

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA H 30.2 L 20.6	CHITTAGONG H 29.8 L 19.9	SYLHET H 29.6 L 22.0	RAJSHAHI H 30.4 L 17.7	KHULNA H 30.7 L 20.6	BARISAL H 29.8 L 19.8	RANGPUR H 30.5 L 21.2	COX'S BAZAR H 30.0 L 23.5
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Weather is likely to remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm today. Night and day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, said Met Office, reports UNB. The sun sets in the capital today at 05:15pm and rises tomorrow at 06:10am.

Ferry gets stranded at shoal for 2hrs in Munshiganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

A ferry got stranded at a shoal for more than two hours in Munshiganj yesterday.

Two BIWTA salvage ships rescued the ferry, which remained stuck at Louhajang turning point in the Padma river, around 12:45pm.

Shipping Minister Shajahan Khan and some other ruling Awami League leaders were on board the ferry while they were on the way to Gopalganj.

Before resumption of the ferry service, they used speed boats to cross the river.

BIWTA officials said such incident has been occurring for around four months because of inadequate navigability.



A considerable number of law enforcers deployed outside BNP's Nayapaltan headquarters in the capital yesterday, when the party was barred by police from using Surawardy Udyan to stage a rally marking "National Revolution and Solidarity Day". Inset, BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir addresses a press conference at the headquarters.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

Two Mymensingh men denied bail in war crime case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday rejected the bail prayers of two Mymensingh men, who are accused in a case filed for allegedly committing crimes during the 1971 Liberation War.

Defence counsel Gazi MH Tamim moved the bail petitions for Suruj Ali Fakir and Abdur Rahim citing medical grounds.

But Prosecutor Abul Kalam opposed the petitions and the three-member tribunal led by Justice Anwarul Haque rejected the prayers.

Suruj and Rahim are among the six accused of the case from Muktagachha and Sadar upazila of Mymensingh.

Among the other accused, Abdus Salam, Joynuddin Faruki and Jalal Uddin are in jail while Shamsheer Fakir is on the run.

Investigation of the case started on May 17 and the investigation officer has already found their involvement in at least six incidents of mass killing and killing, according to the prosecution.

The IO, Ruhul Amin, said Abdus Salam was "involved with Al-Badr Bahini" while the rest with "Razakar Bahini" and "committed" the crimes.

Remain alert against plots to create instability

PM urges country's people

UNB, Tungipara

Urging people to remain alert about BNP-Jamaat clique's plot to create instability in the country, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday hoped that they will elect Awami League in the next general election to be held in 2019.

pledged-bound to ensure that peace and security, and we'll take necessary steps to this end."

She also asked the leaders and activists of Awami League and its associate bodies as well as the pro-liberation forces to continue their all-out efforts to maintain people's peace and security.

Meanwhile, Hasina paid tributes to Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman by placing a wreath at his mausoleum there at noon.

Flanked by cabinet members as well as newly-elected leaders of AL Advisory Council and AL Central Working Committee, Hasina laid another wreath at the grave of Bangabandhu as the party chief.

She later offered Fateha and joined a special munajat seeking the eternal peace of the departed soul of Bangabandhu and other martyrs of the August 15 carnage.

Sheikh Rehana, the younger daughter of Bangabandhu, also took part in the munajat. Then, they joined a milad and doa mahfil.



"Bangladesh is moving ahead and will continue to go ahead. People's support and cooperation is very much indispensable in this regard. I hope they'll again elect Awami League in the next general election as they did in 2008 and 2014 keeping up the development pace," she said.

Hasina, also the AL president, said this in her introductory remarks at the first joint meeting of the newly elected AL Advisory Council and AL Central Working Committee held in Tungipara in the afternoon.

Hasina went on saying, "A good resurgence has been created among people and no one wants terrorism and militancy anymore; rather they want peace. We're

Obituary

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Mir Muniruzzaman, a retired joint-secretary, died of liver ailments at Apollo Hospitals yesterday. He was 70.

He left behind his wife and only daughter, said a press release. He was buried in his family graveyard in Matlab of Comilla.

His qukhwan will be held after the Asr prayers on Friday at his residence in the capital's Moghbazar.

Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the first death anniversary of Begum Fazlatunnessa, a wife of freedom fighter and late naval officer AM Ataul Haque.

She died at a Dhaka hospital last year, aged 80.

On this occasion, her family members will organise a doa mahfil at West Raja Bazar Jame Mosque after the Juma prayers on Friday. All are requested to pray for her departed soul.

Strong navy to extract marine resources

Stresses president at Nat'l Standard Conferment Ceremony

UNB, Ctg

President Abdul Hamid yesterday said there is no alternative to building a strong, modern and dependable navy to protect and extract the marine resources.

He said this while speaking at the National Standard Conferment Ceremony to BNS Base Issa Khan in Chittagong.

Bangladesh has 710km coastal area and about three crore people are directly or indirectly dependent on the sea, he noted.

Besides, about 90 percent of the country's overseas trade is carried out through the sea, he added.

"It is essential to develop the sea area and ensure its security for the development of the national economy," he observed.

Earlier, Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Nizamuddin Ahmed welcomed the president when he reached the parade ground at BNS Base Issa Khan.

He was given a salute by a group of navy personnel.

Members of parliamentary standing committee on the Ministry of Defence, the chiefs of army and air force, and civil and military officials were present.



President Abdul Hamid awards National Standard to BNS Base Issa Khan of Bangladesh Navy in Chittagong yesterday.

Poorly maintained website tarnishes

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maintaining the site lacks necessary expertise.

A teacher of computer science and technology, preferring to be anonymous, said it is because the website is not updated that JU stands lower in the global ranking.

"Because of its poor ranking, foreign universities are less interested in collaborative work with our university," he added.

"An updated description online, including of research, helps ensure transparency," the teacher opined.

After visiting, it was found that the site (www.juniv.edu) still carries two outdated lists of previous syndicate and senate members and shows

the number of dormitories as 13, whereas the university does have 15 dormitories.

Also, many other sections including extracurricular activities, research and publications lie bare.

Expressing dissatisfaction over the poor maintenance, Robiul Islam, a second year student of Bangla, recently told The Daily Star that the website is one of the factors responsible for the university's degrading reputation since it brings no benefits to visitors.

The poorly designed, non-interactive site often provides misleading information, he added.

Moreover, it was found that only 28 out of 146 teachers of five depart-

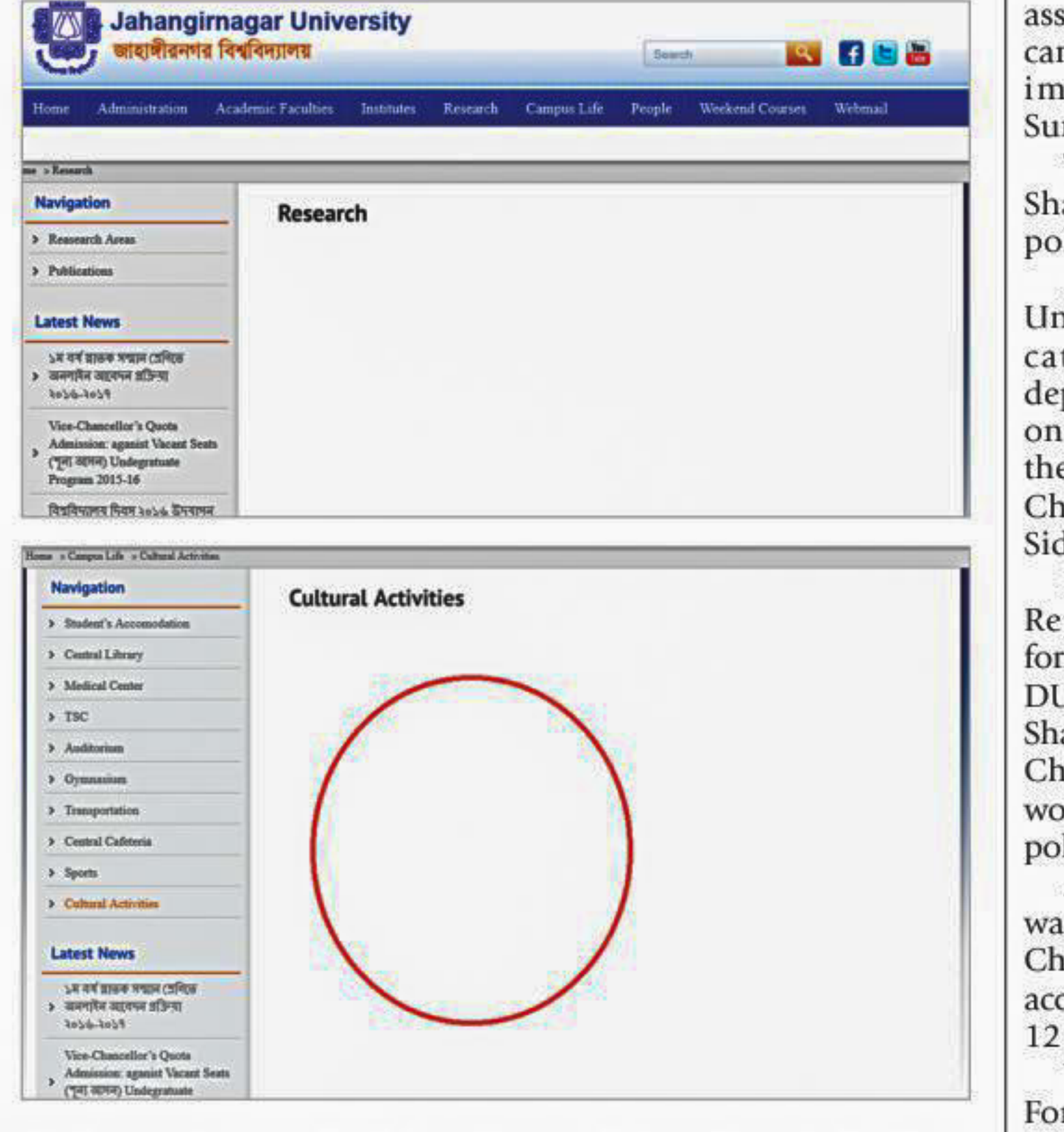
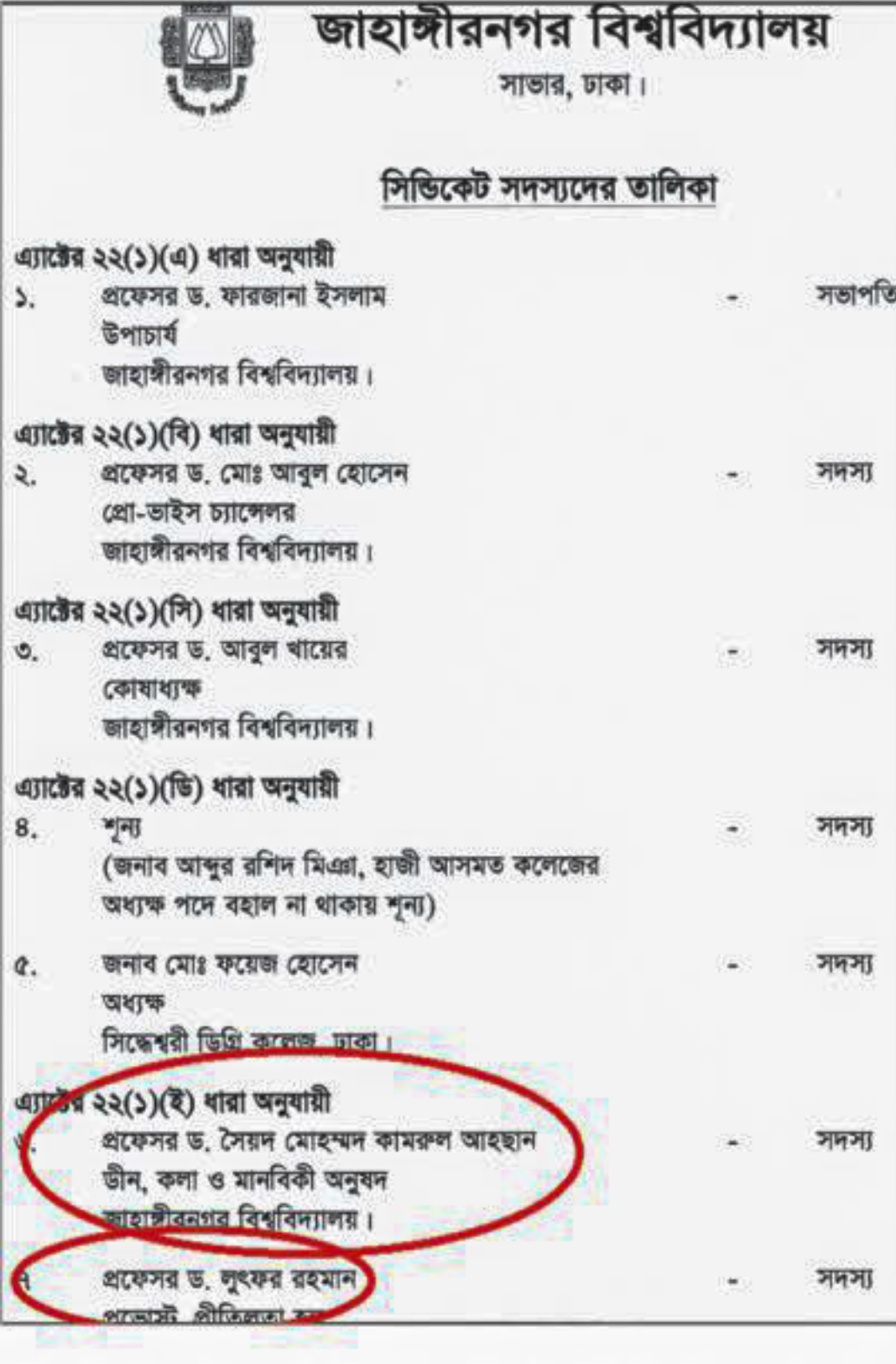
ments including computer science and engineering (CSE) updated their profiles.

Asked, IMC Director Sharif Uddin said they would shortly recruit an expert for modernising and monitoring the site.

"All the teachers were given ID and password. They can update their profiles on their own. But most of them do not bother to do this," added Sharif, a professor of CSE.

Admitting the poor maintenance, JU Treasurer Prof Abul Khair said to have sanctioned a project to update the site with useful information.

He also urged the teachers to update their respective profiles.



Clockwise from left, an outdated list of previous syndicate members on the Jahangirnagar University website. The pages of research and cultural activities seen carrying nothing.

SCREENSHOTS: COLLECTED FROM JU WEBSITE

Could not bring border killing to zero

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the chief of Indian Border Security Force (BSF) during their last DG-level talks over the matter. An appeal was sought in an Indian higher court against a verdict of BSF special court over the murder case.

Felani Khatun, 15, was shot dead by the BSF while she, along with her father,

was returning home from India through Anantapur border of Kurigram on January 7, 2011.

Maj Gen Aziz said he worked to enhance relationship with Myanmar and hoped that in future it will be like the existing relations between Bangladesh and India. Also, the recruitment of

female members in BGB for the first time during his tenure was an achievement, he said. A handout provided to reporters during the briefing said in last four year BGB seized illegal goods including narcotics worth over Tk 3,015 crore and arrested 1,577 persons in connection with smuggling.

Court accepts charges against ABT chief, 9 others

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Station in 2013, after they were arrested from Katashur area, for planning to gain control of a part of the country and conduct armed jihad (struggle).

Rahmani, the organisation's spiri-

tual leader, was arrested from Barguna the same year and was shown arrested in a case filed over the killing of blogger Ahmed Rajib Haider in February 2013.

On December 31 last year, Rahmani,

45, was found guilty of provoking Rajib's murder through his sermons and was sentenced to five years' imprisonment.

Detectives pressed charges against Rahmani and nine others in 2014.

ATTACK ON JOURNOS

Two detained in Chawkbazar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police on Monday detained two employees of a polythene factory in Dhaka's Chawkbazar for allegedly assaulting a reporter and a cameraperson and trying to immolate the reporter Sunday.

The detainees were Shaon, 24, and Ovi, 20, said police.

Meanwhile, Dhaka University mass communication and journalism department demonstrated on the campus protesting the incident, where Vice Chancellor AAMS Arefin Siddique was present.

Jamuna Television's Senior Reporter Shakil Hasan, former journalism student of DU, and its cameraperson Shahin Alam were attacked in Chawkbazar during their work on a feature on illegal polythene.

An attempted murder case was filed by Shakil with Chakbazar Police Station, accusing two named and 10-12 unnamed persons.

Yesterday, Law Reporters Forum demanded arrest and exemplary punishment for the attackers.

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