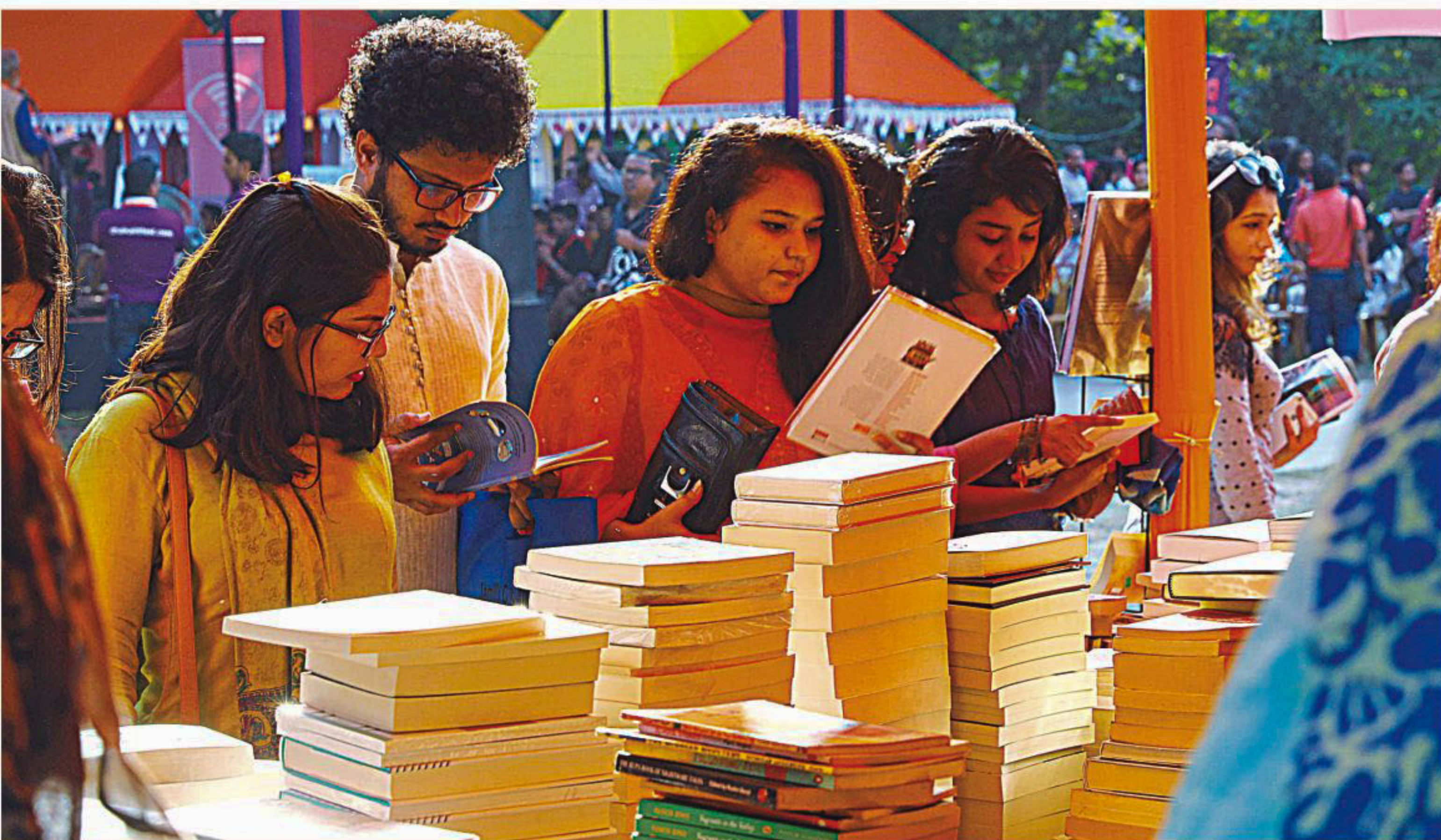


WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAH	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 29.9 L 18.0	H 29.2 L 19.0	H 19.3 L 15.7	H 29.5 L 14.0	H 29.5 L 16.5	H 29.3 L 15.9	H 28.7 L 16.5	H 30.0 L 21.2

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, Met Office said, reports UNB. The sun sets in the capital today at 05:11pm and rises tomorrow at 06:18am.



Visitors go through books seeking ones in sync with their palates at the sixth edition of Dhaka Lit Fest at Bangla Academy in the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

State mechanism curbs freedom of expression

S Asian journos, authors tell lit fest

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prominent journalists and authors from different Asian countries yesterday at a literary session came up with the view that state mechanism has been curbing freedom of expression while individuals are suffering for maintaining ideas to remain independent and using words against the powerful.

They said that when at one end social media has been monitored and individuals have to undergo surveillance, people also received threats from fanatic groups for their critical views.

They added that media in different nations were forced to undergo self-censorship due to hard stance of religious fanatics and ultra-populists.

The literary session "Words under Siege" was part of Dhaka Literary Festival (DLF) 2016 that ended yesterday at the capital's Bangla Academy.

Shapan Adnan, a Bangladeshi sociology teacher, viewed that while literary writings are the centrepiece of censorship and pressures, non-literary writings that deal with social and political discourses are also being constrained. "These are the limitations to freedom of speech," he added.

The word "siege" has different connotation and can be

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Dhaka's Patrick turns cardinal

AFP, Vatican City

Archbishop of Dhaka Patrick D'Rozario yesterday became the first Bangladeshi to be formally inducted into the Roman Catholic Church's College of Cardinals, a 120-member elite body which advises and elects popes.

Dressed in red robes, he along with 16 others from around the globe pledged their allegiance kneeling before Pope Francis at a solemn ceremony.

The pope gave each a three-cornered red hat, symbolising "your readiness to act with courage, even to the shedding of your blood", and a gold ring of

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BNP tries to woo Taimur into joining NCC polls

RASHIDUL HASAN

BNP is finding it difficult to pick a suitable mayor candidate for the Narayanganj City Corporation (NCC) election as the most prospective one, Taimur Alam Khondaker, expressed unwillingness to participate, said party insiders.

The Awami League (AL) is in a better position having already fixed its candidate, Selina Hayat Ivy, the present mayor of NCC.

A day after BNP announced to participate in the election, Chairperson Khaleda Zia on Friday

night held a meeting with top leaders of Narayanganj at her Gulshan office in the capital.

Amidst the presence of BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir and other senior leaders, Taimur explained that his decision was based on the ruling AL and Election Commission's (EC) past record.

"I have clearly told madam that I do not want to contest the polls under present circumstances," Taimur, president of Narayanganj district BNP, told The Daily Star.

"I have told her that in the previous local

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FORMING EC Suggestions basis for nat'l election

Tweets Khaleda

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Amidst criticisms from the ruling Awami League (AL) over her proposals on forming the Election Commission (EC), BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday said her suggestions "might be the basis of talks" on how to hold the national election.

Meanwhile, BNP said Khaleda's proposals were not the ultimate ones and urged the AL to sit for talks and find a proposal acceptable to all.

In a twitter message, Khaleda said, "I've presented a plan for an effective EC. For truly fair polls talks on this basis can be initiated. The govt can also use this option."

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