

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DKHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 28.5 L 18.6	H 29.2 L 18.0	H 29.2 L 18.0	H 29.8 L 15.5	H 29.2 L 18.2	H 29.0 L 18.2	H 29.2 L 16.3	H 28.2 L 17.8

Light fog is likely at places over the river basins during early morning, reports UNB. Night and day temperatures may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said. **The sun sets in the capital today at 5:10pm and rises tomorrow at 6:23am.** Country's highest temperature 30.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Tarash and lowest 13.4 in Tentulia.

Explosives case against 3 JMB men Prosecution challenges final report of cops

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cig

Seeking further investigation in an explosive case filed against three Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) men, prosecutors yesterday filed a no-confidence petition with a Chittagong court challenging police's final probe report.

The court fixed January 8 to hear it, said Public Prosecutor advocate Fakruddin Chowdhury.

On October 6, 2015, detectives arrested JMB leader Toufiqul Islam alias Javed along with ammunition from Chittagong city's Karnaphuli area.

Javed was killed in a grenade explosion the next day when police took him to Bayezid area to search for ammunition. An

explosives case was later filed with Bayezid police.

Three JMB suspects -- Naimur Rahman Nayan, Faisal Mahmud and Shawkat Russell -- were placed on remand on being arrested in the city on December 26, 2015.

On March 31, Sub-inspector (SI) Firoz Alam of detective branch submitted the final report exempting the trio, saying their addresses and identities could not be found.

The petition stated that Firoz, the investigation officer, in the report submitted to court on January 8, mentioned that there was evidence that the trio assisted JMB regional leader Fardin in organising JMB.

However, the three were exempted, which is unacceptable, it added.



A policy dialogue on "Impact of Gender based Violence on Bangladesh's Development" jointly organised by The Daily Star and UNFPA in the capital's The Daily Star Centre yesterday.

2 girls 'raped', 'molested'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two minor girls were allegedly raped and molested in the capital's Bangshal and Mugda yesterday.

They were admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

The 11-year-old of Bangshal was raped by her tutor's son when she went to their residence at Kashiatali in the old part of the city in the evening.

As the tutor was not home, her son, Nayeem, 22, raped her, said the victim's mother.

An investigation is underway, said Noor-e-Alam Siddique, OC of Bangshal Police Station.

In Manda, a 15-year old boy allegedly sexually assaulted a four-year-old girl, said the victim's father.

She was playing in front of their three-storey building, he said. "Suddenly, her mother heard a scream from a vacant room of the building. She saw her coming out crying and saying that the landlord's son molested her."

The boy has been detained, said OC Enamul Haque of Mugda Police Station.

Sohel gets bail for six months in eight violence cases

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday granted bail to BNP leader Habib-un-Nabi Khan Sohel for six months in eight violence cases.

The bench of Justice AKM Abdul Hakim and Justice Bhabani Prasad Singha gave the orders after hearing eight petitions filed by Sohel seeking bail in the cases.

Sohel's lawyer Zahirul Islam Suman told The Daily Star that his client will not walk out of jail following the HC orders, as he was arrested in several other cases.

The cases were filed against Sohel, a joint secretary general of BNP and president of Jatiyatabadi Swachhchasebak Dal, with different police stations in the capital during the BNP-led 20-party alliance's anti-government movement in 2015, he added.

DRAFT LAW ON PREVENTING CHILD MARRIAGE Demand rings louder for scrapping special provision

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Different organisations yesterday protested the cabinet's approval of the draft of the "Child Marriage Prevention Act 2016" fixing minimum age for girls' marriage at 18 years and incorporating a provision for special marriage.

The provision in the draft says girls under 18 can get married in special cases subject to clearance from the court and parents' consent.

Leaders of Bangladesh Jatiya Mohila Ainjibi Samity (BJMAS) at a press conference at Jatiya Press Club yesterday said there was a scope of misusing the "provision for special marriage", which will increase the number of child marriages.

BJMAS Executive Director Advocate Salma Ali presented the summary of a two-year research on Violence against Women. The BJMAS hoped that the government will scrap the special provision showing respect to the public opinion and greater interest.

Meanwhile, Secretary to the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs Nasima Begum yesterday said the "special provision" of the act was being interpreted in a wrong way. She said what "the highest interest of the child" means in case of special

marriage will be made clear through formulating rules.

Speaking at the inauguration of a 16-day programme on "Gender Based Violence" in the capital's CIRDP auditorium, she said the act would ensure maximum punishment to all parties involved with conducting child marriage. The ministry and Plan International jointly organised the programme.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Nari Sangbadik Kendra, Jatiya Nari Jote, Peshajibi Nari Samaj, National Girl Child Advocacy Forum and Karmojibi Nari have demanded passage of the "Child Marriage Prevention Act 2016" without keeping any condition. The organisations formed a human chain in front of Jatiya Press Club to press home their demand.

The speakers demanded that the special provision must be scrapped. Keeping the "special provision" would be a wrong decision of the government that believes in women empowerment, they added. If any Act is passed keeping "if" and "in special contexts" it would weaken the legal basis of law.

Naripokkho, a rights organisation, yesterday in a statement made similar demands and expressed concern over the government's adamant behavior regarding the issue.

SC fines 3 medical colleges

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday fined three private medical colleges Tk 1 crore each for over enrolling students not meeting entry requirements.

The SC also ordered CU to allow the students to sit for their first professional examinations, AM Aminuddin, a lawyer for the candidates, told The Daily Star.

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Request for Expression of Interest (REOI)

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Finance/Internal Resources Division.
2	Agency	National Board of Revenue (NBR).
3	Procuring entity name	VAT Online Project.
4	Procuring entity code	None.
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6	Expression of interest for selection of	Consulting Firm(s).
7	EOI Ref. No.	Package SD15.1-Taxpayer Awareness Building Campaign-TV Documentary. Package No. SD-15.2-Taxpayer Awareness Building Campaign-Talk Shows. Package No. SD-15.3-Taxpayer Awareness Building Campaign-Advertisements, Clippings etc. 08.01.0000.068.11.005.12(29)/2016-part 1-1150
8	Date	24/11/2016.

9	Procurement method	QCBS.								
FUNDING INFORMATION										
10	Budget and source of funds	GOB (PFR).								
11	Development partners	The World Bank.								
PARTICULAR INFORMATION										
12	Programme code	NA.								
13	Programme name	Value Added Tax and Supplementary Duty Act, 2012 Implementation (VAT Online) Project.								
14	EOI closing date and time	19/12/2016 2:00pm.								
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS										
15	Brief description of the assignment	The main objective of the national awareness and outreach programme (which includes 1) SD15.1-Taxpayer Awareness Building Campaign-TV Documentary, 2) SD-15.2-Taxpayer Awareness Building Campaign-Talk Shows, SD-15.3-Taxpayer Awareness Building Campaign-Advertisements, Clippings etc) is to raise awareness among people on efficient use of the new VAT law and VAT online system to be effective from 1 July 2016. That awareness programme is expected to influence, educate, change and enthuse VAT payers to conform to the new VAT law and VAT online system. The awareness programme would also underpin the correction process for not conforming to the new law. TOR is downloadable from www.nbr.gov.bd or you can collect it from VAT online project office.								
16	Experience, resources & delivery capacity required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The consultant/organization should have adequate and appropriate logistical facilities and human resources including expert/specialized to organise, implement, management, expert/specialized to organize, implement, management, coordination, monitoring and reporting of such kind of campaign. Ability to implement its proposed implementation plan within proposed time schedule & cost. Brochure/brief description of the firm. Legally registered organisation under the laws of Bangladesh. Valid current trade licence. VAT registration certificate. Financial statement for the last financial year. List of major clients with contacts. Bank solvency certificate or credit facility of Taka 40 (forty) lac. CV of key professionals and Experience of related government work. 								
17	Other details (if applicable)	Interested firms are invited to provide information and produce documents indicating their competence to perform the services by providing brochures or other documents summarising their areas of expertise, descriptions of similar assignments, experience in similar operating environments and conditions, the availability of appropriately qualified and experienced consulting staff and resources to carry out the assignment. Applicant should provide comments and understanding on terms of reference. Each consultant are requested to submit individual EOI for each package separately.								
18	Association with foreign firms	N/A.								
19	Ref No. 08.01.0000.068.11.005.12 (29)/2016-	<table border="1"> <tr> <th>Phasing of services</th> <th>Location</th> <th>Indicative start date</th> <th>Indicative completion date</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Not applicable</td> <td>Dhaka</td> <td>July 2017</td> <td>18 months from the contract signing</td> </tr> </table>	Phasing of services	Location	Indicative start date	Indicative completion date	Not applicable	Dhaka	July 2017	18 months from the contract signing
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PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS										
20	Name of official inviting EOI	Md. Rezaul Hasan.								
21	Designation of official inviting EOI	Project Director.								
22	Address of official inviting EOI	Value Added Tax and Supplementary Duty Act 2012 Implementation (VAT Online) Project, NBR, IDEB Bhaban (7th Floor), 160/A, Kakrail, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh.								
23	Contact details of official inviting EOI	Tel Off: 0088-02-8322306 Fax: 0088-02-9348514 e-Mail: pdvatonline@gmail.com , nazmun@nbr.gov.bd								
24	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject any or all of the EOIs without assigning any reason.									



Visitors look at artworks at "Cosmos International Art Exhibition 2016" at Gallery Cosmos in the capital's Mohakhali yesterday. Around 40 artworks of 28 artists from Bangladesh, Canada, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Thailand were displayed at the exhibition curated by Afrozaa Jamil Konka, Nain Amyan and Tehmina Enayet. French Ambassador Sophie Aubert, Thai Ambassador Panpimon Suwannapongse and renowned artist Shahabuddin Ahmed jointly inaugurated the event.

Obituary

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Mostafizur Rahman, one of the sponsor and former vice-chairman of NCC Bank Ltd, died in a Dhaka hospital yesterday.

His first namaz-e-janaza will be held today at 8:00am at Uttara Sector-7 Jam-e Masjid. He will be buried in his family graveyard after second namaj-e-janaza following the Asr prayers at Jagatpur of Fulgazi in Feni.

Shakhawat's

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criminal cases, says her statement. On the other hand, Advocate Shakhawat Hossain Khan and his wife have movable and immovable properties worth Tk 97.05 lakh including cash, vehicles, golden ornaments, electronics, furniture and land.

The lawyer earns Tk 5.29 lakh from his profession while he receives Tk 3,801 monthly as interest from bank deposit.

Shakhawat was accused in four cases. He was acquitted of two while two other cases are under trail and investigation respectively.

Our Narayanganj correspondent adds: The returning officer (RO) of NCC election yesterday has cleared eight candidates, including Ivy and Shakhawat, to contest the polls. Independent candidate Sultan Mahmud has been disqualified as he failed to submit the required number of voters' support in the nomination documents.

The six other candidates are Biplobi Workers Party backed Mahabubur Rahman Ismail, Islami Andolon candidate Masum Billah, JSD-Insu backed Moslemuddin, Liberal Democratic Party candidate Kamal Proddhan, Rashed Ferdous of Bangladesh Kalyan Party and Islami Oikkyo Jote candidate Ezharul Islam. The elections are slated for Dec 22 while the deadline to withdraw nominations is Dec 4 and symbols would be allocated on Dec 5.

SC restores jail term of AL MP

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restored, ACC lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan told The Daily Star.

He said there was no legal bar on arresting the fugitive four.

He said a special court on March 11, 2008 sentenced Iqbal to 10 years' rigorous and three years' simple imprisonment. The four were also jailed for three years each for abetting him.

The HC acquitted Iqbal after he moved an appeal surrendering at the lower court,

he said, adding that the four moved a writ petition challenging their conviction and jail sentence.

The HC in 2010 stayed the conviction and sentence and issued a rule asking the ACC and government why those should not be scrapped.

The case says Iqbal concealed information about an illegally acquired Tk 5.3 crore house on Gulshan Avenue registered in his wife's name with a Tk 5 crore fixed deposit.

All 174 polling booths at risk

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reporters that that there would be no need to deploy army.

Meanwhile, Muhammad Abdullah, secretary to Election Commission (EC), said they would decide whether to deploy army at a meeting with law enforcement and intelligence agencies on December 14.

He was briefing the press at the EC Secretariat media centre in the capital yesterday.

Abdullah came up with this remark in response to the reporters' query about the EC's stance on BNP's demand for army deployment "for the sake of a transparent and credible election".

A total of eight mayoral aspirants are contesting in the polls slated for December 22. Of them, ruling Awami League (AL)-nominated Selina Hayat Ivy and BNP-

nominated Shakhawat Hossain are considered to be the heavyweight ones.

In response to another query, the secretary said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's recent meeting with Ivy and other leaders of AL Narayanganj unit at Gono Bhaban did not violate electoral codes of conduct.

BNP-blessed candidate Shakhawat the following day alleged that the meeting violated the electoral codes as the prime minister, ministers and MPs are barred from joining electoral activities.

The EC secretary scrapped the allegation, saying that it was an indoor meeting and held outside the electoral area. "So it did not violate the electoral codes," he added.

A congenial atmosphere is prevailing in Narayanganj for holding the elections in free and fair manner, claimed Abdullah.

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