

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA H 30.6 L 21.5	CHITTAGONG H 30.6 L 20.8	SYLHET H 30.5 L 20.3	RAJSHAHI H 30.4 L 17.6	KHULNA H 30.8 L 20.4	BARISAL H 30.5 L 19.7	RANGPUR H 30.3 L 17.3	COX'S BAZAR H 30.4 L 20.8
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Night temperature may fall slightly and day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, reports UNB. The sun sets in the capital today at 05:12pm and rises tomorrow at 6:14am. Country's highest temperature 31.7 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Chandpur and lowest 14.2 in Tentulia.

Probe against new Jamaat ameer sees progress: ICT agency

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal's investigation agency yesterday claimed to have made progress during preliminary investigations into allegations that the new Jamaat-e-Islami ameer elected last month, Maqbul Ahmad, was involved in war-time crimes.

"The preliminary investigation is yet to end...If we find sufficient evidence...we will surely file a case," the agency's coordinator Abdul Hannan Khan told a press conference at its Dhanmondi office.

The journalists were called to inform of the unearthing of five incidents of crimes allegedly committed by three Moulvibazar men during the 1971 Liberation War.

"According to our information and evidence, it is clear that Maqbul was a Razakar. But we have no specific allegation," said Hannan.

The probe was initiated a few days after Maqbul was elected. Hannan said it was launched following a recent report of an online news portal containing two specific allegations against Maqbul.

An agency team already visited Feni, Maqbul's home town, and found out about the killing of 11 people, said Hannan. He declined giving details "for the sake of investigations".

Maqbul served as an acting ameer of the anti-liberation party for six years.

The agency's co-coordinator, Sanaul Huq, said there was no relation between the probe launch and Maqbul being

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Lake View Clinic, adjacent to a Gulshan cafe which was attacked by militants on July 1, undergoing renovations after being closed down for security reasons. The photo was taken yesterday.

Vested group brought Santals to mill land Industries ministry top official tells press

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A vested group, who wanted to grab government land, had brought Santals and outsiders to the farming area of the sugar mill in Gaibandha's Gobindaganj upazila and started building a temporary settlement there since July this year, a top official of the industries ministry said yesterday.

Md Mosharrar Hossain Bhuiyan, senior secretary of the ministry, said the vested quarter was not identified yet. "Government agencies are working to identify that section."

The official was addressing a press briefing at his ministry, more than a week after two Santals men were killed and 25 people, including nine policemen, injured in a clash in the sugar mill area, between the ethnic minority community and the mill workers. The clash broke out when police went there to evict the Santals.

During the November 6 clash, the houses of the Santals were burnt.

While the ethnic minority community claims that the sugar mill land was owned by their ancestors, the government called them illegal occupants. In 1950s, the then government acquired 1,842.3 acres of land, which was predominantly populated by the ethnic minority community, to set up Rangpur Sugar Mills.

The land was acquired on condition that the land would be restored to its previous state if any other crops except sugarcane was cultivated there.

Bhuiyan said the Santals claimed that the land belonged to their predecessors, but they did not have any document. The government has not decided to close down the

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Dhaka, Delhi trying hard to boost trade

Indian envoy tells RCCI discussion CITY DESK

Bangladesh and India are trying hard to boost trade and find a solution to the issue of sharing Teesta's water, said Indian High Commissioner Harsh Vardhan Shringla.

He was addressing as the chief guest a discussion organised by the Rangpur Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) at its auditorium on Sunday evening, reports our Dinajpur correspondent from Rangpur.

RCCI President Abul Kashem highlighted issues including visa complications, hassles over export of goods and a shortage of land ports infrastructures.

"...we want a bit more from our brothers about Teesta issue," said Rangpur City Corporation Mayor Shorfuiddin Ahmed Jhantu. He also termed recent attacks on Hindus and Santals in Nasirnagar and Gobindaganj isolated incidents.

Harsh thanked the discussants for

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Pro-AL leader shot dead just after drug complaint

STAR REPORT

Assailants shot and hacked to death a union level leader of Sainik League in broad daylight in Rupganj upazila of Narayanganj yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Tara Mia, 35, president of Murapara union unit of Sainik League, a pro-Awami League organisation.

He succumbed to his injuries at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) around 3:15pm, police and family members said.

In protest against the murder, his followers and locals held a rally at Murapara demanding immediate arrest and exemplary punishment of the culprits, reports A correspondent in Narayanganj.

The victim's brother Suman said Tara went to the office of Rupganj upazila Chairman Tofazzal Hossain at noon where he made a written complaint against 14 to 16 drug peddlers.

When he came out of the office, the drug peddlers including Chunnu, Ripon, Billal and Munshi hacked Tara in the head with sharp weapons and shot him, Suman alleged.

Critically injured, Tara was rushed to DMCH where he died later, he added.

The deceased was a witness in a case filed for murder of a relative several months ago, his sister Masuda Begum told The Daily Star over phone.

The accused of the murder case might have been involved in the killing, she alleged.

She further said her brother was involved in Sainik League but had no enmity with anyone.

Sub-inspector Bachchu Mia of DMCH police outpost said the victim was brought to the hospital around 1:00pm.

He was shot in his abdomen once, said the SI, adding that the body was sent to Dhaka Medical College morgue for autopsy.

JS goes into 13th session Dec 4

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 10th parliament will go into its 13th session on December 4.

President Abdul Hamid convened the session, said a Parliament Secretariat press release yesterday.

Before the House goes into the session at 4:00pm on that day, its business advisory committee will sit in a meeting with Speaker Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury in the chair to fix duration and businesses of the session.

The Jatiya Sangsad went into its 12th session on September 25 after a 59-day recess.

BCL LEADER'S DEATH IN 'CROSSFIRE' Probe finds killing charge against 3 Rab men 'false'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In a judicial probe, a metropolitan magistrate found the charges brought against three Rab men for killing Hazaribagh unit Chhatra League president Arju Mia to be false.

Metropolitan Magistrate Pranab Kumar Hui accepted the probe report yesterday, rejecting the complainant's petition seeking time to file a no confidence petition against it.

Earlier, Metropolitan Magistrate SM Masud Zaman, who conducted the inquiry, recorded statements of four witnesses including the complainant, Arzu's brother Masud Mia. He submitted the report to the chief metropolitan magistrate on November 6, stating that the charges are not proved in the investigation.

Arzu was killed on August 18 last year in

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Rear Admiral Liu Zizhu of behalf of the Chinese government hands over two submarines to Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Mohammad Nizamuddin Ahmed of Bangladesh at Liaonan shipyard in Dalian state, China yesterday.

Liberation War e-archive launched

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

From now on rare documents on the 1971 Liberation War can be downloaded free of charge from an e-archive that was launched yesterday.

The archive named "Muktijuddho E-Archive" was launched by Muktijuddho E-Archive Trust, a digital public library and archive research organisation for the war, in a programme held at the capital's Jatiya Press Club.

The website (liberationwarbangladesh) has eight categories for books, newspapers, audios, videos and photos related to the war.

As no registration is required to get access to the documents, anyone can download them.

Imran H Sarker, spokesperson of faction of Gonojagoron Manch, and Dr Nuzhat Chowdhury, daughter of martyred intellectual Dr Alim Chowdhury, were present in the programme, among others.

Since its inception in 2007 with the name "Bangladesh Muktijuddho Pathagar O Gobesona Kendra" the E-Archive Trust has been collecting documents from different sources.

In March this year, the organisation was renamed "Muktijuddho E-Archive Trust".

Culinary contest reaches Khulna, Dinajpur

CITY DESK

As in other districts, the Khulna and Dinajpur regional rounds of the fourth session of culinary contest "Rupchada-The Daily Star Super Chef 2017" saw a fierce competition yesterday.

Around 80 competitors thronged Khulna Club that hosted the event. Of them, 21 were shortlisted through a written test, who later took part in a cook off, reports a correspondent in Khulna.

After judging the food prepared by them, two judges -- Jebunnessa Khan Ziba, first runner-up of Super Chef contest 2015, and Armin Sultana Jui, first runner-up of 2014, selected three of the 21 for the final round to be held in the capital.

The trio are Farhana Haq, a teacher of Moshir Rahman Degree College in Jessore, Sheratun Noor Jyoti, a third year student of computer science and engineering at North Western University in



Contestants of the Dinajpur round with a guest

Khulna, and Nadia Natasha, a house wife.

Shoheb Md Asaduzzaman, the head of sales and marketing of Bangladesh Edible Oil Ltd, and SM Eftekarul Islam, senior manager of Market Access Providers Ltd, were also present.

Similarly, Dinajpur Parjatan Motel in the district town was abuzz with 110 participants appearing for a written test. Of them, 14 were selected for a cooking contest.

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