

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA
H 30.1 L 19.3

CHITTAGONG
H 29.9 L 20.4

SYLHET
H 30.3 L 20.6

RAJSHAHI
H 31.4 L 17.8

KHULNA
H 31.3 L 20.0

BARISAL
H 30.2 L 19.5

RANGPUR
H 31.6 L 19.0

COX'S BAZAR
H 30.8 L 21.5

Weather may 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, Met Office said, reports UNB. The sun sets in the capital today at 05:13pm and rises tomorrow at 06:13am.

PM flies to Morocco tomorrow to join COP-22

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is set to leave for Morocco on a three-day official visit tomorrow to attend two high-level segments of the Conference of the Parties (COP-22), officials said yesterday.

Foreign ministry officials said a VIP flight (BG-1019) of Biman Bangladesh Airlines carrying the premier and her entourage members will depart Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport here for Marrakech, a former imperial city in western Morocco, at 10:00am.

Hasina will deliver her statement at the high-level segments of COP22 on Tuesday when she is expected to highlight Bangladesh's position to address climate challenges and urge global leaders to intensify a campaign to advance the national and collective efforts to address this immense challenge.

She is scheduled to return home on Wednesday night.

COP-22, which began on November 7 and runs through November 18 in Bab Ighli of Marrakech, is the first such meeting since the historic adoption of the Paris Agreement at COP-21 in December last year.

Meanwhile, the premier will visit Hungary from November 28-30 to attend the Budapest Water Summit 2016. The Hungarian government in cooperation with the World Water Council will organise the three-day event.

The aim of the event is to promote in a very concrete manner the implementation of the sustainable development water goal and all related targets on water and sanitation and to achieve progress in the implementation of the water-related aspects of the Paris Climate Agreement.



A boundary wall erected by Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) in front of the house of former East Pakistan provincial governor Abdul Monem, who opposed Bangladesh's birth, in Banani. DNCC earlier demolished structures on 10 kathas of land "illegally" occupied by his family for over five decades. Inset, forming a human chain there, Ekkatorer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee and Muktijoddha Smrity Sanrakhan Kendra yesterday demand that a hospital be built on the recovered land for the freedom fighters and families of martyrs of the 1971 Liberation War.

PHOTOS: ANISUR RAHMAN

Two 'commit suicide' in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two people, including a teenage girl, allegedly committed suicide by hanging themselves in separate incidents in capital's Mirpur-10 yesterday.

Abdul Karim, 20, a bus helper, was found dead at his tin-roofed house near Wapda Colony.

Meanwhile, Shakila, 14, of the area was also found dead at her home. She was a class-five student of a Bihari Camp School.

Shakila's mother, Gouria, a garment worker, left home for work at 8:00am and found Shakila's hanging body after she came home for lunch.

Abu Syed, a sub-inspector of Pallabi Police Station, said both the deceased might have committed suicide.

Though, both the incidents occurred in the same area, police are yet to find any connection between them. The bodies were sent for autopsies, he added.

Ensure foolproof security of minorities: PM

UNB, Dhaka

Stressing the importance of maintaining communal harmony, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday directed all concerned to ensure the foolproof security of minority people.

"The security of minority people must be ensured... this is the duty of all," she said.

Hasina said this at a videoconference with officials, local representatives and people of different professions on development activities and the government's anti-terror and militancy drives in Rajshahi division from her official residence Gono Bhaban in the capital.

The conference was projected in 2,981 villages and upazilas of eight districts of the division.

The government does not want to see further attacks on the minorities, said Hasina, urging all to remain alert so that such incidents do not recur.

Mentioning that the country's law and order situation is now good, the premier urged all to help improve it further.

She said Bangladesh is a land of religious harmony where the people of all faiths live maintaining peace and performing their religious rituals freely. "And this is the message of all religions including Islam."



Issuing a stern warning against any terrorist act and attack in the name of movement, Hasina said a vested quarter is doing this only to tarnish the country's image...

Referring to the recent statements of BNP leaders, she said the BNP leaders "threatened to go for a tough movement" from November. "If their movement is like the previous one like killing and burning people, torching public and private properties, and attacking minorities, I will urge the people to remain alert this time too."

Hasina also said maintaining a peaceful atmosphere is a pre-requisite to development, and steering the country towards further progress is not possible without ensuring it.

She urged the imams of mosques to deliver Khutba (sermons) against militancy and terrorism to create a strong mass awareness.

The premier called upon teachers, guardians and working people to keep a strong vigil on their children and students so that they cannot indulge in drug addiction, militancy and terrorism.

Local lawmakers, political and religious leaders, school-teachers, farmers and beneficiaries of various benevolent programmes of the government took part in the interaction with the prime minister.

Bakalia access road in Ctg to see the light of day

SHAHADAT HOSSAIN, Ctg

The Bakalia access road of Chittagong, recommended in the city's master plan formulated in 1995, is finally going to see the light of day.

The Chittagong Development Authority (CDA) is going to begin construction of the four-lane road from the beginning of next year.

The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecnc) approved the "Construction of road from Siraj-ud-Doula to Shah Amanat Bridge connecting road" project on September 6, said CDA sources.

The estimated cost is about Tk 206 crore, and the implementation period of the 1.5km and 60-feet wide road is between January 2017 and June 2019, they added.

Hopefully, the construction work will start from February 2017, said Ahmed Mainuddin, CDA executive engineer and also the project director. The government will provide the project cost, he said.

Once it is implemented, residents of greater Bakalia and South Chittagong will be

able to reach the central part of the city within a very short time, said CDA Chairman Abdus Salam. "Now people have to travel about eight to 10km to go there," he said.

The road will also play a significant role in reducing gridlock, he said, and hoped that the project will be completed within the stipulated time.

He, however, said due to a lack of initiatives the road could not be constructed so far.

"It requires about an hour to reach Shah Amanat Bridge from Bakalia," said AKM Jafrul Islam, ward councillor of Pashchim Bakalia (ward-17), adding that the bridge is a vital exit and entry point for the people of South Chittagong, Cox's Bazar and Bandarban.

But after the road's construction, people of Bakalia can reach the bridge within 10 to 15 minutes, he said. "For that, not only residents' sufferings will reduce, the area will also develop."

But construction of an overpass in every intersection of the road is a must to maximise its benefits, he added.



Contestants and guests at the regional round of the fourth session of culinary competition "Rupchanda-The Daily Star Super Chef-2017" at Godhuli Auditorium of TMSS Mohila Market in Bogra yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Barisal, Bogra round culinary contest held

In Khulna tomorrow

CITY DESK

The regional rounds of the fourth session of the country's biggest culinary contest "Rupchanda-The Daily Star Super Chef-2017" were held in Barisal and Bogra yesterday.

In Barisal city, Rajanigandha Community Centre hosted the event attended by 59 aspiring chefs. Of them, 14 made it past a written test and participated in a cook off, reports our correspondent.

Later, Armin Sultana Jui, first runner-up of Super Chef 2014, and Jebun Nessa, first runner-up of 2015, selected two contestants after judging their food.

Faisal Mahmud, marketing manager of Bangladesh Edible Oil Limited (BEOL), attended the event.

Bogra too saw a good turnout of 56 people taking part in the round held in the Godhuli auditorium of TMSS Mohila Market in the town, adds our Bogra correspondent.

Fourteen of them qualified a similar written test and participated in a cooking contest.

Rafia Ahmed, who bagged Super Chef championship this year, and Nasrin Hossain, second runner-up of Super Chef-2014, selected Rajshahi's Ferdous Ara Tuin, now living in Bogra, and Chandan Kumar Roy of Bogra for the final round.

Deputy Manager of Marketing Access Providers Limited Sharafatur Rahman Irak conducted the event attended by BEOL Territory Manager (Bogra) Md Abdul Halim.

All the four selected were given aprons for participating in the final round to be held in the capital.

The Rajshahi and Faridpur regional rounds were held on Thursday, and the Khulna one will be held tomorrow.

Road crashes

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and Amir Kha, 48, of Chotoghigati village in the upazila.

In Tangail, two people were killed as a stone-laden truck rammed their motorcycle on Dhaka-Tangail highway in Deohata area of Mirzapur upazila.

The deceased were Abdus Salam, 30, and Arif Hossain, 32, of Khudirampur area in Tangail Sadar.

In Manikganj, Kabir Hossain, 40, of Boro Hathkora was killed after his motorcycle hit an electric pole beside Dhaka-Aricha highway as he lost his control over his vehicle in Tepra area of Shivalaya upazila.

Kabir was a teacher of Singjuri High School in Chior upazila.

In Pirojpur Sadar, four motorcycle cyclists including a police official were injured as two motorcycles collided head-on in Ghanosha area on Pirojpur-Nazirpur road.

Of the injured, Enamul Haque, 40, sub-inspector of Pirojpur Sadar Police Station, was returning to his work station from Pachpara police outpost in the upazila.

Felling trees to beautify campus?

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Around six to seven Mehgani and Eucalyptus trees were allegedly felled yesterday at Barisal Government BM College in the name of beautification.

Students alleged that the trees were felled before the academic building. The workers said they were cutting trees as per directives of the college authorities, they added.

Contacted, SM Emanul Hakim, principal of the college, said, "We felled only one eucalyptus tree to create some open space for the students and beautify the area by building a courtyard."

"How can you beautify a campus by felling trees?" asked a student.

Print media future lies in satisfying

FROM PAGE 3

Diplomatic Editor of The Helsingin Sanomat of Finland, Kari Huhta said there exists good demand for quality journalism and readers do expect that both from traditional media as well as from the new media.

BBC Scotland's Managing Editor for the Northeast and Northern Isles Sandy Bremner said the British Broadcasting Corporation put in efforts to provide readers with good in-depth analysis of stories in its digital platforms.

Some of the discussants spoke about the challenges of revenue earnings from dwindling print editions and the competition from emerging online editions while others called for introspection against the backdrop of media predictions gone wrong in the just concluded US presidential election.

Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) President Monjurul Ahsan Bulbul emphasised on staying in touch with the pulse of the common people.

Ananda Bazar Patrika Assistant Editor Swati Bhattacharjee said, "Actually we cater what we can but we need to do more, need

to know special interests of diverse groups within the society."

The Ittefaq Editor Tasmima Hossain expressed concern at print losing revenue as people are accessing news almost for free from digital portals. The Bhorer Kagoj Editor Shyamal Dutt also noted that advertisement revenues are increasingly shifting from the print towards television and online portals.

The Dhaka Tribune Editor Zafar Sobhan observed that the US election has laid bare many a challenge the media industry is facing these days while the editor of The News Today, Reazuddin Ahmed, also referred to the just held polls in the US to drive home his point of restoring public trust in media.

Prothom Alo Editor Matiuur Rahman expressed his gratitude to all the foreign participants for taking the trouble of travelling from various parts of the world and making the paper's 18th year of celebrations especially memorable.

The Daily Star Editor Mahfuz Anam said the new media has emerged as the public's first source of news and broadcast media as the "second port of call". The print editions

of newspapers now can better cater to the readers' thirst for news analysis, investigative reports or in-depth reporting.

Those who spoke at the dialogue include International Press Institute Executive Director Barbara Trionfi, Editor of the Shillong Times of India Patricia Mary Mukhim, Group Editor of the Dainik Bhaskar of India Prakash Dubey and Editor-in-Chief of Nepali daily the Kantipur Sudheer Sharma.

Other include Editor of the Amader Orthoneti Nayeemul Islam Khan, journalist Khaled Muhiuddin, Jatiya Press Club General Secretary Qamrul Islam Chowdhury, Associated Press journalist Bemat Armanque, AFP Bureau Chief Shafiq Alam and Reuters Bureau Chief Serajul Islam Qadir.

Journalist and journalism teacher Samia Rahman, Editor of the Dainik Azadi MA Malek, Indian journalist Jyoti Malhotra, Editor of the Dainik Samayik Prasanga of Assam Taimur Raja Chowdhury and Editor of Bhutanese newspaper the Kuensel Rinzin Wangchuk also spoke at the dialogue.

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