

WEATHER FORECAST



YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA

H 25.8 | L 16.8

CHITTAGONG

H 26.2 | L 17.3

SYLHET

H 25.8 | L 17.4

RAJSHAHI

H 24.8 | L 11.3

KHULNA

H 26.5 | L 13.6

BARISAL

H 25.7 | L 14.2

RANGPUR

H 26.2 | L 13.4

COX'S BAZAR

H 26.0 | L 17.0

Weather may remain dry with partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm today. Moderate to thick fog may occur over the country during mid-night till 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 05:17pm and rises tomorrow at 06:38am.



Ballot boxes, top left and right, arrive at the returning officer's office while armed law enforcers, bottom left, on the local court premises yesterday marking today's Narayanganj City Corporation election.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Counter-terror unit to probe case over glitch in PM's plane
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Counter-Terrorism and Transnational Crime unit of police will investigate the case filed over the emergency landing of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's aircraft in Turkmenistan on November 27. Noor-e-Azam, officer-in-charge of Airport Police Station, yesterday told The Daily Star.

The Biman authorities filed the case with Airport Police Station Tuesday night against its nine staff.

Earlier, Biman has suspended the nine.

Three enquiry committees were formed following the incident -- one by the civil aviation ministry, one by Biman and another by the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh.

Obituary

CITY DESK

Amena Begum Sinha, mother of Bank Asia's sponsor director and former chairman Anisur Rahman Sinha and former vice-chairman Arifur Raham Sinha and wife of late Habibur Rahman Sinha, died on Monday at a hospital in the capital. She was 96.

Her Qulhwani will be held at the residence of her son Anisur Rahman Sinha (House 21, Road 56, Gulshan-2, Dhaka) after the Asr prayers tomorrow. Bank Asia mourned her death.

Gyasuddin Timur

CITY DESK

Gyasuddin Timur Khosru, youngest son of late Inamul Hossain of Jalpaiguri, former president of All India Tea Planters Association, died on Tuesday. He was 73.

He was the brother-in-law of late Kemal Uddin Hossain, former chief justice; late Ruhul Quddus, former principal secretary; and Habibul Islam Bhuiyan, former law minister of Bangladesh, said a press

PM urges UK to lift ban on cargo flights

CITY DESK

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday called upon the British government to lift an existing ban on Dhaka-London direct cargo flights as British premier's Trade Envoy for Bangladesh Rushanara Ali called on her at Gono Bhawan, reports BSS.

In response, Rushanara Ali told the prime minister that she would discuss the issue with the UK government, PM's Press Secretary Ihsanul Karim briefed reporters after her British counterpart's envoy and lawmaker made the call yesterday evening.

On March 8 last, the UK banned air cargo directly from Dhaka until further notice citing "security concerns".

The press secretary said the premier and the UK House of Commons member also discussed matters relating to boosting economic cooperation between the two countries.

Hasina expressed satisfaction over the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between a



Rushanara Ali meets Sheikh Hasina

British firm and Bangladesh Railway for construction of a railway track in Bangladesh.

Bangladesh Railway and British company DP Rail Ltd on Tuesday signed the MoU for setting up a 240km rail line between Dhaka and Payra seaport in Patuakhali's Kuakata.

She also sought more UK invest-

ment in different potential sectors.

While talking about election of three Bangladeshi-origin MPs in the British House of

Commons, the prime minister said: "She is proud to see three Bangladeshi daughters in UK parliament".

Tulip Rizwana Siddiq, a granddaughter of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and a niece of the premier, Rushanara Ali, who hails from Biswanath of Sylhet, and Dr Rupa Huq, who hails from Pabna, were elected MPs from Labour Party in the May 7, 2015 UK general elections.

British High Commissioner in Dhaka Alison Blake was present.

Meanwhile, Rushanara called on Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali at the foreign ministry yesterday, reports our diplomatic correspondent.

She also met BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia at her Gulshan office and discussed bilateral issues, said Khaleda's press wing member Sayful Kabir Khan, reports UNB.

BYLC career fair held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Youth Leadership Center (BYLC) hosted its first BYLC Career Fair at a hotel in the capital yesterday.

Organised by BYLC's Office of Professional Development, the fair connected 500 university students and fresh graduates, who have completed BYLC leadership programmes, with 20 of the country's leading private and nonprofit sector employers.

The event, a part of the American Center supported Career Readiness Program of BYLC, was inaugurated by Ann McConnell, director of the center, BYLC Board Member and Dhaka University's IBA faculty Homayara Ahmed, BYLC Chairperson Akhter Matin Chaudhury and BYLC President Ejaj Ahmad.

The fair worked as a platform for both the demand side (employers) and supply side (BYLC graduates) of the employment market, where HR representatives spoke to the graduates, assessed resumes, and took on-the-spot interviews.

It also featured panel discussions on leadership skills, where speakers included Asif Saleh, senior director of Brac, Sylvana Quader, CEO of Praava Health, and Homayara Ahmed.

The 20 companies at the career fair included Mutual Trust Bank Ltd, Brac Bank, The City Bank Ltd, Dhaka Bank, Green Delta Insurance Ltd, Adcomm, Brac, ActionAid, Anwar Group, Ananta Group, Energypac Engineering Limited, bKash, US embassy, UNDP, Praava Health, Paragon Group, Renata Pharmaceuticals, Zero Gravity, Apex Footwear Ltd, and Standard Chartered Bank.

SNAPS & snippets

Ctg woman's hanging body found

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The hanging body of a woman was found at her rented house in Pashchim Madarbari area of Chittagong city yesterday.

The deceased was Sonia Akter, 22, wife of Alauddin of Comilla.

Sub-inspector of Sadarghat Police Station Mohiuddin Ratan said finding the door of Sonia's house closed from inside for a long time, her house owner looked through the window and saw her hanging body.

On information, police recovered the body and sent it to Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

Alauddin, a restaurant worker, was at work, said the SI, adding, Sonia might have committed suicide.

Ctg illegal brick kilns fined

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A mobile court of the Chittagong District Administration yesterday fined two brick kilns a total of Tk 1 lakh for removing the fertile top soil for making bricks and running their businesses without license in Anwara upazila of Chittagong.

The court led by Anwara Upazila Nirbahi Officer Goutam Barai conducted the drive in Battoli union around noon and fined Karnaphuli Bricks and Shah Mohsen Aoulia Bricks Tk 50,000 each for the offence.



North South University (NSU) Vice Chancellor Prof Atiqul Islam receives an award at the 11th Global Confucius Institute (CI) Conference in Kunming, China recently for the CI at NSU being adjudged the best from among 500 around the world. PHOTO: COLLECTED

Events on Mohidul starts today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Batikrom, a theatre group, is going to hold a two-day memorial festival on prominent theatre personality and director Syed Mohidul Islam at the Experimental Theatre Hall of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy from today.

Bandhu Shangathon will also stage a drama during the festival, said a press release.

The festival will mark Mohidul's 14th death anniversary (August 23) and Batikrom's 40th founding anniversary, founded by him.



From left, Akhter Matin Chaudhury, chairperson of Bangladesh Youth Leadership Center (BYLC), Ejaj Ahmad, its president, and Ann McConnell, director of the American Center, inaugurating the BYLC Career Fair at a hotel in the capital yesterday. PHOTO: COLLECTED

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On the whereabouts of a fugitive war criminal from Kishoreganj in Narayanganj's Rupganj surfacing, after his death recently, Sanau believes there was a lack of coordination among law enforcement agencies responsible for arresting fugitives. "Like the victim families, we are also frustrated," he added.

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