

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 28.5 L 17.6	H 28.2 L 19.0	H 28.6 L 16.3	H 29.0 L 14.8	H 29.5 L 17.0	H 29.2 L 16.8	H 28.8 L 15.5	H 28.6 L 18.5

Night and day temperatures may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:11pm and rises tomorrow at 6:20am, reports UNB. Country's highest temperature 31.1 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Bogra and lowest 12.4 in Tentulia.

Dutch envoy's stolen handbag yet to be found

DU CORRESPONDENT

Police could not recover till last night the handbag of the Netherlands' ambassador stolen the day before during a programme at Dhaka University's fine arts faculty.

The bag of Leoni Margaretha Cuelenaer contained valuables and documents including an iPad, an iPhone, and bank documents.

It was stolen from the chair she was seated before inaugurating the 4th founding anniversary of photography organisation Counter Foto.

"She is very upset after losing the bag," said Khairul Huq Tutul, coordinator of Counter Foto's programme.

A case was filed with Shahbagh Police Station on Monday night.

Officer-in-Charge of the station Abu Bakar Siddique said, "We are trying our

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Maja Daruwala, senior adviser and board member of Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI), addresses the launching of a report, "Rough Roads to Equality: Women Police in Bangladesh", at a roundtable of CHRI and Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) in the capital's Cirdap auditorium yesterday. On her left is MJF Executive Director Shaheen Anam.

PHOTO: STAR

Five 'JMB, ABT members' arrested in Dhaka, N'ganj

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law enforcement agencies arrested five members of banned militant outfits JMB and Ansarullah Bangla Team (ABT) in the capital and Narayanganj on Monday night.

Three JMB men -- Rashedur Rahman alias Suman, 24, Shahidul Islam alias Shipon, 23 and Babu Hawlader, 28 -- were arrested in Kajla area of the capital's Jatrabari by the Counter Terrorism Unit of Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

The unit officials seized 10 kilogrammes of explosives and other bomb making materials from their possession, said Masudur Rahman, deputy commissioner (media) of DMP.

Members of the mainstream JMB, the trio stored the explosives to use in robbery.

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WOMEN POLICE IN BANGLADESH Significant rise in number, but challenges still there

Reveals report of Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Recruitment of women into the Bangladesh Police has increased significantly in the last one decade, but still they are facing a number of challenges in the profession compared to their male colleagues, reveals a survey.

According to the survey report, there were 8,827 women police serving all over the country in 2015, which was 6.03 percent of the total police workforce of 1.55 lakh. It was only one percent of the total number in 2007 and 4.63 percent in 2013.

The report, "Rough Roads to Equality: Women Police in Bangladesh", said they did not face any obstacle from their families during recruitment but they faced hurdles in the workplace.

A significant number of women expressed dissatisfaction over maintaining both professional and family responsibilities as they found it hard to work extra hours, sometimes over 12 hours a day, which they think can be solved by fixing the shifting hours properly.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND DEMANDS

- More recruitment of women
- More women in higher ranks
- Zero tolerance against sexual harassment
- 10pc quota at officers (cadre) level
- Women's toilet at all police stations
- Day-care centre at every station
- Same work station for husband, wife

The report, by Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI), was launched at a roundtable of CHRI and Manusher Jonno Foundation in the capital's Cirdap auditorium yesterday.

There are only one additional inspector general, two deputy inspector generals and two additional DIGs and 19 superintendents in the force, says the

report.

As many as 227 female police personnel of four ranks -- inspectors, sub-inspectors, assistant sub-inspectors, and constables -- took part in the survey at three divisional ranges of Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet between 2013 and 2015.

A few from Khulna, Rajshahi and Rangpur ranges also took part in the survey.

Many feel equal to their male colleagues while serving as a police official, but they said they did not want limit themselves to administrative tasks, they wanted to take challenging tasks as well.

For example, female police think that they were not given important cases to investigate.

They also think they do not get proper behaviour from their subordinates while their seniors behave well with them.

A few number of sub-inspectors, assistant sub-inspectors, and constables complained of sexual harassment

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WAR CRIMES Decision on charge framing against two Mymensingh men Dec 11

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday fixed December 11 to decide whether it will frame charges against two Mymensingh men for allegedly committing crimes during the 1971 Liberation War.

The three-member tribunal led by Justice Anwarul Haque fixed the date after the prosecution and the defence counsels placed their submission on charges.

Accused Riaz Uddin Fakir, 65, son of Nayeb Ali Fakir of Bhalukjan village, is in jail while Wajuddin, 70, son of Joyal Abedin of Bidyananda village under Phulbaria upazila, on the run.

The prosecution pressed five charges against the accused on March 23 and the tribunal took the

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NEWS IN brief

Ctg land office staffer held for bribery

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday arrested a land office staff while he was taking bribe in Chittagong.

Sanjib Kumar Dey, an office assistant of Chittagong Land Office (Agrabad circle), was held red handed at his Sholoshahar office while he was taking Tk 10,000 as bribe, said Deputy Director Mosharaf Hasan Mridha of ACC Chittagong office.

ACC sources said Sanjib was taking the money following his demand of Tk 20,000 from an expatriate for mutation of a piece of land. A case was filed with Panchlsh Police Station.

SCBA, CPB urge Myanmar to ensure Rohingyas' rights

CITY DESK

Holding a press conference, Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) yesterday called upon the world community to stand by the oppressed Rohingyas of Myanmar and urged the country's government to stop repressing them, reports our staff correspondent.

SCBA leaders will also form a human chain today on its premises.

Protesting the attacks, the Communist Party of Bangladesh too in a statement urged the Myanmar government to ensure the Rohingyas' rights.

Army, air force honour heroes of '71

UNB, Dhaka

Freedom fighters of the Bangladesh Army and Air Force and their descendants were accorded separate receptions yesterday.

Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal Abu Esrar arranged the felicitation ceremonies for the forces' freedom fighters holding gallantry awards and their descendants, marking Armed Forces Day-2016.

Abu Esrar exchanged greetings and handed over souvenirs to 37 such freedom fighters of Bangladesh Army that included three Bir Shreshthas, five Bir Uttams, seven Bir Bikrams and 22 Bir Protiks at Sena Malancha of Dhaka Cantonment, says an ISPR media release.

In another programme, Air Chief Marshal Abu Esrar exchanged greetings and handed over the souvenirs/cheques.

DU Rover Scout Group to celebrate golden jubilee on December 9

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University Rover Scout Group is going to celebrate its golden jubilee to mark its 50th anniversary on December 9 at Teacher-Student Center (TSC) of DU.

Former and present rovers of DU, rover scout leaders and distinguished guests of various institutions will attend the programme.

Present and former rovers can register from the booth of rover scout at TSC or contact on these numbers 01717093789, 01521560665.

JU BCL beats up journo again

JU CORRESPONDENT

A group of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) men of Jahangirnagar University yesterday assaulted a campus-based reporter for videotaping the beating of an outsider.

Muhammad Musa is the JU correspondent of the Daily Kalbela and a third year student of economics. He was rescued by general students and journalists, from the BCL group led by JU unit general secretary Razib Ahmed Rassel and organising secretary Murshidur Rahman Akanda.

Musa was videotaping the beating of one Fazle Rabbi, an outsider who was

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Oblivious of the dangers involved, workers of Dhaka North City Corporation get on with another day's work, getting down inside a sewer to clear it of a clog using their bare hands and feet and pieces of bamboo at Mohammadpur Madrasa Road in the capital. The photo was taken on Monday around 11:00am.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

APPOINTING SC JUDGES HC postpones its order on president's power

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday adjourned passing an order on the writ petition that challenged legality of constitutional provisions allowing the president to appoint Supreme Court judges and control lower court judges' promotions and postings.

The HC bench of Justice Quazi Reza-Ul Hoque and Justice Mohammad Ullah passed the adjournment order, saying that this court would examine more statements of the petition as they were involved with constitutional issues.

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Two indicted in arms case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chittagong court yesterday farmed charges against two persons in a case filed over the recovery of arms used in the murder of Mahmuda Khanam Mitu, wife of former superintendent of police (SP) Babul Akter, in June this year.

The two -- Ehteshamul Haque Bhola and Monir Hossain -- are now in jail, said court sources.

Judge Md Shahenur of Chittagong Metropolitan Sessions Judge Court framed the charges against them and fixed January 18 next year for recording witnesses' depositions, said Public Prosecutor Advocate Fakruddin Chowdhury.

On June 5, bike riding assailants waylaid and stabbed dead Mitu on OR Nizam Road near GEC intersection in the port city when she was going to put her son on his school bus.

Raiding Rajakhali area under Bakalia Police Station, Detective Branch (DB) of Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) on June 27 arrested Ehteshamul and his associate Monir from their respective residences along with two guns used in the killing, said detectives.

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MITU MURDER

Anti-Rampal activists vow to defy cops

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Anti-Rampal power plant activists yesterday vowed to hold rallies on spots where they face barriers by law enforcers during their "Dhaka march" programme tomorrow.

Prof Anu Muhammad, member secretary of the National Committee to Protect Oil, Gas, Mineral Resources, Power and Ports, came up with this announcement at a press conference at the capital's Mukti Bhawan for announcing the National Committee's preparations for the programme.

He said they would hold a rally on Saturday at

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ATTACK ON SANTALS Why action won't be taken: HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a rule asking the authorities concerned to explain in two weeks as to why they should not be directed to take legal action against those responsible for looting, firing bullets on Santal people and torching their houses in the name of eviction in Gaibandha's Gobindaganj on November 6.

The court also asked the respondents to show cause as to why such activities in the name of eviction should not be declared illegal.

Secretaries to the ministries of home, law, industries and land, inspector general of police, deputy commissioner and superintendent of police of Gaibandha, upazila nirbahi officer of Gobindaganj, officer-in-charge of Gobindaganj Police Station, managing director of Rangpur Sugar Mill,

Give machine readable passport to BNP's Rizvi

HC orders passport dept DG

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the director general of the Department of Immigration and Passport to give a machine readable passport (MRP) to BNP leader Rizvi Ahmed.

The DG of the Department of Immigration and Passport has been asked to issue the MRP to Rizvi in seven days after receiving the HC order.

The HC bench of Justice Quamrul Islam Siddique and Justice Sheikh Hassan Arif came up with the order following a writ petition filed by Rizvi.

Rizvi submitted an application on December 10 last year to the DG of the passport department for an MRP but the authorities did not grant his application.

Later on, he submitted the writ petition to the HC seeking its directive in this regard.

DRAFT VERDICT LEAK HC orders SQ Chy's wife, son to surrender

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday ordered executed war criminal Salauddin Quader Chowdhury's wife and son to surrender to a lower court in six weeks centring a case filed for leaking the war crimes tribunal's draft verdict on him in 2013.

Issuing a suomoto rule, the HC, however, asked the court to afterwards grant bail to Farhat Quader Chowdhury and Hummam Quader Chowdhury.

The HC asked the government authorities concerned to explain in four weeks why the duo's acquittal should not be cancelled and why they should not be given suitable punishment.

The bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice JBM Hassan also sought the case documents.

The developments came during hearing of an appeal filed by Salauddin's manager Mahbulul Ahsan against the court verdict jailing him for seven years.

The bench found some inconsistency in the verdict containing different

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