

WEATHER FORECAST

TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
YESTERDAY'S	H 28.5 L 18.8	H 29.2 L 18.7	H 28.4 L 17.0	H 29.6 L 16.4	H 29.7 L 17.6	H 29.2 L 17.4	H 29.0 L 18.2	H 29.0 L 18.2

Weather is likely to remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm today. Light to moderate fog is likely to occur at places over the country during early morning. 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 at 06:24am tomorrow.

EXTORTION CASES
HC asks Tarique to surrender at lower court
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed BNP leader Tarique Rahman, now in London, to surrender before the lower court within 30 days in three extortion cases filed in 2007 and 2008.

The court also cancelled its earlier orders that stayed the trial proceedings of five criminal cases, including the three ones, after hearing his petitions challenging the trial proceedings. Deputy Attorney General Tapash Kumar Biswas told reporters that the HC delivered the verdict on the ground that Tarique is a fugitive in the eye of law and the petitions are not acceptable.

Tarique's lawyer Mahbub Uddin Khokon told reporters that his client is on bail in the cases.



Harboured by influential political party leaders, hawkers continue their business by grabbing the footpath and a major portion of Clay Road in Khulna city. The photo was taken recently. PHOTO: STAR

Footpath, road grabbing woes for Khulna pedestrians

DIPANKAR ROY, Khulna

Like other divisional cities including Dhaka, the hawkers in Khulna keep grabbing the city footpaths too, causing sufferings to the pedestrians.

Not only that, such hawkers and a section of businesspersons have encroached upon the entire road at many places as though they are not satisfied only to grab the pavement to run their businesses.

For instance, if one goes to Clay Road, they may find such feature during the rush hours. They will have to squeeze to move forward or to get stuck on the spot.

On the road, the space from Dakbanga intersection to Station Road crossing is abuzz with the call by hawkers to attract customers. "Hawkers are all around -- on the footpath, on the road," said Saiful Islam, a cloth trader at the nearby Baro Bazar market.

"No pedestrians can move easily from Baro Bazar to Dakbanga," he said, adding that the makeshift shops of clothes, sandals, shoes and many other items multiply the sufferings during the monsoon when the road gets waterlogged.

If the pedestrian is a woman and she has her children with, she will be the worst sufferers.

Shyamoli Rani Roy, a resident of Iqbal Nagar, has to face similar situation in Picture Palace area adjacent to Dakbanga. "It is too difficult to walk through a narrowed down

footpath," she said.

Shyamoli, who used to take her fourth-grader son to Khulna Zila School on foot through the area, further said, "It is really irritating for a woman to walk past the area as there is a high chance for a man to harass her amid crowd."

Some hawkers said they are on the footpath to make a living and have to pay Tk 10 to Tk 150 per day to police.

Such grabbing is also going unabated in Cemetery Road, Sheikh Para, Moylapota, PTI intersection, Royal crossing, Shantidham, Nirala, Gollamai, Tutpara, Sonadanga, KD Ghosh Road, Shibbari, BL college and Phulbari Gate areas.

"Which way will we pass through, a major portion of the road is occupied with vehicles for illegal parking and the footpath with hawkers and vendors," said Tapon Das, a resident of South Pabla.

Khulna Metropolitan Police Commissioner Nibash Chandra Maji said they assist Khulna City Corporation as per its requirement to evict the grabbers.

He, however, denied the allegation of bribery. "None from the police personnel is involved in it."

ROAD GRABBING
In Sheikh Para, most of the roads, including BK Roy Road and Sher-e-Bangla Road, are occupied by traders to run metal accessories business.

Are they powerful enough to do so in front of law enforcers? asked some residents.

Some traders, seeking anonymity, said they have to pay Tk 1,600 to Tk 2,000 per month to the ruling Awami League men as extortion to run such business by occupying BK Roy Road.

Rickshaw-vans, trucks and pickups always load and unload such accessories there.

Minara Parvin, 52, a dweller of Sheikh Para, said she is forced to get down from rickshaw and walk more than 400 metres from Sheikh Para crossing to reach home as BK Roy Road remains blocked with iron sheets and scraps lying scattered which are hazardous.

Echoing Parvin, her eighth-grader grandchild Nipa said welding machines are set up almost right in the middle of the road.

"I never use Sheikh Para Bazar road to take my daughter back from school, I always look for an alternative way," said Rajesh Golder, a banker residing in the area.

Ratna Begum, a housewife living in Baitipara area, said, "Don't the authorities take actions in this regard?"

Denying the allegation, the city unit AL President Md Mizanur Rahman Mizan, also a lawmaker, told this correspondent that they do not support such illegal occupation. "I requested the law enforcers and the Khulna City Corporation authorities to evict the grabbers."

KCC Mayor Md Moniruzzaman Moni said they often conduct drives to evict the occupiers but they come back repeatedly as influential political leaders harbour them. "We need collective efforts as the city is of all."



Syed Mahbubul Haque's anniversary of death today
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 17th death anniversary of Syed Mahbubul Haque (Benu Mia) will be observed today.

A freedom fighter and leading businessman in Magura, Mahbubul Haque died of colon cancer on November 30, 1999 at the age of 72.

A doa will be offered followed by feeding of the destitute after Zohr prayers at his home in Magura.

Relatives and admirers have been requested to attend the doa and pray for eternal peace of the departed soul.



Anwara Khatun
CITY DESK

Today is the 28th death anniversary of Begum Anwara Khatun, a member of erstwhile Bengal Legislature Assembly.

She died in 1988 due to a prolonged illness, says a press release.

Anwara was one of the few Bengali Muslim women who had obtained MA, BT, LLB in British India.

A close associate of Hussain Shaheed Suhrawardy, Moulana Bhashani and Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, she was actively involved in the Language Movement of 1952.

We lost everything

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Azad was then taken to a three-wheeler stand on a rickshaw van by his colleagues. Then a CNG-run three-wheeler carried him to a private clinic, some 10km away from the college, about one and a half hours after he was beaten. The 55-year-old teacher was taken to the hospital around 3:30pm. He died around half an hour later.

When asked, the OC claimed cops did not see any ambulance in the college area or none was barred to go out for getting medicine.

The bodies were handed over to their families after autopsies and later buried at their village homes.

"As the agitation reached a violent stage, police had to take action," said Chowdhury Abdullah Al Mamun, deputy inspector general of police in Mymensingh.

Contacted, lawmaker advocate Muslem Uddin said, he or his family was not involved with the incident.

"Being a lawmaker, I cannot do anything harmful to my constituency," he said. Terming the incident an "untoward" one, the MP also said he was very much pained by it.

Meanwhile, four probe committees were formed by the education ministry, district administration and police.

Six to join IJSO

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A team of six students will attend 13th International Junior Science Olympiad (IJSO) to be held on Friday in Bali, Indonesia.

The announcement came at a press conference in the capital yesterday.

The Society for the Popularisation of Science, Bangladesh and Bangladesh Freedom Foundation selected the six through different sessions of the Bangladesh Junior Science Olympiad. Prof Jamilur Reza Choudhury, at the press conference, said IJSO is an international competition for students under the age of 15.

Child marriage

FROM PAGE 3
The draft child marriage restraint act 2016 which attracted widespread criticism from the civil society for containing a provision allowing girls under 18 years of age to be married off under special circumstances. "Every law is followed by rules. We now have to work on the rules to make sure that fewer and fewer can misuse it," he said.

Unicef Country Representative Edouard Beigbender said any such provision may jeopardise ongoing government efforts to tackle the problem. "Any consideration for further protection of minor girls, in relation to child marriage, should be addressed through the rules," he added.

Brac Director Anna Minj urged bringing an end to the epidemic of child marriage for a safer, healthier and prosperous future.



Illegal structures built near the rail line in the capital's Jurain being bulldozed yesterday. PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

SNAPS & snippets

Special prayers for PM on Friday

BSS, Dhaka

Special prayers will be offered across the country on Friday seeking good health and long life of Prime Minister and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina.

Milad and doa mahfils will be held after the Juma prayers at all mosques while special prayers at all temples, churches and pagodas for the prime minister's good health and long life, said an AL press release yesterday. In a statement, AL General Secretary and Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader requested all to observe the prayer programme properly.

Duty-free luxury car seized

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Customs Intelligence officials yesterday seized a luxury Mitsubishi car after raiding one Ashiquel Hasib Tarik's residence in the capital's Uttara.

Ashiquel "bought" the car, worth Tk 1 crore, from an official of international organisation, who imported it on duty-free car privilege, said Moinul Khan, DG of Customs Intelligence. Ashiquel was absent during the raid and his family could not show any purchase document, said the DG, adding, cars imported under the facility could not be handed over before eight years of purchase, as per laws, but it was not followed. Steps will be taken against the official who handed it over to Ashiquel.

Seminar on birds held at IUB

CITY DESK

The School of Environmental Science and Management of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) organised a seminar on birds of Bangladesh on IUB campus in Bashundhara on Sunday.

Enam Ul Haque, member of the Wildlife Advisory Board of the government, was the chief guest and key speaker of the seminar "Where are the birds in Bangladesh?" said a press release. Prof M Omar Rahman, IUB vice-chancellor, and Dr Abdul Khaleque, dean of environmental science and management, also spoke.



PHOTO: COLLECTED
Brac University's residential semester students with 19 girls, who lost either one or both parents in the Rana Plaza collapse, celebrating the closing of an activity, "Sharing Happiness", on its Savar campus on Friday.

HC directs govt to bear cost

FROM PAGE 3
Yesterday, the HC also ordered the inspector general of police and Jhenidah superintendent of police to provide security to Shahanah and his family members.

The HC bench of Justice Quazi Reza-Ul Hoque and Justice Mohammad Ullah gave the order after receiving a report submitted by police on arrest of the accused in connection with the two cases filed over stalking two girls and injuring their father, Shahanur.

SP of Jhenidah submitted the report to the HC through Deputy Attorney General Tapas Kumar Biswas saying that the law-enforcers arrested three accused and 13 others surrendered to the lower court. They were sent to jail and an accused got bail.

উন্নয়নের অক্সিজেন রাজ্য

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার
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রাজস্ব ভবন, সেগুনবাগিচা, ঢাকা।

জনকল্যাণে রাজ্য

সিনিয়র সচিব, অভ্যন্তরীণ সম্পদ বিভাগ ও চেয়ারম্যান, জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড এর পক্ষ থেকে সেরা করদাতাদের সম্মাননা ও পুরস্কার প্রাপ্তদের প্রাণঢালা অভিনন্দন জ্ঞাপন।

মাননীয় প্রধানমন্ত্রীর রূপকল্প ২০২১ এবং রূপকল্প ২০৪১ বাস্তবায়নের লক্ষ্যে জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড একটি ব্যবসা-বান্ধব, শিল্প-বান্ধব ও বিনিয়োগ-বান্ধব পরিবেশ প্রতিষ্ঠায় অব্যাহত প্রয়াস চালিয়ে যাচ্ছে। স্বনির্ভর ও ডিজিটাল বাংলাদেশ বিনির্মাণে জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড সকলের সহযোগিতায় রাজস্ব আহরণে সর্বাত্মক প্রচেষ্টা অব্যাহত রেখেছে। বিপুল উৎসাহ উদ্দীপনার মধ্য দিয়ে করমেলা ২০১৬ (নভেম্বর ১-৭) এর সফল সমাপ্তির পর মেলার পরিবেশে সম্মানিত করদাতাদের কাজিত মানের সেবা প্রদানের জন্য প্রথমবারের মতো আয়কর সপ্তাহ (২৪-৩০ নভেম্বর) আয়োজন করা হয়েছে। করদাতা-বান্ধব পরিবেশ সৃষ্টির প্রয়াসে অন্যান্য বছরের চেয়ে আরো আড়ম্বরপূর্ণ পরিবেশ এবং জনগনের স্বতঃস্ফূর্ত অংশগ্রহণের মাধ্যমে গত ২৪ নভেম্বর আনুষ্ঠানিকভাবে বিভিন্ন শ্রেণীর পেশাজীবীদের মধ্যে এবং জাতীয় পর্যায়ে পূর্বের মাত্র ২০ জনের পরিবর্তে এ বছরে ১৪১ জনকে ট্যাক্সকার্ড এবং সেরা করদাতাদের সম্মাননা ও পুরস্কার প্রদান করা হয়েছে। উক্ত অনুষ্ঠানে মাননীয় অর্থমন্ত্রী, মাননীয় শিল্পমন্ত্রী, মাননীয় অর্থ ও পরিকল্পনা প্রতিমন্ত্রী এবং সিনিয়র সচিব, অভ্যন্তরীণ সম্পদ বিভাগ ও চেয়ারম্যান, জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড সেরা করদাতাদের প্রাণঢালা অভিনন্দন ও ফুলেল শুভেচ্ছা জ্ঞাপন করেছেন। জাতীয় ক্রিকেট দলের অধিনায়ক, সাংস্কৃতিক ব্যক্তিত্ব ও সেলিব্রিটিদের কর প্রদানের সম্মাননা দেখে অন্যান্য সেলিব্রিটিসহ সাধারণ ব্যবসায়ী ও পেশাজীবীগণ কর প্রদানে আরও উৎসাহ হবেন এবং স্বপ্ররোচিত হয়ে রাজস্ব প্রদান করবেন বলে জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড আশা করে।

দেশের নাগরিকদের সমান অধিকার সুরক্ষার বিষয় বিবেচনায় একদিকে যেমন করদাতাদের মর্যাদা ও সম্মান নিশ্চিত করা কর্তব্য, অন্যদিকে কর ফাঁকি বন্ধে কঠোর হওয়াও জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ডের দায়িত্বের মধ্যে পড়ে। উন্নত বিশ্বে সেরা খেলোয়াড়সহ সেলিব্রিটিদের ক্ষেত্রেও সঠিকভাবে আয়কর প্রদান না করার কারণে জেল-জরিমানার মত কঠোর পদক্ষেপের নজির রয়েছে। এদেশেও অনুরূপ আইনানুগ ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণের বিধান বিদ্যমান আছে।

জাতীয় উন্নয়নের লক্ষ্যে রাজস্ব আহরণে সকলের সহযোগিতা একান্ত কাম্য।

মহান জাতীয় সংসদের নির্দেশনা অনুযায়ী এ বছরের আয়কর রিটার্ন দাখিলের সর্বশেষ সময়সীমা আজ ৩০ নভেম্বর, যা কোন অবস্থাতেই আর বাড়ানো হবে না

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