জমা প্রদানের স্থান- সচিবালয়ের ২য় তলৈটের অভ্যন্তরে সংরক্ষিত দরপত্র বাস্তবে)
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১৯. দরদাতার যোগাযোগ	(১) দরদাতাকে বাংলাদেশী কেসরকারী জনবল সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান হতে হবে; (২) অনুরূপ কাজের কমপক্ষে ০২ (দুই) বছরের অভিজ্ঞতাসহ হ্যান্ডনামড অভিজ্ঞতার প্রমাণপত্র থাকতে হবে; (৩) হ্যান্ডনামড আফিস সনদ, ভাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন, ট্রেড লাইসেন্স ও ব্যাংক সলভেন্সি সনদপত্র (৩১/১০/২০১৬খ্রিঃ তারিখের পরে দরপত্র বিক্রি শুরু থেকে জমাের তারিখের মধ্যে) থাকতে হবে।
২০. জনবলের বিচারিত বর্ণনা	দরপত্র দলিলের বর্ণনা অনুযায়ী।
২১. দরপত্র দলিলের মূল্য	প্রতি সেট টাকা ২,০০০/- (দুই হাজার) মাত্র (অফিসের/প্রশাসনিক) নাদন মূল্যে, বৃশিণ এহেবের মাধ্যমে দরপত্র দলিল সংগ্রহ করতে হবে।
২২. দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার নাম ও পদবী	জনাব মোঃ আহম্মদ ইসলাম, যুগ্ম-সচিব ও পরিচালক (প্রশাসন), কারিগরি শিক্ষা অধিদপ্তর
২৩. দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার ঠিকানা	কারিগরি শিক্ষা অধিদপ্তর, এফ-৪/বি, আদারগাঁও, শেরে-বাংলা নগর, ঢাকা-১২০৭।
২৪. জনবল সরবরাহের ধরণ	দরপত্র দলিলে বর্ণিত যোগাযোগ ও অভিজ্ঞতা সম্পন্ন জনবল সরবরাহ করতে হবে।
২৫. সর্বাধিক কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন প্রকার কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে সফল বা যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা ব্যতিরেকে অন্যতম সংরক্ষণ করেন।	

(মোঃ আহম্মদ ইসলাম)
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