

WEATHER
FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S
TEMPERATURES

DHAKA
H 26.0 L 17.8

CHITTAGONG
H 26.8 L 16.8

SYLHET
H 27.5 L 14.9

RAJSHAHI
H 27.0 L 12.8

KHULNA
H 26.6 L 14.5

BARISAL
H 26.3 L 15.4

RANGPUR
H 27.5 L 13.7

COX'S BAZAR
H 28.0 L 19.0

Moderate to thick fog may occur at places over the river basins and light to moderate fog elsewhere over the country, reports UNB. Night temperature may fall slightly and day temperature may remain nearly unchanged, Met Office said. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:16pm and rises tomorrow at 6:37am. Country's highest temperature 29.3 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Teknaf and lowest 11.4 in Jessore.

RU teacher
freed on bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

JOLY'S
DEATH

Rajshahi University teacher Atikur Rahman Raja, who was arrested in a case filed over provoking his colleague Akter Jahan Joly to commit suicide, was released from Rajshahi Central Jail Sunday evening on bail.

The High Court granted the bail to Raja, assistant professor of the mass communication and journalism department, said Shafiqul Islam Khan, senior superintendent of the jail.

Earlier on September 9, police found Joly, an associate professor of the same department, dead inside her Juberi Bhaban room on the campus.

Forensic experts later confirmed her death from taking poison.

Joly's brother Kamrul Hasan filed the suicide provocation case with Motihar Police Station accusing unknown persons.

The ongoing 12.5km Oxygen-Hathazari Road expansion project in Chittagong. The photo was taken at Madanhat area of Hathazari recently.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

COMPENSATION FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
Clarify provision in act
Discussion urges govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers yesterday at a discussion urged the government to elucidate the compensation provision of the Domestic Violence (Prevention and Protection) Act-2010 so that victims can conveniently make use of it.

The government can follow certain standards in this regard that will help the victims avoid hassles when seeking reparations, they told the discussion organised by Care Bangladesh at the capital's Biam Foundation auditorium.

"Domestic violence could significantly be curbed, if we can ensure compensation along with punishment for any kind of physical or psychological tortures on women and children," said Humaira Aziz, director of Care Bangladesh's women empowerment programme, when addressing the function.

The domestic violence act had a section titled "Compensation Order" to make perpetrators compensate victims, but the section was not adequately elaborated, observed Salma Ali, executive director of Bangladesh National

Woman Lawyers' Association.

A victim will have to go through an intricate maze if he or she wants to make use of the section, she added.

Salma stressed, "Before thinking of the law and its reform, we have to change our patriarchal mindset to stop domestic violence."

Dr Abul Hossain, director of the Multi-Sectoral Programme on Violence against Women project of the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, said the existing act had enough potential to protect women and children from domestic violence.

Therefore, the act needs to reach every house so that women and children can easily seek legal actions against such violence, and rights organisation should have more awareness of the law, he said.

About compensation, he said, "Measuring anyone's pain and dignity in monetary terms is cumbersome. The court will decide on this as it is difficult to fix an amount of compensation through this law."

Rawnak Jahan, technical coordinator of Care Bangladesh, and Abdullah Hasan, president of Children Media Forum Bangladesh, also spoke.

12.5KM OXYGEN-HATHAZARI ROAD EXPANSION PROJECT IN CTG
Implementation delay
costs Tk 96cr more

SHAHADAT HOSSAIN, Ctg

The estimated cost of a 12.5km road expansion project in Chittagong has increased about Tk 96 crore in comparison to the original one due to the delay in the project's implementation.

The expansion project, from the Oxygen intersection of the port city to Hathazari upazila of the district, was supposed to be completed by December 2013, with an estimated cost of about Tk 129.52 crore.

Later, the implementation period was extended upto June 2017 and the estimated cost of the project now stood at about Tk 226 crore, said sources at the Roads and Highways Department, Chittagong.

Bidhan Chandra Dhar, additional chief engineer of RHD, Chittagong, said complications in land acquisition process and in shifting of utility services were the main reasons behind the delay. "The cost increased as the price of land also went up during the implementation period," he added.

The Executive Committee of National Economic Council approved the project in May 2009.

From the aspect of connectivity, the Oxygen-Hathazari section of Chittagong-Hathazari-

Rangamati National Highway is a vital one. People of the city depend on this section of the road to go to various destinations such as Chittagong University, Rangamati and Khagrachhari.

The main objective of the project is to ease traffic congestion and thus make the commuting easier, added RHD sources.

The project also includes expansion of 11 and reconstruction of 13 box culverts, construction of 11,800-metre dividers, 1,387-metre retaining walls and 13,500-metre drainage and footpath, they added.

According to RHD sources, about 65 percent work of the project has been completed till October this year. "The work is going on in full swing; we'll be able to finish on time," said Md Rashedul Alam, executive engineer of RHD, Chittagong, also the project director.

Visiting the sites recently, it was seen that different types of work like road carpeting, construction of drains, culverts and retaining walls were going on in different areas including Baro Dighirpar, Aman Bazar, Madanhat and Baluchara.

"The cost did not increase much due to the delay in implementation, but mostly for the increase in land prices," claimed Bidhan Chandra.

The lids of this and nine other sewer openings in Pargandaria of the capital's Jatrabari were intact just two months ago but were broken up by Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) for installation of pipes. DSCC abruptly left after locals told them it was unnecessary, zone 5 Executive Engineer Kazi Md Borhan Uddin told The Daily Star on Sunday when the photo was taken, adding that they would fix it in 48 hours. Meanwhile, solid waste continues to enter and clog the sewers while the holes pose a threat to passers-by.

PHOTO: MAHBUBUR RAHMAN KHAN

Body of RMG worker
found hanging

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police recovered the hanging body of a garment worker from a cotton warehouse near her house in Panchlaish area of Chittagong city yesterday.

Police and her in-laws suspect that she committed suicide over quarrel with her husband.

Lipi Akther alias Osna, 23, was last seen in front of their house while she was talking over the phone to her expatriate husband in the Maldives Jahirul Islam alias Joy Mahmud on Sunday night. In the morning, her in-laws launched a search as she was not found in her room and found her hanging from the ceiling of the warehouse, claimed the in-laws.

If Lipi's relatives want they can file a case for provoking her to commit suicide, said Jahangir Alam, assistant commissioner of Panchlaish Circle of Chittagong Metropolitan Police.

US envoy
Stay on N'ganj dist

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attacks on minorities.

The US official already met several government officials including Foreign Secretary Md Shahidul Haque and discussed secularism and religious freedom issues.

The ambassador-at-large for international religious freedom is a principal adviser to the president and secretary of state, and serves as the US' chief diplomat on issues of religious freedom.

He also heads the Office of International Religious Freedom in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor.

Drug abuse spreading

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Asked whether the department is really capable of controlling narcotics, Towfique said the shortage of human resources at DNC offices is an impediment to conducting fruitful drives.

He, however, said other law enforcement agencies are always responsive to helping the department.

"Sometimes we are not successful because of delayed operations," he added.

DNC will use its maximum force during the forthcoming New Year celebration to check drug-related crimes, he said.

NEWS IN
brief

Boy's body parts found in Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered body parts of a boy from Abdullahpur in South Keraniganj outside the capital yesterday morning.

The deceased's identity could not be ascertained immediately, said Monirul Islam, officer-in-charge of South Keraniganj Police Station. The boy might have been killed on Sunday, he suspected.

"Informed by locals, police recovered the body's four parts near the Dhaka-Mawa highway in Char Kundeshwari area," the OC said. The body was taken to a morgue for autopsy.

Ctg woman dies run over by train

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A woman was killed as a train ran over while she was crossing the rail tracks in Kodomtoli area of Chittagong city yesterday.

The deceased Shamsunnahar, 40, wife of Bachhu Mia of Comilla, was a resident of Supariwala Para in the city. Police said the incident occurred after Shamsunnahar got down there from another train with her three children. Though her children managed to cross the rail tracks she was run over by Karnaphuli Express while crossing. She was returning from her village home.

CID talks to Atiur on cyber heist

STAR REPORT

A Criminal Investigation Department (CID) team yesterday talked to former Bangladesh Bank governor Atiur Rahman at his Dhanmondi residence for about one and a half hour on February's cyber heist case involving nearly \$1 billion.

Atiur told The Daily Star that the discussion was to complete the investigation and they were welcome in the future.

SC seeks cheque reject case list

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court sought for information from the lower courts concerned on the number of cheque dishonour cases filed under the Negotiable Instrument Act-1881 for a decision for their quick disposal, SC sources told The Daily Star.

The apex court issued a notification on December 18 asking the district and sessions judges to provide the information to it in three days.

Obituary

CITY DESK

Mir Sohrab Ali, former chairperson of the Bangla department of Saadat University College in Tangail, died of old-age complications on December 13. He was 92.

He left behind his wife, two sons and three daughters.

His Quikhwani was held in Tangail's Karatia on Friday.

Death anniversary

CITY DESK

Today is the 15th death anniversary of Prof Md Ali Ashraf, former associate professor of the mathematics department of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet).

All relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

বাংলা একাডেমি ঢাকা ১০০০

স্মারক নং : প্রমাপ/ক্রনিস- ১০৫৫/২০১৬/৩৬৫/৩/বা/এ

তারিখ : ১৮/১২/২০১৬

উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বাংলা একাডেমি প্রেসের বাঁধাই সামগ্রী সরবরাহের জন্য প্রকৃত ব্যবসায়ী/সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে সিলমোহরযুক্ত খামে প্রতিযোগিতামূলক দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। দরদাতাগণকে নিম্নবর্ণিত নির্দেশনা অনুযায়ী দরপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে-

১.	প্রতিষ্ঠানের নাম	:	বাংলা একাডেমি		
২.	দরপত্রের বিষয়	:	বাংলা একাডেমি প্রেসের বাঁধাই সামগ্রী সরবরাহ		
৩.	দরপত্র প্রচারের তারিখ	:	১৮/১২/২০১৬		
৪.	দরপত্র আহ্বানের সূত্র নং ও তারিখ	:	সূত্র : প্রমাপ/ক্রনিস- ১০৫৫/২০১৬ তারিখ : ১৮.১২.২০১৬		
৫.	দরপত্রের পদ্ধতি	:	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (OTM)		
৬.	বাজেট ও অর্থের উৎস	:	আবর্তক বাজেট		
৭.	দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের স্থান	:	ক. কোষাধ্যক্ষ, বাংলা একাডেমি, ঢাকা ১০০০ খ. সিনিয়র সহকারী সচিব-৪, সংস্কৃতি বিষয়ক মন্ত্রণালয় বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা		
৮.	দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময়	:	১১.০১.২০১৭ তারিখ বুধবার বিকাল ৫.০০টা পর্যন্ত		
৯.	দরপত্র দাখিলের স্থান	:	ক. বাংলা একাডেমির সভাকক্ষে রক্ষিত দরপত্র বাস্স খ. সংস্কৃতি বিষয়ক মন্ত্রণালয়ে সিনিয়র সহকারী সচিব-৪ এর কক্ষে রক্ষিত দরপত্র বাস্স গ. বাংলাদেশ শিল্পকলা একাডেমীতে রক্ষিত দরপত্র বাস্স		
১০.	দরপত্র দাখিলের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	:	১২.০১.২০১৭ তারিখ বৃহস্পতিবার দুপুর ১২:০০টা		
১১.	দরপত্র খোলার স্থান, তারিখ ও সময়	:	বাংলা একাডেমির সভাকক্ষে আগামী ১২.০১.২০১৭ তারিখ বৃহস্পতিবার বেলা ১টা দরপত্রদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেউ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র বাস্স খোলা হবে।		
১২.	দরপত্রের সাথে যে সকল কাগজপত্র জমা দিতে হবে	:	ক. দরপত্র ক্রয়ের মূল রশিদ। খ. জামানতের ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার। গ. দরদাতা প্রতিষ্ঠানের হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, TIN-সহ আয়কর পরিশোধের সনদ, ভাট নিবন্ধন সনদ, ব্যাংক সলভেন্সি সনদের সত্যায়িত অনুলিপি ও সংশ্লিষ্ট বাস্তব কাজের অভিজ্ঞতাপত্র।		
১৩.	দরপত্রের বিবরণ (বিষয় পরিচিতি)	:	দরপত্রের মূল্য	জামানতের পরিমাণ (ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার)	কার্যসম্পাদনের সময়সীমা
	বাংলা একাডেমি প্রেসের বাঁধাই সামগ্রী সরবরাহ	:	৫০০.০০ (পাঁচশত টাকা) (অক্ষেরতথ্যোগ্য)	১৫,০০০.০০ (পনেরো হাজার টাকা) (ফেরতযোগ্য)	কার্যাদেশ অনুযায়ী
১৪.	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীর ঠিকানা	:	উপপরিচালক (প্রশাসন) প্রশাসন, মানবসম্পদ উন্নয়ন ও পরিকল্পনা বিভাগ বাংলা একাডেমি, ঢাকা ১০০০।		
১৫.	বিশেষ তথ্য	:	কার্যাদেশে বর্ণিত তারিখ, সময় ও স্থানে উপস্থিতি বাঁধাই সামগ্রী সরবরাহে বাধ্য হলে কার্যাদেশপ্রাপ্ত প্রতিষ্ঠানের জামানত বাজেয়াপ্তসহ যে কোনো অচ্ছেদ্য আর্থিক জরিমানা ধার্য করা যাবে এবং কার্যাদেশ বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।		
কর্তৃপক্ষ কোনো প্রকার কারণ প্রদর্শন ছাড়াই যে কোনো দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করে।					

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